

Generations together!

PTI, New Delhi

Indian Premier League on Sunday witnessed one of its most memorable moments when Sachin Tendulkar walked up to legendary Sir Vivian Richards, who has just been engaged as an advisor with rival team Delhi Daredevils.

It was a scene worth capturing when Daredevils mentor TA Sekar informed Tendulkar about Richards's arrival.

Tendulkar, who was engaged in a knocking session, just dropped all work and trudged slowly towards the iconic West Indian as they were cheered lustily by all those present at the stadium.

First, they were engaged in bear hug and then Richards pointed at Sachin's abs and patted it as they shared a hearty laugh.

May be the king was pointing out that even at 40, Tendulkar doesn't have an inch of slab.

Then Richards took hold of Sachin's bat, had a close look and did a bit of shadow practice.

After a 10-minute session with Tendulkar, Richards along with Sekar walked towards his team's training session.

As the boys welcomed him with a clap, he again had some words of wisdom in his pep talk during the official team huddle before the players dispersed.

London mourns Boston victims

AFP, London

Ethiopia's Tsegaye Kebede

and Priscah Jeptoo of Kenya triumphed at a sombre London Marathon

on Sunday, as runners

paid tribute to the victims

of the deadly bomb

attacks at the Boston

Marathon.

Kebede hunted down 2011 champion

Emmanuel Mutai to win

the men's race, while

Jeptoo surged to victory in

the women's event, eight

months on from her sec-

ond-place finish at the

London Olympics.

The men's and mass

start races were preceded by a 30-second silence in memory of the three people killed and around 180

injured in Monday's

bombings in Boston,

while competitors donned

black ribbons in tribute.

After a frenetic start in

the men's race, Mutai led

Stanley Biwott, Feyisha

Lilesa and Ayele Abshero

past the 30-kilometre mark

just 10 seconds outside

world-record pace.

African

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20/20 Chicken, Hookers

Chicken Wings, Captain's

Chicken. Best of them all,

however, is Hattrick

Chicken -- succulent

chicken breast topped with

gooey cheese and deli-

cious mushrooms. A

cricket fan could not ask

for more than to watch live

action from behind the

long off fielder while rel-

ishing the hattrick.

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backup, which managed two

keep one or two lights work.

Meanwhile, the elec-

tronic scoreboard for the

athletics events, which has

been belatedly repaired, will

be put to test today as the

events of athletics start today.



Members of an International Cricket Council delegation inspect the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Sunday. This stadium is a proposed venue for the next year's ICC T20 World Cup. The six-member delegation yesterday also visited Cox's Bazar, where the Bangladesh Cricket Board is in the process of building a stadium that will host the women's T20 World Cup matches. The ICC team, which arrived here on April 17, has already inspected venues at Sylhet, Fatullah, Savar and Mirpur.

PHOTO: STAR

Miller pulls of a thriller

Delhi taste first win

INTERNET, Delhi



David Miller hit two towering sixes in the final over as Kings XI Punjab pulled off a nail-biting victory over Pune Warriors in an IPL match at Mohali yesterday.

And Luke Wright went from hero to villain in the space of 100 minutes. His cameo of 34 off 10 balls helped Pune Warriors post 185, but in the face of an assault from Miller (80 off 41 balls) and sensible support from Mandeep Singh (77 of 58 balls), Wright blinked and failed to defend 15 in the last over.

Miller finished it off hitting the penultimate ball, a full toss that crashed into the crowd over long off.

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Mumbai Indians won the toss and elected to bat in the Feroz Shah Kotla stadium in Delhi. They managed 161-4 off their 20 overs, with Rohit Sharma at number three topscoring with 73 off 43 balls.

Opener Sachin Tendulkar hit 54, off four more balls than that, Dwayne Smith (8) lasted just 12 balls at the start of the innings and Dinesh Karthik fell for just two batting at four.

Kieron Pollard made the total more competitive with 19 not out in the last few overs.

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SCORES IN BRIEF

MUMBAI INDIANS: 161 for 4 in 20 overs (Tendulkar 54, Rohit 73, Pollard 19 not out; Yadav 2-31)

DELHI DAREDEVILS: 165 for 1 in 17 overs (Jayawardene 59, Sehwag 95 not out; Malinga 1-26)

Result: Delhi Daredevils won by 9 wickets.

Player-of-the-match: Virender Sehwag.

PUNE WARRIORS: 185 for 4 (Finch 64, Wright 34, Yuvraj 34)

KINGS XI PUNJAB: 186 for 3 (Miller 80 not out, Mandeep 77 not out)

Result: Kings XI Punjab won by 7 wickets

Player-of-the-match: Miller

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shots woefully inappropriate for the match situation at the time.

The skipper himself admitted after the four-day debacle that some of the batsmen had played at balls they could have left. The rush to 95 for one on the second evening probably did more harm than good. The batsmen seemed to have thought that chasing down 389 would be a breeze, and four runs an over would be the norm. Kyle Jarvis, Zimbabwe's best fast bowler, said that after that evening there were some harsh words spoken and the bowlers returned more disciplined the following morning. Zimbabwe's improved discipline and Taylor's batting, more than demons on the pitch or superb bowling, did Bangladesh in.

There are inferences to draw from this. In 2011 too it was the greater discipline of Zimbabwe that saw them winning a Test upon return from a self-imposed exile of five years. One final question would be: why are Bangladesh so willing to graft against Sri Lanka and so unwilling against Zimbabwe, even when the pitch warrants it? In 2011, the lasting impression from the tour was that Bangladesh did not pay Zimbabwe due respect. From the evidence of the first Test too, it seems that Zimbabwe were the side desperate to win the match, much like Bangladesh were desperate to draw the first Test against Sri Lanka after the hosts had piled up 570 in their first innings. But in Harare, the overwhelming impression was that they expected to win, but once the match began, had no idea how.

SL wins High Commission match-up

SPORTS REPORTER

The Sri Lankan High Commission (SHC) beat the British High Commission (BHC) by eight wickets at the National Cricket Association Ground at Mirpur in a 20-over friendly cricket match yesterday.

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Romana

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Mahfizur's teammate Rubel Rana also kept his dominance in the 50m backstroke after grabbing gold in Bangladesh Games. Rubel made the 50m backstroke of his own since 2002.

The teams will play their next ODI on Tuesday.

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Games corner

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BASKETBALL

Rajshahi, Chandpur, Gazipur and Khulna won their respective matches on the opening day of the event at the Dhamondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday. Rajshahi beat Kushtia by 64-14 points, Chandpur outplayed Comilla by 72-44 points, Gazipur defeated Rangpur by 68-40 points and Khulna thrashed Sathkhira by 107-41 points in their respective matches.

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Djokovic ends Nadal's reign

Tennis

AFP, Monte Carlo

Novak Djokovic ended Rafael Nadal's dreams of a record ninth successive Monte Carlo Masters title with a 6-2, 7-6 (7/1) victory in the final on Sunday.

The world number one had been a doubtful starter this week with an injured ankle but played through the pain to lift his first trophy in the principality, the 37th of his career and 14th at the Masters 1000 level.

It was also a huge psychological boost ahead of next month's French Open where Nadal is a record seven-time champion.

Nadal had reigned supreme at the Monte Carlo Country Club since his last loss in 2003, when he was still a teenager, and had won every edition since 2005.

Djokovic, who achieved the win in one hour, 51 minutes, was overwhelmed to have beaten the king of clay.

"It's such a great pleasure to win here, it's very special," said the Serb who is based in the principality.

"I live here and love this event Rafa, it was a pleasure again, thanks for allowing

me to win here at least once," he joked during the trophy ceremony.

"I can't ask for a better start to the clay season."

The winner admitted that the ankle he rolled earlier this month had been a huge concern.

"I didn't know if I could be a part of this year. But I made the decision to play -- and it was the best decision I've made in my life."

Nadal, who returned to tennis in February after seven months out with a knee injury, stands 38-6 in clay finals, losing to only three players -- Djokovic (three times) Roger Federer (twice) and Horacio Zeballos (once).

Before the final, the Spaniard had lost only one set all week after playing in his fifth straight final since his return to the circuit.

"What Novak is doing is just amazing," said the losing finalist.

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