



Pakistan bowler Abdur Rehman (C) is congratulated by his teammates after getting West Indies' Carlton Baugh lbw on Day Five of the second Test at the Warner Park in St Kitts yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

U-13 booters return

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Bangladesh under-13 football team reached home late last night after taking part in the AFC Under-13 Football festival in Iran. In the festival, the Bangladesh team played eight matches against South Asian rivals Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan, twice against each side. They won three of those matches, lost three (including a walkover) and drew the other two.

Nat'l women's football

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Kishoreganj beat Narshingdi 2-0 in the lone match of the National Women's Football Championship at the Bishreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday. Asma gave Kishoreganj the lead in the 10th minute before Joba finished it off in the 72nd.

Coach selection

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"It's nothing new that a local coach will act as an assistant coach in the team but what we are going to do this time is that there would be a proviso for the head coach in the contract that he has to give the assistant coach a programme," added Siraj.

"What we believe is that our local coaches still lack the experience to guide the national team, but we hope someday it will be possible if we involve someone with the national side," he continued.

Abahani, MSC

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runs for five wickets in the stipulated 40 overs. Rain stopped the match during Sheikh Jamal's chase and the revised target was set at 65 from 20 overs, but Sheikh Jamal managed only 49 for 2. At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Azad scored 59 for three in 21 overs in reply to Gulshan Youth Club's 72 to win the match by D/L method.

Hosts'

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Snigdha Rahman conceded a 3-1 defeat to M Sutirtha.

The boys' team also followed in the footsteps of the girls', losing all three matches to favourites China.

Himel lost to Zhang Jia Rui, Javed lost to Zhang Di and Zubair lost to Wang Yuan Zhe, all in straight sets.

In the other matches of the day, Sri Lanka beat Maldives 3-0, Thailand thrashed Bhutan 3-0 and India outplayed Pakistan 3-0 in the boys' section.

Pakistan draw series

Cricket

REUTERS, Basseterre

Pakistan beat West Indies by 196 runs on the fifth day of the second Test Tuesday to draw their two Test series 1-1.

Slow left-arm Abdur Rehman finished with figures of 4-65 as West Indies, resuming on 130 for five and needing to bat through the day to win the series, were bowled out for 230 before lunch.

Off-spinner Saeed Ajmal did the damage with the key wickets of Brendan Nash (30), skipper Darren Sammy (41) and Ravi Rampaul (20).

It was always going to be too much for West Indies to bat through the day having already lost their top order but it was a sorry end to their innings when Kemar Roach was run out for 12.

Any chance of resistance dissipated when Nash edged Ajmal to Taufeeq Umar at slip and then Baugh became the latest in a series of West Indies batsmen to fall lbw to Rehman.

Sammy was caught at midwicket off a dreadful shot off Ajmal and although Rampaul showed some defiance, it ultimately proved futile.

Once again West Indies struggled against spin which will give great heart to their upcoming opponents India who begin their tour of the Caribbean next month.

Pakistan, who won the five-match one day international series earlier in the tour 3-2, took full advantage of poor West Indian fielding in their second innings which saw centuries for Taufeeq Umar and skipper Misbahul Haq.

Misbah was delighted with the way his team, who are still unable to play home Tests due to the security situation, coped and performed on the tour.

"I am really proud of this bunch of guys and their fighting spirit. Catching was one of our failings in the first Test but we turned it around here and it was the big difference between the two teams," he said.

"I am happy, I am performing well and it feels good to lead from the front. We hope we will be able to play on our home grounds soon but we are getting exposure outside and becoming a better team in the process," he said.

For West Indies, who have blooded young opening batsmen Lendl Simmons and Kraigg Brathwaite with little success in this Test, the debate will restart over selection choices for the India series, with ex-skipper Chris Gayle's position still unclear.

The optimism generated by the first Test victory in Guyana was short-lived and Sammy highlighted a familiar problem.

"We have not been able to be consistent with the bat or ball. We have some work to do. India is going to be a tough series but we are looking forward to it," he said.

SCORES IN BRIEF

PAKISTAN: First innings 272
WEST INDIES: First innings 223
PAKISTAN: Second innings 377 for 6 decl (Hafeez 32, Umar 135, Azhar 53, Misbahul 102 not out, Akmal 30; Bishoo 2-149)
WEST INDIES: Second innings 230 (Simmons 24, Bravo 50, Nash 30, Sammy 41, Rampaul 20; Rehman 4-65, Ajmal 3-79)
Result: Pakistan won by 196 runs and level two-Test series 1-1.
Man-of-the-match: Taufeeq Umar.

Nadal was almost gone

Ivanovic exits, Sharapova wins easy

AFP, Paris



Rafael Nadal escaped one of the biggest upsets in tennis history after fighting back from a set down to beat America's John Isner 6-4, 6-7, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4 at the French Open on Tuesday.

The defending champion, bidding for a record-equaling sixth Roland Garros title, had never previously dropped a set in the tournament's first round but came close to a huge shock against the big-serving world number 39.

Top seed and five-time winner Nadal, whose claycourt invulnerability was punctured by recent losses to Novak Djokovic in the finals of the Madrid and Rome Masters tournaments, will confront countryman Pablo Andujar in Round Two.

It was the first time Nadal had ever dropped a set in the opening round at Roland Garros and the first time in the first round of a Grand Slam since the 2007 US Open, but worse was to follow.

The 24-year-old was not patrolling the clay with anything like his usual authority and spurned two set points in the third set allowed Isner to drag him into another tie-break.

British fourth seed Andy Murray comfortably moved into the second round. He dispatched stylish French qualifier Eric Prudon 6-4, 6-1, 6-3 on Court Suzanne Lenglen and will play Italy's Simone Bolelli for a place in the last 32.

After saving a break point in his opening service game, Murray broke for a 3-1 lead and was serving for the set at 5-3 when a double-fault gave Prudon two break points, the first of which he converted with a deft drop shot.

The 24-year-old Scot was not prepared to allow his opponent off the hook, how-

ever, and he took the first set in the next game when Prudon landed a backhand in the tramlines.

Austrian eighth seed Jurgen Melzer, a losing semifinalist last year, beat Germany lucky loser Andreas Beck 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, but there was a shock defeat for 11th-seeded claycourt specialist Nicolas Almagro of Spain. Almagro has won three claycourt titles this year and reached the Roland Garros quarterfinals on two occasions, but he came a cropper in a 3-6, 2-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-4 defeat by Polish qualifier Lukasz Kubot.

Former world number three Ivan Ljubicic, a semifinalist in 2006, took his place in next round with a 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 defeat of India's Somdev Devvarman.

In the women's draw, grieving Virginie Razzano and struggling former champion Ana Ivanovic flooded the French Open in tears on Tuesday, sweeping diamond drawcard Maria Sharapova into the shade.

French 28-year-old Razzano was inconsolable as she recounted how fiance and coach Stephane Vidal, who died from a brain tumour eight days ago, had encouraged her to play Roland Garros.

Ivanovic, the 2008 champion and former world number one, also broke down as she vented her mounting frustration at seeing her career bedevilled by a series of stomach and wrist injuries.

Ivanovic, the 23-year-old 20th seed, was a shock first-round casualty, losing 7-6, 0-6, 6-2 to Sweden's world number 64 Johanna Larsson.

Sharapova had little trouble disposing of Croatian veteran Mirjana Lucic 6-3, 6-0, as the former world number one began her campaign to clinch a first French Open title.

Belarusian fourth seed Victoria Azarenka defeated Andrea Hlavackova of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-3.

Watch out for new Bolt

Athletics

AFP, Rome

The world's fastest man Usain Bolt revealed Tuesday he has put on some muscle in an attempt to stay ahead of the chasing pack.

The 24-year-old Jamaican is making his return to the track for the first time in almost nine months at the Golden Gala meeting here, the third leg of the Diamond League series.

He has not competed since being beaten by American Tyson Gay in Stockholm at the beginning of August.

Bolt appeared bigger and more muscular than in the past but said he doesn't yet know what affect his ripped physique will have on his times.

"I put a little bit more muscle on this season, I've been doing a lot of work strength-wise and core-wise and maybe that's why I look fitter," he said.

"I'll definitely see on Thursday [what difference it makes] because this is going to be the first race that I'm looking like this.

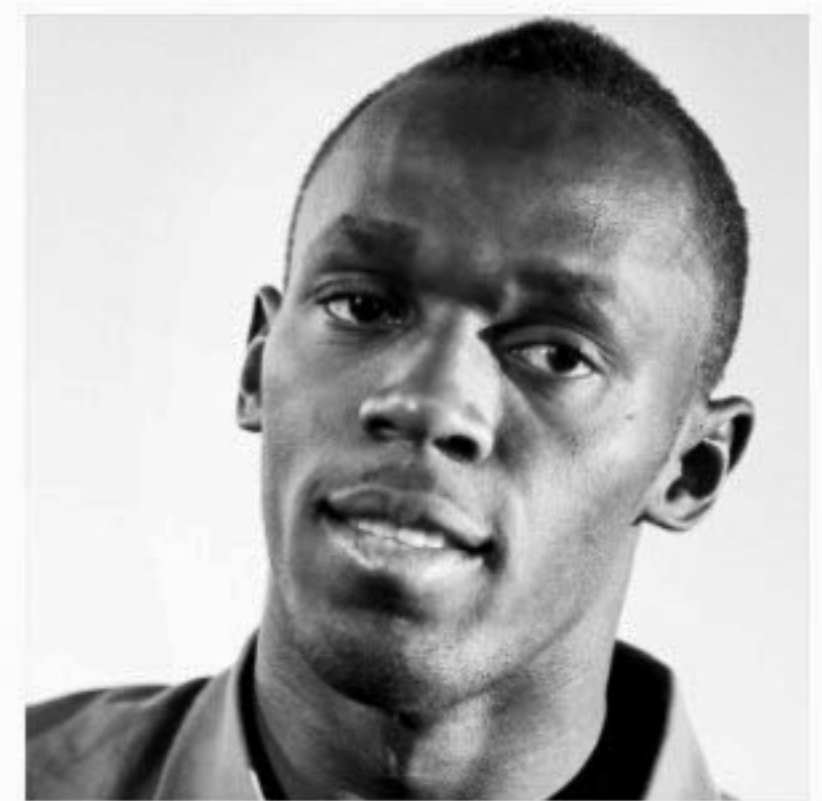
"I can't really say [what time he'll run] as I haven't run all season.

"Normally I would've done a couple of races already [at this stage of the season] and I could determine what kind of time I could do.

"But I've been doing well in training so I'm hoping it will be a very good time."

It's not just core strength that Bolt, the world and Olympic champion over 100m and 200m -- and the 100m record holder in 9.58secs -- has been working on during his long lay off. He also wants to improve his starts.

"Last season I didn't take it as seriously but now I'm coming back and it's



USAIN BOLT

taking time, but I'm getting there," he said.

"This season technique-wise, what really bothered me over the years was the first 30-metres.

"I'm very tall so I've been working on it, that's the technical aspect to work on."

Bolt came into the press conference at the plush Villa Pamphili hotel in an Italy football shirt, inspiring some to suggest he resembled Italian striker

Mario Balotelli, whose parents are Ghanaian.

"That's the fourth time I've heard that this morning," joked the world record-holder over 100m and 200m, who nonetheless insisted he plans to take up a career in football after the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

And the Manchester United fan also laughed off the comparison to a Manchester City player.

"Balotelli's a great player, he's a bit aggressive but it's ok [being compared to him].

"When it comes to football I'm definitely serious. I've been a football fan for a lot of years now, I watched these guys playing and I think I can do a pretty good job.

"I want to try and see what I can do, I want to mix it with the [Wayne] Rooney's."

Bolt said he would be attending the Champions League final and laughed off a question about who he would be supporting.

"Is that a real question? Everybody knows I'm a Man U fan to the end and I think its going to be 2-1 to Man United.

"I'm really excited about going to the Champions League."

Being a global superstar and the star attraction at the meet Bolt can expect to be mobbed around town but he has a simple way of dealing with excess attention.

SL's no to Pak offer

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) on Tuesday turned down an invitation by Pakistan to return to the troubled nation, saying security was still a problem two years after its players were attacked there.

"We are not going to send our team to Pakistan," SLC chairman DS de Silva told AFP. "I have asked the secretary to inform the Pakistan Cricket Board today [Tuesday] of the decision.

"We have instead requested Pakistan to host the matches in Colombo or at a neutral venue like Dubai or Abu Dhabi," he said.

Doa mahfil for Sadi

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Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) has arranged a doa mahfil and commemorative meeting in memory of deceased sports journalist and general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation Al Musabbir Sadi at the BSJA office adjacent to the Bangabandhu National Stadium at 3:00pm today.

Sadi, an executive committee member of the association, died of cancer at the early hours of May 20.

Members of the journalist community, family members, friends, and well wishers have been asked to attend the meeting.

End of road for KKR or Mumbai

PTI, Mumbai



After dishing out a last-ball thriller in the last league match, Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders would square off against each other yet again on Wednesday but the stakes are high now as it will be end of the road for the losers in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

Thanks to the changed format, Wednesday's eliminator tie has become a sort of a quarterfinal since the winner will then clash with loser of the Qualifier 1 to earn a shot at the title match.

Kolkata were well-poised to hand Mumbai their fourth straight defeat in their last league match but allowed them to escape and record a thrilling last-ball victory.

The Kolkata players, particularly Laxmipathy Balaji, who was hit for 23 runs in the last over which included a last-ball six by Mumbai's Ambati Rayudu, can forget that stunning change of fortunes in a jiffy.

Wednesday's game is a do-or-die match which would get nerves jangling and the team that shows iron grip on its emotions is likely to win the Eliminator.

The Knight Riders' batting has done quite well with Jacques Kallis (417 runs from 14 games), Manoj Tiwary (355 from 14) and skipper Gambhir (374 from 14) being their mainstays.

Yusuf Pathan has not exactly scored big with 47 not out being his highest score in a tally of 257 from 14 games, but Mumbai would be aware of the damage the big-hitting Baroda man can cause once he gets going.

The new ball bowling of the Knight Riders has also been below par with Brett Lee not really pulling his weight (4 wickets in 11 games) while Balaji (10 wickets in 13) and Jaidev Unadkat (6 in 7) have been expensive.

Balaji's confidence would also be a bit low after the mauling he received from Mumbai's gangling left-handed batsman James Franklin, who struck four successive fours in the last over of the Tamil Nadu bowler to put his side on the threshold of a famous win.

Balaji, however, was backed by his captain Gambhir who said after the stunning last ball loss that the medium pacer would be back in his elements in the next game.

Kolkata have depended mostly on their spinners, especially Yusuf and Iqbal Abdulla who have grabbed 13 and 16 wickets respectively and also been economical for this format of the game.

Afridi out

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Waqar Younis in selection issues.

"Butt has expressed his displeasure over Waqar's growing interference in meetings with senior board officials and indications are that when the team returns home he will be having a decisive talk with Waqar," the source added.

Afridi has complained that Waqar has interfered in his work and relations between the two had reached such a stage in the West Indies that Afridi wanted to skip the last two one-day matches.

Afridi was said to be unhappy with the team given to him but was convinced by manager Intikhab Alam to lead the team in the two games, which Pakistan lost.

Nasser Hejazi

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Cup team in 1978 in Argentina.

Among his many accolades was the AFC Asian Cup, which he won as part of Team Melli in 1972 and 1976. He retired from international football in 1980, but continued with Iranian teams until 1986, notably as coach of Esteghlal.

He was the coach of Esteghlal (then known as Taj) from 1996-99 and was at the helm when the Tehran side finished runners-up to Jubilo Iwata in 1999 in the Asian Club Championship. He also coached several Iranian clubs and made a name for himself as a master tactician.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- 1 Compete
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- 12 Be unwell
- 13 After (Fr.)
- 14 Moreover
- 15 "Three-score and ten"
- 17 Multi-purpose truck
- 18 Needle-fish
- 19 Church official
- 21 Throw and catch repeatedly
- 24 Eyelid woe
- 25 Greek H
- 26 Away from NNE
- 28 Calyx component
- 31 Scottish caps
- 33 Prepared
- 35 Judicious
- 36 Ledge
- 38 Selleck or Hanks
- 40 Sister**
- 41 Chums
- 43 Threw
- 45 Footballer's headgear
- 47 Consumed
- 48 Fertility clinic
- 49 Refuse supply holders
- 54 Writing implement
- 55 Level of society
- 56 Female deer
- 57 Type measures
- 58 High-strung bird?
- 59 Praise in verse
- DOWN**
- 1 Actor Kilmer
- 2 Three, in old Rome
- 3 Subordinate
- 4 Cellist Pablo
- 5 Weigh heavily upon
- 6 Lingerie item
- 7 Tears
- 8 Wealth
- 9 Some cookware
- 10 "Do — others ..."
- 11 Paradise
- 16 Early bird?
- 20 Favorable votes
- 21 "West Side Story"**
- 22 Hexagonal state
- 23 Strategies
- 27 Moist
- 29 Chills and fever
- 30 Give for a time
- 32 Bang the door
- 34 As you like it, in a recipe
- 37 Chevy Chase sleuth role
- 39 Mid-May honoree
- 42 Wander off
- 44 Moment
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- 46 Still
- 50 Venomous viper
- 51 Commotion
- 52 "Wynken, Blynken and —"
- 53 Witness

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: HE HAD THIS LARGE CRAVING TO PLACE THINGS INTO LARGE VASES. IT WAS A REAL URNING DESIRE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals I