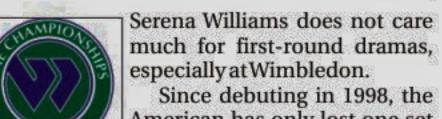


Five-year-old Nurjahan Mim receives the first prize, an 8-CFT Toshiba refrigerator, of The Daily Star-Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2010 Round 1 from Rumee Hossain (L), managing director of sponsors Rangs Industries Ltd, during a function at the corporate office of Rangs Industries in Eskaton yesterday. Also seen are Ahsanul Huq Chowdhury (2nd from L) and Munir Ahmed Khan (R), the chief financial officer and general manager of Rangs Industries respectively.

Serena moves with ease

REUTERS, London



American has only lost one set at the first hurdle and the 28year-old defending champion was at it again on Tuesday as temperatures soared into the high 70s Fahrenheit at the All England Club.

For a while the world number one looked unlikely to concede a game against Portugal's Michelle Larcher de Brito but eventually had to make do with a 6-0, 6-4 victory after some gutsy resistance from a teenage opponent more wellknown for her shrieking.

Serena, sporting a white tennis dress with bright red undershorts, smacked down 15 aces in a 63minute workout which was as routine as men's defending champion Roger Federer's opening encounter was tortuous the previous day.

"I'm relieved to get through because she [Larcher de Brito] is really good player," Williams, who now has a 43-0 record in grand slam first rounds, said in a post-match interview. "It's great to be here, fit and healthy.

"Hopefully I'll play in front of the Queen [on Thursday] but also hopefully not because I might get a little bit nervous."

First Tuesday is traditionally Ladies Day at Wimbledon and the beautifully landscaped grounds of the world's most famous tennis club were liberally sprinkled with some eyecatching summer dresses as fans lapped up the sunshine.

Usman first

for Australia

AFP, Sydney

of his birth.

Muslim player

Batsman Usman Khwaja

became the first Muslim

picked for an Australian Test

squad Tuesday as selectors

announced a 14-strong party

for the two-match series

against Pakistan, the country

Left-handed Khwaja, 23,

admitted feeling "shocked"

after being brought in for the

July Tests, which are to be

played in England after being

moved from Pakistan due to

security concerns following

last year's extremist attack on

Ricky Ponting (captain),

Michael Clarke (vice-captain),

Doug Bollinger, Brad Haddin,

Ryan Harris, Nathan Hauritz,

Ben Hilfenhaus, Mike Hussey,

Mitchell Johnson, Simon

Katich, Usman Khwaja, Marcus North, Steven Smith,

the Sri Lanka team.

SQUAD

Shane Watson.

The Pimm's and strawberry stands were already doing brisk business as play began on Serena Williams does not care the outside courts at noon with several women's seeds in action.

> Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova, the former US Open and French Open champion, edged through against Uzbekistan's Akgul Amanmuradova 6-2, 6-7, 6-4 while seventh seed Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland beat Melinda Czink of Hungary 6-3, 6-3.

> China's Zheng Jie, the 23rd seed and a former semifinalist, moved through by beating Pauline Parmentier of France 7-5, 6-4.

> Britain's Andy Murray was preparing for his first round against Jan Hajek on Court One later but by that time he could find himself the only home player left in the singles. Anne Keothavong joined the four women's

> losers on Monday when she blew a 4-0 lead in the third set against Australia's Anastasia Rodionova. Teenage wildcard Heather Watson plays

> later, as does Jamie Baker, the only other home player apart from world number four Murray to start in the men's singles. World number one Rafael Nadal, back at

> Wimbledon for the first time since his epic final victory over Federer in 2008, was due to begin his quest to reclaim the trophy on Centre Court against Japan's Kei Nishikori.

Big-serving American 18th seed Sam Querrey, a possible tricky last 16 obstacle for Murray, made smooth progress into the second round, the Queen's Club champion two sets up against Sergiy Stakhovsky when the Ukrainian retired injured.

Maharoof stars with hattrick

AFP, Dambulla



Sri Lanka's Farveez Maharoof grabbed 5-42, including a hattrick, as defending champions Sri Lanka defeated India by seven wickets in the last league match of the Asia Cup on Tuesday.

The two teams will clash again in Thursday's final of the four-nation event that also featured Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The right-arm seamer trapped Ravindra Jadeja leg-before, bowled Praveen Kumar and had Zaheer Khan caught behind off successive deliveries in his ninth over at the

Rangiri stadium in Dambulla. Dinesh Karthik, who flew in from Chennai to replace the injured Virender Sehwag, hit 40 off 43 balls after an opening stand of 58 with Gautam Gambhir.

Sri Lanka, who rested three frontline bowlers in Lasith Malinga, Nuwan Kulasekera and Muttiah Muralitharan, reduced India to 110-4 by the 23rd over.

Rohit Sharma (69) and skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni (41 retrieved the situation by adding 79 for the fifth wicket, before the Indian captain was run out.

Dhoni's dismissal triggered a collapse as India slipped from 189-4 to 189-8 in the space of four deliveries as Maharoof sliced

through the lower order. The hosts banked on 73 from skipper Kumar Sangakkara and

an unbeaten half-century from deputy Mahela Jayawardene.

Facile win for Bima

SPORTS REPORTER

Sadharan Bima recorded a 2-0 win over Azad Sporting Club in the Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, Enamul Kabir gave Bima a lead in the 43rd minute while Shahidul Islam sealed the fate of the game in the 46th minute.

Queen's Baton Relay held

SPORTS REPORTER

The Queen's Baton Relay ahead of this year's Commonwealth Games in India was held in the capital yesterday with huge enthusiasm among the sports personalities as well as the general people.

Some hundred participants riding on horse carriages, rickshaws and bicycles in a bid to keep the environment pollution-free took part in the relay that had started at the Army Stadium and ended at the South Plaza of Sangsad Bhaban.

Speaker of the Parliament Abdul Hamid received the Queen's Baton to hand over to Alka Lamba, member of the Commonwealth Games organising committee.

Bangladesh is the 69th destination to receive the baton, en route to Pakistan as the Baton Relay, similar to the Olympic Torch Relay, had started on October 29, 2009 from Buckingham Palace and it will end on the inaugural day of the 19th Commonwealth Games to be held on October 3-14 in New Delhi.

State minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarker, Bangladesh Olympic Association president and Army Chief Abdul Mubeen, BOA secretary general Kutubuddin Ahmed were present on the farewell of the Queen's Baton.

Olympic Day Run held

SPORTS REPORTER

With festive mood at all five divisional headquarters including the capital, the Olympic Day Run was held yesterday with a slogan of move, learn and discover.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarker inaugurated the Run in Dhaka. It started at the Engineers' Institute in the morning and ended at the Bangabandhu National Stadium followed by a band show.

Later, a blood donation programme in association with Quantum Foundation was also held at the National Sports Council and ten donors were awarded air tickets of Dhaka-Kolkata-Dhaka through lottery.

Bangladesh Olympic Association president and Army Chief Abdul Mubeen, BOA secretary general Kutubuddin Ahmed, organising committee of the Olympic Day Run Mizanur Rahman Manu were also present on the occasion.

Portugal's goal-fest

QUAZI ZULQUARNAIN ISLAM

Portugal went goal crazy, Spain quelled the doubters and Chile and Switzerland fought out an intriguing training exercise as the last day of round two matches drew to a close.

Cristiano Ronaldo bagged his first goal for Portugal in ages as the Western Europeans ran riot in a 7-0 hammering of North Korea to ensure they have a good chance of qualifying for the second round.

Although the North Koreans fielded an unchanged line-up for this game, the most notable thing was that they pushed forward far more than in their first game. Their wingbacks fulfilled more conventional roles rather than filling out as full-backs in a five-man defence; they got forward and formed triangles on the flanks with the outside central midfielders. For thirty minutes they held sway.

But as with the Brazil game, the key to unlocking North Korea was the full-backs.

Just as Maicon had raided down the right for Brazil,

Portugal's Fabio Coentrao was the brightest spark as he raided down the North Korean left. That allied with the fact that both Ronaldo and Simao moved far narrower than usual meant that the fullbacks had even more space to

North Korea were tight for the early half-an-hour of the game, but soon after the first

exploit.



goal went in, they seemed demoralised. Sadly for them, the more they pushed forward, the more gaps they left at the back, and the more goals they conceded. Almost every Portugal player aside from the centre-backs broke through the Korea defensive line at some point to meet a throughball, and whilst 7-0 was harsh on Korea, it was a fairly accurate reflection of how easy it

was for Portugal when Korea played a higher line.

Portugal were superb. They played a tremendous brand of football organised in defence, resourceful with the ball in midfield, and devastatingly effective upfront. And as always, when Cristiano Ronaldo has a smile on his face, it can only be good news.

Elsewhere, the confounding standards of referees continued. Valon Behrami of Switzerland was sent off for an absolutely nothing challenge as the Swiss rearguard failed to turn in another clean sheet. They still broke the Italian record for the most minutes without conceding, even though Mark Gonzales finally broke their resistance with a late header. For their part, Chile deserved the win and again impressed with their

attacking, exciting brand of football. But they struggled to extend their advantage, despite clear superiority in both possession and territory. It might be astonishingly unlucky, but they might still go out despite two wins from two games.

In the day's final game, Spain got their title winning ship back on course with a David Villa inspired brace against Honduras. Villa also hit the bar and missed a spotkick in a fine performance in a new role; he was used as an inverted wing-forward out on the left, supporting Fernando Torres. The Liverpool man was disappointing and missed several good chances as the Spanish predictably passed the Hondurans to death in a strong but not outstanding performance.



Federer feels lucky

AFP, London



Roger Federer said he felt his luck was finally in this season after he scraped into

the second round as he bids to win a record-equalling seventh men's Wimbledon title. Federer made it through to

a clash with Serbia's Ilija Bozoljac -- but only after being given a real fright by Colombia's Alejandro Falla. The world number 60 won

the first two sets and served for the match in the fourth in what was shaping up to be one of the biggest shocks in Wimbledon history. But top seed Federer, who has not won a tournament

since claiming the Australian

Open title in January, said

maybe lady luck was smiling on him at last this season. But the six-time champion recovered to win 5-7, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7/1), 6-0."It came as a bit of a shock and it's not something I was

that prepared for, but you have to draw from experience and physical strength. I live to fight another day," the world number two said. "I've lost many matches

this season I should have won and today I won a match I should have lost.

"I think I've been unlucky enough already this season, so I needed one lucky match. We'll see how important it is, depending on the run I go on now.

"I've lost a few matches this season with match points, 7-5 or 7-6 in the third. This is definitely some kind of a match I kind of needed. You can't win them all when they're that close, because they're being played on a couple of points here or there.

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do is push the luck on your Swiss held serve to leave the side. That's not something I Colombian serving for the have been doing maybe match at 5-4 up. enough the last few months. struggled early on, but came I'm happy I gave myself a

used to."

In a key game at 4-4 in the third set, the Colombian had three break points, but Federer pulled it back to deuce and served an ace for a 5-4

chance. Maybe some think I

should have never put myself

in that position."

Federer had a break for set point when Falla hit a shot long, but the Colombian took it to deuce. Federer had the advantage

when Falla hit the net, and won the set with a cross-court forehand winner to start his comeback. In the fourth set, Federer

had a break point at 4-3 down but wasted it. The "He played really well and I

through, which is most important," Federer said. "You definitely feel uncomfortable because if you're used

to being down the whole time

your whole life, it's something

that's kind of normal. "For me it's not normal to be down two sets to love, especially at Wimbledon, and early on in Grand Slams. It's something I'm not quite

Next up for Federer is 153rd-ranked Bozoljac, whom he meets for the first time, after the Serb battled past Chile's Nicolas Massu 7-6 (7/3), 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (9/7) in their first round tie.

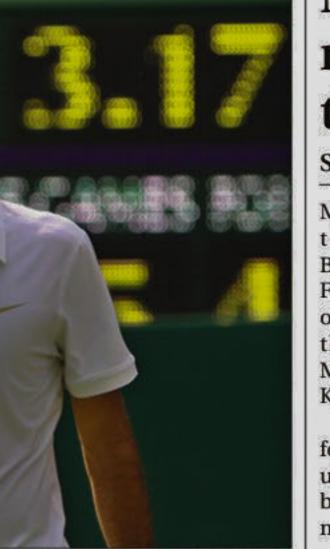


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FED EXPRESS ALMOST DERAILED: World No 2 Roger Federer of Switzerland celebrates his hard-fought win over Columbia's Alejandro Falla during their first round Wimbledon tie at the All England Tennis Club on Monday. The defending champion recovered to win 5-7, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-0 and avoided one of the worst defeats of his career.

Sagar now has eight points SPORTS REPORTER

FM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar maintained his solo lead in the preliminary phase of the 36th National Chess Championship at the close of the tenth round at the **Bangladesh Chess Federation** hall-room yesterday.

Sagar drew against FM Aminul Islam to secure eight points from 10 games. Seven players -- FM Abu

Sufian Shakil, FM Mehdi Hasan Parag, Aminul, FM Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon, Debaraj Chatterjee, Abdullah Al Saif and Mizanur Rahman were in second position with 7.5 points each.

Mohakhali notch up third win

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohakhali XI recorded their third victory in the Basundhara Senior Division Football League with a 3-2 win over Uttar Baridhara Club at the Birsreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Karmul broke the deadlock for Mohakhali just three minutes before the lemon break but Swapan restored the margin in the 61st minute.

Seven minutes later, Kamrul again put Mohakhali ahead and saw the advantage canceled by an own goal from his teammate Liton in the 74th minute. Golap finally struck the decisive goal six minutes from time to help Mohakhali raise points to 10 from seven matches.

Latinos rule World Cup

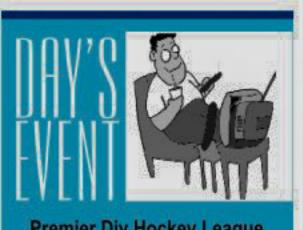
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Hockey Stadium

AFP, Bloemfontein

The powerhouses of European football are struggling to make an impact at the World Cup but amid their woes South American teams are building up a formidable record.

Brazil, Argentina and Chile started with two wins apiece and Uruguay and Paraguay have also impressed. In total they have racked up a formidable eight victories in 10 games

Graceful exit for hosts

And the Bafana Bafana doubled their lead on 37 minutes when

Katlego Mphela poked the ball past Hugo Lloris after France failed to clear. France threw on Florent Malouda for Andre Pierre Gignac at the start of the second half but the momentum was with South Africa, with Steven Pienaar directing play from midfield and Tshabalala

terrorising the French defence. Early in the second half Mphela went desperately close to extending South Africa's lead after a pass from Tshabalala but it hit the woodwork with the goalkeeper beaten.

Djibril Cisse lashed a shot over from the edge of the penalty box moments before Thierry Henry was brought on to replace him. Mphela, who looked increasingly dangerous, then forced Lloris

into a save from the edge of the box as the atmosphere in the sta-

dium reached fever pitch and South Africa seemed certain to add to

their tally amid intense pressure. But France shocked the crowd when Malouda scored with 70 minutes on the clock, making Bafana Bafana's task almost impossible and the French were able to take the sting out of the game despite being a man down.

World Cup dreams were snuffed out. To squeeze into the last 16, 1998 World Cup winners France and South Africa were hoping to win by a big margin and for a positive result from the Uruguay-Mexico match. Both teams made sweeping changes to their starting line-ups as

In a desperate last push Tshabalala went close but South Africa's

they went in search of goals. Domenech left captain Patrice Evra out of the team following a bust-up over the expulsion of star striker Nicolas Anelka from the squad.

with two draws and not a single defeat.

But it's a different story for Europe. Most spectacularly of all, 1998 winners France have imploded amid recriminations following an opening draw with Uruguay and a miserable defeat to Mexico.

Euro 2008 champions Spain New Zealand.

talent ply their trade. "I'm a bit disappointed with France," Maradona said. "France is not having the best of times. The intrinsic value of the players in France should

place.

"Italy, my God. It must be a huge scandal in Italy when they see that."

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and three-times World Cup winners Germany have also tasted defeat while England have laboured to two draws and defending world champions Italy were held by lowly

Argentinian legend Maradona had a rough assessment for sides from Europe, where most of the world's top

get them on a higher level." But despite Spain's shock opening defeat to Switzerland, Maradona tipped them to come good. "Spain, I think they will do well. The way Spain started, they were coming to pick up the World Cup and we were all playing for second

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