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Mohammedan climb

Cricket

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Mohammedan Sporting Club moved into second spot in the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League after an easy70-runwinoverBangladeshBimanat the BKSP ground in Savary esterday.

Fifties from Javed Omar, Aftab Ahmed and Naimur Rahman helped Mohammedan score a fighting 244-9 in theallotted50 oversafter winning the toss.

Omarwhowasbattingatnumberfour for a change, smashed 61 off 52 balls with seven boundaries followed by Aftab who added a 72-ball 56 with a couple of sixes and four boundaries.

Naimur, the former Bangladesh captain, chipped in with a run-a-ball 50 thatfeaturedonesixandfourfours.

In reply, Biman were shot out for 174 in 43.5 after some brilliant bowling from young right-arm seamer Anwar Hossain Munir.

He took four wickets for 41 runs while off-spinner Fahim Muntasir claimed threefor51. Mohammedan's seventh win in ten

Anv matches raised their tally to 42 points, two adrift of defending champions Victoria Sporting Club who have played the same Arif Мu numberofmatches. Ext

On the other hand, Biman's eighth defeatagainsttwowinskeptthemgluedto 12points

UTTARASCVSURJOTARUN In the other match of the day, an unbeaten

half-century from middle-order Faisal Hossain propelled Uttara Sporting Club to their fifth in the league with a five-wicket victory over Surjo Tarun at the Fatullah CricketStadium.

First Mickey, now Jerry

AFP, Johannesburg

First it was cricket at Disney World, now American tabloid TV is courting the grand old game.

Chat show host and former mayor of Cincinnati Jerry Springer, best known for presiding over the squabbling and foul-mouthed representatives of America's underbelly on his US television show, was at Centurion to see Australia annihilate Sri Lanka last week.

Canada and Kenva. "He very much enjoyed his day and he thinks cricket's a bit like baseball," Springer's agent Bobby Heaney told the BBC website. Asghar's action as an 'eyewash' as the job of the fact-finding committee has been restricted to World Cup

"He frankly feels it's not as exciting as baseball though. He said that with cricket you've got two guys who smack the ball and one guy who bowls it.

"But whereas there's several plays happening at once in base-ball, cricket is a lot more simplistic. That's what Jerry feels, anyway." Springer's interest in the game

comes just two days after the International Cricket Council (ICC) admitted that some fixtures in the 2007 World Cup, to be staged in the West Indies, may be played in the United States with snev

Faisalhammered62notoutoff76balls asUttara, chasing a paltry Surjo Tarun total of 137 in 50 overs, scored 141 in 35.2 overs. Faisal hit one six and a dozen bound-

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Asghar has formed a two-man

inquiry committee to probe Bangladesh'shorribleshowinginthe

World Cup where they lost five out of

their six games including defeats

against non-Test playing minnows

The suspended directors termed

"The poor performance of our

team in the World Cup warrants an

inquiry. But it should look into all the

aspects including administration,

training, preparation, finance and

selection," said Mubassar adding

that the general public hoped for a

The out of favour directors

warned Asghar that he should not try

to shift the blame of his errors on

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Asghar's removal

more than a year under the auto-"We were stunned at the disapcratic regime of Asghar, it is clear that pointing performance of the cricket in not in safe hands. national team in the World Cup.

The directors noted that the However, what shocked us even downfall of cricket started with the conspiracy of suspending an elected recent attempt at putting all the blame on the cricketers," said

"They played a dirty game to suspend the elected body which was totally unnecessary. If he was uncomfortable with our presence, the president could have easily sent us letters saying that our services were no longer required. "We have heard that the Board

resident wanted a fresh election in May. Our question is why did he select an ad-hoc body bypassing the established procedure in the first place?" asked Mubassar.

The directors also feared that it might take a very long time to bring back democracy to the BCB as Asghar has set a damaging prece-dence by having the Board of Directors suspended.

The 15 directors who attended the press briefing were: Mubassar Hossain, Enayet Hossain Siraj, Dewan Shafiul Arefin, Alam

Chowdhury, Tanjeeb Ahsan, Ahmed Sajjadul Alam, Mahmud-Ul Huq, GS Hasan Tamim, Sheikh Nizamuddin, Enavet Kabir, Mustafa Rashidi Dara

well. Sri Lanka, who carried 7.5 points through to the Super Six from the first round, now need other matches to go their way if they are to have a hope of a semifinal place.

Sanath was right

to keep wickets in hand, but lost

"It was easier to bat in the sec-

ond innings but we did not bat

four within the first four overs.

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Should New Zealand down either Australia or India, and Kenya beat Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka's campaign would reach a dead-end before their final match against Zimbabwe in East London on Saturday.

"That will be a big one," Jayasuriya said of the match. "But we will have to play much better cricket than this."

Tikolo vows to topple

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been enthusiastically received backhome. "We got a call from the Minister of Sport telling us that the President conveyed his best wishes

batting on a few occasions."

their opponents attack.

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Kenya team.

the middle.

they might be a bit weak there.



Bangladesh Grand Master Ziaur Rahman (L) and his Uzbek opponent Alexi Barasov during their fourth round encounter of the 6th United Insurance and United Leasing Grand Masters chess tournament at the NSC chess room yesterday. Zia and Barasov drew.

Flower set FROM PAGE 13

about what they have done in the last 20 years," said Flower. "I have made mistakes both

on and off the field but I have kept learning. Flower, whose brother Grant

also plays in the Zimbabwe World Cup team, had been threatened with being dropped from the squad if he did not give up on his protest which bitterly attacked the Mugabe regime. He refused and his place was

secured when other senior players said they would not take the field if their star batsman was axed

Olonga, who hasn't played since the first match against Namibia, has already been sacked by his domestic club for his part in the protest.

Despite his anger with the authorities in Zimbabwe, Flower is adamant that he hasn't given up hope of his team making it to the semifinals and is confident of wins in the next two matches against Kenya on Wednesday and against Sri Lanka in East London on Saturday.

"We have been lucky to have got as far as we have but we need to win the next two games," he

"We can make the semifinals. We can beat Kenya and Sri Lanka are not at the top of their game at the moment.

"I don't want to leave the World Cup just yet."

Meanwhile Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak indicated that former skipper Alistair Campbell, only

called up to the squad after batsman Mark Vermeulen sustained a skull fracture batting in the nets here Friday, would play. and that everyone was right behind

Marat leads chess board **SPORTS REPORTER**

Uzbek Grand Master Marat Dzhumaev took a solo lead in the 6th United Insurance and United Leasing Grand Masters chess tournament with 3.5 points at the end of the fourth round at the Bangladesh Chess Federation Auditorium yesterday.

In the round, Dzhumaev drew with Alexander Goloshchapov of Ukraine. with 12 wickets. Bond is the quickest bowler in the team. He is

GM Sergey Tiviakov of the Netherlands and GM Alexi Barasov of Uzbekistan were in the 2nd position with 3 points each. Bangladesh GM Ziaur Rahman, GM Goloshchapov of Ukraine and IM Vakhidov Tahir of Uzbekistan were following them in the third place with 2.5 points each.

Tiviakov lost against IM Neelotpal Das of India, Barasov drew with Zia, Tahir drew with GM Magem Badals Jordi, IM Enamul Hossain Razib beat IM Reefat Bin ago. The responsibility of open-Sattar, GM Niaz Murshed beat FIDE Master Nasir Ahmed and IM Abdullah Al Rakib beat FM Taibur Rahman Sumon.

Earlier the participants, arbiters, organisers, volunteers and the spectators observed one minute's silence to show respect to Masud Ahmed Rumi, a renowned sports journalist who died in the morning. Fifth round games will start today at 3:00 pm at the same venue.

Olonga raring FROM PAGE 13

That was also the day he and Andy Flower began their protest against what they saw as human rights abuses in Zimbabwe by wearing black armbands.

Debate has raged ever since over whether Olonga, the first black cricketer to represent his country, has been ignored by the selectors in the team's five subse-

SUPER SIX STANDINGS

AFP, Johannesburg

Standings of the World Cup Super Six stage after Australia defeated New Zealand on Tuesday. (Under played, won, lost, tied/no result, points carried forward, total points, net run-rate):										
Australia	4	4	0	0	12	20	+1.79			
India	4	3	1	0	8	16	+0.86			
Kenya	3	2	1	0	10	10	+0.44			
NZealand	4	1	3	0	4	8	-0.88			
SriLanka	4	1	3	0	7.5	7.5	-1.43			
Zimbabwe	3	0	3	0	3.5	3.5	-0.75			
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Name is Bond

FROM PAGE 13 showpiece is a major turnabout for Bond, who skipped the 1999-2000 season for the Police Training College in Wellington. He is still comparatively new to international cricket as he has figured in just eight Tests and 25 onedayers, but his performance at the St George's Park on Tuesday ensured he is closing in on star-

tour of New Zealand.

"He has the ability to succeed on

any surface. He was the key to New

Zealand's success in Test series. His

presence strengthens the side," he

two-Test series 2-0 against India,

with Bond playing a major role

accurate too, for being quick

alone is not enough to unsettle

the best in the biggest one-day

"If New Zealand is to win the

New Zealand clinched the

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tournament.

ble batting line-up was thrust upon him after Dion Nash had broken down. That was the opening Bond needed to establish himself as one of the strike bowl ers in the team. New Zealand drew a tough three-Test series and then went on to qualify for a triangular one-

ing the attack against a formida-

day series final against South Africa, with Bond consistently "I admire him (Bond) as a cricketer," said India captain Saurav Ganguly whose team faced the Bond fury on a recent grabbing the headlines. He captured 21 wickets and was named player of the one-day series he had finally arrived on the scene.

> When Bond arrived in the West Indies, he had earned the right to share the new ball. He did not let his captain down in a two-Test series, grabbing 12 wickets in three innings to play a signifi-cant role in New Zealand's maiden series victory in the Caribbean.

It was then never easy to forget the New Zealand fast bowler, who finished with seven wickets in the Barbados Test, including five in the second innings, as the West Indies crashed to their fourth defeat in 70 years at the Kensington Oval.

their money in both Tests and

one-dayers as the Aussies found

to their cost at St George's Park

World Cup, Shane will have to play a big role," said New Zealand Bond is the new face of New captain Stephen Fleming. Zealand cricket, which has learnt to give the best teams a run for

"His pace is a mighty asset." Bond rose from virtual anonymity to international fame on the tour of Australia two seasons

SHANE-BOX

on Tuesday

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

Factbox on strike bowler Shane Bond who took six for 23 against Australia in the World Cup on Tuesday, the best figures by a New Zealander in one-day history:

Born: June 7, 1975, Christchurch. Right-arm fast bowler. New Zealand's fastest bowler ever and who loves taking Australian wickets.

ODI debut: v Australia, Melbourne, Jan 2002. 25 matches for 47 wickets at 19.97

Test debut: v Australia, Hobart, Nov 2001. 38 wkts at 22.39. Eight matches

Ace in New Zealand's bowling pack since his explosive burst onto the international scene on 2001-02 tour of Australia. Mixes outright speed with ability to swing and cut the ball.

Former policeman. Played for Warwickshire in 2002 and due to return this year. After tough start, has taken at least five wickets in his last six Tests. Best ODI performance before Tuesday was 5-25 v Australia at Adelaide in Jan 2002, including Adam Gilchrist, Ricky Ponting and Damien Martyn. Took 21 wkts at 16.38 in the triangular series also involving South Africa.

said.

World, home of Mickey Mouse amongst others, one of the favoured venues.



GrameenPhone Premier Cricket Kalabagan KC v Indira Road KC Venue: BKSP Young Pegasus v Orient SC

appointing Pakistani Mohsin Kamal as coach and ASM Faruque as team manager of the World Cup squad.

"We also want to remind the president that he is to bear responsibility for any legal implications that may arise from spending the Board's

money," said Mubassar. He also suggested that the Minister for Sports should issue a white paper on the BCB's expenses since Asphar tookover.

Calling the 12-member advisory committee of Asghar 'a dead body the directors observed that the present president's one and a halfyear reign has been a disastrous one for cricket.

"It was expected that cricket would only grow on the solid plat-form of Test status. But at the end of

Mamun-ur Rashid, Dr. Nizamuddin Ahmed, Abdul Gafur and Rezaul Hag Harun.

Zimbabwe. **Quips & Quotes** FROM PAGE 13

want to achieve the best and help mv team win.' India's Javagal Srinath after

taking 4-35 against Sri Lanka. "I phoned up my wife and asked her to leave some kit at the Zimbabwe

Cricket Union (ZCU) in Harare. Hopefully, it will arrive this evening. Zimbabwe batsman Alistair

Campbell whose call-up to the team was so sudden that he had to borrow a teammate's kit for nets.

'It's good to have someone with

Long regarded as Kenya's best his experience, an opener for an batsman, Tikolo said there was no opener. He's got hundreds up front magic formula to beating for us before and there's a pretty good chance he will be pitching "The key is to play well in all up," Streak said.

three departments. We've been doing that so far, apart from our But the pace bowler ruled out all-rounder Guy Whittall's chances. "Guy won't be ready, he's And the Kenya skipper said that, got a hamstring strain," explained with Zimbabwe leg-spinner Brian Murphy out of the tournament due Streak, who added that star batsman Andy Flower, who had a

to injury, they would be targeting niggling strain, would be fit. Streak insisted his team would "They've had a few injuries so not be taking Kenya lightly. "We'll approach Kenya in the same way Patil, a member of India's 1983 we approached Australia.

World Cup winning side, said that "But we'll try to dominate in our whatever happened his players own way, play good cricket and deserved praise for just getting to

Both press conferences were "We are not here by default. well-attended which has not We've played some good cricket. always been the case in the past for The boys have been tremendous. two of world cricket's lesser The expectation before the tournanations ment was like shooting for the moon. I give total credit to all the

"It's great to see so many reporters here for Kenva. When we arrived in Sri Lanka for the And Patil insisted he had no Champions Trophy there was no interest in India's progress in the Patil said. "I was asking Super Six. "I am a professional. I one, am only concentrating on the (questions to) Steve and Steve was asking me.

ient games as a punishment foi that stand.

Flower has retained his place, despite being reported by his national board to the International Cricket Council and asked to stop his protest.

Olonga said he was ready to esume active duty.

"I've done a lot of fielding (as 12th man) but I'm very fresh, there's plenty of energy left in these legs," Olonga said.

Zimbabwe have an unbeaten record against Kenya, beating them in their 12 completed games. Two other matches ended in noresults

Heath Streak's team need to win both on Wednesday and against Sri Lanka in East London on Saturday to reach the semifinals

Olonga would seem to be part of the strongest combination injuryhit Zimbabwe can put on the field.

Batsman Mark Vermeulen (fractured skull) and leg spinner Brian Murphy (torn calf) have returned home, while experienced all rounder Guy Whittall is battling a calf muscle strain and key batsman Andy Flower has an ongoing groin problem.

CROSSWORD

Dominating influence during recent home series with India. Likes a good swing of the bat, scoring 31 not out off 15 balls v India in January

His analysis of 10-2-23-6 v Australia at Port Elizabeth in the World Cup Super Sixes on March 11, 2003, were the best figures by a New Zealand in one-day international history.

His statistics in six matches against Australia are 22 wickets at 10.45. He has dismissed Australia skipper Ricky Ponting six times out of six.

BEST WORLD CUP BOWLING

REUTERS, Johannesburg

By Eugene Sheffer

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List of best bowling figures in World Cup history (position, tabulated under player, country, return, opponents, venue and year) after New Zealand's Shane Bond took six for 23 against Australia on Tuesday:

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3	WDavis	WIndies	7-51	Australia	Leeds	1983
1	G Gilmour	Australia	6-14	England	Leeds	1975
5	ANehra	India	6-23	England	Durban	2003
5	SBond	NZealand	6-23	Australia	Pt Elizabeth	2003
7	CVaas	SLanka	6-25	Bangladesh	Pmaritzburg	2003
3	KMacLeay	Australia	6-39	India	Nottingham	1983
9	G McGrath	Australia	5-14	West Indies	Manchester	1999
10	AHurst	Australia	5-21	Canada	Birmingham	1979

Kenya on a mission

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watched his men produce one of the shocks of the tournament by beating Sri Lanka in the group phase

"Our record against anyone is not that good," he cheerfully admitted

"But we are capable of causing these upsets, so why not another one?

Paceman Henry Olonga took six for 28 in Zimbabwe's nine-wicket win when the teams last met in Bulawayo in December, but Olonga hasn't played since

FORM GUIDE

AFP, Bloemfontein

Form, guide for, Zimbabwe and Kenya ahead of their World Cup Super Six match at Goodyear Park here on Weanesday: **ZIMBABWE** (won 5 lost 3 NR 2)

March 8 2003	lost to New Zealand by 6 wickets	Bloemfontein
March 4 2003	v Pakistan No Result	Bulawayo
Feb 28 2003	beat Netherlands by 99 runs	Bulawayo
Feb 24 2003	lost to Australia by 7 wickets	Bulawayo
Feb 19 2003	lost to India by 83 runs	Harare
Feb 13 2003	beat England (match forfeited)	Harare
Feb 10 2003	beat Namibia by 86 runs	Harare
Dec 15 2002	beat Kenya by 9 wickets	Bulawayo
Dec 11 2002	beat Kenya by 47 runs	Kwekwe
Dec 8 2002	v Kenya No Result	Harare
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March 4 2003	lost to West Indies by 142 runs	Kimberley
March 1 2003	beat Bangladesh by 32 runs	Wanderers
Feb 24 2003	beat Sri Lanka by 53 runs	Nairobi
Feb 21 2003	beat New Zealand (match forfeited	l) Nairobi
Feb 15 2003	beat Canada by 4 wickets	CapeTown
Feb 12 2003	lost to South Africa by 10 wickets	Potchefstroom

Campbell, whose kit has still to arrive, said Zimbabwe were in for a Zimbabwe's opening group match against Namibia on February 10 in Harare, a match where he and tough game. leading batsman Andy Flower wore "The Kenyans have got no world-beaters, but their bowlers black armbands and issued a statement lamenting the "death of bowl an irritating length, there are not too many balls to hit. And their

democracy" in Zimbabwe. That December 15 match was also Alistair Campbell's last for Zimbabwe.

But the former captain turned television commentator won a dramatic recall following the skull fracture sustained by Mark Vermeulen which has ruled him out of the rest of the tournament.

Travis Friend, the man who inadvertently ended Vermeulen's World Cup in the nets here and who was a substitute fielder in the six-wicket defeat by New Zealand,

score," he said.

bowler light after losing leg-spinner Brian Murphy to a calf injury.

could well start as Žimbabwe are a

batsmen are capable of posting a

Whittall have niggling injuries.

Both Andy Flower and Guy

Flower is expected to play but

Whittall's hamstring problem will

assessed again on Tuesday.

His place in the squad has gone to Stuart Matsikenyeri.

LINE-UPS

ZIMBABWE (from): Heath Streak (captain), Andy Blignaut, Dion Ebrahim, Sean Ervine, Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Travis Friend, Douglas Hondo, Douglas Marillier, Henry Olonga, Tatenda Taibu, Alistair Campbell, Guy Whittall, Craig Wishart, Stuart Matsikenyeri

KENYA (from): Steve Tikolo (captain), Maurice Odumbe, Asif Karim, Alpesh Vadher, Ravindu Shah, Hitesh Modi, Brijal Patel, Martin Suji, Tony Suji, Thomas Odoyo, Kennedy Otieno, Joseph Angara, Peter Ongondo, David

Obuya, Collins Obuya. Umpires: Srinivas Venkataraghavan (Ind) and Aleem Dar (Pak)

TV umpire: Billy Bowden (Nzl)

Match referee: Wasim Raja (Pak) Kenva.

Wake up or perish FROM PAGE 13 themselves out of it.

"We've had a talk about it already. We can assist all we can but they know that ultimately you win or you lose by what happens in

"We all take responsibility, but at the end of the day the ones that get the pats on the back or kicks up the bums are the guys in the middle.

"They're going to have to really digdeep

Sri Lanka were completely outplayed on Monday as the fired-up Indians posted 292-6 after being surprisingly asked to bat and then shot out their rivals for 109 in just 23 overs.

"We were not on the same park." Whatmore said. "We thought we had a little bit of fight in the previous game against Australia which I was hoping was going to rebound into this game.

"But boy, I was pretty wrong."

Asked if there were any positives to emerge from the game, Whatmore said: "winning the toss I suppose.'

Sri Lanka have blown hot and cold during the last month, defeating New Zealand and the West Indies and forcing South Africa to a tie, while losing unexpectedly to

Javasuriva's century against the Kiwis, Marvan Atapattu's strokeful hundred against South Africa or Chaminda Vaas' hat-trick against Bangladesh with the first three deliveries of the match have receded to the background. Left-armer Vaas remains the

> mance against the Indians when four There was no respite for Mahela Jayawardena, one of Sri Lanka's premier batsman, whose wretched form has given him just 16 runs in

Jayasuriya raised eyebrows not only by electing to field in good batting conditions but also his decision to play the match itself.

a broken thumb by a Brett Lee special in the previous match.

match his team had to win to keep their semifinal hopes alive.

"I am frustrated," the inspirational captain said. "There was nothing wrong in fielding first but we lost because we did not bowl well and we did not bat well.

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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

leading wicket-taker in the tournament with 18, but has been overshadowed by the dismal perforof the top five batsmen fell for ducks.

eight World Cup innings.

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He was clearly not fit to play after

He went for 27 runs in three overs and scored just 12, but Jayasuriya was desperate to take part in a