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In 1968, the Wimbledon Championships were opened up to both professionals and amateurs for the first time, with Rod Laver and Billie Jean King winning their respective singles titles.



What to Watch

STAR Cricket

Asia Cup Cricket
Pakistan v Sri Lanka
Live from 4:00pm

TEN Sports

West Indies v Australia
Third ODI
Live from 7:30pm

ESPN

Euro 2008 Final
Germany v Spain
Live from 12:45am (Monday)



Talk Turkey



Guus Hiddink

(Russian football coach)
"I'm disappointed we lost but we can be proud that we reached the latter stages and third place is a tremendous success but tonight we faced a strong side and they deserved to win."
After losing to Spain in the Euro 2008 semifinal on Thursday.

Alok stamps his class, at last

SPORTS REPORTER



It may have taken a long time but Alok Kapali on Saturday reminded everybody about his class with a magnificent hundred against India in the Asia Cup Super League match at the Karachi National Stadium.

For any cricket lover in the country it was hard to forget his outstanding unbeaten 89-run knock against West Indies at the Bangabandhu National Stadium long ago in December 2002. Since then the wristy right-hander's erratic form threw him out of the national team.

The elegant batsman however

made his way back into the senior side rather by default for this particular tournament following the injury of Aftab Ahmed.

His performance in the last four games hardly gave any indication about his abilities as a batsman capable of scoring big runs. Rather it enhanced his critics' notion that he is a decent leg-spinner capable of contributing 30 odd runs batting down the order.

But the soft-spoken cricketer from Sylhet finally justified his talent. His 115 against a quality Indian bowling came in his sixtieth one-day appearance and undoubtedly it has come in an emphatic fashion.

His maiden ton off 88 balls was

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ODI HUNDREDS BY TIGERS				
Player	Runs	Opposition	Ground	Year
Alok Kapali	115	India	Karachi	2008
Mohammad Ashraf	109	UAE	Lahore	2008
Shakib Al Hasan	108	Pakistan	Multan	2008
Tamim Iqbal	129	Ireland	Dhaka (SBNS)	2008
Shakib Al Hasan	134*	Canada	St John's	2007
Shahriar Nafees	104*	Bermuda	St John's	2007
Shahriar Nafees	123*	Zimbabwe	Jaipur	2006
Shahriar Nafees	118*	Zimbabwe	Harare	2006
Rajin Saleh	108*	Kenya	Fatullah	2006
Shahriar Nafees	105*	Zimbabwe	Khulna	2006
Mohammad Ashraf	100	Australia	Cardiff	2005
Mehrab Hossain	101	Zimbabwe	Dhaka	1999

HIGHEST SCORE AGAINST INDIA IN ODIs				
Score	Overs	Innings	Ground	Year
283-6	50.0	First	Karachi	2008
257-9	50.0	Second	Dhaka (BNS)	2004
250-7	47.0	First	Dhaka (SBNS)	2007
249-6	50.0	First	Dhaka (BNS)	2000
238-9	49.0	Second	Dhaka (SBNS)	2007

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIP AGAINST INDIA IN ODIs				
Partners	Runs	Wicket	Venue	Year
Kapali, Riyad	112	6th	Karachi	2008
Aminul, Mahmud	109	5th	Dhaka (BNS)	1998
Faruque, Athar	108	3rd	Chandigarh	1990
Javed, Shakib	107	3rd	Dhaka (SBNS)	2007
Akram, Naimur	103	5th	Dhaka (BNS)	2000



FIRST OF FIVE: Tigers batsman Alok Kapali slog-sweeps Pragyan Ojha for his first six during his fantastic 115 against India during their Asia Cup match in Karachi yesterday.

GERMANY V SPAIN FINAL

Life at a standstill

REUTERS, Berlin/Madrid



Life in Germany and Spain is expected to come to a virtual standstill on Sunday when most of the combined population of 128 million in the two countries turn their attention to the Euro 2008 final.

Aside from the occasional eruptions of joy and exploding fireworks when goals are scored, there will be precious little going on in either Germany or Spain for the 90 minutes.

No single event in recent memory will draw as many people to their television sets -- or to the increasingly popular fan miles -- than the final in Vienna. It caps a thrilling tournament that has already brought record-breaking TV ratings.

Sunday evening will be pure stress for the public water works in both countries as they brace for those famous surges of flushing right after the halftime and final whistles.

Main avenues in Berlin and Madrid have already appeared virtually deserted when matches leading to Sunday's final at the

Ernst Happel stadium were being played. Any pub or restaurant without a big screen showing the games was almost as empty.

On Sunday, Germany and Spain will feel even emptier for anyone not near a TV set. The political leaders of both countries will all be in Vienna as well.

Many factory assembly lines were shut down for last week's semi-finals and many of those who have to work on Sunday -- from police to firefighters and hospital staff -- have been setting up TV viewing corners to try to keep up with the score.

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Bangladesh A lose in T20

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh A were routed by 82 runs in a Twenty20 match at a windswept and blustery Eglinton on Friday.

The conditions were clearly alien to the tourists who were never in the hunt after Ireland posted an 161-6 in 20 overs, as they were bowled out for just 79 in 16.1 overs.

The Bangladesh reply got off to the worst possible start, losing a wicket to the second ball, as left-handed opener Imrul Keyes was run out by a direct hit from Paul Stirling. Andrew Poynter also produced a direct hit to run out captain Zunaid Siddiqui, while another mix up saw Trent Johnston and Kyle McCallan combine to see the back of Suhrawardi Shuvo.

Nayeem Islam and Dhiman Ghosh were the only batsmen to offer any sort of resistance, with both scoring 20 each.

Off-spinner Kyle McCallan finished with three wickets for just six runs, while in addition to the three run outs.

Earlier, Andre Botha entertained the crowd with a fine unbeaten 62 from just 41 balls, which included four boundaries and a couple of sixes.

Nayeem, who scored 125 against Ireland A earlier in the week, showed his all-round capabilities as he took 3-33 with some tight off-spin.

Bangladesh A face the same opposition in a 50-over game at Bangor on Sunday.

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Habul to play in England

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh hockey captain Maksud Alam Habul is likely to play in the English hockey league scheduled in Hamstead in September this year.

Talking to UNB yesterday, the successful Bangladesh captain who brought laurel to the country from the recently concluded AHF Cup Hockey in Singapore, said his club's Pakistani coach Rana Zaheer had offered him to play in England.

"My coach initially discussed with an England local club for me. Facilities are yet to be finalised," he said.

Meanwhile, Habul will sign a contract with Shah Sports, a sports gear shop in a day or two. Under the contract, the Bangladesh captain Habul will wear Shah Sports' logo on his t-shirt, stick and shoes.

Venus, Jelena move on

AFP, London



champion Venus Williams joined the Serbian world number two in the last 16.

Second seed Jankovic came from behind to beat Danish 30th seed, and 2006 junior champion, Caroline Wozniacki 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 to make the fourth round for the third successive year.

Had she lost, it would have been the first time in Wimbledon history that all three women's top seeds had been knocked out before the end of the first week.

She avoided the fate suffered by Ana Ivanovic and Maria Sharapova, but her third round win came at a cost with the 23-year-old picking up a left knee injury which puts a question mark over her fourth round match with Thai veteran Tamarine Tanasugarn.

Jelena Jankovic avoided a black day in Wimbledon women's history on Saturday while four-time

"I slipped and my leg went straight. I started to feel some pain. It was a struggle so I needed treatment," said Jankovic.

Williams moved closer to a fifth Wimbledon title and joined sister Serena in the last 16 with a 6-1, 7-5 victory over Maria Jose Martinez.

The reigning champion and seventh seed will face Russian Wimbledon debutant Alisa Kleybanova, who put out Japanese veteran Ai Sugiyama 6-4, 6-4 for a place in the quarterfinals.

Williams reeled off the first five games in just 17 minutes before her Spanish opponent rallied but then closed out the match with a 127 mph serve which equalled her record.

Tamarine, 31, staged a superb fightback to reach the fourth round for the seventh time with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over New Zealand's Marina Erakovic.

The Thai, who won the warm-up event at s-Hertogenbosch last week after coming through qualifying, shocked Vera Zvonareva, the Russian 13th seed, in the last round.

Russia's Alla Kudryavtseva, the world 154 who put out Sharapova, reached the fourth round of a Grand

Slam for the first time with a 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 win over China's Peng Shuai and faces compatriot Nadia Petrova next.

Russian fifth seed Elena Dementieva also went into the last 16 with a 7-6 (7/2), 7-5 win over Argentina's Gisela Dulko.

Meanwhile, Germany's Rainer Schuettler, the oldest man left in the men's draw at 32, reached the fourth round for the first time since 2003 with a 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 win over Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez.

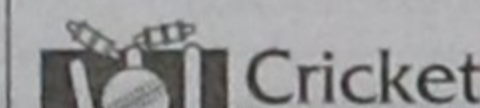
Schuettler, now 94 in the world after reaching a career high of five in 2004, will face Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia for a place in the quarterfinal.

Tipsarevic, who put out sixth seed Andy Roddick in the last round, defeated Russia's 25th seed Dmitry Tursunov 7-6 (7/1), 7-6 (7/3), 6-3.

Second seed Rafael Nadal has a chance to rescue Spanish pride against a German opponent on the eve of the Euro 2008 football final when he meets Nicolas Kiefer in his third round match later Saturday.

Britain's Andy Murray, the 12th seed, faces Germany's Tommy Haas in a bid to keep home hopes alive.

Styris powers Kiwis



AFP, London

Veteran all-rounder Scott Styris's quickfire 87 was the cornerstone of New Zealand's 266 for five in the fifth and final one-day international against England at Lord's here Saturday.

New Zealand, looking to finish this series as 3-1 winners after their dramatic one-wicket victory off the last ball at The Oval on Wednesday, made a slow start.

But they added 96 runs in the final 10 overs with Styris and Grant Elliott (23 not out) putting on an unbroken 65 for the sixth wicket.

The 32-year-old Styris, appearing in his 152nd one-day international, faced just 91 balls with three sixes and five fours.

Together with big-hitting fellow all-rounder Jacob Oram he upped the tempo with a run-a-ball fifth wicket stand of 77.

That followed Styris and Daniel Flynn's fourth-wicket partnership of 53.

Styris, dropped on 13 off a difficult chance, also survived a tight stumping call on 39.

He was content to play second fiddle while Oram broke the shackles with 52 off 40 balls, including

three sixes and two fours.

The tall left-hander eventually holed out to off-spinner Graeme Swann who finished with an impressive two wickets for 33 runs in 10 overs.

Styris, whose fifty came with a six off James Anderson, carved the fast bowler's final ball for six and then did the same to left-armers Ryan Sidebottom with a cleanly struck hit over mid-wicket.

Both Sidebottom and Stuart Broad conceded 50 runs apiece after initially impressive starts with Sidebottom's last two overs going for 28.

Kevin Pietersen, in his first match as England captain, with regular skipper Paul Collingwood starting a four-game ban imposed following the team's slow over-rate at The Oval, saw his decision to field first after winning the toss backed up by accurate pace bowling.

Even the normally aggressive Brendon McCullum, hampered by a stomach bug according to a team spokesman, found runs hard to come by.

But it was first change Broad who made the breakthrough after taking some punishment from Jamie How.

The opener, carelessly dropped

by Tim Ambrose on four, was out when he sliced Broad's sixth ball to Ravi Bopara at backward point.

Ross Taylor never looked comfortable against Broad and was caught behind for four. And when McCullum, whose 23 runs took an unusually slow 57 balls with just one boundary, nicked Anderson to Swann at slip, New Zealand were 71 for three in the 19th over.

England then dropped two difficult chances, both off Swann. Styris's slice was put down by a scrambling Bopara at backward point before a diving Ian Bell couldn't cling on to Flynn's hard-hit drive at short cover.

Flynn though was beaten in the flight by Swann and bowled for 35.

Tall left-hander Oram showed his strength and timing by driving medium-pace Luke Wright for six over Sidebottom at long-off.

Styris, on 39, survived a tight stumping chance after English TV umpire Richard Kettleborough ruled in favour of the batsman and, with 10 overs left, New Zealand were 170 for four.

Oram though hoisted Owais Shah for two huge sixes, the first over mid-wicket and the second over long-on, to go to fifty. Occasional off-spinner Shah's

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SCORE AGAINST DANDRUFF WITH CONFIDENCE

CLEAR men

NO DANDRUFF



CHOOSE YOUR ONE: A sales girl in a merchandise shop displays red and white caps that symbolise the shirts of the two finalists of the Euro 2008 Spain and Germany in Vienna on Friday. The Austrian capital will host the final today.