

**Dead Newlife the winner!**

AFP, London

British charity Oxfam has won more than 100,000 pounds thanks to Roger Federer's victory at Wimbledon after being left a bet in a gambler's will.

Tennis lover Nick Newlife, from Oxford, southern England, placed a bet of 1,520 pounds at odds of 66 to 1 almost ten years ago with bookmakers William Hill on Federer winning seven or more Wimbledon titles.

But Newlife died in 2009 and left his entire estate -- including the 2003 betting slip -- to Oxfam, which provides emergency and development aid around the world.

The charity can now collect 101,840 pounds.

Federer beat Britain's Andy Murray 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 Sunday to join Pete Sampras and William Renshaw as a seven-time Wimbledon champion and rack up his 17th Grand Slam win.

Despite most of Britain rooting for Murray, who was bidding to become the first British Wimbledon men's champion for 76 years, Oxfam said its staff were backing the Swiss tennis star in the hope of securing the giant windfall.

"All of Oxfam have been cheering Federer's progress for the past couple of weeks," said Oxfam's Andrew Barton.

"The real hero, though, must be Mr. Newlife, for his generous gift and his tremendous sporting acumen."

Oxfam, which earlier picked up 16,750 pounds from another bet by Newlife that Federer would win 14 Grand Slam events, hopes the donations will inspire others to give.

It said the latest payout was enough to provide a month's worth of food for 10,000 people hit by the food crisis in west Africa, where millions are affected by a drought in the Sahel region.

**Azarenka gets back top spot**

AFP, Paris

Belarusian Victoria Azarenka returned to the world number one spot in the latest rankings released on Monday thanks to American Serena Williams' victory over Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska in the Wimbledon final.

Radwanska needed to win Saturday's final to take the world number one ranking but had to settle for a move up from third to second.

Australian Open champion Azarenka reclaims the ranking that she lost to Maria Sharapova after the Russian's French Open success last month.

Sharapova's fourth round defeat in Wimbledon meant she would lose her number one ranking to either Azarenka or Radwanska. Williams moves up two places to fourth after winning a fifth title at the All England Club.

**Bangladesh**

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in the air-conditioned room, a facility we never had in the past," said Palak.

India are considered the favourites in the five-nation meet followed by Sri Lanka but Bangladesh dream to topple Sri Lanka to grab the second position.

"We fought against India before going down closely every time but we recorded victories over Sri Lanka, that's why we are hopeful of finishing second in the meet. Besides, the players' satisfactory performance at the international level for the last two years is inspiring us to dream of becoming runners-up," said Palak.

Bangladesh men's squad: Hafizur Rahman, Mohammad Ali Robin, Hemayet Uddin and Monir Uzzaman.

Women's squad: Farzana Banu Shilpi, Farzana Akter, Afsana Nasrin and Farhana Prety.



PHOTO: AFP

Britain's Andy Murray wipes his tears after losing the Wimbledon final to Roger Federer of Switzerland at the All England Tennis Club on Sunday.

**Murray loses fight but wins hearts**

AFP, London



Andy Murray may have failed in his attempt to become the first British man since 1936 to win Wimbledon, but he has finally succeeded in capturing Britain's heart, the country's press said Monday.

Murray's valiant defeat to Roger Federer and his emotional post-match interview exposed sides of the Scot not often displayed in public, and suggests that he may not have to wait long to break his grand slam duck, the papers argued.

The nation's collective bottom lip wobbled when Murray broke down in tears after the match, with watching girlfriend Kim Sears and the Duchess of Cambridge both succumbing to the emotion.

"Don't cry girls, he did us proud", splashed the Daily Mail across its front page, reflecting a shift in the nation's complex relationship with its leading tennis player.

The centre-right Mail has not always offered its unreserved support for Murray, and he has often been accused of being dour and emotionless on court.

He also generated unwanted headlines when he jokingly said his favourite football team was any one which was playing England. He has since had to endure a well-worn joke that he is only British when he wins and Scottish when he loses.

Times columnist Matthew Syed said that the positivity shown in defeat meant he had shaken off the traditional British tag of "plucky loser" and had now become "a winner in waiting".

"His tennis was, at times, sublime," he wrote. "He started fast, got quicker, and was reeled in only when his opponent started reaching levels of genius rarely seen on Centre Court."

The Mail's Martin Samuel wrote "he did

not lose because he choked. He did not lose because he moaned. He did not surrender to injury, or mislay his focus under the incredible weight of history bearing down on him."

Instead, Samuel added, he was merely victim of being born in the same generation as the greatest players ever to grace a court.

Simon Barnes of the Times also said he "can't find it in my heart to blame a guy for coming second to the greatest tennis player that ever swung a racket."

The Guardian's Kevin Mitchell called Murray "a champion without a crown".

Reflecting on his public popularity, the columnist argued it was a shame that "love for him may never be universal".

"For those who wish him ill it is also their loss, because one day they may have to stand up and cheer him," he added.

The Daily Telegraph noted that "Murray has at times endured a difficult relationship with the wider sporting public who have accused him in the past of being surly."

"However, anyone who witnessed the outpouring of emotions today could be left in no doubt as to how much the pursuit of a grand slam meant to him and the respect he held for those who gave him their support," added the broadsheet.

Popular tabloid the Sun chose to look forward to the next event in Britain's summer of sport with the headline "Anyone for Ennis?" in reference to heptathlete Jessica Ennis, one of the country's best Olympic medal hopes.

It was a record-equalling seventh Wimbledon title for Federer and his 17th Grand Slam crown.

Federer, playing in his eighth Wimbledon final and 24th Grand Slam championship match, won 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 to join Pete Sampras and William Renshaw as a seven-time champion.

**Quarter of Britain saw men's final**

AFP, London

More than a quarter of the British population tuned in to watch home favourite Andy Murray in the Wimbledon men's final, figures released Monday showed.

Murray's failed bid Sunday to become the first British Wimbledon men's singles champion since 1936 drew the highest domestic television audience for a Wimbledon final since at least 1990, the BBC said.

The British Broadcasting Corporation said viewing figures for the nail-biting match peaked at 16.9 million.

The Office for National Statistics' latest population estimate, for mid-2010, gives a figure of 62.262 million, meaning that around 27 percent of the British population tuned in to watch the match.

Murray, the first British Wimbledon men's finalist since 1938, was beaten 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 by Swiss great Roger Federer, who won his seventh Wimbledon crown and returned to the top of the world rankings.

Emotionally drained, the British number one broke down in tears during his post-match interview on court.

Figures showed that an average of 11.4 million viewers tuned in for the duration of the BBC's coverage.

The match lasted three hours and 24 minutes, excluding a rain break.

**'Fed is the #GOAT'**

AFP, London



Roger Federer praised golf superstar Tiger Woods on Sunday for the American's support as he stormed to a record-equalling seventh Wimbledon title.

Woods tweeted Federer after the Swiss star had claimed a 17th Grand Slam crown by beating Andy Murray 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 in the final, although Federer didn't need to resort to social media to find that out.

Woods had already sent him a personal message of congratulation.

"Hats off to Murray for a great fight. But we saw why Fed is the #GOAT," tweeted Woods, using the short form for 'greatest of all time'.

"I didn't need to get it through Twitter, I got one from himself," Federer told reporters.

"He was very pumped up these last couple days for me. He was very supportive." Woods currently has 14 majors as he attempts to chase down Jack Nicklaus's all-time best of 18.

Federer's win on Sunday took him level with Pete Sampras's record of seven Wimbledon titles and guaranteed a return to the world number one spot where he will start a 285th week from Monday.

Sampras was number one for a total of 286 weeks.

"It's nice when other greats like this do believe in me. They push me further," said Federer.

"I wish him [Tiger] the best as well. He knows that. Obviously with Facebook and

Twitter and all this it's much more public now. But it feels great to receive so much support from such great athletes."

Federer wouldn't reveal what Woods's personal message had been.

"Just happy, you know. Whatever. You can make it up," he joked.

Federer, only the third man over 30 to win Wimbledon and the second oldest behind Andre Agassi to take the world top ranking, was happy to name-check a host of sporting inspirations.

Murray even praised the Swiss star's movement on court, likening it to the silky ease and grace of Brazilian football legend Pele.

"If I can help the game of tennis with the image or making it more popular, that's enough for me really," Federer said.

"I want to leave the game better off than when I came into this great game, which was already unbelievable with the great rivalries we had -- Becker and Edberg, Courier and Agassi and Sampras.

"I drew a lot of inspiration from other great athletes in other sports -- like Sampras and Edberg and Becker, maybe Michael Jordan, Tiger, Valentino Rossi. They inspire me to keep on pushing further.

"You know, not just being happy with world number one or being happy with a Grand Slam title, but maybe to reach for more.

"Then obviously I have to drive myself. But you sometimes do need to see someone else do it for a long time so that you feel it is actually possible."

**Bolt v Blake promises true Games firework**

REUTERS, London



The men's 100 metres is the jewel in the Olympic crown and Yohan Blake's surprise humanisation of Usain Bolt has ensured that next month's showdown will be a race worthy of the Games rather than a mere time trial for the defending champion.

World champion Blake beat Bolt over 100m and 200m in the Jamaican trials and though the double world record holder was carrying a minor injury, the upsets have added real spice to the London 2012 sprints.

With fellow Jamaican Asafa Powell and Americans Tyson Gay and Justin Gatlin also in hot form and injury free, the 100m final on Aug. 5 is promising to live up to its billing as the hottest ticket in town.

There are plenty of others, though, for the sport at the heart of the Olympics.

As one of the few countries to send organised supporter tours to overseas athletics events, Britain has a long-standing love of the sport and the atmosphere in the Olympic Stadium is certain to be something to remember.

It is likely to peak when Mo Farah bids to become the first Briton to win a long distance gold when he goes in the 10,000 metres and possibly again in the 5,000.

Heptathlete Jessica Ennis and 400 metres hurdler Dai Greene represent Britain's other best hopes of gold in a programme again likely to be dominated by the United States, Russia, Jamaica and the East African nations.

The U.S. topped the athletics medal table in Beijing with seven golds among a haul of 23 but they were knocked off their traditional perch in the sprints by Jamaica.

The Caribbean island will send a squad of

stupendous quality led again, despite his trials setback, by Bolt.

Having wowed the world with his showboating world record run in Beijing then lowered his mark to a stunning 9.58 seconds in Berlin two years later, all the talk since has been about how fast he could go in London.

But training partner Blake, who won the 2011 world title when Bolt was disqualified for a false start, showed that there is a race to be won first when he clocked a personal best and season-leading 9.75 to win the Jamaican trials then repeated the dose with victory in the 200m.

Bolt opted out of a planned race in Monaco later this month to have treatment on a tight hamstring so the next time he leaves the blocks competitively will be in his 100m heat on Aug. 4.

Nobody, least of all Blake, will be thinking Bolt Has had his day, but the champion will have to be fully recovered physically, and mentally secure of his fitness, to explode out of the blocks and avoid the shocking start he had in the trials.

That could open the door for his rivals.

"I'm the Olympic champion so I have to show the world I am still the best," said Bolt, who will team up with Blake to defend Jamaica's 4x100m relay title.

"I know what I need to do to get it right. I just have to get my stuff together."

Jamaica took a 1-2-2 in the women's 100m four years ago with Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce winning gold ahead of tied-second Sherone Simpson and Kerron Stewart.

Fraser-Pryce, who ran a personal best 10.70 to win the Jamaican trials, Stewart and Veronica Campbell-Brown will line up in the 100, with the latter also bidding for an unprecedented third successive 200m gold.

**KP could be back**

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in September.

"I still hope there might be a compromise for the World Twenty20 in Sri Lanka," he said. "The squad hasn't been announced.

"I would love to play in that and defend our title with England. If it happens, great, but I'm not holding my breath."

England's geography means that, uniquely among cricket countries, they are guaranteed a near year-long programme of international cricket.

However, Pietersen's critics insist he could have kept playing for England in all three major formats and still have given himself a break if he'd opted out of the lucrative Twenty20 Indian Premier League.

But Pietersen said expecting him, or other world stars, to miss the IPL was unrealistic and that his participation wasn't simply a matter of cash.

"Okay, the ECB [England and Wales Cricket Board] may say me playing in the IPL makes it hard to rest me but what annoys me is that, with every other board the IPL is a matter of fact. It's not going away," he said.

"It's going to be there and players want to play in it. Players want to go and earn their money and unless you let them decisions will have to be made.

"Big players want to play in front of big audiences. You want to hear your name chanted by 50,000 people. It's amazing. It makes you feel so good.

"The window for that has been created by the other boards but unfortunately not ours."

England have so far coped well without Pietersen and lead Australia 3-0 in a five-match one-day series ahead of Tuesday's finale at Old Trafford.

In particular Ian Bell, since being recalled to the one-day side in Pietersen's place as an opener, has scored 364 runs in five innings at an impressive average of 72.8.

**Tamim wants**

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said Tamim.

Tamim failed to practice together with his teammates due to muscle injury but the left-hander hoped that he will be able to play the only practice match in Ireland before the three-match series.

"Actually I could not participate in the practice with the team because of injury but I hope that I will be fully fit before the practice match in Ireland. It is quite nice, the way we are preparing for the tour and I hope that we will perform well and win all the matches," said a confident Tamim.

**Ajax win**

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5-1 defeat to winless Bangladesh Police AC.

Indian recruit Gagandip Singh scored two goals while Rakib Uddin, Barkat Singh and Gurujant Singh netted one goal each for Bangladesh SC. Rana Das struck the consolation goal for Police.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

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