



BRAZIL 1 : 2 BELGIUM



PHOTO: REUTERS

Brazilian superstar Neymar (L) lies on the floor in anguish after just his second ever competitive defeat with Brazil in a World Cup quarterfinal against Belgium yesterday. On the opposite end of the scale were the Red Devils, who revelled in their victory with a healthy mixture of disbelief and euphoria.

Serena's path clearing

Venus crashes; Federer sails

AFP, London

Serena Williams boosted her chances of winning an eighth Wimbledon and 24th Grand Slam by making the fourth round at the All England Club on Friday as big sister Venus fell victim to the curse of the seeds.

Serena, seeded 25 this year, enjoyed a 7-5, 7-6 (7/2) win over France's Kristina Mladenovic to set up a last-16 duel with Russian qualifier Evgeniya Rodina. Victory on Centre Court, sealed with a 13th ace, came 20 minutes after Venus, a five-time champion, had slumped to a 6-2, 6-7 (5/7), 8-6 loss to Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands over on Court One.

Only two of the top 10 seeds remain in the women's draw -- number one Simona Halep, who plays her third round match on Saturday, and seventh seed Karolina Pliskova who came back from 1-4 down in the second set to defeat Mihaela Buzarnescu 3-6, 7-6 (7/3), 6-1.

Also exiting was 10th seed Madison Keys, who had made at least the quarter-finals of her last three majors. The American lost 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 to Rodina, ranked 120th in the world.

Federer took his consecutive sets won at

Wimbledon to 29 in what was his 200th career grass court match. The eight-time champion will face French 22nd seed Adrian Mannarino on Monday for a place in the quarter-finals.

German fourth seed Alexander Zverev made the third round, seeing off Taylor Fritz of the United States 6-4, 5-7, 6-7 (0/7), 6-1, 6-2 and faces Latvian qualifier Ernests Gulbis for a spot in the last 16. Zverev had trailed two sets to one when his tie with Fritz was halted due to darkness on Thursday. But the 21-year-old raced away with the last two sets in Friday's bright sunshine.

Russia's Ekaterina Makarova defied second round victim Wozniacki's churlish prediction that she wouldn't progress further in the tournament by reaching the last 16. Makarova, who made the quarter-finals four years ago, beat a weary-looking Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

South Africa's Kevin Anderson, seeded eight, swept past Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-3, 7-5, 7-5 on the back of 22 aces and 42 winners. Anderson has reached the last 16 for the fourth time and goes on to face France's Gael Monfils.

BD-WI SCOREBOARD				
WEST INDIES: First innings 406 (Brathwaite 121, Hope 67, Smith 58; Jayed 3-84, Mehedi 3-101)				
BANGLADESH: Second innings				
	R/B	4s/6s		
Tamim c Hope				
b Gabriel	13/15	2/0		
Liton c Brathwaite				
b Holder	2/17	0/0		
Mominul b Gabriel	0/2	0/0		
Mushfiqur b Gabriel	8/11	2/0		
Shakib c Holder b Gabriel	12/18	2/0		
Mahmudullah c Chase				
b Holder	15/30	2/0		
Mehedi c Dowrich				
b Holder	2/10	0/0		
Nurul c & b Cummins	64/74	6/2		
Kamrul b Gabriel	7/28	1/0		
Rubel b Cummins	16/33	1/0		
Jayed not out	0/5	0/0		
Extras: (b-1, lb-0, w-3, nb-1, p-0) 5				
Total: (All out in 40.2 overs)	144			
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-14, 3-16, 4-36, 5-43, 6-50, 7-63, 8-88, 9-143, 10-144.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Holder	15	3	30	3
Gabriel	12	3	77	5
Cummins	7.2	2	16	2
Bishoo	5	1	16	0
Chase	1	0	4	0
Result: West Indies won by an innings and 219 runs				
Player-of-the-match: Kemar Roach				

Thoroughly outclassed

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh suffered a humiliating innings and 219-run

defeat against West Indies in the first of a two-match Test series at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua yesterday. It was a slight improvement from their lowest total in Test cricket, from 43 in the first innings to being bundled out on 144 runs in their second innings inside the first session of the third day.

Despite, Nurul Hasan's face saving 64, a score higher than the team's combined first innings total, he was unable to help the Tigers avoid this embarrassing record, their previous lowest Test score of 226 runs came against the same opponent in 2002.

This was Bangladesh's lowest match aggregate, with a combined total of 187 runs.

Bangladesh resumed the day on 62 for six with experienced overnight batsman Mahmudullah Riyad on 15,

he replicated his inability to handle lateral movement and eventually edged it to the wicketkeeper without adding a run off Jason Holder off the

very first ball of the day. It was only a matter of time for Bangladesh to register yet another disastrous display in Test cricket. After Kemar Roach picked up five wickets in the first innings and did not even feature in the second innings due to a hamstring injury, another pacer Shannon Gabriel picked up his fifth five-wicket haul in Test cricket, to help finish things off for the home side.

It was a match that will go down in infamy in Bangladesh cricket. Nurul Hasan's 64 was evidence that the bowling attack and the pitch could be negotiated. It also averted a defeat that would have ranked higher up in the country's worst moments instead of being just the eight-biggest innings defeat.

If Nurul Hasan's fifty in the second innings is taken as the only positive outcome of the first Test, there is another positive in that the players will be able to witness the World Cup quarterfinal between Brazil and Belgium later in the day.



PHOTO: AFP

Kamrul Islam Rabbi's dismissal after being pinged with a bouncer yesterday told the story of the hapless Bangladesh batsmen in the first Test.

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Thirimanne hits ton in rainy draw

After the first two days of the second four-day game were washed out, Lahiru Thirimanne made the most of an academic last day for Sri Lanka A by striking his second consecutive hundred of the series against Bangladesh A. The game expectedly ended in a draw after washouts in the first two days were followed by just 15 overs of play on the third day.

Buffon joins PSG

Former Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon has signed for Paris Saint Germain on a one-year deal with the option of an extra year, the club said. "It is with a great feeling of happiness that I join Paris Saint-Germain," said Buffon.

Spain media says 'ciao'

Italian media gloat on the imminent arrival



AFP, Madrid

Spain's media said goodbye to superstar Cristiano Ronaldo while Italy's welcomed him on Friday after persistent reports that the five-time Ballon d'Or winner will leave Real Madrid for Italian champions Juventus. "Ciao CR7" said the headline of Barcelona newspaper Mundo Deportivo. "Real accepts his departure, the key day will be today (Friday) and Juve wants to wrap up the operation so it can announce it," the newspaper said.

Spanish sport newspaper AS said that the player could be unveiled to Juve supporters

in Turin as early as Saturday, with the date 7/7 symbolic for number 7 Ronaldo.

Juventus "hopes to announce tomorrow in its stadium," said the paper, which had the headline "Cristiano exit imminent".

Italian media welcomed the "imminent" arrival of Ronaldo, with Corriere Dello Sport also expecting him in Turin on Saturday.

"Italy is only a step away and Madrid is looking for its new top player," it said.

Spain's Marca claimed that Ronaldo has "already given his word to [Andrea] Agnelli" the president of Juventus. Marca added that "the player and his representatives say there is a document freeing him for 100 million".



PHOTO: ICC

Bangladesh women's team T20I captain Salma Khatun (2nd from R) and other captains pose with the World Twenty20 trophy ahead of the qualifying tournament, which gets underway in the Netherlands today. The Tigresses will take on Papua New Guinea today.

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 - Wimbledon Women's Round-3
 - Live from 6:00pm

Bangladesh lose all six

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The Bangladesh national hockey team's preparations in India for the upcoming Asian games came to an end as they suffered a 1-5 loss to the India A team in their sixth and final practice match in Bengaluru yesterday.

Yesterday's result means that the boys in red and green were defeated in all six encounters on the tour.

The visitors lost to the Indian Junior team in the first two matches while the India A team, which featured many national players, won the following four fixtures.

The team is scheduled to return home today afternoon.

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