

Wanderers goalkeeper Sohel spoils a close Sheikh Russel chance to score during their Premier Bank Premier Football League encounter at the



Aftab Ahmed (82 not out off 82 balls against England) posted his career-best score, his maiden fifty. He surpassed his previous highest of 43 against India at Chittagong in



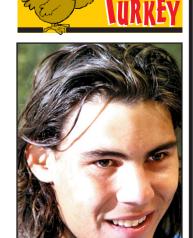
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Rafael Nadal

(French Open champion)

"Federer for me is the best player wherever. Federer for me is an amazing player. He always shows that he's the best. Obviously, he

On the world number one



(5:00 pm) enue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Russel back on earth

Sheikh Russel-1, Wanderers-1

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Just five days after recording the biggest ever Premiership victory, Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra were brought down to earth when they drew 1-1 with Dhaka Wanderers Club yesterday.

Moroccan striker Rachid put Russel ahead early but Aminul's first-half equaliser gave Wanderers' first point in the Premier Bank Premier Football League after two defeats. Last year's runners-up Russel, who had lost their opener, improved their tally to four points.

Russel, fresh from their 10-0 thrashing of Youngmen's Club began lively and went ahead before the match was two-minutes old at the Bangabandhu National

Rachid floated the ball inside from the box but rival goalkeeper Sohel, who was more eager to stop the ball from reaching unmarked striker Yusuf, fumbled the modest cross and

Wanderers hit back in the 27th minute when Apu sent Milon racing down the right flank with a brilliant through from the midfield. The veteran striker shrugged off his marker to release a perfect cross at the far post and Aminul made no mistake to nod the ball home. Wanderers, who came to the

game following losses to giants Muktijoddha (2-1) and Abahani (4-1), should have gone ahead eight minutes later but Milon volleyed the ball over from six yards after meeting a low cross by Govinda from the right.

Russel also failed to grab a great chance two minutes from the short whistle when Yusuf found the ball in a goalmouth melee following Tanvir's corner. But the Russel hattrick hero, who scored four goals in the previous match, shot the ball straight to rival custodian from point-

After struggling in the first half, the Russel midfield began to take control and create a series of chances. However, woodwork denied them twice. Yusuf placed a low corner by Maruf onto the sidebar while Rachid, who got the ball from a defence

lapse, saw his chip from 20 yards also hit the upright after beating the lone keeper.

Moroccan captain Egir Mohammed, whose dull performance in the first half was one of the reasons behind Russel's poor show, also got two opportunities but Wanderers goalie Sohel pulled off spectacular saves to deny the midfielder on both occasions.

Wanderers, who relied on counter attacks, could have sealed their first victory but Milon volleyed a rebound over the bar from handshaking distance early in the second half before heading a low cross wide just seven minutes from time.

Yellow cards: Govinda, Nurul Islam (Wanderers)

TEAMS

RUSSEL KC: Biplab, Aminul Pradeep, Deen Mohammed, Mishu, Hanif (Maruf), Egir, Sharif, Tanvir, Yusuf (Bulbul) and Rachid. DHAKA WANDERERS: Sohel.

Govinda, Naravan, Mostafiz, Jahangir, Jhontu, Nurul Islam, Apu. Jalaluddin, Milon and Aminul (Sadeq and Masud). Referee: Abdur Rakib.

Pakistan square series

Cricket

BBC ONLINE. Kingston

Seam bowler Shabbir Ahmed picked up the last three wickets as Pakistan wrapped up a convincing 136-run win over West Indies in the second and final Test in Jamaica on

The home side were bowled out for 143 after resuming on 114-6 as Pakistan shared the series 1-1. Leg-spinner Danish Kaneria

dismissed Daren Powell for figures of 5-46 and Shabbir's treble gave

English umpire David Shepherd was applauded off at the end of the game, his 92nd and final Test The final day's action lasted just

12.5 overs with West Indies, who won the first Test in Barbados by 176 runs, never looking likely to reach a target of 280 with only their tail-enders to rely on. "The boys really worked hard. To

come back (after losing the first Test) was a great effort. Danish and Shabbir took advantage of this wicket and bowled really well," said Pakistan skipper Inzamamul Haq.

Kaneria found prodigious turn and although Powell hit successive fours off Shabbir in the fifth over of the morning, he departed for 12 when umpire Shepherd adjudged he had been caught at silly point by Yasir Hameed.

Shabbir then claimed two wickets in three balls as Courtney Browne (10) and Reon King edged copycat catches to keeper Kamran

Kaneria ripped a couple of beauties past the outside edge -- balls which evoked memories of Shane Warne's famous delivery which dismissed England's Mike Gatting.

But he was denied the chance of a sixth wicket when Best attempted to hit Shabbir over the covers and found the waiting hands of Shahid

It was the final act of a highly satisfactory tour for Pakistan, whose defeat in the first Test, was the only blemish on their record.

They won the one-day series 3-0 and would undoubtedly have been

more competitive in Barbados but for the absence of three key batsmen, skipper Inzamam, Yousut Youhana and Shoaib Malik.

Inzamam and Shoaib returned for the second game and the former's 117 not out in the second innings was a crucial innings for his side as they achieved their first Test win in the Caribbean since 1988.

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CAPTAIN'S KNOCK: Pakistan skipper Inzamamul Haq looks up to the heavens upon reaching his century in the second innings against West Indies on Monday.

Pele's son arrested

AFP, Sao Paulo

Edson do Nascimento, son of Brazilian football legend Pele, was arrested here Monday on suspicion of being a member of a drug trafficking and kidnapping gang, police said.

The 35-year-old 'Edinho,' as the son is known, was detained with 17 other people. The gang is alleged to have links with other criminal gangs operating in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

Police said they believe the gang was involved in the kidnapping of the mother of Brazilian footballer Robinho last year. The woman, Marina Souza, was freed in late December after a 200,000 dollar ransom had been paid for her

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Victoria's third win

SPORTS REPORTER

Victoria Sporting Club registered their third victory in the First Division Football League when they beat Dhanmondi Club 2-1 at the Birshrestha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

The winners took a 1-0 lead in the first half with Mithun breaking the deadlock in the 19th minute. After the breather. Ali Hossain leveled the score for Dhanmondi in

the 80th minute but their joy was short-lived as Jiban struck Victoria's match winner one minute later.

With the outcome, Victoria raised their tally to eleven points from six matches while Dhanmondi remained on three from same

Selection questions ahead of ODIs

Cricket

AL-AMIN from Chester-le-Street

With the Test series over the Bangladesh cricket team enjoyed two days of peaceful training under brilliant sunshine at the Riverside ground.

The Tigers on Tuesday enjoyed a full course of fielding practice after nets on the previous day to prepare for the triangular one-day series.

The first visiting side of the English summer were also happy at the shifting of media focus to the Ashes series since the Australians landed at Heathrow on Sunday.

It was a pleasing experience for Habibul Bashar's men that there was nobody around to ask those unpleasant questions except for two elderly gentlemen in their 50s collecting autographs of the cricketers, which they have been doing since 1958.

Bangladesh can also feel comfortable at the knowledge that the England team is presently encountering an off the field allegation that their all-rounder Andrew Flintoff. who tormented the Tigers on their home soil in the one-day series in 2003, has his bowling action under

But the Bangladesh team management was less interested about what was happening around. They were more focused on the six games, three each against England and world champions Australia

The Tigers, who had their last practice at the Riverside ground, will set off for Derby today (Wednesday) where they will play their first practice match against Derbyshire on

Bangladesh will play their second one-day practice game at Worcester on June 12 before returning to London for the first one-day against England on June 16 at the Oval.

Chief selector Faruque Ahmed, who is traveling with the team, said that they want to use the two practice games to build the confidence of those batsmen who struggled for runs in the two-Tests that they lost inside three days and by innings.

"Some of our batsmen are not getting runs. So, the two practice games would give us an opportunity to assess their performance before finalizing the team for the first oneday", said Farugue at the Riverside ground on Tuesday.

Faruque was talking to reporters when the cricketers were playing a game of American football in the

Faruque's mooted desire suggested that young Shahriar Nafees might get a chance to play in one of the two practice games just to see how opener Nafees Iqbal reacts.

Nafees Iqbal has played in both the Tests and also featured in two three-day practice game at the start of the tour. But the Chittagong righthander has failed to play a big

Nafees scored a superb century against Zimbabwe at home, but the

confidence of the free-flowing batsman here in England has been missing to say the least.

Mohammad Ashraful has also struggled for runs and lacked confidence throughout the series, which

is troubling the selectors most. "He is concentrating very hard in practice but somehow he is doing something different on the field",

said Faruque. The Bangladesh think-tank on Monday gave Ashraful a break from net practice and tagged him with experienced wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud to enjoy a session of what appeared to be a mind game. Mashud is considered as the toughest Bangladeshi batsmen and has the ability to get going when the going gets tough.

Faruque has also a problem or two lower down the order. Bangladesh have shown that they have got a long tail, but in England it has not been the case so far. Tapash scored a Test fifty on his debut and Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza was considered as an all-rounder in the making. But both batted like schoolboys in the Tests.

Mashrafee however admitted that he did not like those bouncers and it had a bearing in his batting.

"But in the one-dayers I'm ready to take the challenge because they won't be allowed to bowl those bouncers", said the Narail fast bowler who has the ability to hit the oall a distance.



BETTER SWITCH TO FOOTBALL: Bangladesh cricketers enjoy a game of football as part of their training session at the Riverside ground in Durham on Tuesday.

Fine start for Rajshahi

SPORTS REPORTER

The Pepsi inter-district women's volleyball competition began without Magura and Rangpur as both failed report on the opening day at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

Four matches were decided on the inaugural day. Rajshahi got off to a flying start winning two matches, outplaying Gazipur 3-0 in the morning before handing 3-1 defeat to Tangail in the afternoon. Pabna beat Khulna 3-1 while Rajbari defeated the same opponents by the same margin in the other matches.

BCCI & WCAI merger put on hold

CRICINFO, undated

The Women's Cricket Association of India (WCAI) is undeterred by the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) postponement of the impending merger between the two boards.

The BCCI failed to discuss the matter in the working committee meeting in Thiruvananthapuram last week, but Shubhangi Kulkani, the secretary of the WCAI, remained positive about the issue.

"I haven't heard directly from the BCCI yet," Kulkarni told CricInfo, "but from the reports that I have SEE PAGE 13 COL 4

Chappell's salary hits headlines in India

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

Indian cricket chiefs say they have offered "each and every thing" to new coach Greg Chappell, including an annual basic salary of between 175.000 and 185.000 US dollars on top of a pile of perks.

The former Australian Test captain, who last month replaced New Zealander John Wright as India's coach for two years, will be given a daily allowance equal to that of a player during matches, the Times of India reported Tuesday. "The contract details are all

Karunakaran Nair will hand it over to Chappell when he comes to India," Ranbir Singh Mahendra, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, told the paper. Chappell is scheduled to arrive in

worked out and board secretary

India this month to prepare the team for a triangular one-day series in Sri Lanka in August. Wright was preferred to Chappell in

2000 reportedly because the Indian board felt the Australian was too expensive, but Mahendra said the new coach would be getting "the same package which we had for Wright".

Chappell will receive an annual travel allowance not exceeding 860,000 rupees (20,000 US dollars), a share in logo money, communication expenses when with the team, a flat and 70 days annual

"We are already looking for a well-furnished flat (in Bangalore) for Chappell and his wife," Nair said.

The former Australian batting great will also be allowed to express his views through a newspaper column or a news channel



GREG CHAPPELL

"But he is not permitted to leak out any team secret," the newspa-

per said Chappell, who scored 7,110 runs in 87 Tests with 24 centuries, has already requested the Indian board to have Australian psychologist Charles Krebs and sports scientist Ian Frazer in his support staff.

"From our side, we will provide each and every thing to him according to the needs of the team," said

irks Fulton

BBC ONLINE, undated

Kent captain David Fulton has hit out at the severity of the points deduction imposed for an unfit pitch. The club will find out next week if

an appeal against an eight-point

Pitch penalty

penalty -- the same as was imposed on Surrey for ball-tampering -- will be upheld "Surrey's ball-tampering is deliberate cheating. We just turned

up, saw a damp pitch and instead of 18 points we took away 10," Fulton told BBC Radio Kent.

"It's an out-ground, maybe the covers leaked, I don't know. England and Wales Cricket

Board inspectors imposed the penalty because they deemed the Maidstone pitch 'poor' The Championship game

against Gloucestershire finished in

three days and the highest score by any batsman was 39. The visitors were bowled out for just 98 in their second innings and Kent lost three early wickets before

knocking off the 78 needed for

"The pitch was poor and that was quite disappointing because we were hoping for a real contest," allrounder Alex Gidman told the Gloucester Citizen.

"You could actually put your finger into the top on the first morning and with the trees around and muggy conditions, the ball seamed and swung around to make batting very difficult."