

**Rain delays  
2nd Eng-Ind  
ODI**

AFP, Southampton

The second one-day international between England and India here on Tuesday was delayed by rain.

The 50-over match had been scheduled to start at 1400BST (1300GMT).

If the match does get underway, England will have Graeme Swann available after he shook off the virus that saw him miss the first match of the series in Durham, which also fell victim to rain.

But the tourists, who have had eight players injured this summer, will have to do without Sachin Tendulkar, who will miss the rest of the series with a toe injury.

**Gooch set for  
English job  
full-time**

AFP, London

Former skipper Graham Gooch is set to become the full-time batting coach of England after his successful stint with the team on a consultancy basis for the last two years.

According to the Daily Telegraph, Gooch will resign from his post with Essex and stay with the England team as a full-time batting coach.

"Gooch has proved a popular member of the backroom team since he was brought into the England management circle by Andy Flower as a part-time batting coach. His position will be made full time and Gooch will leave his post as batting coach with Essex at the end of the season," the report said.

"Gooch will primarily work with the team during Test series and will not be required for one-day commitments. His first tour will be to the United Arab Emirates, where England play Pakistan in a four-match Test series in the new year," it added.

**History repeats**

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match. So as much as it satisfies Obasi to think that a revenge has been exacted, he has some personal scores to settle.

Obasi, a left-winger for his national side with four goals from seventeen appearances, was looking toward to Tuesday's match in Dhaka as an opportunity to lay the ghosts to bed.

"We are looking forward to this match. It would be a very hard match as Argentina are a very strong side. But we have young talented players and we feel strong and confident."

The 25-year-old Hoffenheim player was especially concerned about one man in particular, Lionel Messi, his nemesis from six years ago who has established himself as the best player in the world.

"Messi is the best player in the world, there is no doubt about that. Playing against him won't be an easy job. But we are confident and we feel we can win this match."

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Former national footballer Kaiser Hamid (R) is in discussion with former Nigerian international Emeka at the Gulshan thana yesterday, as they await their release.

**Kaiser, Emeka freed, but frustrated**

SPORTS REPORTER

Former Bangladesh national footballer Kaiser Hamid and Nigeria's World Cup-playing star Emeka Euzigo were released from the Gulshan Police Station yesterday morning after being held overnight for possessing firearms.

Lutful Kabir, deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (Gulshan Division), said they were released from Gulshan Police Station at about 11:30am upon a bond.

"We are still investigating the incident of possessing firearms," said the DC adding that police seized the revolver.

Kaiser and Emeka went straight back to the hotel after their release along with sports commentator Chowdhury Zafarullah Sharafat, who provided the bond for the release, and a couple of friends of the two.

"It was a trifle matter, but they [the security personnel] made a meal of it. I tried to make them understand that it was my revolver and not Emeka's and the revolver was also a licensed one," said a visibly frustrated Kaiser at the hotel lounge. Emeka

though, shocked as he was by the incident, declined to talk to reporters and went straight to his room.

"The incident happened as I went to park my car giving my bag to Emeka. There was congestion which delayed my parking, while in the meantime, Emeka was seized and they thought it was his arms and not mine," said Kaiser. "It was nothing but an incident of misunderstanding."

The release was initiated when Kaiser's friend Sharafat provided the bond in the morning.

"Why would they be detained? Are they criminals, are they convicts, did they shoot someone?" quipped Sharafat as he was asked to comment on the incident.

"This is very unfortunate, very shocking, very surprising. Kaiser is one of the all time best footballers of Bangladesh while Emeka is an internationally renowned player and an invited guest of the BFF. What amazed me more than anything was that no one from the BFF contacted to know the whereabouts of the two players," was the reaction from Sharafat.

**Damiao lifts Brazil**

Football

AFP, London

Leandro Damiao's first half strike gave Brazil a 1-0 win over 10-man Ghana in a no-holds barred friendly here on Monday.

Damiao got the only goal with a clinical finish as the five-time world champions took advantage of extra space in the Ghana defence following Daniel Opare's dismissal.

Opare was sent off by English referee Mike Dean after fouling Brazil captain Lucio and the red card was the inevitable result of Ghana's aggressive approach, which eventually produced six bookings.

Mano Menezes' side were always in control, but the Brazil coach will be disappointed his side didn't turn their possession into further goals.

This friendly at Fulham's Craven Cottage was billed as Ronaldinho's chance for redemption as the former Barcelona star pulled on the famous yellow Brazil shirt for only the second time since being left out of the squad for last year's World Cup.

It seemed Ronaldinho's international exile would be permanent, but the forward -- who won the World Cup with Brazil in 2002 -- has been revitalised by a move to Flamengo.

Ronaldinho's return to form coincided with Menezes's desire for a creative spark to ignite his team, who crashed out of the recent Copa America at the quarterfinal stage and then gave a tepid display in a friendly defeat against Germany.

There was an early glimpse of Ronaldinho's ability to cause havoc from set-pieces as his free-kick picked out Lucio at the far post and the defender forced Ghana goalkeeper Adam Kwarasey into action for the first time.

Ronaldinho's influence waned as the match progressed, but he gave a good

enough performance to suggest he will feature in Menezes' plans for the moment.

Menezes was forced to make an early change when midfielder Ganso, limping off to be replaced by Elias, became a casualty of Ghana's fierce tackling.

The opening stages were notable for some brutal challenges, with Opare shown the yellow card for a crude hack on Neymar and teammate Derek Boateng following him into the book for another cynical foul.

Damiao thought he had given Brazil the lead midway through the first half when he ran onto Neymar's pass and lifted his shot over Kwarasey, but the effort was ruled out for offside.

Ghana's rudimentary approach to tackling backfired in the 34th minute when Opare was sent off after catching Lucio on the ankle as he miscontrolled the ball and lunged to regain possession.

Dean decided the foul was worthy of a second booking and the distraught Opare had to be led off the pitch by Ghana skipper John Pantsil.

Even then Ghana weren't prepared to back off and Jonathan Mensah was booked for another unnecessary foul before Brazil took the lead on the stroke of half-time.

Fernandinho, taking possession just inside the Ghana half, was the provider with a defence-splitting pass that picked out Damiao and the forward kept his composure to steer a fine low finish past Kwarasey.

Brazil were able to play in first gear after the break thanks to their numerical advantage, with a Ronaldinho free-kick and an Alexandre Pato header their only chances.

Ghana's attempts to kick Brazil out of their stride continued and Lee Addy was booked for crunching into Neymar, while Samuel Inkoom was also shown the yellow card by the over-worked Dean.

**'Eita ki chhilo!'**

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voice was put to great effect as he single-handedly started several Mexican waves with his best efforts at Bangla. The crowd warmed to him immediately.

The Nigerian contingent did not go unrepresented. The 50-odd Nigerians who have flown in from around the world put their best foot forward in support of their team with a rousing African traditional dance routine that must have given the Super Eagles some much-needed boost in the face of overwhelming Argentine support.

The most pleasing thing, especially for those who have been witness to the partisan mood during Abahani-Mohammedan games, was the sporting atmosphere. Though most of the screaming voices shouted support for the Argentines, the Nigerians were not begrudged their moments, like the goal immediately after half time. And there were pockets of support for the Nigerians too, but that may have been from Brazil fans.

**Media lesson**

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seats were seen vacant during the game.

So far no criteria was maintained in distributing accreditation as neither BFF media manager Ahmed Sayed Al Fatah or assistant media manager Ashikur Rahman Habibi could explain the policy they followed though both of them took part in many media courses organised by the Asian Football Confederation and FIFA.

But none of the media was deprived to get media accreditation during the ICC World Cup in country.

**Wozniacki survives**

AFP, New York



World number one Caroline Wozniacki came back from a set and 4-1 down to defeat Svetlana Kuznetsova and reach the US Open last

eight on Monday just as her lofty status again looked too heavy a burden to bear.

The Dane, who is still searching for an elusive Grand Slam title to support her top ranking, saw off the tiring 2004 champion Kuznetsova 6-7 (6/8), 7-5, 6-1 and will now tackle Germany's Andrea Petkovic for a place in the semifinals.

In the other quarterfinal in the top half of the draw, three-time winner Serena Williams will clash with Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

It was a huge struggle for the 21-year-old Wozniacki on a night of fluctuating fortunes on Arthur Ashe Stadium in a gruelling 3hr 2min encounter which finished 2330 local time (0330GMT).

She surrendered a 5/2 lead in the first set tiebreak and then slipped 1-4 down in

the second set before 15th-seeded Kuznetsova's game fell to pieces.

Wozniacki evened the contest on a third set point in the second set and then clinched breaks in the first and fifth games of the decider.

Kuznetsova, who was undone by 78 unforced errors, saved four match points in the seventh game but Wozniacki took victory with a smart backhand volley.

Williams reached the last eight with a 6-3, 6-4 breeze past former world number one Ana Ivanovic and will now face Russian 17th seed Pavlyuchenkova, the youngest player left in the draw.

Williams, seeded a lowly 28 after a year spent battling injury and serious illness, has yet to drop a set at Flushing Meadows this year and Ivanovic never looked likely to break that streak.

Williams said she was looking forward to building on her career tournament victories of 39, which are second only to sister Venus (43) and Kim Clijsters (41) amongst active players.

But she was worried over where she will put any more trophies.

Pavlyuchenkova battled back to defeat seventh-seeded Italian Francesca Schiavone 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 to reach her first US Open quarterfinal in a mistake-plagued clash.

Pavlyuchenkova triumphed in a match-up of the youngest and oldest players -- 20 and 31 -- left in the women's event.

But the tie, which opened the programme on Labor Day, a national holiday in the US, was not for the purist with 21 double faults, 16 breaks of serve and a combined 95 unforced errors.

Petkovic defeated unseeded Spaniard Carla Suarez Navarro 6-1, 6-4 to reach her first US Open quarterfinal having made the last eight at the Australian Open and at Roland Garros this year.

The first two quarterfinals take place on Tuesday with Vera Zvonareva, the second seeded Russian and runner-up last year, facing Australian Samantha Stosur, the ninth seed.

Italian 26th seed Flavia Pennetta tackles unseeded German Angelique Kerber.

**PCB defends handling of spot-fixing**

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan's cricket authorities on Monday defended their handling of the spot-fixing scandal last year which led to three Test players being given lengthy bans from the game.

In August 2010, Britain's now-defunct News of the World tabloid alleged captain Salman Butt and fast bowlers Mohammad Aamer and Mohammad Asif had arranged deliberate no-balls for money from an agent during the Lord's Test against England.

The case rocked Pakistan cricket and led to Butt being banned for 10 years, with five suspended, Asif for seven with two suspended and Aamer for five. The trio also face criminal proceedings in London.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Monday rejected allegations from Asif that it had failed to handle the case properly.

"PCB notes with deep regret that an attempt is being made through the media that PCB failed in its duty to protect the three cricketers who were accused of spot-fixing," said a release, referring to claims Asif made in a television interview last week.

The PCB said it did everything it could to defend the players, hiring top British lawyers and sending a legal adviser to accompany them to the police station.

**Messi says...**

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and half as they couldn't do so on Monday.

On way to the BNS, the Argentina team were greeted by the crowds standing on both sides of the road. After playing the friendly match, Argentina team is scheduled to leave Bangladesh in the early hours of today.

**Fed-Tsonga rematch**

AFP, New York



World number one Novak Djokovic set up an all-Serbian quarterfinal at the US Open on Monday, while Roger Federer and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga advanced to a Grand Slam rematch.

Djokovic, who has lost just two matches in a spectacular season that has seen him win the Australian Open and Wimbledon as he surged to number one, defeated Alexandr Dolgoplov 7-6 (16/14), 6-4, 6-2 to advance to a last-eight meeting with friend and Davis Cup teammate Janko Tipsarevic.

Third-seeded Federer dismantled unseeded Argentinian Juan Monaco 6-1, 6-2, 6-0 to line up a clash with France's Tsonga, the man who rallied from two sets down to beat him in the Wimbledon quarterfinals.

Tsonga, the 11th seed, doused the hopes of eighth-seeded American Mardy Fish 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Their three-hour, 43-minute tussle on the Arthur Ashe court helped ensure that Federer didn't take the court until shortly before midnight.

Federer and Monaco also had to wait out the protracted battle between women's world number one Caroline Wozniacki and former champion Svetlana Kuznetsova.

Once they had, a focused Federer appeared determined not to stay up any later than he had to.

He won the first set in 18 minutes and by the time it was all over he had blasted 42 winners -- including 14 aces -- past the hapless Monaco.

After breaking Monaco in the opening game of the second set, Federer won the next game with four straight aces.

"It's only a game, only a few points, but it's nice to win it that way," Federer said.

"It's tough for Juan," Federer said. "I've been in his position before. I thought he fought bravely. Sometimes it's not your time -- tonight it was mine."

Tsonga and Fish, in contrast, battled for almost four hours, both finding the going tough in the swirling afternoon winds.

"Today was just really difficult because of Mardy, of course, because of the wind, because of all the conditions," said Tsonga, who also beat Federer in Montreal in August.

For Fish, playing his first Grand Slam as America's top-ranked man, it was a bitter pill to swallow after a hardcourt victory and two finals appearances in the build-up to the US Open.

Djokovic, playing out on the smaller Louis Armstrong Stadium, also struggled with the wind and with the unpredictable Dolgoplov in the early going, needing six set points -- and

saving four -- to claim the marathon first-set tiebreaker.

Ugly or not, the packed house loved it, and Djokovic said he was happy to play a match on the more intimate Armstrong court.

Two straight forehand errors from Djokovic gave Dolgoplov a 4-0 lead in the tiebreaker.

A favorable net cord helped Djokovic take the next point to launch a run of five straight, and he finally finished it off when Dolgoplov sent a forehand long.

From there Djokovic was in control, opening each of the next two sets with service breaks and rolling home from there.

Djokovic said it would be difficult to play Tipsarevic in the quarterfinals, but the match-up has an upside.

"There's going to be a Serbian in the semifinals, which is great for our country," he said.

Tipsarevic, 27, reached the last eight of a Grand Slam for the first time, his 20 aces helping him prevail in a baseline battle against former world number one Juan Carlos Ferrero 7-5, 6-7 (3/7), 6-5, 6-2.

The quarterfinal lineup will be completed on Tuesday, when defending champion and second seed Rafael Nadal takes on unseeded Gilles Muller of Luxembourg and world number four Andy Murray tackles young American Donald Young.

Fifth-seeded David Ferrer of Spain faces America's former world number one Andy Roddick, and French 12th seed Gilles Simon meets big-serving American John Isner.

**Thank you**

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it's very difficult to keep up. 'El Pugla' or the flea as Messi is popularly known dashed past no less than four panting Nigerian defenders and was about to score when he was denied by the Nigerian keeper only for teammate Angel Di Maria to tap home into an empty net. The goal may have been scored by Di Maria but it was Messi's run that will be etched in the memory forever.

Messi was so charged up after the second goal that he committed a foul tackling an opponent from behind, a rare occurrence. 2-0 up, and Argentina were beginning to take their step off the gas. The game was effectively over.

Even though Nigeria came back strongly in the second period, Messi's name was chanted every time he touched the ball which was few and far between as the game wore to an end.

But it was clear; Messi left Bangladesh breathless and the country appreciated as much.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

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- 4 Agreed
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- 18 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"
- 19 Isn't honest with
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- 24 Apple computer
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- 35 Slugger Sammy
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- 38 Society new-comer
- 40 "— the fields we go"
- 41 Some reddish deer
- 43 Chopped down
- 45 Islamic decree (Var.)
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- 56 Genetic stuff
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- 58 Lipstick alternative
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- 11 Glitch in print
- 16 Something (Suff.)
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- 22 Notion, in Nantes
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- 27 Young fellow
- 29 "Got it"
- 30 Hallmark item
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