# Good first day for BD

Cricket

CRICINFO/REUTERS, Brisbane

Bangladesh finished their first day of cricket in Australia evenly-placed at

stumps yesterday. They dismissed the Queensland Academy of Sport Invitation side for 201 at the Allan Border Field in Brisbane, and ended with a flourish, the last two balls being hit for a four

and a six, closing on 86 for three a

deficit of 115 runs. However, the incumbent batsmen Mohammad Ashraful (33) and Al Shahariar (4), face the task of ensuring their side gain an appreciable first innings lead if they are to have a chance of a victory in the three-day match, which is part of the build-up to their forthcoming Test

matches against Australia. When Bangladesh began their innings Javed Omar struggled against Damien MacKenzie and James Hopes, facing 37 balls before he was dismissed for a duck. caught in the gully by Craig Philipson off Hopes attempting a cut (23 for 1). Bowling his sixth over,

Hopes had still not conceded his first run. Then off the last ball of the next over, Hannan Sarker, who had raced along to 19 off 37 balls was bowled by Steve Magoffin (27 for 2). Next to go was Habibul Bashar, who

The match may be a non-firstclass fixture but six of the



Aaron Nye for 3.

**Towards normalcy** 

ASHRAFUL ...33 n.o

Queensland side have played firstclass cricket, while Nathan Hauritz an international. Both sides are

playing 12 players in the match, with one batsman being replaced by a bowler at the change of innings.

Bangladesh made good use of the conditions after hosts won the toss and Tapash Baisya took two quick wickets to leave Queensland AIS struggling on 6 for 2. He claimed a third with the score on 10, bowling

Mahmud's right-arm medium pace (165 for 5). Carseldine hit 15 boundaries and a six in his 115-ball innings. The Queenslanders were in trouble immediately when Philipson was run out for 5 two balls later (165 It was left to Chris Hartley to

shepherd the lower-order through to 200 with his 20, off 43 balls, being

bowling during the day, taking 3 for 33 from his 14 overs while Mahmud took 2 for 34 from 12 overs.

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# defeat for U-23 team

The Bangladesh Under-23 team tasted their fourth one-day defeat in Sri Lanka when they lost by two wickets against their Lankan counterparts at the Dambulla Stadium

Chasing Bangladesh's fighting 249 in 50 overs, the home side scored the winning run off the last ball of their innings.

Earlier, electing to bat Bangladesh's total was built around a superb 87 from captain Nafees lgbal. His run-a-ball knock included two sixes and a dozen of bound-

Nazimuddin chipped in with 40 while Rajin Saleh added 39. Wicketkeeper Mohammad Salim was not out on 36.

It was Bangladesh's fourth defeat in five matches. The other match was washed out due to rain. The visitors will now play four twoday matches.

The first match is on June 30 at the same venue

#### **SCORES IN BRIEF**

BANGLADESH U-23: 249 for 6 in 50 overs (Nafees 87, Nazimuddin 40. rajin 39, Salim 36 n.o., Dhammika 2-42)

SRI LANKA U-23: 250 for 8 in 50 overs (Muthalif 97, Dhammika 62, Cooray 34, Alamgir Kabir 2-51)

Result: Sri Lanka Under-23 won by two wickets.

### Wanderers in second round

**SPORTS REPORTER** 

Wanderers Club of Moulvibazar became the second team to qualify for the second round of the Nitol-Tata third National Football League with a 2-0 win over GRC Sporting Club of Habiganj in the Sylhet zone final at the Sylhet Stadium yester-

The winners led the first half 1-0. Milan put the winners ahead in the 34th minute while Kabir sealed the fate of Habiganj outfit in the 69th minute.

Wanderers will now play in the ten-team second round that is scheduled to start from July 11.

Ten teams will be split into two groups in the second round and matches will be held in four venues Chittagong, Sylhet, Barisal and

Meanwhile, Khulna Abahani made it to the Jhenidah zonal final with a 1-0 win over Confidence Cement of Barisal in the tie-breaker.

The match ended in a goalless draw in the regulation time. Khulna Abahani will now face local side Jhenidah Mohammedan

in July 1 final at the Jhenidah Stadium.

Away in Jamalpur, Padma Krira Chakra of Natore moved into the zonal final after defeating Shikkharthi Sports Institute of Pabna 7-6 on penalties.

The match was also locked 0-0 in the regulation 90 minutes of play. Padma KC will now meet home side Jamalpur Jagarani Club in the final on June 29.

### Shoaib relief for Bangladesh

REUTERS. Karachi

Shoaib Akhtar will be allowed to skip Pakistan's home test series against Bangladesh to concentrate on

playing for English county Durham.
"The selectors will get a chance to try out some young fast bowlers. But Shoaib has been told to keep himself match fit," Pakistan Cricket Board official Ramiz Raja said.

The 27-year-old fast bowler will play for Durham until mid-September before returning home for a three-match test series against South Africa.

The Bangladesh series, also comprising three tests followed by one-dayers, takes place in August

UNB, Dhaka

Ajker Kagoj, Manabjamin, ATN Bangla, ABAS and Jugantor won their respective matches on the second day of the six-a-side Pepsi Media Cup Cricket Tournament at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Ajker Kagoj (90/2) defeated Independent (84/4) by six runs, Manabjamin (28/2) beat Channel-I (24/5) by three wickets, ATN Bangla (30/2) beat Banglabazar Patrika (29/5) by three wickets, ABAS (64/4) defeated BTV (62/4) by two wickets and Jugantor (83/2) defeated UNB

# Marc-Vivien Foe: 1975-03

# Cameroon weep into final



REUTERS, Lyon Ten-man Cameroon booked their place in the Confederations Cup final on Thursday with a 1-0 victory

over Colombia, but celebrations

their midfielder Marc-Vivien Foe.

were overshadowed by the death of

In the 71st minute of the game, Foé, who was on loan at Manchester City last season and has also played at West Ham, fell down unchallenged around the midfield circle. Emergency staff came on to the pitch for help to make sure the unconscious 28-vear-old did not swallow his tonque. He was carried off on a stretcher with a breathing tube in his mouth. He died around half an hour later

It was not clear what had happened to Foe but a FIFA spokesman announced later that the 28-yearold's heart stopped after he was taken from the pitch. Medical staff tried for 45 minutes to restart his heart, without success.

The body of the player was transferred from the Stade Gerland to a medical institute in Lyon where the autopsy will take place later Friday, FIFA's medical officer Alfred Cameroon, who will face holders

France in Sunday's final in Paris, were fired into a ninth-minute lead by striker Pius Ndiefi but had defender Bill Tchato red-carded an hour later.

Eric Djemba-Djemba sent a high

past keeper Oscar Cordoba across the face of his goal and Ndiefi volleyed into an empty net.

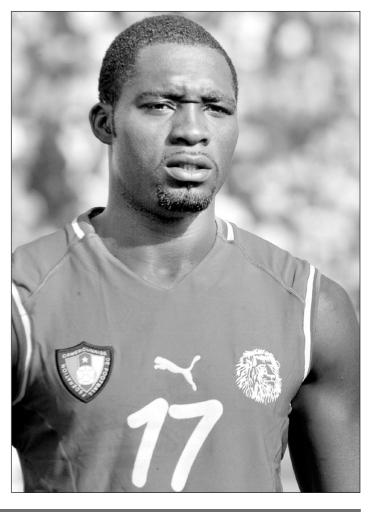
The African champions, who beat world champions Brazil 1-0 on their way to winning Group B and have not conceded a goal in their four matches in the competition, were ultimately fortunate to get through.

Though they looked well in

control for 70 minutes, winning all the 50-50 tackles and usually overpowering Colombia's attacking manoeuvres, their deserved lead could so easily have evaporated in the closing minutes.

Colombia, the 2001 Copa America winners, will be left to kick themselves for the missed chances

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ball from the right to the far post, Mohamadou Idrissou headed back

# A normal death



An autopsy on Cameroon midfielder Marc-Vivien Foe showed nothing abnormal in his death, which was not caused by a stroke.

"First analysis showed nothing abnormal but we rule out any stroke. Toxicological tests, which will take longer, will be carried out," Xavier Richaud, public prosecutor for the Lyon region, said on Friday.

FIFA said Foe had suffered from diarrhoea before the Confederations Cup semi-final against Colombia on Thursday during which he collapsed. He was declared dead shortly after the

Cameroon team doctor Olivier

Assamba said Foe had recovered from the stomach upset, insisting there was no connection with the problem and the player's death.

"The results being all right, it was confirmed that there was no infection. Treatment was infusion of NaCl (sodium chloride) and immodium. On the evening of June 25, the player felt well," FIFA said in a

Speaking to reporters outside Cameroon's training base at L'Etrat, near St Etienne, Assamba said: "We definitely think there is no cause and effect link between this problem and what happened to him.

In a detailed rundown of events on the pitch at the Stade Gerland on Thursday, a FIFA statement said Foe was breathing immediately after collapsing, but that his eyes were rolled back, showing only the

"This may be the sign of the beginning of coma," FIFA said.

After Foe was brought to the stadium's first aid centre, a decision was taken on the spot by the head French doctor not to have the player taken to hospital.

"An ambulance is in any case

player to hospital, if need be. The first aid station is fully equipped to offer the same medical assistance/treatment as a hospital," FIFA

ready on standby to transport the

Foe's condition was unchanged when he arrived at the first-aid unit, where he was given an infusion and

oxygen.
"During this process, the heart stopped beating and reanimation treatment was immediately started...approximately seven minutes after entering the first aid

"This means 12-13 minutes after the player first collapsed on the field of play." Doctors tried reanimation for some 45 minutes, in vain, and his time of death was recorded at

"Cameroon team members were given the opportunity to pay their respects to their deceased team

mate," the statement said. FIFA said the exact cause of

death would be revealed "in the next few days" following the coroner's

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# move down

Cricket

AFP, London

Moving down the order may be an option for Michael Vaughan should he be unable to get rid of the poor batting form which has hampered England's one-day side.

struggled to repeat his incredible winter form against Australia since the start of this season and is yet to reach 30 for England this summer after two Tests and four one-day internationals

It has prompted speculation that England may consider either moving him up to an opening position alongside Test partner Marcus Trescothick or dropping him down the order to strengthen an area which has shown signs of weakness during the three matches against Pakistan and the four-wicket defeat by Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge

Vaughan insists there is nothing wrong with his form and is confident run continues he may consider discussing the situation with coach Duncan Fletcher to determine whether a move away from the number three position will benefit both himself and the team.

Asked whether he would move down the order, Vaughan replied: "I'll discuss that with the coach and maybe that could be an option.

not in there and scoring a lot of runs,



MICHAEL VAUGHAN

but I feel I'm hitting the ball OK and

## **Delta Life Open TT**

UNB, Dhaka

Biman Bangladesh emerged champions of the men's team event in the Delta Life Open Table Tennis competition beating Khelaghar SKS (Red) 3-1 at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday.

Two semifinals of the boys singles and women's singles will be held on Sunday at the same venue.

In the boys qualifying round matches, Sumon (Habigani) beat Mishuk (Chittagong) 3-1 and Ashok (Dinajpur) beat Nasir (Satkhira) 3-2 SEE PAGE 14 COL 5

## Gaibandha h'ball

**OUR CORRESPONDENT** 

emerged champions in the Cute Handball League defeating Jubo Sangsad 9-6 at Gaibandha Islamia High School ground yesterday.

netted two goals for the winners.. In the women's group Abahani Krira Chakra clinched title beating Asaduzzaman Girls High Schoo

Hiru scored three while Nayar

while Jesmine five goals for the

Gaibandha Pourashava chairman Anowarul Hasan Sabur gave away prizes as chief guest.

### Olympic Association and Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury was present as special

## Did U Know? Hasan Raza of Pakistan holds the record for being the youngest Test player. He was 14 years and 227 days old when he made his debut against Zimbabwe at Faisalabad in

**ESPN England vs South Africa** NatWest Series

#### Second ODI Live at 3:45 pm

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Live at 5:00 pm





# Asif Iqbal

(Former Pakistan cricket captain) "Cricket has the capacity to form a bridge between Pakistan and India and other things can move forward on that bridge.

# Olympic Day Run held

BSS, Dhaka

The Olympic Day-Run 2003 was held in the city vesterday.

am and concluded at Bangabandhu National Stadium at 10 am. Executive members of

Bangladesh Olympic Association, sports organizers, sports persons, army, navy, air force personnel and general people participated in the event.

Sports Fazlur Rahman formally inaugurated the meet.

It started from Army Stadium at 8

Roddick started the match as the overwhelming favourite. appeared the less tentative of the State Minister for Youth and two in a tightly-fought opening set. But after Roddick had shaded the tiebreak 7/5, there was only ever President of Bangladesh going to be one winner and pro-

> one hour and 54 minutes. The win sets up an exciting fourth men's singles. ound clash between Roddick and

ceedings were brought to a halt after

WIMBLEDON

Andy Roddick advanced into the

last 16 at Wimbledon for the first

time in his career with another

The American fifth seed, the

favourite to succeed Lleyton Hewitt

as champion, completed his third

straight sets victory of the tourna-

ment with a 7-6 (7/5), 6-4, 6-3 dis-

missal of Spanish clay-courter

Given his current form and the

It was however the Spaniard who

fact that he had never lost to

Robredo in four previous meetings,

flawless display on Friday.

Tommy Robredo.

AFP, London

#### Cricket Pakistan after the 2000 Asia Cup due to political tensions, but allowed AFP, New Delhi the teams to play in multi-nation events like the World Cup. India and Pakistan moved closer India played against Pakistan in towards restoring cricket ties by

agreeing to send second-string teams to a limited-overs tournament in Sri Lanka in August, officials said dent. India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will compete in a new annual 'A' team tri-series from August 15 to 22, with

the provision to rotate the event between the three countries in the next three years. Each team will play the other twice in the preliminary league with the top teams qualifying for the final for what has been named the

bench strength to gain experience,"

said an official of the Board of

Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Emerging Trophy. This will be the first clash between Indian and Pakistani cricketers in the sub-continent since the senior teams met in the Asia Cup in Bangladesh in May, 2000. "At least a start has been made, it

Pakistan at the senior level following i be a good opportunity for our

BAISYA...3 for 33

order together during a 100-run

Lee Carseldine held the top-

in 1999-2000 despite threats from Hindu fundamentalists to disrupt the

awaiting word from the government to resume bilateral games with

The Indian government banned

the preliminary league of the World Cup in South Africa in March, a

Calcutta ended in front of an empty stadium after police were forced to clear the stands following crowd The BCCI, meanwhile, is still

The BCCI has proposed two limited-overs matches, one each in

bilateral cricket matches with

game that passed off without inci-India have not played a Test match in Pakistan since 1989, while Pakistan played three Tests in India

The Tests in Madras and New Delhi went off peacefully, but the third at the Eden Gardens in

the recent upswing in diplomatic

India, Pakistan A teams to play in SL both countries, in September, followed by a three-Test series in Pakistan in March next year.

Indian sports minister Vikram Verma said recently it was too early

to accept the BCCI proposal. "We will assess the overall situation and observe to what extent the relations have improved before taking a decision," the minister said earlier this month.

Verma, however, acknowledged there was a perceptible change in the government's stance towards playing bilateral cricket matches against Pakistan. "Earlier we used to outright reject

any proposal by cricket officials to play against Pakistan, now we are willing to consider such proposals,"

Emerging Trophy schedule in Sri

Aug 15: Pakistan v Sri Lanka Aug 16: India v Sri Lanka Aug 17: India v Pakistan Aug 18: Pakistan v Sri Lanka

Aug 19: India v Sri Lanka

Lanka:

Aug 22: Final



# State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman leads the participants in the Olympic Day-Run yesterday. Roddick, Paradorn collide

Paradorn advanced by ending the hopes of Spain's Rafael Nadal, the 17-year-old who had been bidding to become the youngest player since Bjorn Borg in 1973 to

make the last 16 at Wimbledon.

who reached the last 16 of a Grand

Slam tournament for the first time in

After having to battle through five sets in his first two matches, Asia's top male player hit the ground running against the Spanish lefthander, securing a break in the first game of the match. He then went on to complete a 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 win to the delight of the

numerous Thai fans who had man-

aged to get hold of tickets for the

number one showcourt. Swedish veteran Jonas Biorkman also advanced in style. beating Justin Gimelstob of the

United States 6-1, 6-3, 6-3. Sieng Schalken proved there is still life in Dutch tennis following the injury-enforced retirement of Richard Krajicek when he became the first man into the last 16 of the

The Dutch eighth seed, a quarterfinalist here last year, cruised to a 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) win over Romanian Victor Hanescu, a lucky loser from the qualifying tournament. Schalken now plays the winner of the match between Todd Martin

and Rainer Schuettler and will be

confident of at least matching last

year's performance after winning a

Wimbledon warm-up tournament on

grass at S'Hertosgenbosch in his

home country last week. In the women's singles Japanese number one Ai Sugiyama equalled her best performance at Wimbledon by advancing to the fourth round with a straight sets victory over Nathalie Dechy of France The 6-4, 6-4 victory was revenge

for Sugivama, who had been beaten by Dechy on the grass courts of Eastbourne last week challenge to advance any further as

But she is likely to face a tough her next opponent is likely to be second seed Kim Clijsters, who was playing 114th-ranked American

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## Media Cup cricket

(39/4) by 44 runs.

# Vaughan may



him since he took on the captaincy of The Yorkshire batsman has

of making a major contribution with the bat sooner rather than later and will have another chance to break the cycle when England take on South Africa in the second match of the triangular series on Saturday at The Oval

# But he has admitted that if the

"It's very disappointing that I'm



I'm just making that one little mistake and it's costing me my wicket

# Kholahati AB Smrity Sangsad

Rowshana scored highest six



only the third double-digit score of the innings Baisya had good reward for tidy

"It was a good team effort you have to think, we're playing against some reasonable players,"

Bangladesh coach Day Whatmore said after the day's play. "It was encouraging... but tomor-