

JFA Cup Rajshahi in final round

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Rajshahi moved into the final round of the JFA Cup Under-16 football tournament with a 3-1 win over hosts Natore in the zonal final yesterday.

Enamul put the visitors ahead in the first half at the Natore Stadium while Palash struck two late goals to seal the victory. Nasir scored a consolation goal for the home side.

Ctg table tennis

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Royal Cement District Table Tennis League begins at the CJKS gymnasium today. The Chittagong Jila Krira Sangshto (CJKS) is organising the competition.

A total of sixty players including 10 ladies from 12 clubs are taking part in the open event. CJKS vice-president AZM Nasiruddin is expected to inaugurate the meet in the afternoon.

Lindsay wins at Amelie's cost

AFP, Filderstadt

Lindsay Davenport closed in on Amelie Mauresmo's world number one ranking Sunday when the top seeded Frenchwoman was forced to retire injured in the final of the 650,000-dollar WTA event here.

Mauresmo withdrew after losing the first set 2-6 with a recurring left-thigh strain, handing a 45th career title and a luxury Porsche car to second seed Davenport.

The 25-year-old Frenchwoman had assured her world number one spot by winning Saturday's semifinals, but Davenport is now just 15 points behind and could reclaim the spot she last held in June 2001 after the Kremlin Cup in Moscow next week.

"I couldn't move so I preferred to stop," said Mauresmo.

"Except for this injury I was playing great and really enjoying it. It's a bit disappointing because I wanted to play a great match with Lindsay, but that's the way it is."



Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel's general manager Grant Gaskin (2nd R) addressing a press briefing before an agreement signing ceremony between BCB and Sonargaon Hotel yesterday.

Dissent costs Sehwag

AFP, Bangalore

India's batsman Virender Sehwag was on Sunday fined 65 per cent of his match fees for misconduct during the first Test against Australia.

Sehwag was seen exchanging words with umpire Billy Bowden of New Zealand and the Australian players after being given out leg-before to Glenn McGrath on Saturday.

International Cricket Council (ICC) match referee Ranjan Madugalle said Sehwag was charged for showing serious dissent at the umpires' decision.

"Sehwag pleaded guilty of the charge," Madugalle said in a statement.

"This offence falls under Level Two of the ICC Code of Conduct and after due consideration of the evidence, circumstances and the player's previous disciplinary record, I have fined him 65 per cent of his fees."

Sehwag will lose approximately 2,500 dollars because of the incident.

The batsman was unlucky to be given out as television replays showed the ball hit the pad off the inside edge of the bat.

Madugalle said Sehwag had apologised during the hearing on Saturday evening which was also attended by Indian captain Sourav Ganguly and umpires Bowden and Steve Bucknor.

Rain dampens Zim's chance

Cricket

AFP, Rawalpindi

Incessant rains threaten Zimbabwe's last chance of finishing the nation one-day tournament on a high note as they square off with Asian champions Sri Lanka at Pindi Stadium here on Monday.

An overnight storm waterlogged the venue and a forecast for further rain threatens no play in Zimbabwe's last match of the competition.

"There are a few things which are out of control and weather is one. But we are not looking at the match as our last chance in the series but for us every game is important and we must learn," said Taibu, referring to his side's meagre 104 which Sri Lanka chased comfortably.

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one bonus point from their previous three matches.

They lost the first two matches to Pakistan, who have already qualified for October 16 final in Lahore, and were routed by Sri Lanka by seven wickets on Saturday.

Sri Lanka, with seven points, needs just one point from Monday's match and would get three from the available six points if the match is not completed due to rain.

"We are moving two steps forward and one backward which is not good for us. We showed complacency after being 50-1 in Saturday's match," said Taibu, referring to his side's meagre 104 which Sri Lanka chased comfortably.

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that he took four wickets in the match."

But Warne, one shy of equaling Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan's Test world record of 532 scalps, removed Laxman cheaply in both innings.

"Warne got the most dangerous man we have come across in world cricket," Gilchrist said.

"He got him out twice in this game."

"If Warne gets eight wickets in this series and that's all Laxman, as captain I'll take that."

Indian captain Sourav Ganguly was however confident his team would come back strongly in the series.

"It is a matter of one good knock by the leading batsmen. Their records speak for themselves. I don't think they have anything to prove."

"Warne has never been a difficult bowler to play for Indians. But the important thing is that we play all the Australian bowlers well."

Only Rahul Dravid, top-scorer with 60 in the second innings, a maiden Test half-century by tail-ender Irfan Pathan (55) and Harbhajan Singh with an entertaining 42, showed any decent resistance.

"Some of us got good starts, but we failed to convert them," said Ganguly. "We need to get our acts together and put runs on the board."

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ZCU remains

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"We are very clear and have tried to resolve the issues. Players and other people had put allegations about ZCU being racists but we are very clear that it's not the case and welcomed the inquiry with open minds," said Chingoka.

The inquiry was suspended last week after what one of the two members of the panel described as "the inflexible attitudes of both parties". The panel had to rely on written submissions from ZCU officials and rebel players.

"We have always said at all times since April that our doors are open for the players who want to come back. That position has remained the same," said the Zimbabwe cricket chief.

"Two dissenting players, Barney Rodgers and Gavin Ewing, have come back which proves we are genuine and sincere about that policy itself."

"No team can afford to lose the number of players that we lost but the blessing in disguise has been that players who would not have been in the team for another year or two have grabbed the chance."

Chingoka refused to comment on the decision by some England players to pull out of next month's one day international series in his country in protest at rights abuses.

"It's not my position to comment about English players or any other countries' players. What we hold is that there is an enviable separation of the two (sports and politics)," he said.

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FINAL STANDINGS

Team	G	S	B	T
Dahak RC	5	1	1	7
Kushtha RC	3	1	2	6
BKSP	2	2	2	6
Narayanganj RC	1	4	0	5
Army SA	1	2	1	4
Gulshan SC	1	1	2	4
Ansar VDP	0	1	2	3
Chittagong RC	0	1	2	3
Metro SC Ctg	0	0	1	1

1. West Indies defeated England in the ICC Champions Trophy final by:

2 wks 50 runs 33 runs

2. Who won the China Open tennis title?

Serena Sharapova Hingis

3. How many times was Pavel Nedved capped before announcing his retirement?

83 84 81

4. Who became man-of-the-tournament in the ICC Champions Trophy?

Sanwan Flintoff Lara

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27. Virender Sehwag has powered to an easy victory in the Japanese Grand Prix for his 13th win of the season.

The race took place in bright sunshine on Sunday after a typhoon and torrential rains forced Saturday's qualifying to be postponed until the morning of the race for the first time in Formula One history.

Schumacher took it all in his stride, securing pole position before running away with his 83rd career win and sixth at Suzuka.

The all-conquering German, who had already clinched an unprecedented seventh world title in August, finished 14 seconds ahead of younger brother Ralf's Williams after slowing down at the end.

"Qualifying pre-determined the race I think," said Michael Schumacher.

"We had to be flat-out until the pit-stops but we have dominated all year and I didn't expect anything different here. We were superb."

Britain's Jenson Button finished third -- his 10th podium of 2004 -- for BAR in their 100th race since joining Formula One in 1999.

Japanese teammate Takuma Sato was fourth as BAR virtually secured second place in the constructor's standings ahead of Renault.

"We have secured 13 players and that is all for this season. We hope to have these three players in the squad as well as three foreigners," Pushkin told.

The transfers will end today.

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If think X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals T

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