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Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Abul Hossain Khan Smriti Sangsad outplayed Binodpur Sporting Club by 211 runs in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium vesterday.

Winning the toss Abul Hossain Khan Smriti Sangsad batted first and collected 248 runs for six in the stipulated 35 overs.

In reply, Binodpur were bundled out for 37 only in 12.3 overs.

BRIEF SCORES

Abul Hossain Khan Smriti Sangsad: 248 for 6 in 35 overs (Biswa 80, Mansoor 53, Sajib 31; Sajib(2) 2/52, Tauhid 1/37, Hafiz 1/41). Binodpur Sporting Club: 37 all out in 12.3 overs (Tauhid 10, Salim 7; Arif 5/19, Suman 3/15).

Andre fined, suspended

AFP, Johannesburg

South Africa A fast bowler Andre Nel has been fined and suspended for six matches after being arrested in Australia on a drunk-driving charge last week, a South African cricket spokeswoman said Tuesday. Bronwyn Wilkinson of the United

Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), said Nel pleaded guilty before a disciplinary hearing to a charge of bringing the game into disrepute.

"Nel was found guilty and fined his match fee amounting to 17,280 rand (2.200 dollars) and he was suspended for six matches," Wilkinson said. The six-match suspension counted for all forms of the game

Nel was arrested by the Australian police in Hobart, Tasmania, on Friday, while driving under the influence of alcohol

He was handed over to South African cricket authorities as an alternative to being charged, and was sent backhome.

This is not the first time the talented bowler has courted trouble

He was fined 1,300 dollars after a group of South African players and a management member were caught smoking marijuana in a hotel room while on tour in the West Indies in 2000.

match series with India, the South Africa A is currently on tour Australian Cricket Board (ACB) in Australia and Thursday beat announced on Wednesday. Australia A by eight wickets at the Bellerive Oval in Hobart.

Zimbabwe will be played in October The two teams played out a draw Tuesday on the final day of their threewith the first Test in Perth from day cricket match at Adelaide Oval. October 9 to 13 and the second in Sydney from October 17 to 21.

The series, which Australia leads 2-1. now moves to Perth. Western Australia, for a three-day game and a one-day match in the first two months of 2004 after



Weak Zim name team for Eng

Cricket

AFP, Harare Without the services of four key players Zimbabwe revealed a weakened squad Tuesday for their ten-week tour of

England beginning on May 3. The question of whether the team could provide a serious challenge for England and South Africa was raised as the squad prepare to leave Harare for London on April 30.

The list of 20 does not include two top batsmen, the country's most experienced all-rounder and one of their three main strike bowlers. Missing are Zimbabwe's worldrated batsman Andy Flower, who quit to play for Essex and South Australia after

being hounded out the country together with his family In the opening match of World Cup, Flower and teammate Henry Olonga

issued a statement condemning President Robert Mugabe's government and wore black armbands to mourn "the death of democracy". Fast bowler Olonga retired from

international cricket afterwards and said he could not return to Zimbabwe because he feared for his safety.

He is at a safe house in South Africa awaiting permission to live in England after being threatened with a treason charge if he returns home. Opening left-hand batsman Alastair

Aussies to host

Australia will host Zimbabwe for the

first time in a Test series later this year

as part of their build-up to a four-

The historic two-match series with

The Africans will also join

The Australians, who beat India in

Australia and India in a one-day series

Zimbabwe in

Campbell, who has the third best oneday batting average for Zimbabwe, remains out of favour after criticising

October

REUTERS, Sydney

selection policy. He will now take up a radio commentary job and probably play league cricket in England. And Guy Whittall, holder of a Test double-century and effective medium

pacer, has retired early at 34 years old. Zimbabwe are obliged to bring in several inexperienced players and one debutant, quick bowler Vusimuzi Sibanda.

Zimbabwe will arrive in Britain on April 30 for a two-Test tour at Lord's and Durham and the one-day series against England and South Africa.

The fixture list includes four-day matches against British Universities, Worcestershire, Sussex and Middlesex, two one-day matches in Northern Ireland, three one-day matches against Somerset, Hampshire and Essex when Andy Flower will probably be among the opposition and a triangular against England and South Africa, before returning home in mid-July.

Additional players for the one-day matches: Gary Brent, Waddington Mwayenga, Stuart Matsikenyere, Charles Coventry, Richard Sims THE TEST SQUAD

Heath Streak (captain), Tatenda

Taibu (vice-captain), Grant Flower, Dion Ebrahim, Mark Vermeulen, Barney Rogers, Sean Ervine, Andy Blignaut, Mluleki Nkala, Stuart Carlisle, Rav Price, Travis Friend, Vusimuzi Sibanda, Douglas Hondo, Douglas Marillier.

Coach: Geoff Marsh; Manager: Mohammad Meman

advance

AFP. Amelia Island

nere on Tuesday.

to the third round.

event six years ago.

week in Charleston.

Mikaelian of Switzerland.

gainst Pratt.

the first time since 1999.

Lindsay, Jennifer

Second seed Lindsay Davenport won

easily while Jennifer Capriati was

tested in their first matches of a

585,000 dollar WTA clay court event

Davenport, of the United States,

cruised to a 6-1, 6-0 victory over

Australia's Nicole Pratt and moved on

Davenport returns to this event for

The 26-year-old, who underwent

She arrives having reached the

She holds 4-0 lifetime record

After receiving a first-round bye,

the third-seeded Capriati posted a 6-4,

7-6 (7-5) victory over Marie-Gaianeh

Capriati took the first set in 37

minutes but needed 72 to secure the

emi-finals in a WTA tournament last

knee surgery in January 2002, won this



Soup-only Flintoff

Cricket INTERNET. London

Andrew Flintoff insists he is in better shape than ever thanks to a diet of vegetable soup.

The England all-rounder has struggled to keep his weight down in the past.

But with the new season just two days away he claims a soup-only diet is stopping him from looking like Robbie Coltrane, who plays Hagrid in the Harry Potter films.

Flintoff, one of England's few stars in a miserable World Cup campaign, will play for Lancashire against defending county champions Surrey at The Oval when the new season kicks off on Good Friday.

And the 25-year-old said: "I have to be careful what I eat and drink. I've been on a vegetable soup diet for the past four days.

"I've been training hard with a personal trainer and I feel in great nick. "I enjoyed myself for a few days after I got back after the World Cup but

couldn't have too much time off because I just put weight on. "If I had more than a week off I'd

end up like Robbie Coltrane." Flintoff, who missed the Ashes tour

after a hernia op, trained with Burnley Football Club after returning from the World Cup in South Africa - despite being a fan of their arch rivals Preston.

He added: "I met their manager Stan Ternent quite by accident and I mentioned I was starting training on my own and he asked me if I wanted to come down.

"I played a bit of football and held my own. I used to play centre-half but

side everyone is trying to chase. "I get more nervous playing for Lancashire than England. I want to give something back to the club because they have been so good to me

would allow me to play any reserve

team games for them! I started hitting a

bit of form towards the end of the

World Cup so I'm looking forward to

helping Lancashire off to a good start."

Flintoff will have a couple of rare

outings for his county before England

He said: "It's a fantastic first cham-

pionship game for us - Surrey are the

start their summer campaign.

over the years.' While England suffered a third successive World Cup disaster in South Africa, Lancashire came up smelling of red roses.

Flintoff and young quick bowler James Anderson were the only two England players to enhance their reputations

And Flintoff believes Burnley bomber Ander-son, 20, can continue to establish himself in international cricket this summer Flintoff said: "James has always had

as James Blake, the US 15th seed

joined third-seeded compatriot Andy

The 23-year-old Blake lost out to

Blake said the reason for his

"The first set and a half I just didn't

"But last year I lost in the first round

Now only Vincent Spadea remains

here - so I definitely improved on that!"

of the US contingent ahead of his date

later Wednesday against Arnaud

Coria will next face either French

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Roddick in the Monegasque out-tray.

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Guillermo Coria knocked him out 6-0.

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move my feet," he shrugged.

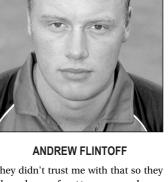
Clement of France

genuine pace but he seems to have come on leaps and bounds with his control and what he does with the ball. "He's quite a quiet lad in the dress-

6-7 (3/7), 6-3.

simple.

ing room but the fire burns within



they didn't trust me with that so they shoved me up front to run around. "I scored once, I was happy with

that. It was a toe-poke. The keeper fumbled it and I followed it up. "But I don't think my ECB contract

identity of his opponent.

"This was one of my best victories. I

am very happy because I had a lot of

problems the last two years with my

In addition, he had never forgotten

Talent-hunter Azhar | Kuerten sent packing

Tennis

AFP, Monaco

Many of the stars, such as Andre Agassi and Lleyton Hewitt, for one reason or another elected not to come.

But one packed his bags early as two-time Monte Carlo Masters champion Gustavo Kuerten snatched defeat from the jaws of victory on Wednesday, Swede Magnus Norman posting a 1-6, 7-5, 6-2 win to avenge his 2000 French Open final loss against the Brazilian showman.

Kuerten, three times a champion at Roland Garros, had needed nine match points to beat Norman three

This time he didn't just have trouble closing things out - he crashed out somehow contriving to lose a 6-1, 5-2 advantage as Norman roared back to book a third round meeting with Italy's Filippo Volandri, a 6-2, 7-6 (8/6) winner over Argentine sixth seed David

Norman, a wildcard entrant here. has endured two atrocious injuryravaged years and said the 1hr 58min

"That match stuck in my mind. So I am happy to get the revenge today,"

body.'



said the 26-year-old from Filipstad

Mustadir c Towhid b Suja

now ranked a modest 94th on the ATP Entry System.

If South American fans were disap-Luis Horna 6-4, 6-1. pointed so were those from the north

ful Test captain and a stylish middleorder batsman, was stranded on 99 Test appearances when he was banned.

academy runs well and hopefully produce international cricketers." The residential academy will be managed by Azharuddin's former Disgraced former Indian cricket Hyderabad teammate Kanwaljit Singh, one of the most successful offcaptain Mohammad Azharuddin said

spinners in domestic cricket. Azharuddin and ex-first class cricketer Ajay Sharma were banned for life and internationals Ajay Jadeja and

Azharuddin, 40, banned for life from cricket three years ago in the Manoj Prabhakar handed five-year wake of the match-fixing scandal, said suspensions after they were named in he planned to start a "world class" a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) cricket academy in his home town of match-fixing probe in 2000. Both Azharuddin and Jadeja

"I want to produce international challenged the BCCI decision in court, cricketers for India," Azharuddin told and while Jadeja was absolved of any the NDTV news channel and stressed wrong-doing in January, Azharuddin's the life ban imposed on him by the appeal is still pending in a court in Board of Control for Cricket in India

Hvderabad. Azharuddin's lawyer Arun "I do not see any reason why I need Bharadwaj was confident his client to take permission to start an academy will be cleared.

"The cases (of Jadeja and Azharuddin) are very similar in nature. the allegations are similar and the BCCI's evidence in both cases is similar and based more on hearsay than anything else," Bharadwai said, "We are confident justice will be

meted out to Azharuddin too. Azharuddin, India's most success-

MSC, Abahani sail

his Roland Garros beating.

years ago in Paris.

win tasted all the sweeter given the



Yevgeny Kafelnikov, winning 3-6, 6-2, Argentine 13th seed Gaston Gaudio

advanced by hammering Peruvian

German eighth seed and Australian Open finalist Rainer Schuttler of Germany slid out to 65th-ranked Spanish qualifier Alberto Martin, who won 6-2, 6-4, while Finland's Jarkko Nieminen was too strong for Russia's former French Open champion

Nalbandian, last year's Wimbledon finalist.

RI **Bangladesh vs South Africa**

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in Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. Zimbabwe will play five other matches on tour in Australia, including one first-class match against Western Australia, while India play two first-class matches against Victoria and Australia A.

The Australians normally only play at home between November and February but ACB chief executive James Sutherland said they had been forced to break from the traditional schedule to fit in with the International Cricket Council's 10year programme.

"Nine out of 10 Test nations stage their cricket seasons at the same time of year, so there is an ongoing need to share the October to March period," Sutherland said in a statement.

"Our plan to tour India in November is an example of implementing the reciprocal arrangements with India and a consequence of sharing the same cricket season." **TEST ITINERARY** Oct 9-13: 1st Test, Zimbabwe, Perth Oct 17-21: 2nd Test, Zimbabwe, Sydney Dec 4-8: 1st Test, India, Brisbane Dec 12-16: 2nd Test, India, Adelaide Dec 26-30: 3rd Test, India, Melbourne Jan 2-6: 4th Test, India, Sydney **ODISERIES** Jan 9: Australia v India (D/N),

Melbourne Jan 11: Australia v Zimbabwe (D/N), Sydney Jan 14: India v Zimbabwe, Hobart Jan 16: Australia v Zimbabwe, Hobart Jan 18: Australia v India (D/N), Brisbane Jan 20: India v Zimbabwe (D/N), Brisbane Jan 22: Australia v India (D/N), Svdnev Jan 24: India v Zimbabwe (D/N), Adelaide Jan 26: Australia v Zimbabwe (D/N), Adelaide Jan 29: Australia v Zimbabwe (D/N), Melbourne Feb 1: Australia v India, Perth Feb 3: India v Zimbabwe (D/N), Perth Feb 6: First Final (D/N), Melbourne Feb 8: Second Final (D/N), Sydney

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second. She pulled out of Charleston with strep throat

"Actually, I think it's good for me to have a tough match like that because it's my first match on the clay, so I wanted to try to get as much match play as possible," Capriati said. "I was happy it didn't go to the third set. I

think it was just enough for me." Fourth seed Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia beat Japanese qualifier

Akiko Morigami 7-5, 6-2.

SERIES SNIPPETS

FROM PAGE 13 losing his office saying, "I've no regrets, there are no hard feelings."

"I was not prepared for that extra responsibility and would much rather concentrate on my role behind the stumps.

"It takes a special person to be captain of an international side. I would not have been comfortable worrying about bowling changes and field placements while keeping wicket, though I would always like to chip in with suggesions

The wicketkeeper is in the best position to make certain judgments as he has a better idea of the movement of the ball and what the batsman is trying to do, but it is not necessary that he leads.' Boucher also indicated that the senior players had no prior idea that Graeme Smith would be appointed captain.

"We only found that out when the selectors decided to remove Shaun. We were just told that Smith would take over.

Windies dealt

FROM PAGE 13 Barbados.' Tino Best, who has twice been barred from bowling this season, flies out from Barbados Wednesday to

> replace Lawson. The 22-year-old was the leading wicket-taker in the Windies' major domestic competition this season, his tally standing at 39 wickets at an aver-

age of 18.25. On a brighter note vice-captain

Ramnaresh Sarwan, who missed the first Test with a fractured finger on his left hand, and compatriot Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who scored a century in the first Test, but was struck a painful blow on his left knee, have both been passed fit to play.

Cricket

on Wednesday he was going to open a

coaching school to groom youngsters

to play the game at the highest level.

(BCCI) will not come in the way.

AFP, New Delhi

Hyderabad soon.

He scored 6,215 Test runs and remains one-day cricket's secondhighest scorer after teammate Sachin Tendulkar with 9.378 runs from 334 matches.

Last shot FROM PAGE 13 more experience." **PROBABLE SQUADS**

BANGLADESH: Khaled Mahmud (captain), Mohammad Ashraful, Mehrab Hossain, Habibul Bashar, Javed Omar, Alok Kapali, Akram Khan, Khaled Mashud, Mohammad Rafique, Tapas Baishya, Tareq Aziz, Tushar Imran, Sanwar Hossain and Manjurul Islam

SOUTH AFRICA (from): Graeme Smith (captain), Paul Adams, Jacques Rudolph, Mark Boucher, Allan Dawson, Boeta Dippenaar, Herschelle Gibbs, Andrew Hall, Neil McKenzie, Charl Willoughby, Shaun Pollock,

Robin Peterson and Makhava Ntini. Umpires: Billy Bowden (New Zealand) and M Akhtaruddin (Bangladesh).

Smith too young FROM PAGE 13 concentrates only on cricket.

"When the players are faced with issues, their concentration gets affected. The great sides of the era are the ones without any issues," he said. Woolmer revealed that he has not accepted an offer to coach West Indies. "I met the (West Indies) selection

was not the best thing to happen panel and told them that I am not ready for a 12-month job," he said. "I "I would have liked the former am very happy with the ICC job. One of cricketers to come to the nets and help the pleasures of working with the ICC the team rather than write or say is that I get to meet more and more negative things about them. Once the people. I love spreading the gospel of

INDIA-B'DESH SCOREBOARD

cricket.

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Mohammad Rafique	10	0	42	2
Khaled Mahmud	7	0	22	0
Alok Kapali	8	1	41	2
Mohammad Ashraful	3.5	0	19	1
Mehrab Hossain	2	0	10	0
Result: India won by 4 wickets.				
Man-of-the-match: Gautam Ga	mbhir.			
Toss:Bangladesh.				
Umpires: Billy Bowden (New Z	ealand) and Mah	bubur I	Rahman (I	Bangla-
desh)				

FROM PAGE 13 MOHAMMEDAN: Second innings 180 all out in 86.2 overs (Nafees 58, Aftab 38, Minhazul 22, Mashrafee 5-46)

CITY CLUB: Second innings (overnight 92 for 3 in 44 overs) Faruque lbw b S Mehmud Moniruzzaman c Anwar b S Mahmud 113 Hasan Raja c Nafeez b Enamul 17 Jamal c & b Enamul 5 Mazharul c Minhazul b SMahmud 11 Rajin c Aftab b Fahim 13 Hasan lbw b S Mahmud 23 Kadir c Aftab b S Mahmud 6 Mashrafee not out 15 Alamgir c Anwar b S Mahmud Saifullah c Anwar b S Mahmud 0 Extras: (b-1, lb-6, nb-7) 14 Total: (All out in 102.1 overs) 224 Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-30, 3-68, 4-105 5-135, 56-190, 7-202, 8-210, 9-216 Bowler M w R 9 0 Monir 4 Hasibul 9 14 0 5 Enamul 38 14 76 2

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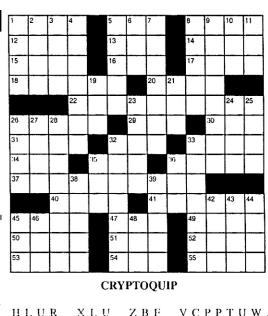
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S Mahmud 37.1 8 79 Alam not out 17 Morshed b Nazir Naimur 8 0 Extras: (b-7, lb-9, nb-3, w-2) Fahim 22 Result: Mohammedan SC won by 120 Total: (All out in 83 overs) 212 runs. Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-44, 3-86, 4-90, 5-155, 6-155, 7-165, 8-191, 9-207 Bowler O M R Abahani v Brothers Union Venue: Fatullah Cricket Stadium BROTHERS: First innings 212 all out Alamgir 11 1 in 90.2 overs (Shahriar 64, Halim 55; 11 25 Neeyamur Ali Arman 7-62, Suja 2-81) ABAHANI: 37 13 66 Suja First innings 371 for 9 in 100 overs Arman 19 56 3 (Imran 121, Al-Shahriar 105, Towhid Nazir 12 2 -38 ABAHANI: Second innings 46, Neeyamur 37, Rana 4-70, Morshed Nazir b Mustadir 2-61BROTHERS: Second innings (over-Hannan not out night 89 for 3 in 38 overs) Imran not out Extras: (b-4, lb-1) Mosaffar c Nuruzzaman b Neevamu Total: (For 1 wkt in 10 overs) Sanjay c Hannan b Arman Fall of wicket: 1-30. 14 Bowler Shahriar b Suia 71 Morshed 13 Halim b Nazir 14 15 Rana Rana b Neevamur -3 Mustadir 12 Salauddin c Sajjad b Nazir 0 38 Mahbub c Towhid b Suja Alam 0 9 0 Halim Shamimul st Nuruzzaman Result: Abahani won by nine wickets. 13 b Suja

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer ACROSS 36 Very wan 2 Mr. 24 Send 1 Fishing 37 Harsh-Shari forth 3 Trevi 25 Gem voiced 5 Exploit bird toss 26 Not 40 Frail 4 Hearing verv rounded 41 Occur distance many 45 Grand-Extremist 27 Corrida 12 "What ----6 Vast scale critter 47 Yon bloke 28 Pianist expanse reader?" 49 Leak Vladimir 7 Mundane 13 Meadow slowly 8 One more 32 "The 50 "- life! 14 Vanished Seagull" time 51 Insepa-15 Actress 9 With play-48-Down, rable wright 52 Gumboanimated 33 Travel maker's movie with a Gables 10 B&B need co-worker 35 Figure 53 Os-11 Bad 18 Pencil bournes' grade head? 19 Wet patriarch (Abbr.) 36 Shell 20 Anything 54 Taper? wrigglei but that 55 Bound 21 Cabinet game Dept. need DOWN recruiter acronym 38 Rot 1 Call on 23 Column 39 Cambod wright the P.A. style ian language Fugard Solution time: 24 mins. 42 Jab quated 43 Pound of 30 Cassopoetry 44 Tide С look-alike type 31 Stocking 45 Swelled stuffer? head 46 Some 33 Nursery people fixture dispense 34 Screw up with it 18 See 9-McBride



ZBF VCPPTUW, HLUR XLU FLU HBVCR HCX FLPTAAUW FB ZUF C RUH RCVU CRW WPUXX Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A VERY LARGE STREAM SNAKING THROUGH SOUTHERN UKRAINE IS ACTUALLY A "CRIMEA RIVER." Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals E

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.

the country. I can make sure that the Pollock plays FROM PAGE 13 around and then suddenly realise you have to more or less stick to your fielding position.

or to do commentary," he said.

MOHAMMAD AZHARUDDIN

"I think I can do a lot of justice to

"But I also have the responsibility of helping the youngsters develop, pass on my experience to them." Pollock, who has played 68 Tests and 188 one-dayers, said his contribu-

tion to the team as a player too was

going to be different in the coming

bowling first-change when I have

bowled with the new ball all my life. I

am likely to have a higher batting

position too, so I have to learn certain

Pollock felt it was difficult to say

how the job could be for a young

captain like Smith without top players

Rhodes and Donald, who have retired,

and Gary Kirsten, who will not play

"It is difficult because you miss

Regarding criticism of their World

their experience, but easy because you

only have younger players to mould."

Cup team by former players, particu-

larly of paceman Donald by former

seamer Fanie de Villiers, Pollock felt it

team has been decided, you need to

one-dayers any more.

before the World Cup.

back your players."

"I have to adjust to new things like

days

aspects.'