#### **Div II soccer**

UNB, Dhaka

Dipali Jubo Sangha defeated Police AC 2-1 in the Second Division Football League at Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

Sohel put the Police ahead in the 6th minute but William equalised the margin for the winners in the 38th minute and Rocket scored the match-winner in the 42nd minute.

In the day's other match between Jurain Janata Club and T&T Club ended in 1-1 draw.

#### DRU football

UNB, Dhaka

Dainik Jugantor beat Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) 3-0 in the day's lone match of Basundhara-DRU football tournament at the Handball court of outer stadium

yesterday. Moniruzaman Ujjal, Saidur Rahman Shamim and Maiibur Rahman scored one each.

#### Muralitharan Kent's

**REUTERS,** Canterbury

Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan will join English county Kent to replace Australian all-rounder Andrew Symonds, the club said on Friday.

Muralitharan, 31, has been with Sri Lanka on their tour of the West Indies. He will make his debut for Kent against Yorkshire on July 27 in a one-day match.

He will initially replace Symonds, who will be on international duty with Australia, but will stay until the end of the season. Pakistani paceman Mohammad Sami is due to return home when Symonds rejoins the county in

Kent director of cricket Ian Brayshaw said: "We are thrilled to have Murali with us for the latter part of the season

"As we found with Steve Waugh last year, to have a player of such international standing has a huge impact throughout the club and it will be a particularly good opportunity for our younger players to learn from one of the world's great-

Muralitharan previously played for Lancashire. He has taken 459 test wickets at an average of 23.55.



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# Greats go karting

Cricket

AFP, Madras

Batting greats Steve Waugh, Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara will clash against each other here on Sunday not on a cricket field, but on a go-

Joining them on the track at Navalur on the outskirts of the southern city will be former Australian paceman Dennis Lillee, who has long been associated with a pace bowling project promoted by tyre giant Madras Rubber Factory (MRF).

"It'll be a historic and memorable day for two totally unrelated sports cricket and karting as four great players will for once set cricket aside and compete in an eight-lap karting race," said MRF chairman KM Mammen.

Australian Test captain Waugh, India's Tendulkar and West Indies skipper Lara endorse the MRF logo on their cricket bats.

Go-karting, a poor cousin of Formula One, is run on 800 cc engines and has become a craze

Tendulkar said he had been a Formula One racing fan since his childhood and his favourite was German Michael

"I've always been interested in cars. I'm a keen follower of Formula One racing. I also do some karting when I've time," said Tendulkar, who has amassed 8,811 runs in 105 Tests.

The racing is a new experience for both Lara and Waugh.

Tendulkar was gifted a Ferrari car by Schumacher when they met in England last year during India's Test tour. When asked about his meet-

ing with Schumacher, Tendulkar jokingly said: "He gave me a few lessons in cricket and I gave him a few lessons in Lara also said the German

was his favourite driver, but Waugh opted for compatriot Mark

"I enjoy watching Formula One acing and appreciate the courage of those at the wheels," said Waugh.

Waugh also praised Lara for playing a crucial role in shaping the fortunes of a young West

"Brian is back at his batting best and he's leading from the front. He's also enjoying cap-taincy," said Waugh, who has scored 10,265 runs in 160

Waugh recently led his team to a 4-1 Test series victory over the West Indies. The lone defeat came in the fourth and final match at Antigua in

May when the hosts successfully chased a record 418 in the fourth innings.

He said his team was young

the invincible West Indies teams of the 1970s and 80s or the present Australian side, but we've



TRYING SOMETHING DIFFERENT: West Indies cricket captain Brian Lara (L) and Indian superstar Sachin Tendulkar, clad in go-karting uniform, pose for photographers in Madras yesterday.

Cricket

Gibbs has managed just 11 runs in South Africa's three NatWest triangular series one-day international matches a sharp contrast to his form in October when he became only the third player in history to make three successive one-day international hundreds.

And Gibbs, twice dismissed for England at Old Trafford.

ahead of Saturday's triangular match here against Zimbabwe,

back to start worrying.

often. He's due a big score.

point from England, who have played one game more than both African sides, and are two clear of Zimbabwe going into Saturday's

Boucher said Thursday's result had been crucial after England beat

South Africa by six wickets in the Proteas' opening match of the tournament last Saturday.

with a 46-run win over Zimbabwe



too much pressure against the county sides. But they've started to

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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.

"We're very delighted, especially after what happened at The

MARK BOUCHER

at Canterbury. Boucher said the key to the team's improvement had been the rising form of South Africa's bowl-

"The bowlers weren't put under find their lengths.

That was certainly true of paceman Shaun Pollock, the former captain taking a miserly one for 21 from 10 overs against England at Old Trafford on Thursday.

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Lara emerged the top scorer of the series, with 533 runs in four

and inexperienced, but talented. "We may not be able to match

very realistic chances of getting near the top," said Lara, who has compiled 8,404 runs in 96 Tests.

## Mark wishes Hersch well

South Africa vice-captain Mark Boucher said Friday out-of-form opener Herschelle Gibbs was "due

five in his previous two triangular innings, was run out for one in

But Boucher, speaking at Cardiff's Sophia Gardens ground said: "Herschelle was unlucky to be run out. That's the kind of strange way you can get out when you're

And wicketkeeper Boucher joked of Gibbs. "Hersch is too laid

But on a serious note he added: 'Good players don't get out too

South Africa lead the table by a

Oval. It was a game we had to win."

After losing to England, South Africa bounced back 24 hours later

prime form right from the start of

"It was Polly's kind of wicket but

you've still got to put the ball in the right areas. Like Herschelle, he's

been going through a bit of a tough time but the ball that got (England

captain) Michael Vaughan out was

But one man who has been in

one of the best balls in his career."

**HERSCHELLE GIBBS** this series is Jacques Kallis. In three matches he has made two hundreds with his other score 82 not out on Thursday.

Kallis' form has been all the more impressive because he has been playing in the shadow of his father's battle against cancer.

However, Boucher said that family problems had not stopped Kallis contributing, citing his match-winning stand Thursday with Jacques Rudolph (71 not out) as an example.

"Jacques is a big influence on the team here. It would have done Jacques Rudolph the power of good to have been batting with Jacques. He's very much a team man and been very supportive of everyone."

### Serena again

FROM PAGE 13 and fifth games.

Serving for the set Serena drove into the net and Venus then held despite a serve which was losing power by the point. But Serena served out second

time round on her second set A pensive-looking Venus then called WTA trainer Karen Davis and took a three-minute medical time out after dropping serve in the

By then her first serve ratio had slid below 50 per cent and she dropped serve again with an eighth double fault as Serena again opened up a 5-2 lead.

The gulf was by now unbridge

able and Serena bagged the crown

on her first match point.

opening game of the deciding set,

clutching her left side in the pro-

#### Martina can still do it

AFP, London

Kim Clijsters of Belgium and Japan's Ai Sugiyama denied 46-year-old Martina Navratilova one chance of a 20th Wimbledon title on Friday, beating the veteran and Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 in the women's doubles quarterfinals.

But the veteran of nine singles crowns, seven women's doubles and three mixed doubles successes to her name, is still in with a chance 302 matches into her All England Club career since her 1976 debut after she and Leander Paes of India reached the mixed doubles semis.

The fifth seeds and Australian Open champons saw off US second seeds Lisa Raymond and Mike Bryan 5-7, 7-6 (7/3), 6-4 in the final match of the day.

Navratilova came here hoping to go level with Billie Jean King, whose 20 crowns are a Wimbledon record, comprising six singles wins, 10 doubles and four mixed triumphs between 1961 and 1979.

In the early afternoon Navratilova, a Czech-born naturalised American, was off the pace as Clijsters and Sugiyama moved through to a meeting with American fourth seeds Lindsay Davenport and Raymond, whom they defeated after a second-set lapse 6-1, 0-6, 6-4.

In Sunday's final the Belgian-Japanese pair meet top seeds Paola Suarez of Argentina and Virginia Ruano Pascual of Spain, who defeated Russian 15th seeds Elena Dementieva and Lina Krasnoroutskaya, conquerors earlier in the tournament of the Williams sisters, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

But alongside Paes, 30, Navratilova had better luck as the pair overcame the loss of the open-

#### **BCCI's eyes** on Hadlee

CRICINFO, New Delhi

Richard Hadlee is the latest big name to be linked to the as-yetnon-existent post of Indian bowl-

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has entrusted John Wright Hadlee's former brotherin-arms with the task of broaching the subject when he returns to New

Hadlee was initially approached by the Indian board during the tour of New Zealand late last year, but his job as New Zealand's chairman of selectors the three-year contract ended recently, and has not been renewed came in the way of his accepting the offer.

Fanie de Villiers is understood to have been the BCCI's first choice, but his marital problems ruled him out of contention. Terry Alderman and John Lever were other names mentioned, in what has turned out to be a futile search thus far. Mind you, the likes of Zaheer Khan, currently training with Dennis Lillee in Chennai, would only benefit from someone like Hadlee taking charge nothing like a legend, or two, to fine-tune one's bowling.

### Rasheed recalled

**AFP,** Lahore

Pakistan on Thursday appointed former field hockey coach Abdul Rasheed Junior as manager, hop-ing to lift its sagging stature before next year's Olympic Games in

"Our target is the Athens Olympics and we hope that the new manager, along with other officials, work hard on the team and bring good results," Pakistan Hockey Federation secretary Brigadier Musarratullah Khan told

### Bangladesh

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American Allen Johnson clears the bar on way to win the men's 110 metres hurdles at the Paris Golden League meet-

# Paris produces 4 bests

Athletics

**REUTERS,** Paris

Allen Jonson, Gabriela Szabo, Mehdi Baala and Tatyana Lebedeva set year's bests at the Paris Golden League meeting on Friday in a competition billed as a dress rehearsal for next month's World Championships.

American world champion Johnson clocked 12.97 seconds in the 110 metres hurdles while Romanian Gabriela Szabo unleashed a devastating final kick in the women's 3,000 to defeat Moroccan Zhor El Kamch in eight minutes 34.09 seconds.

but it wasn't that important to win. I wanted to prove something to myself," said the Olympic 5,000 metres champion. France's European champion Baala won the men's 1,500 metres

in a national record of 3:30.98 while

Russian Lebedeva cleared 15.12

"I knew I still have a good finish

won the men's 100 metres in 10.05 seconds ahead of Nigerian Deji Aliu and Olympic and World Champion Maurice Greene, who false started. Williams, who finished behind

compatriots Greene and Tim

US champion Bernard Williams

Montgomery in the 2001 Edmonton World Championships, clocked 10.05 seconds, equaling his personal best this year. "The false start held me back a little bit at the start," said Greene. "I was really interested in getting away quick but I didn't think it was

the computer said. "I'm just taking it easy right now but I will be ready when the time

Sturrup, winner of the first

golden league meeting of the year in Oslo last Friday, clocked 11.01.

a false start although that was what

Chandra Sturrup of the Bahamas took the honours in the women's 100, out-pacing American champion Kelli White and France's former European champion Christine Arron.

200 metres with a winning time of 22.43 ahead of Frenchwoman Muriel Hurtis and American teenager Allyson Felix. Three times world champion Gail Devers won the 100 metres

White took her revenge in the

hurdles in 12.49, a season's best for the 36-year-old American. "I'm very pleased tonight even though 12.49 is definitely not going to be enough to win the gold next month," she said.

Ethiopian Haile Gebrselassie, the Olympic 10,000 metres champion and world record holder who has just returned to the track after missing last year's outdoor season because of a calf injury finished second in the 5,000 metres. Kenyan Abraham Chebii won in 12:53.37 with Gebrselassie second in

France's Bouabdallah Tahri equalled the European record and broke the French national record in the men's 3,000 metres steeplechase with a time of 8:06.91. He finished third behind Kenyan's Stephen Cherono and Paul Koech.

Roddick said that the 21-year

"As far as talent goes, I don't

The US youngster, who went

old from Basel would be a tough

opponent for Austalia's Mark

know if there is anyone else out

Philippoussis in Sunday's final.

there more talented," he said.

### metres in the women's triple jump. **Helpless Roddick**

**WIMBLEDON** 

AFP, London Rising US star Andy Roddick

admitted to being played off Wimbledon Centre Court by Roger Federer in Friday's Wimbledon semifinal - even confessing that at one point he hoped the local insect

life would lend him a hand. Asked what had been happening when he appeared to speak to the Swiss player midway through his crushing 7-6 (8/6), 6-3, 6-3 loss,

The 20-year-old Nebraskan refused to be downcast despite falling just short of his first ever Grand Ślam final, insisting that he had performed well only to face an

"I just had to say: 'Too good', he said, calling some of Federer's athletic shots "just ridiculous".

**ANDY RODDICK** 

Roddick owned up to having instead talked to a bee which was buzzing around Federer's head at tennis today," Roddick said. "It did seem like he was seeing the balls early all day on lots of shots. "All credit to him, he played one

"I said: 'Get him, help me out!," hell of a match."

opponent playing out of his skin.

into the tournament as one of the favourites and who also crashed in the Australian Open semis last January, admitted that falling so "He just really played good close to the prize was hard to bear. "It's tough when you know you are six sets away from holding onto that trophy." **Eng leave** out Key AFP, Bristol England released middle-order batsman Robert Key from their

> Key is returning to play for his county Kent, in a National League match against Glamorgan at Maidstone. Fast bowler Stephen Harmison has returned to the squad after playing for Durham in their county

championship match against

Worcestershire and could make his

first series appearance against

squad to face Zimbabwe in the

triangular series one-day interna-

tional here on Sunday.

# Chance to be champ

FROM PAGE 13 In seeing off Sebastien Grosjean, the French 13th seed, 7-6 (7/3), 6-3, 6-3 in his semi Philipoussis, bidding to succeed countryman Lleyton Hewitt as champion here, beat a player who scampers around and plays the full gamut of shot in similar fashion to Federer himself.

"It feels like I've been away for six years," Philippoussis said regarding his injury nightmare.

But now the man based at Cardiff-by-the-Sea in California is living the dream as he looks to learn from the experience of his US Open loss to Rafter, twice a Wimbledon runner-up, five years

Wimbledon. The history this tournament has is great. Hopefully, I'll have a chance to be part of it "But Roger can do anything on the court - so it's not gonna be

"A lot of tennis players when

they are kids dream of winning

easy," said Philippoussis, who beat Federer on clay in Hamburg six weeks ago to score his only success in three previous meetings "This is grass - it's a totally

different surface, a totally different "I've been through a lot - but everything in life happens for a reason," said the Australian as he

looked back to his injury hell. Federer, meanwhile, goes into the final with praise from Roddick nging in his ears.

The American came in having won the title at Queen's Club whereas Federer chose to pick off an eighth career title and first on grass at Halle, where he became the first player to win tournaments on all surfaces in the same year since Sampras in 1998. "I don't know if there's anybody out there more talented. He's a great athlete," Roddick said of his conqueror, who showed no signs of the back trouble which had plagued him earlier in the week. With Philippoussis bidding to

claim as many "free" points as possible on his serve Federer will again have to find the form which did for Roddick's hopes. "I know it's going to be difficult to keep the same level - I'm just really looking forward to this

moment because it's a dream, I

think, for anybody to be in his first

Grand Slam final. Federer said a factor in his favour was that his final opponent is a greater risk taker on serve.

"He's got less margin than

maybe Andy has, especially on the second (serve)," says the Swiss on a roll who will accept whatever fate has in store for him on Sunday. "If I don't win I'll try again to

Philippoussis can tell him that in tennis, there is such a thing as a

