



Khulna DFA team members celebrate with trophy after beating BFF Development Squad in the Grameen-Danone Nations Cup final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

British press hail Roger

AFP, London

The disappointment of not seeing a British player in the men's final at Wimbledon was forgotten on Monday as newspapers here hailed Roger Federer as the greatest player of all time.

The Swiss won his sixth trophy at the All England Club with an epic 5-7, 7-6, 7-6, 3-6, 16-14 win over Andy Roddick on Sunday, beating Pete Sampras' record to take an historic 15th Grand Slam title.

"What more could anyone ask for a finale?" asked The Times.

"Records galore being broken, a gathering of legends, a contest brimful of aggression, subtlety and mutual respect across the net, a glorious sunny afternoon and early evening, unlike last year uninterrupted by rain."

One commentator said Federer "must now be heralded as indisputably the greatest of all time".

But there was also widespread praise for his formidable opponent, whom he has now defeated in three Wimbledon finals as well as

the 2006 US Open title match, saying it was Roddick's tenacity that made Federer's win so impressive.

"What a match! What an opponent! What a champion!" said the Sun.

The Daily Mail added: "Here was Roddick's peak this year, perhaps even in his career, and that Federer still found the wit and strength to defeat him over 30 games in the final set is what puts him apart as a champion."

A commentator in the Guardian wrote that Federer had proved in their gruelling match that as well as his athletic grace -- "someone must oil Roger Federer's skeleton every night" -- he had the mental strength to win.

"To proclaim Federer as the greatest of all tennis players is statistically straight-forward and morally necessary," he wrote.

"As Andy Roddick finally began to tire in the match that refused to end, Federer turned beyond pure natural talent to something more primal: the refusal to yield, the compulsion to prevail that allows those with a special knack for playing sport to go on and become champions."

Roddick had cut short Andy Murray's hopes of being the first Briton to win Wimbledon for 73 years in their semifinal face-off on Friday.

Teletalk cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachari

Khobongpuriya Samobai Samity Club posted a six-wicket victory over Masterpara Cricket Club in the first Teletalk cricket tournament at the Khagrachari Government High School ground yesterday.

Masterpara Cricket Club were all out for 120 runs in 26.3 overs with Nenson Chakma making team highest 34 runs. Zisan Chakma scored 20 runs.

Babla Das and Jibon Dewan picked up three wickets each.

In reply, Khobongpuriya Samobai Samity reached the target of 121 for four wickets in 24.2 overs. Alaxy Chakma hit 30 and Supal Chakma contributed 29 runs.

Mujahid Babu captured two wickets.

Jibon Dewan was adjudged man of the match.

Rookies put Pakistan atop

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Herath defied the Pakistani seamers to put on 68 for the second wicket before night-watchman Herath was trapped leg-before-wicket by Younis just before lunch.

The three-match series is the first between the two nations since gunmen attacked the Sri Lankan team bus in the Pakistani city of Lahore on March 3 while the squad was en route to resume a Test match.

The attack left seven Sri Lankan players injured and eight Pakistani security forces dead.

The two teams recently contested the World Twenty20 final in England, in which Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by eight wickets.

of Pakistan and Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium on Monday.

SRI LANKA: First innings 292 (Paranavitana 72, Mathews 42, Kulasekera 38; Aamer 3-74, Rauf 2-59)

PAKISTAN: First innings 342 (Yousuf 112, Misbahul 56; Kulasekera 4-71, Thushara 2-77)

SRI LANKA: Second innings (overnight 0-0)

Herath lbw b Younis 15
Warnapura c Younis b Gul 0
Paranavitana c Akmal b Aamer 49
Sangakkara c Akmal b Aamer 14
Jayawardene c Akmal b Aamer 34
Samaraweera c Misbah b Ajmal 34
Dishan c Manzoorb Younis 22
Mathews c Butt b Rauf 27
Kulasekera lbw b Ajmal 25
Thushara not out 15
Mendis b Ajmal 1
Extras: (lb-7, nb-7, w-1) 15
Total: (All out in 56.2 overs) 217

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-68, 3-86, 4-88, 5-101, 6-138, 7-156, 8-191, 9-211, 10-217.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Aamer	11	2	38	3
Gul	10	2	62	1
Rauf	13	1	49	1
Younis	10	1	27	2
Ajmal	12.2	0	34	3

PAKISTAN: Second innings
Manzoorb Jayawardene b Mendis 15
Butt not out 28
Younis lbw b Mathews 3
Yousuf not out 12
Extras: (b-12, w-1) 13
Total: (For 2 wks in 19 overs) 71
To bat: Misbahul, Malik, Akmal, Gul, Ajmal, Aamer, Rauf.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Kulasekera	5	1	14	0
Thushara	4	0	9	0
Mendis	4	0	13	1
Mathews	5	0	17	1
Herath	1	0	6	0

3-dayer

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Barbadian off-spinner Ryan Austin, the leading bowler in the West Indies domestic first-class competition, ended a memorable match with four wickets for 65 runs from 27 overs.

He snapped a 123-run opening partnership by having Kayes caught at slip, and then got Zunaed caught at midwicket and Tamim edging behind. Shakib and Rokibul then put on 61 for the fifth wicket.

The lanky Trinidad & Tobago-born Austin enhanced his claims for a place in the West Indies squad, when he ended with match figures of nine for 136. Bangladesh play two Tests, three One-day Internationals, and a Twenty20 International on their five-week tour of the Caribbean.

Aussies unseeded

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Super Eights from which the top four sides for the semifinals will be drawn.

Should Australia qualify at Bangladesh's expense they would inherit their rivals' A2 seeding.

Bangladesh, if they got through instead of Australia, would remain as A2 regardless of whether they or Pakistan topped the group.

In one of cricket's greatest shocks, Bangladesh beat Australia by five wickets in a 50 over one-day international at Cardiff -- where the 2009 Ashes begin on Wednesday -- in 2005.

The semifinals and final of the eight-team women's tournament will take place on the same days and at the same venues as the corresponding men's matches, a move that was widely seen as helping give women's cricket a greater profile during last month's World Twenty20.

Group and Fixture schedule for the 2010 ICC World Twenty20 in the Caribbean:

GROUPINGS
Group A: Pakistan (A1), Bangladesh (A2), Australia (A3)
Group B: Sri Lanka (B1), New Zealand (B2), Zimbabwe (B3)
Group C: South Africa (C1), India (C2), Qualifier One (C3)
Group D: West Indies (D1), England (D2), Qualifier Two (D3)

May 03: Guyana: WIS v ENG, SRI v ZIM
May 04: Barbados: RSA v Q1, BAN v AUS
SUPEREIGHTS
May 06: Barbados: A1 v D2, C1 v B2
May 07: Barbados: A2 v C2, B1 v D1
May 08: Barbados: C1 v D2, A1 v B2
May 09: Barbados: C2 v D1, B1 v A2
May 10: St Lucia: B2 v D2, A1 v C1
May 11: St Lucia: B1 v C2, D1 v A2
SEMIFINALS
May 13: St Lucia: 1st semifinal
May 14: St Lucia: 2nd semifinal
FINAL
May 16: Barbados: Final

Roger

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backhands," said the 71-year-old.

"It was a great final. Andy is a threat with that serve of his but I think he was very tired by the end."

Bjorn Borg, a five-time Wimbledon winner, predicted many more titles for Federer.

"He can play for three more years at least. If he stays away from injury and is eager to win there will be many more finals," said the Swede.

Borg added: "He simply does not have any more weaknesses left in him. It is such a pleasure to see him play. To me, Roger Federer is the right model for anyone aspiring to be a tennis player."

"It is such a pleasure to just watch him play. His shot-making has got better and I doubt there is any shot he cannot make in any part of the court."

Federer

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French Open and Wimbledon to chalk up a record 15 Grand Slam titles, one more than Pete Sampras.

TOPTEN
1. Roger Federer (SUI) 11,220 pts (+1)
2. Rafael Nadal (ESP) 10,735 (-1)
3. Andy Murray (GBR) 9,450
4. Novak Djokovic (SRB) 8,150
5. Juan Martin Del Potro (ARG) 5,705
6. Andy Roddick (USA) 5,440
7. Gilles Simon (FRA) 4,000
8. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) 3,600 (+1)
9. Fernando Verdasco (ESP) 3,500 (-1)
10. Fernando Gonzalez (CHI) 3,185

South Asian

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India scored 1692 to win gold while Pakistan won the silver with 1604 and Sri Lanka finished third with 1593. The Indian shooters swept all the three titles in the individual event of women's 25m pistol. Anisa Sayyed (566), Anuraj Singh (565) and Shweta Chaudhary (561) bagged the medals for India in this event.

In the men's 50m rifle prone, India won the team event after scoring 1764 while Pakistan scored 1733 to win silver and Bangladesh scored 1722 to win bronze.

Indian shooters also bagged the all medals in the individual event of the men's 50m rifle prone and they were Joydeep Karmakar (593), Sanjeev Rajput (587) and Shamsar Singh (584).

Today's event: 50m rifle prone (women's), 10m air pistol (men's), skeet 75 shot competition.

Federer's Grand Slams

Tennis

AFP, London

Roger Federer won a record 15th Grand Slam title on Sunday when he defeated Andy Roddick to win a sixth Wimbledon crown. The Swiss star has now passed Pete Sampras' mark of 14 Grand Slam victories which he equalled when he won the French Open last month:

2003 Wimbledon
bt Mark Philippoussis (AUS) 7-6 (7/5), 6-2, 7-6 (7/3)
- Federer, 21, wins first Grand Slam title to turn potential into silverware. His victory, five years after winning the junior title, also ended all doubts about his nerve on the big stage.

2004 Australian Open
bt Marat Safin (RUS) 7-6 (7/3), 6-4, 6-2
- Federer, who had replaced Juan Carlos Ferrero as the new world number one by reaching the final, celebrated in style by beating Safin, who had been in fine form in Melbourne seeing off Andre Agassi and Andy Roddick.

2004 Wimbledon
bt Andy Roddick (USA) 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7/3), 6-4
- Less than a month after a disappointing third round exit at the French Open, Federer bounces back. Roddick had been a set and a break ahead, but a rain delay helps the Swiss recover his composure.

2004 US Open
bt Lleyton Hewitt (AUS) 6-0, 7-6 (7/3), 6-0
- Hewitt, the 2001 champion, came into the final on a 16-match winning streak but Federer was unstoppable, becoming the first man in history to win his first four Grand Slam finals, and the first since Mats Wilander in 1988 to win three majors in a year.

2005 Wimbledon
bt Andy Roddick (USA) 6-2, 7-6 (7/2), 6-4
- Federer joins Pete Sampras and Bjorn Borg as the only players to win three Wimbledon titles in a row in the Open era. Roddick joked: "Maybe next time I'll just punch him or something."

2005 US Open
bt Andre Agassi (USA) 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (7/1), 6-1
- Federer wins sixth Grand Slam title and shatters 35-year-old Agassi's dreams of becoming the oldest winner of the title. Ken Rosewall, at 39, had been the previous oldest finalist against Jimmy Connors in 1974.

2006 Australian Open
bt Marcos Baghdatis (CYP) 5-7, 7-5, 6-0, 6-2
- Unseeded Baghdatis, 20, the world number 54 gives Federer a scare when he wins first set and goes a break up in the second. But Federer imposes his authority as a tiring Baghdatis needs treatment on his calf.

2006 Wimbledon
bt Rafael Nadal (ESP) 6-0, 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (2/7), 6-3
- Just a month after losing to his new rival at the French Open, Federer puts an end to a five-match losing streak against the Spaniard. He also becomes only the third man in the Open era after Bjorn Borg and Sampras to win four Wimbledon titles in a row.

2006 US Open
bt Andy Roddick (USA) 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1
- Federer wins third successive title in New York and becomes first man in the Open era to win three successive Wimbledon and US Open titles in the same years.

2007 Australian Open
bt Fernando Gonzalez (CHI) 7-6, 6-4, 6-4
- Federer wins 10th Grand Slam title and extends his winning run to 36 matches. Also first man to win a Grand Slam title

without dropping a set since Borg at the 1980 French Open.

2007 Wimbledon
bt Rafael Nadal (ESP) 7-6, 4-6, 7-6, 2-6, 6-2
- Federer emulates Borg by winning five straight Wimbledon titles but he was given a huge scare by Nadal in a classic final and a taste of what was to come 12 months later when the Spaniard takes his crown.

2007 US Open
bt Novak Djokovic (SRB) 7-6, 7-6, 6-4
- Federer wins fourth consecutive US Open despite trailing by a break in each. He becomes the first man to win Wimbledon and the US Open for four years in a row, and the first to win four straight US titles since Bill Tilden in 1923.

2008 US Open
bt Andy Murray (GBR) 6-2, 7-5, 6-2
- The Swiss wins 13th Grand Slam crown and fifth consecutive US Open title. He moves one Grand Slam title ahead of Roy Emerson and one behind the record 14 won by Pete Sampras. "I'm not going to stop at 13," says Federer.

2009 French Open
bt Robin Soderling (SWE) 6-1, 7-6, 6-4
- Federer finally wins the French Open after losing the previous three finals and equals the record 14 Grand Slam wins of Sampras. Not even an intruder who confronted him in the second set and steady rain could derail his charge past Soderling into the history books.

2009 Wimbledon
bt Andy Roddick (USA x6) 5-7, 7-6, 7-6, 3-6, 16-14
- Another Wimbledon epic which featured the longest final set in the history of men's Wimbledon finals. Roddick, whose only loss of serve came in the last game of the decider, was reduced to tears. Sampras hails Federer as the greatest player of all time.

'Greatest series' revisited

Cricket

AFP, London

The last time the Ashes rivals met in England, in 2005, they produced a thrilling contest.

Below is a review of the "greatest series of all-time".

First Test, Lord's: Australia (190 and 384) beat England (155 and 180) by 229 runs.

England, buoyed by series wins over New Zealand, West Indies and South Africa, had high hopes of winning a first Ashes campaign in 18 years.

In front of a fever-pitch crowd they bowled Australia out for 190 on the first day with fast bowler Stephen Harmison, who drew blood from the cheek of Aussie captain Ricky Ponting, taking five for 43.

But, not for the first time, England collapsed against Glenn McGrath.

They were dismissed for 155, paceman McGrath taking five for 53, with England's only consolation Kevin Pietersen's 57 on Test debut.

However, Pietersen dropped Michael Clarke whose 91 helped Australia set England an improbable 420 to win. Leg-spin great Shane Warne and McGrath then did for the hosts despite Pietersen's second fifty of the match.

Second Test, Edgbaston: England (407 and 182) beat Australia (308 and 279) by two runs.

England squared the series but Australia, who hadn't lost an Ashes campaign in 18 years so nearly took a 2-0 lead.

There was drama even before the match started when

McGrath turned his ankle on a stray ball on the outfield during a warm-up session and was ruled out.

Nevertheless, Ponting still chose to field first only for England to make 407 on the first day with Marcus Trescothick top-scoring with 90.

In reply, Australia were bowled out for 308 with reverse-swing causing their batsmen problems.

England collapsed in their second innings to 131 for nine before Andrew Flintoff, supported by Simon Jones, counter-attacked during a blistering knock of 73 in 86 balls four sixes.

Flintoff then produced an outstanding spell of fast bowling to remove Ponting and, at the end of the third day Australia, needing 282 to win, were all but out of the game at 175 for eight.

But Warne and Brett Lee dug in with the bat and after Michael Kasprovic -- McGrath's replacement -- had been dropped they were just one hit away from victory. But Kasprovic gloved a catch down the legside off Harmison and wicketkeeper Geraint Jones clung on to give England a famous victory.

The sight of Flintoff consoling Lee, who finished on 43 not out, after the match became an iconic image.

Third Test, Old Trafford: England 444 and 280-6 dec drew with Australia (302 and 371-9).

England captain Michael Vaughan, perhaps buoyed by victory at Edgbaston, returned to his form of 2002/03, when he

scored three centuries in Australia, with a superb 166. Meanwhile Warne became the first man to take 600 Test wickets when he dismissed Trescothick.

England finished on 444 and, in reply, Warne fell just short of a maiden Test hundred when he made 90.

The hosts were 142 ahead on first innings, after Simon Jones took a career-best six for 53 and Andrew Strauss then made 106 as the hosts left Australia an unlikely 423 to win.

Thousands were locked out of the ground on the final day. Those who did get in saw Ponting make a majestic 156 before, after nearly seven hours at the crease, he fell to Harmison.

His exit gave England hope of victory but the last-wicket duo of Lee and McGrath survived as Australia salvaged a draw.

Fourth Test, Trent Bridge: England (477 and 129-7) beat Australia (218 and 387) by three wickets.

Flintoff starred with the bat, making 102 in a total of 477 as McGrath missed his second match of the series, this time with an elbow injury. In reply, Australia were bowled out for 277, Strauss taking a brilliant slip catch to get rid of Adam Gilchrist. Vaughan enforced the follow-on but Simon Jones broke down.

Substitute Gary Pratt, on the field legitimately, then ran out Ponting who ranted on the way back to the pavilion at England coach Duncan Fletcher following a series where the hosts had

stretched the rules on replacement fielders to breaking point.

England were set 129 to win and Warne then inspired a slump that saw them decline to 116 for seven before Ashley Giles and Matthew Hoggard held firm.

Fifth Test, The Oval: England (373 and 355) drew with Australia (367 and 4-0).

England played safe by bringing in batsman Paul Collingwood for the injured Simon Jones.

The match was all but level after both first innings, Strauss scoring a century and Matthew Hayden one for Australia.

Come the last day the Ashes were still up for grabs but Pietersen, dropped on nought by wicketkeeper Gilchrist and 15 by Warne, made the game safe for England with a maiden Test hundred of 158 while Giles provided vital support with a gutsy fifty.

Lee in doubt

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Lee, who has taken over 300 Test wickets, struck six times against the second-string Lions at Worcester.

Prior to this tour, he had been sidelined with foot and heel injuries and so missed the 2-1 series win in South Africa earlier this year where Mitchell Johnson and Peter Siddle starred in his absence.

Lee has not played Test cricket since December when South Africa beat Australia by nine wickets in Melbourne.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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55 Part of the loop
56 Use a wooden spoon
57 Architect I.M.
58 Early birds?
59 Unaltered
60 Elliptical
61 Show-biz job
62 Mothers and daughters
63 Actress Vardalos
64 Mexico's national flower
65 Big lizard
66 Young newt
67 Apiece
68 Bit of banter
69 Marching along
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71 Actress Vardalos
72 Central point
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MASKED GUY RIDING AROUND ON HORSEBACK COLLECTING PAST-DUE DEBT PAYMENTS: THE LOAN RANGER.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals T