

South Asian shooting

SPORTS REPORTER

Favourite India continued their domination on the second day in the 5th South Asian Shooting Championship at the BKSP shooting range yesterday.

Like the first day the Indian shooters swept all the golds decided on the second day and improved their tally to 10 gold, three silver and five bronze medals. Pakistan followed the leader with five silver and two bronze medals while hosts Bangladesh bagged three silver and one bronze and Sri Lanka has one silver and two bronze medals. Bhutan failed to secure any medal so far.

In the day's women's 10m air rifle team event, India scored 1181 to win the gold while Bangladesh won the silver with 1177 and Pakistan finished third scoring 1135.

Indian Priya Aggarwal won the individual event of 10m air rifle with 499.6 while local Sharmin Akhter Ratna finished second with 496.5 and Indian Lajja Goswami bagged bronze with 494.8.

In the women's 25m pistol, SEE PAGE 18 COL 4



Did U Know?

The Olympic flame is lit at the ancient site of Olympia by natural rays of the Sun reflected off a curved mirror.



Carlos Tevez

(Former Man United striker) "If I play for Manchester City I don't think the United fans will feel I am a traitor. They have to remember that at least as far as I know I have been thrown out of the club and I have to study the best offers available."



What to Watch

TEN Sports

Sri Lanka v Pakistan
First Test, Day 4
Live from 11:30am

ESPN

Sportscentre India
Sports News
Live at 9:30pm

Kanchan no more

SPORTS REPORTER

Former national hockey player Jasim Uddin Kanchan passed away in the early hours on Monday after suffering from cardiac arrest.

Jasim represented the national team from 1984 to 1989 and after retirement he served as executive member of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) and accompanied the national team in the 10th SA Games in 2006 in Colombo as an assistant manager.

BHF, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA), Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) condole the death of Jasim and expressed deep bereavement at the untimely death of former national hockey player.

They extended deepest sympathies to family of the deceased and prays for eternal peace of the departed soul.

3-dayer drawn

Bangladeshis' good batting

Cricket

AGENCIES, Barbados

Dashing opener Tamim Iqbal hit 72 as Bangladesh drew their lone three-day warm-up match of their tour of the Caribbean against West Indies A at the Kensington Oval in Barbados on Sunday.

After a poor first innings, the Bangladeshi batsmen got themselves some useful batting practice on the final day against the second string West Indies side ahead of the first Test which starts on July 9 at the Arnos Vale Sports Complex in St Vincent.

It was a satisfactory day for the tourists after they were dismissed for 195 on Day One, with most of their remaining recognised batsmen spending time at the crease.

The Bangladeshis rallied through a century opening stand between Tamim and Imrul Kayes.

Tamim struck nine fours from 153 balls in close to 3-1/2 hours, as the tourists, trailing by 53 runs on first innings, reached 233 for five in their second innings when the match drew to a close on the third and final day.

Rokibul Hasan was not out on 49, Imrul scored 44 in an opening stand of 123 with Tamim, and vice-captain Shakib Al Hasan made 33, after the tourists needed just five balls into the day to bring the A team's first innings to a close on 248.

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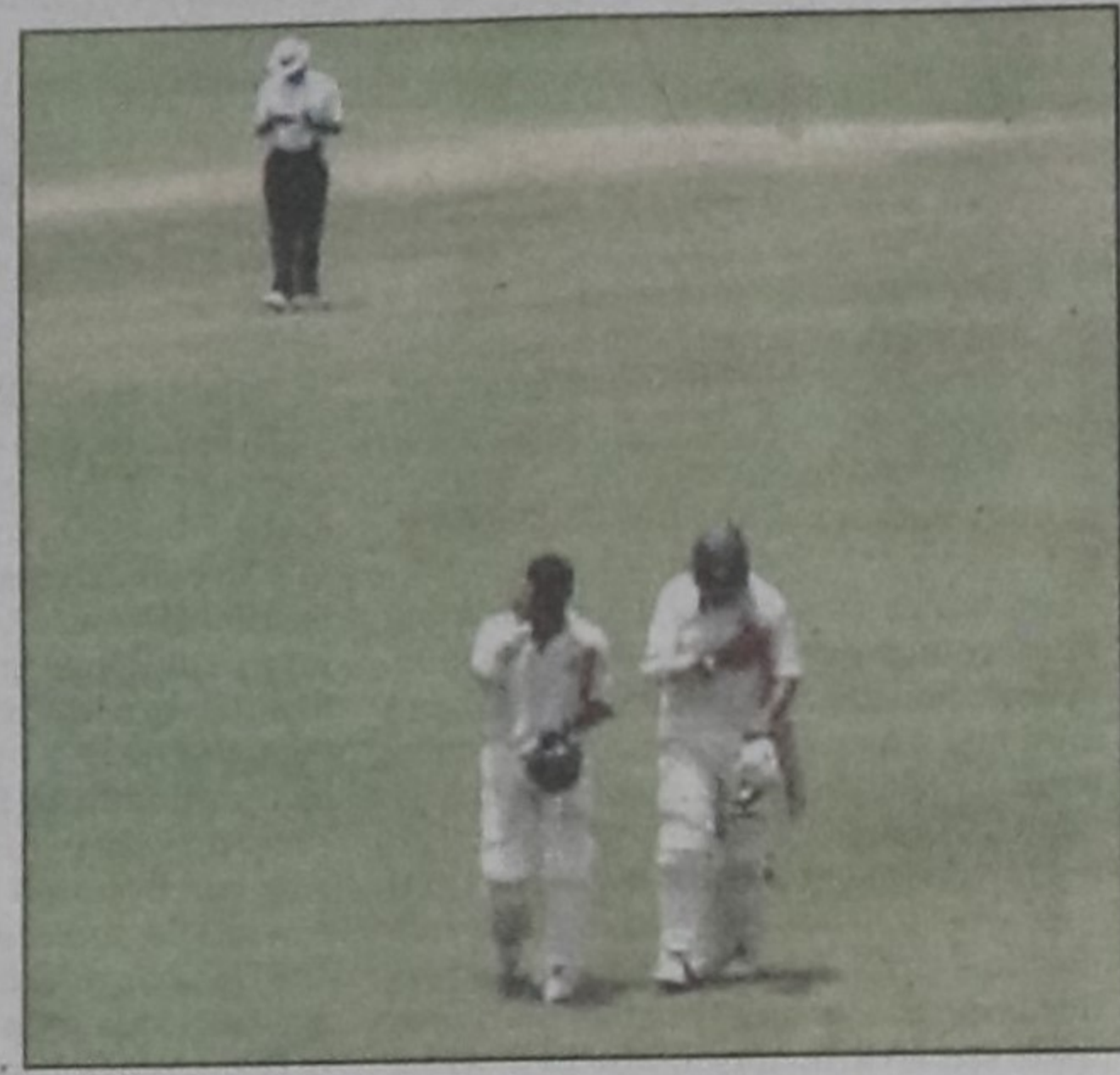


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HEADING FOR A SATISFYING LUNCH: Bangladeshi opener Tamim Iqbal (L) and Imrul Kayes walk back to the dressing room after putting on a healthy stand on the final morning of the three-day practice match against West Indies A at the Kensington Oval on Sunday. The pair added 123 runs in the drawn lone practice match ahead of the first Test that starts at St Vincent on July 9.

U-19 CRICKET Cobb flays young Tigers

SPORTS REPORTER

England Under-19s made a good start in the first four-day against visiting Bangladesh Under-19s at North Marine Road ground in Scarborough yesterday.

The home side scored 293 for five in 76.2 overs on the first day till last report was received here last night.

Joshua Cobb was batting on 148. Azeem Rafiq accompanied him with 27 runs.

The English team made a flying start by scoring 139 runs in the opening stand. Opener JC Mickleborough returned to the pavilion with 57 runs.

JM Vince (22), JWA Taylor (21) and SG Borthwick (5) were the other notable scorers.

Sabbir Rahman claimed three wickets Alauddin Babu and Mominul Haque took one wicket each.

NATIONS CUP

Khulna emerge champs

SPORTS REPORTER

Khulna DFA became champions in the Grameen-Danone Nations Cup Football Tournament when they beat BFF Development squad 2-1 in a tiebreaker in the final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

With the success, Khulna confirmed their participation in the Nations Cup Festival Final round that will be held in October 9-11 at Sao Paulo in Brazil.

The match rolled into the tiebreaker after a goalless draw in the stipulated time and Michael Mallik and Rubel Sheikh converted the spot kick for the winners while Tariqul Islam scored for the losers.

State Minister for Housing and Public Works Abdul Mannan Khan witnessed the match as chief guest and distributed the prizes among the winners.

BFF development committee chairman Kazi Nabil Ahmed

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Federer on top again

AFP, Paris

Roger Federer's Wimbledon triumph on Sunday has seen him regain the world number one spot from archrival Rafael Nadal.

The Spaniard went top after last August's Beijing Olympics on the back of his win there and at Wimbledon in July.

He consolidated that by winning the Australian Open at the start of the year but lost to Robin Soderling in the fourth round of the French Open and then withdrew from the defence of his Wimbledon crown through injury.

Federer, who lost to Nadal in Melbourne, won both the

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Rookies put Pakistan atop

Cricket

AFP, Galle

Debutants Mohammad Aamer and Saeed Ajmal combined to wreck Sri Lanka's batting and put Pakistan on the road to victory in the first cricket Test here on Monday.

The pace-spin duo grabbed three wickets each as Sri Lanka were bowled out for 217 in their second innings on the third day, leaving Pakistan a modest victory target of 168 runs.

The tourists, who have never lost a Test series in Sri Lanka, ended the day at 71-2 and have two days to score the remaining 97 runs with eight wickets in hand for a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Sri Lanka removed Khurram Manzoor and skipper Younus Khan in the space of three runs to make Pakistan 39-2, but opener Salman Butt (28 not out) and veteran Mohammad Yousuf (12 not out) saw out the day.

Teenage left-arm fast bowler Aamer broke the back of Sri Lanka's batting with three wickets for two runs, before off-spinner Ajmal polished off the tail in front of some 5,000 stunned home fans at the Galle International Stadium.

The 17-year-old Aamer followed his three wickets in the first innings with a hostile burst soon after lunch.

He had Tharanga Paranavitana, Mahela Jayawardene and skipper Kumar Sangakkara caught by wicket-keeper Kamran Akmal in the space of 16 deliveries on a lively wicket freshened up by early morning rain.

Paranavitana, top scorer in Sri Lanka's first innings with 72, once again held the innings together with 49, but found little support from the top order.

Jayawardene failed to score and Sangakkara, leading Sri Lanka for the first time in a Test series, made nine and 14 in the two innings.

Sri Lanka were reduced to 101-5 when Thilan Samaraweera (34) and Tillakaratne Dilshan (22) put on 37 for the sixth wicket.

Sri Lanka's last three wickets added 61 valuable runs after the seventh wicket had fallen at 156 with the hosts just 106 runs ahead.

Angelo Mathews hit 27, Nuwan Kulasekera chipped in with 25 and Thilan Thushara remained unbeaten on 15.

Ajmal removed the dangerous Samaraweera to a catch in the slips before taking the last two wickets of Kulasekera and Mendis.

When the day's play started 30 minutes late due to a wet outfield, Pakistan broke through off the second ball when Malinda Warnapura edged Umar Gul to a diving Younus at second slip before a run had been scored.

Left-handed Paranavitana and Rangana

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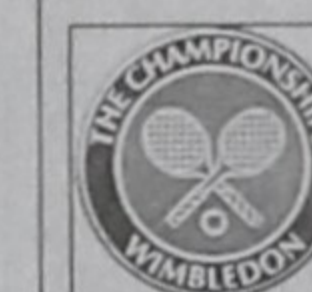


PHOTO: AFP

A PACEMAN HAS ARRIVED! Pakistan's young left-arm seamer Mohammad Aamer (R) runs for joy after dismissing Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara during the third day of the first Test at Galle yesterday. Making his debut, Aamer took six wickets, three in the second innings, to give the visitors a chance to win the first Test.

Andy salutes gladiator

AFP, London



Heartbroken Andy Roddick saluted Roger Federer's gladiatorial, record-breaking Wimbledon performance which was appropriately witnessed by Hollywood hard man Russell Crowe.

Federer defeated Roddick 5-7, 7-6, 7-6, 3-6, 16-14 to win a sixth Wimbledon title and clinch a record 15th Grand Slam trophy in an epic Centre Court duel which lasted 4hr 16min.

It also featured, at 95 minutes, the longest deciding set in the history of men's finals here, a stunning afternoon's entertainment for a packed court where Crowe was joined by Woody Allen and Ben Stiller.

"He was having trouble picking up my serve today for the first time ever," said Roddick who has now lost all of his three Wimbledon finals to Federer and whose career record against the champion reads two wins and 19 defeats.

"But you didn't even get a sense that he was even really frustrated by it. He kind of stayed the course and just toughed it out."

"He gets a lot of credit for a lot of things, but not for how many matches he kind of digs deep and toughs out. He doesn't get a lot of credit for that because it looks easy to him a lot

of the times. But he definitely stuck in there today."

Federer had to stick it out against Roddick, a player who has breathed new life into his career here and proved his worthiness as a contender by knocking out home hope Andy Murray in the semifinals.

He was in tears by the end, a result of knowing that he dropped serve just once but at the worst possible time -- the last game of an enthralling clash.

Ten times in the last set, the 26-year-old had to serve to stay in the match.

"Looking back it seems like a lot, but each time it was just a point, and then another one and then another one. I guess it added up after a while."

"But he served great. I didn't get a lot of looks at second serves. I felt like when we were in rallies for the last couple sets, I was actually doing all right and holding my own, if not more."

Roddick must now pick himself up for next weekend's Davis Cup quarterfinals where the United States travel to Croatia.

"I got nothing for you right now. I don't really want to think about that," said the American who was firm and direct when asked if he had just lost to the greatest player of all time.

"Yes," he said.

Wait for more: Federer

AFP, London



Roger Federer has vowed to continue rewriting tennis history, but admitted he feels he still shares Pete Sampras' Grand Slam record rather than having eclipsed his great American friend.

Federer clinched a sixth Wimbledon title on Sunday after an epic confrontation with Andy Roddick, a victory which gave him a record 15th Grand Slam, surpassing Sampras' mark that he had equalled at the French Open in June.

Still only 27, Federer has played 39 successive Grand Slams and has amassed his collection of majors in the space of just six years.

Sampras was 31 when he won the last of his 14 Grand Slams at the 2002 US Open.

But with Sampras predicting the Swiss star could easily win at least 19 majors, Federer was quick to recognise the debt he owes to the American who returned to the All England Club for the first time in seven years on Sunday to see history made.

"I definitely feel like it's come full circle for me, starting here and ending it here," said Federer who won his first major at Wimbledon in 2003.

"Of course, my career is far from over. But I know how much the record meant to Pete and I know how much the record means to me."

"In a way, I still feel like we share it just because he was such a wonderful champion. He still has one up against me here at Wimbledon (Sampras won seven Wimbledon)." SEE PAGE 18 COL 1



PHOTO: AFP

THE LEGEND WITH THE GREATS: Roger Federer (2nd from R) poses with his sixth Wimbledon trophy alongside tennis greats Bjorn Borg (L) and Pete Sampras (2nd from L) and Rod Laver. The trio turned up at the Centre Court of the All England Tennis Club on Sunday to watch Federer win a record 15th major title after defeating American Andy Roddick in an epic five setter.