



There were only five people to win all four Grand Slams (the Australian Open, the French Open, Wimbledon, and the United States Open) in the same year. The people to accomplish this feat were: Don Budge in 1938, Maureen Connolly in 1953, Rod Laver in 1962 and 1969, Margaret Court in 1970, and Steffi Graf in 1988.



Luis Figo
(Real Madrid's Portuguese midfielder)

"I retired from the international scene because I was tired and I wanted to dedicate my remaining years to my club. But as I am not a first choice selection at the moment I have started to think differently."

On his possible return to the national team.

What to WATCH

ESPN
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Live at 8:30 pm

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Live at 3:00 pm
Sportsline

Rain delays final ODI

AFP, Port of Spain

Persistent overnight and early morning showers delayed the start of the fifth and final one-day international between West Indies and South Africa on Sunday.

South Africa lead the five-match series 4-0, after winning the first two matches at Kingston by eight wickets each, the third at Bridgetown by one run with one ball to spare, and Saturday's penultimate match here by six wickets.

Sussex batsmen score freely



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh got a taste of the stiff task ahead when Sussex batsmen put the tourists' bowlers to sword on the first day of the three-day warm-up game at Hove on Sunday.

Number three Michael Yardy recorded a century in good time as Sussex enjoyed a strong start.

By tea, the county side were 246-2 and they improved that to 332 for three with another 18-odd overs remaining in the day. Skipper Matt Prior was the third wicket to fall, snapped up by part-time seamer Aftab Ahmed but not before an almost run-a-ball 51.

left-hander Yardy, who was batting on 140 (188 balls, 21x4) when this report was being prepared, reached three figures from 148 deliveries.

Opener Carl Hopkinson (64) was run out with his side on 204 after a second-wicket stand of 133, bringing stand-in skipper Prior in to bat.

Paceman Talha Jubair was the only bowler to enjoy any success in the first two sessions when he had opener Richard Montgomerie caught for 49 with the score on 71.

Montgomerie had made a blazing start after the hosts opted to bat, taking two boundaries off young fast bowler Shahadat Hossain's first over.

Sussex are on a high after beating champions Warwickshire last

week but have rested several veteran players.

Promising batsmen Luke Wright and Sean Heather both feature in a young side, Heather making his first-class debut.

Bangladesh who dominated in a drawn opening match against British Universities, rested four first choice players -- opener Javed Omar, pacer Tapash Baisya, left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique and wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud. Enamul Haque (Jr.), Aftab, Talha and 17-year-old wicket-keeper Mushfiqur Rahim have replaced the veterans.

Bangladesh have another three-day match against Northants on their schedule before facing England in the first Test at Lord's from 26 May.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the three-day match between Bangladesh and Sussex at Hove on Sunday:

SUSSEX: First innings
Montgomerie c Saleh b Jubair 49
Hopkinson run out 64
Yardy not out 102
Prior not out 21
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-1, nb-5) 10
Total: (Fortwo wkts in 59 overs)246
Fall of wkts: 1-71, 2-204.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mortuza	13	2	45	0
Shahadat	13	2	49	0
Jubair	11	1	66	1
Enamul	18	1	71	0
Aftab	4	0	11	0

Bell pushes Key out

England name team for first Bangladesh Test



AFP, London

Ian Bell and Jonathan Lewis were both included in a 12-man squad announced Sunday for England's first Test of their home season, against Bangladesh, at Lord's starting on May 26.

Bell, who won his only Test cap to date against the West Indies last season, displaced current England number three Robert Key and also kept one-day international Kevin Pietersen out of the squad.

The 23-year-old Warwickshire batsman has made a dramatic start to the season with 482 county championship runs at an average over 80 and could face Bangladesh if Graham Thorpe continues to struggle with back trouble.

Pietersen, who starred for England during the one-day series in his native South Africa, had been struggling for form at new side Hampshire but made a century in their last championship match against Kent.

Uncapped Gloucestershire seamer Lewis, 29, was called up as late cover during the South Africa tour and, having been chosen ahead of regular 'back-up' paceman James Anderson, could make his

debut if Simon Jones continues to struggle with his fitness.

Star all-rounder Andrew Flintoff was also included although he is unlikely to be able to bowl at top pace just yet following ankle surgery.

"In choosing this squad, the selectors were aware that a number of players are recovering from



IAN BELL

injuries," said chairman of selectors David Graveney.

"We will continue to monitor their fitness closely and a decision will be made later this week as to their availability for the next round of domestic fixtures starting this Friday



GOALS ALL THE WAY! Barcelona's Cameroon international Samuel Eto'o, Primera Liga's top striker this season, shows his delight after the final whistle in the match against Levante at Ciudad de Valencia stadium of Valencia on Saturday.

Brilliant Barca's Liga

REUTERS, Madrid

Barcelona won their first league title in six years on Saturday after a second-half header from leading striker Samuel Eto'o earned them a 1-1 draw against relegation-threatened Levante.

With second-placed Real Madrid earlier held to a 2-2 draw in an action-packed match at Sevilla, Barcelona now have an unassailable six-point lead at the top of the table.

Even if the Catalans lose their remaining two matches they cannot be caught by their arch-rivals because of their better head-to-head record in meetings between the two sides this season.

A nervous-looking Barcelona were made to fight every inch of the way for the point that clinched their 17th league title by determined opponents who needed a win to keep themselves clear of the drop zone.

Former Real Madrid player Alberto Rivera gave the home side a deserved lead 10 minutes before the break as he guided past Barca keeper Victor Valdes after another Real old boy Edwin Congo headed the ball back into his path from the edge of the area.

Rijkaard's side struggled to find their usual rhythm as they were hounded down in midfield and grew increasingly frustrated as they failed to make any inroads against the crowded Levante defence.

Tempers flared in the closing minutes of the half with players

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Tough draw for Mohammedan

SPORTS REPORTER

Brothers Union will begin defence of their Premier Football League title against newcomers Dipali Juba Sangha in the opening match of the ten-team meet at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on May 20.

The match will kick off at 4.15pm.

The teams would be relieved to see a relaxed fixture for the first week with only one match a day to accommodate Brothers and Muktijoddha Sangsad's AFC Cup commitments.

Brothers host Lebanon's Nejmeh FC on May 25 while Muktijoddha play away against Al Faysaly of Jordan the same day. There will be no league matches on that day.

To give Muktijoddha some more time for their trip to Jordan, the last year's fourth-placed side will play on the second day while runners-up Sheikh Russel Kriira Chakra take the field on Day 3.

Popular outfits Abahani and Mohammedan, who finished third and fifth last year, are due to entertain the crowd on May 23 and 24 respectively. The two archrivals also face off pretty early.

The already struggling Mohammedan got a raw deal from the fixture as the Black and Whites play remaining four title contenders -- Muktijoddha, Abahani, Sheikh Russel and Brothers -- inside ten days on June 2, 5, 8 and 11 respectively.

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Team watch: Brothers Union



SPORTS REPORTER

Brothers Union might have gone through a lot of changes since their fairy tale return to top flight football last year that saw the passionate Gopibagh-based club lift their maiden Premier League title and follow it up with the National League.

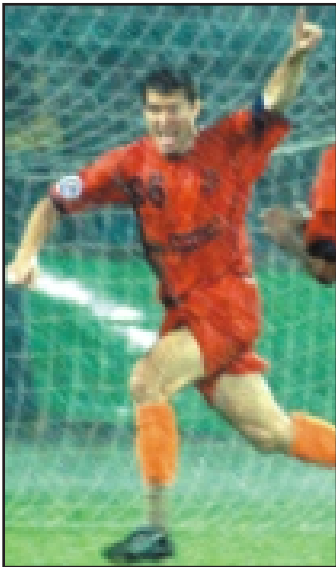
But when Brothers start their title defence of the Premier League on May 20 they will be the best bet to retain the coveted domestic competition despite missing their inspirational Indian coach Naimuddin and a host of star booters like Arman, Alfaz, Rajani, Titu, Nazrul, Biplab and Iqbal.

The men in Orange after languishing in the lower tire for a decade already proved that they are here to stay by winning the Federation Cup last month and finishing second behind Muktijoddha in the Independence Cup under their new coach Wajed Gazi.

Besides, to make up for the absence of those experienced footballers Brothers roped in last year's bright performers and defensive stalwarts Masud Rana and Jewel Rana. The two old guns apart, they also lured Abahani's prolific striker Khokon, defensive midfielder Pranotosh and fullback Siraji, who

have already impressed Gazi in their first two tournaments of the season.

They have also retained talented Abul, national team's Liton and Parvez Babu in the midfield and striker Emily. But Brothers' key to success will be Russian striker Victor Edwards, who top-scored last year and also showed great form at the start of the ongoing season.



VICTOR: Player to watch

The most significant thing, however, is the time of preparation they got ahead of the league.

"Unlike previous years, we have had very good preparation. Having already reached two finals this year, I believe we have the team to go for the Premier League title," said manager Amer Khan yesterday.

Brothers have already played ten matches in local tournaments and three games in the AFC Cup, which will be vital for their league campaign, thinks Amer.

The tired Brothers squad only returned home on Saturday after their AFC Cup tie in Turkmenistan, where they drew goalless with Nisa FC.

"Our form says we are prepared for a steady run in the League. We have made the tactical changes during this time and we have a very good first eleven.

"For example, Mohammed Ali started under the bar but he has been replaced by Tareq, who has proved that he can sustain the pressure of a long league. He not only played well in the Federation Cup but also stopped a penalty against Nisa in our away game last week. Our strong substitute bench is also good enough to cover for injury worries, which we do not have at this moment."

Brothers have confirmed Edward

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Wounded Windies worry Woolmer



BBC ONLINE, undated

Coach Bob Woolmer says Pakistan's tour of West Indies will not be easy just because South Africa have done well.

Woolmer has watched South Africa take a 4-0 lead in the one-day series, after winning the Tests 2-0.

"They have played against a strong South African team but I think they are rebuilding and they will be tough opposition," said Woolmer.

"It is important for us to hit the road running in this series because it is so short," he added.

"Fortunately, all the players have been playing a lot of cricket."