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England v South Africa

First Test

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Wimbledon
Second Round
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TEN 3

Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe

Third ODI

Live from 10:15am

MARADONA IN HOT WATER

A Russian journalist has filed a formal complaint against football idol Diego Maradona accusing him of forcibly removing her dress during an interview, it's been reported. The 56-year-old Argentine legend denies the claim and his aides allege the reporter "started undressing herself" prompting him to call hotel security in St Petersburg. Ekaterina Nadolskaya, 30, said she had been in the lobby bar of his hotel when they started talking. "I asked him for an interview. He invited me to his room," she said. "Maradona shut the door, and first starting answering my questions and then began harassing me," she said. He forced off her dress and she "managed to stop the harassment only when she was in her underwear," reported newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda. She told SM News - for which she works - "I got scared and threatened him I would call the police. In turn, he called the hotel security service. "Three people carried me to the corridor."

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The bookies' favourite for the Wimbledon title, Petra Kvitova's campaign ended with an erratic performance yesterday when she was beaten in three sets by Madison Brengle in the second round.

Murray in Round 3 as Kvitova exits

AFP, London



Andy Murray comfortably overcame everything the unorthodox Dustin Brown served up Wednesday as the defending champion breezed into the third round at Wimbledon, where players battled sizzling temperatures and flying ants.

Venus Williams, Kei Nishikori and Johanna Konta ground out victories to make the last 32, while new mum Victoria Azarenka continued her comeback bid for Grand Slam glory.

However, Petra Kvitova, who is playing in her second Grand Slam since recovering from a terrifying knife attack in her home was knocked out by Madison Brengle 6-3, 1-6, 6-2. Kvitova is a two-time Wimbledon champion and was the bookmakers' favourite for the 2017 title.

Brown, the deadlocked German with Jamaican roots, knocked out Rafael Nadal in the second round two years ago at the All England Club.

However, world number one Murray was not caught out by his extrovert drop shots, racing to a ruthless 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory on Centre Court.

Next up for Murray is a clash with colourful Italian 28th seed Fabio Fognini in

Friday's third round.

US five-time champion Williams survived a scare against Chinese rising star Wang Qiang, eventually winning 4-6, 6-4, 6-1. Williams faces Japan's Naomi Osaka in Friday's third round.

Former world number one Azarenka, playing her first Grand Slam tournament since giving birth to first child Leo in December, knocked out Russian 15th seed Elena Vesnina 6-3, 6-3.

The 2012 and 2013 Australian Open champion, 27, could become the first mother to win the Wimbledon singles since Evonne Goolagong Cawley in 1980.

British sixth seed Konta reached the Wimbledon third round for the first time with a marathon 7-6 (8/6), 4-6, 10-8 win over Donna Vekic which left her opponent in tears.

Nishikori dug deep to keep his Wimbledon hopes alive as the Japanese ninth seed ground out a 6-4, 6-7 (7/9), 6-1, 6-2 (8/6) win over Ukrainian qualifier Sergiy Stakhovsky.

Seeds Marin Cilic, Gilles Muller, Steve Johnson and Karen Khachanov made it through, however Lucas Pouille was knocked out by Jerzy Janowicz, a 2013 semi-finalist.

Russia's temperamental Daniil Medvedev, who had knocked out world number three Stan Wawrinka, crashed out to Belgian qualifier Ruben Bemelmans.

Window into Wimbledon

ANT ATTACK

Plagued by an invasion of flying ants at Wimbledon, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga admitted the insect attack had got up his nose. Tsonga was bothered by the annoying bugs throughout his 6-1, 7-5, 6-2 victory over Simone Bolelli in the second round on Wednesday. Several other players were also seen swatting away the ants, but the 12th seed had an especially intimate encounter when one flew up his nose and another into his ear.

"That was strange. I had a few experiences in the United States sometimes. With the light at night sometimes you have big bugs. Or in Australia also you have these kind of things," he said. "But this was a little bit different, because these ones was very small but a lot. So it was special sometimes, it was in my nose and in my ear."

MEDVEDEV LOSES HIS MARBLES, AND COINS

Daniil Medvedev, who had sensationally beaten U.S. Open champion Stan Wawrinka on Monday, suffered a meltdown on Court 16 following his 6-4 6-2 3-6 2-6 6-3 second-round loss to Ruben Bemelmans.

Medvedev grabbed his wallet and pulled out some coins before hurling them towards the foot of the umpire Mariana Alves's chair.

"In the heat of the moment, I did a bad thing. I apologise for this," the 21-year-old Russian said. "(It) was very hot out there. So I actually don't remember what I said during the match."

Medvedev admitted he was frustrated with a call made by Alves in the fifth set and that while packing up his belongings after the match, he saw his wallet and snapped.

SELECTED MATCHES (SECOND ROUND)

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA 12) bt Simone Bolelli (ITA) 6-1, 7-5, 6-2
Sam Querrey (USA 24) bt Nikoloza Basilashvili (GEO) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3
Gilles Muller (LUX 16) bt Lukas Rosol (CZE) 7-5, 6-7 (7/9), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2
Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP 18) bt Peter Gojowczyk (GER) 6-2, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3
Dominika Cibulkova (SVK 8) bt Jennifer Brady (USA) 6-4, 6-4
Victoria Azarenka (BLR) bt Elena Vesnina (RUS 15) 6-3, 6-3

Fahad, Jannatul slip to second

SPORTS REPORTER

FIDE Master Fahad Rahman and Jannatul Ferdous slipped to the second position from top in their respective groups of the Commonwealth Chess Championship at the end of the third round in New Delhi yesterday.

Both Fahad and Jannatul, who led their U14 and U12 groups respectively with two straight wins, stumbled in the third round. Fahad drew against India's Vrindesh Parekh while Jannatul drew against India's Salhwika.

They both have 2.5 points. In the open section, GM Ziaur Rahman and GM Enamul Hossain Razib returned to winning ways but GM Abdullah Al Rakib and GM Niaz Mursheed were held to draws in their second matches.

Zia beat India's Abirama Srinithi and Razib beat South Africa's Klavansky Aron while Rakib drew with India's Nayak Rajesh, Niaz drew with India's Joshi Govind Ballash and FM Taibur Rahman drew with India's Gagare Shalmali. They were scheduled to play their third round matches last night.

Rakib, Niaz and Taibur have 1.5 points each while Zia, Razib, WIM Shamima Akter and Hanif Mollah earned one point from two matches.

Harun looks to inspire young guns

SPORTS REPORTER

Successful coach Mahabub Harun yesterday took charge of a youthful hockey team for a fresh start after being reappointed last month to guide the national team in the upcoming 10th Men's Asia Cup, which is scheduled to be held in Dhaka from October 12 to 22.

Of the 40-member preliminary squad, 35 players reported yesterday and the preparation camp will get underway today at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium. Mamunur Rahman Chayan, Milon Hossain, Sabbir Rana are expected to join the camp soon while Ashraful Islam and Emon will join the camp after returning home from Germany.

Having taken the responsibility of the national team again, Harun vowed to improve Bangladesh's position in the eight-team tournament with a youthful squad where veteran players like Rasel Mahmud Jimmy, Kamruzzaman Rana, Imran Hasan Pintu and Krishna Kumar have not been included.

"We will be playing as the lowest ranked side in the Asia Cup and we are looking forward to improving our position. Our target will be to finish sixth," Harun said yesterday.

With that target in mind, Bangladesh need to perform well against big giants like Japan, Malaysia or China and beat gradually improving Oman. Now the obvious question is whether the young side have the ability to overcome those superior ranking sides?

Coach Mahabub Harun (2nd from L) speaks to his young players on the first day of training camp at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.



PHOTO: STAR

"I can't make any comment at the moment but we have a plan to play a few practice matches against strong sides. After that I will be able to say something about our chances," Harun said. "We have three months' time left and there are a lot of new faces. We should have some experienced players along with the fresh ones, but I think the squad will not be bad this time."

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"Apart from a few senior players, all are young. But if they can put their best according to the coach's instruction, then good results are expected on home ground," said Mimo.

"I have to admit that the ability of this squad is not comparable with the one that played in the 2013 tournament, but if we can be fit physically and improve our technique, we can hope to produce good results under Harun bhai, who knows the ability of the players," said Mimo.

been included in the squad.

"Jimmy was suspended for disciplinary reasons, which I can't talk about. However I will sit with the selection committee to talk about the other players whom I need," said Harun, who however feels lucky to have Niloy and Mimo, with both players playing brilliantly to guide Bangladesh Army to the National Hockey Championship title this year.

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"Jimmy, Rana, Pintu, Krishna, Pushkar Khisha Mimo, Hasan Jubair Niloy played key roles during that tournament in Delhi, but this time Harun will get only Mimo and Niloy among those as the others have not

Lacazette strikes record deal with Arsenal

AFP, Lyon

Arsenal signed France striker Alexandre Lacazette from Lyon for a club-record fee that could rise to 60 million euros (\$68m, £52.56m), the two clubs confirmed on Wednesday.

The transfer fee is also a new record sale for the Ligue 1 outfit, worth an initial 53m euros, according to a statement on the Lyon website.

The deal beats the 50m euros that Arsenal paid to bring Mesut Ozil to the Emirates from Real Madrid in 2013, while it sees Lyon break their highest sale for the second time in a month after seeing midfielder Corentin Tolisso move to Bayern Munich for 47.5m euros.

Arsenal said the 26-year-old had signed a "long-term contract", which British media reported to be for five years.

"We are very happy to have Alexandre join our group. He has shown over a number of years that he can score goals and that he is a very efficient finisher," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said in a statement.

"As well, he has very interesting technical qualities and a strong character."

"So he is a guy who is a great addition for us, and someone who will help us challenge at the top level this season."

Lacazette will be hoping that the move to

Arsenal can help boost his hopes of cementing a place in the France squad ahead of next year's World Cup, having only played one international in the last two years.

The north London club will be expecting Lacazette to add some much-needed firepower up front, after a disappointing fifth-placed finish in the Premier League last term that saw them miss out on the Champions League for the first time in 19 years.

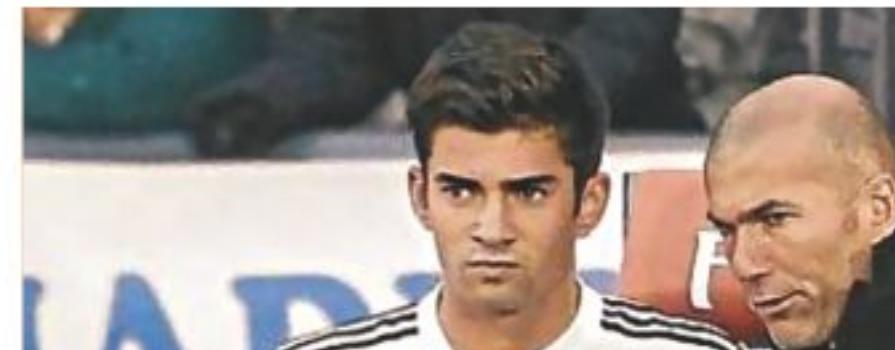
He scored 37 goals in all competitions last season, including 28 in just 30 league games.

"I want to give 100 per cent in every match. I want to show I'm worthy of the shirt. I want to do everything I can to make sure we win titles," Lacazette told Arsenal's website.

"There are quite a few French players here, which makes it easier to settle in. In my opinion, Arsenal is also the club that plays the best football in England so I really wanted to come here."

He had been at Lyon since the age of 12, and scored 129 goals for the senior team, including 100 in Ligue 1.

Lacazette, who has made 11 international appearances for France, last season became the first player to score 20 goals or more in three successive French top-flight seasons since Jean-Pierre Papin in 1992.



Enzo Zidane (L) with dad Zinedine Zidane

'I'm different from dad'

AFP, Madrid

Enzo Zidane insisted Wednesday that he was a "different player" from his father Zinedine, after being unveiled at La Liga club Deportivo Alaves.

"I don't think much about that," the 22-year-old attacking midfielder said when asked about comparisons with Zinedine Zidane, a 1998 World Cup winner feted as one of the finest talents of his generation.

"I'm Enzo, I'm different, a different player," Zinedine's eldest son insisted of his father, who now coaches Real Madrid, last season leading the Spanish giants to a second successive Champions League title.

Last season, Enzo made a scoring debut for Real in the King's Cup, and has played 78 games for Castilla.

Nuwan, Lahiru recalled

SL-Zim 3rd ODI today

AGENCIES, Colombo

Nuwan Kulasekara and Lahiru Kumara have been recalled by Sri Lanka for the final three ODIs of the five-match series against Zimbabwe, the third of which will be played on Thursday at the Sooriyawewa Cricket Stadium.

Seamer Suranga Lakmal, who was in the initial squad for the final three games, has been sent back to Colombo as he has contracted a viral fever.

Lakmal was down with fever for the last two days so we decided to send him back to Colombo," skipper Angelo Mathews confirmed.

Besiktas sign Pepe

AFP, Istanbul

Portuguese international defender Pepe on Wednesday signed for Turkish champions Besiktas of Istanbul from Real Madrid on a two-year deal.

Pepe, 34, landed in Istanbul before dawn aboard a private plane and was given a rousing welcome by hundreds of fans who had waited overnight at the airport.

He then went through a full medical and signed his two-year contract at a news conference at club headquarters. Pepe will receive a total salary of 9.5 million euros (\$10.75 million) plus performance bonuses.

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