SPÖRT

NFL second

FROM PAGE 13 dons Abahani's sky-blue jersey against Chittagong Mohammedan

on Sunday. Title aspirants Abahani dropped points in their opening fixture against Bangladesh Army at Chittagong.

Arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club and Moulvibazar Wanderers Club are the only teams in this leg with full points.

Schools kabadi

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 $33\,after\,trailing\,the\,first\,half\,12\text{-}21.$ Nawabpur Govt. High School beat Baghbari Government Primary School 51-26 after dominating the first half 31-10.

Haider Ali High School defeated Maniknagar Government Primary School 51-10 after leading the first half 30-3.

BHF in search

FROM PAGE 13 a new coach before the regional

tournament. $In dian\ coach\ GS\ Banges,\ who\ is\ the\ trainer\ of\ BKSP,\ will\ prepare\ the\ team\ for\ the\ prestigious\ meet\ in\ the$ interim period.

Meanwhile, the BHF confirmed that German York Schumacher left on June 30 ending his two-year

The Daily Star

Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm

July 25, 2003 and draw

shortly afterwards

Who clinched the Premier

Division Hockey League title?

BDR Wari Eskaton

2. Who became Confederation

3. Who won the Wimbledon

4. Which country will host the

Class...... Roll No......

School Address

Asia Youth Cup cricket

Cup champions?

tournament?

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France Cameroon

women's sigles crown?

Gough gets Test recall

Cricket

Darren Gough was given an England Test recall two years after playing his last five-day match when he was included in the squad announced Friday for next week's first Test against South Africa at Edgbaston.

Fast bowler Gough, 32, was an ever-present in England's successful one-day campaigns this season, which saw them beat Pakistan and win the triangular tournament, after struggling through 18 months of knee injuries and three operations.

Yorkshireman Gough now has a chance of adding to his 56 Test caps, the last of which was won at The Oval in 2001 during the final Ashes Test against Australia.

England's chairman of selectors David Graveney said in a statement Friday: "Darren Gough had an outstanding one-day series, has been playing four-day cricket for Yorkshire and he feels confident that he will be able to make a contribution

But there was no recall for mid-

A midfield action from yesterday's Dhaka Metropolis inter-school football competition match between Rahmatullah

Cricket

Sri Lanka could play a Test match

here next year once agreement is

finalised with the former World

Cup champions, Cricket Australia

chief executive James Sutherland

Following this week's success-

ful move of playing a first-ever

Test against Bangladesh during

the dry season in Australia's

tropical north, Cricket Australia

is pushing to schedule a Test in

"We are keen to play a Test

Darwin against Sri Lanka in 2004.

against Sri Lanka here this time

next year, but there is a bit of fine-

tuning still to do on Sri Lanka's

side," Sutherland told ABC radio.

year to use the ideal playing

conditions in Australia's north

and Bangladesh are playing two

Tests in Darwin and Cairns and

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Cricket Australia decided this

AFP, Darwin

said on Friday.

in Darwin

SL to play Test

both regional centres.

"The weather is perfect to play

cricket at this time of year and we

are thrilled with the response

we've had from the locals to this

week's Test match," Sutherland

Australia's aim to play future Test

matches in Darwin and Cairns to

fit in a crowded international

playing schedule of home and

pulling teams, such as England,

the West Indies, South Africa and

India, will be played in the more-

populated southern cities during

the Australian summer, but the

opportunity exists to play Tests in

Australia's winter in the tropical

delighted with the facilities at

Darwin's Marrara Oval with the

Northern Territory government

upgrading the ground and a

drop-in pitch installed for a con-

Cricket enthusiasts have been

cities of Darwin and Cairns.

sistent-playing wicket.

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.

Tests against the major crowd-

Sutherland said it was Cricket

Model High School and Nawabpur Government High School at the Dhaka University ground.

dle-order batsman Graham Thorpe, who has made himself available for England selection once again after a year of personal problems.

Following the break-up of his marriage, Thorpe took a break from



DARREN GOUGH

all cricket and then went back on his decision to tour Australia.

Instead of picking Thorpe, the selectors have kept faith with Yorkshire captain Anthony McGrath, although England coach Duncan

Fletcher recently spoke to the Surrey left-hander.

McGrath made two half-centuries in his first two Test innings during the 2-0 series win over Zimbabwe earlier this season and Graveney said: "With regard to the batting positions, Graham Thorpe was considered and we are pleased that his personal situation has improved and he is now able to commit himself to England home

"But we felt that Anthony McGrath had done well in his first two Test matches earlier this summer and deserved to keep his place."

All-rounder Andrew Flintoff was recalled after missing the last eight Tests through injury but Kent middle-order batsman Robert Key was dropped following a run of low

Somerset pace bowler Richard Johnson, who took six wickets on his Test debut against Zimbabwe in the second Test at the Riverside, was omitted because of a groin injury.

NT comes

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with the retirement of Olympic champion athlete Cathy Freeman, who was famous for brandishing the red-and-black Aboriginal flag on the track, does Gillespie see himself as a sporting ambassador?

"I don't know how comfortable I'd be, to be honest ... technically I guess I'm the first [with Aboriginal blood], but I think there'd be a lot of former Test players with indigenous blood and just didn't know about it."

The ground at Marrara, near Darwin's airport, is in the town's sporting park. Bowling greens and clay-pigeon galleries jostle for position. But the cricket holds sway today - the authorities were expecting a crowd pushing the capacity of

and that includes provision for a "Small VIPs Car Park". Next door, obviously catering for the more comfortably built, is the Large VIPs Car Park.

Among the larger VIPs for Darwin's big day was Clare Martin, the chief minister of the Northern Territory, who is a distant relative of Victor Trumper, one of Australia's early greats. And John Ah Kit, NT's minister for sport, was a genial presence in the grandstand, showing off one of the day's Over on Channel 9, one familiar

face was missing. Richie Benaud, taking a break in France from commentating duties in England was not there to don the off-white blazer for a home Test for the first time in most people's memories. Instead Simon O'Donnell, another former Test all-rounder, took over the hot seat.

AFP, London

doubt

Kallis in

South Africa all-rounder Jacques Kallis is staying at home with his critically ill father, meaning he could miss the first Test against England which starts next Thursday in Edgbaston.

Kallis scored 329 runs in the one-day series before flying home to be with father Henry, who has "We appreciate that this is an

extremely difficult and emotional time for Jacques," said South Africa coach Eric Simons in a statement on Thursday.

"I have told him that he must take as much time as he needs to be with his father.

"He is a vital member of our squad, but ultimately the wellbeing of a player's family comes before any game of cricket.

McGrath, Lee

FROM PAGE 13

credit should be given to Australia's bowlers after they ripped through the tourists in 42.2

"It was a great effort and it just goes to show why Australian teams have been so good over the last 12-18 months," Lee said.

"It doesn't matter what opposition you're playing against...we just wanted to keep our foot on the pedal."

Bowlers FROM PAGE 13

BANGLADESH: First innings						
Hannanlbwb McGrath						
JavedcGilchristbGillespie 5						
BasharbLee	16					
Ashraful c Gilles	23					
Al Shahriar b Lee				0		
Kapali lbwb Mao	0					
MashudlbwbM	11					
Mahmud c Gilchrist b Mac Gill 21						
Mashrafee c Gilchrist b Gillespie 3						
Baisyanotout	2					
ManjurulcLang	1					
Extras: (b-1,lb-5,w-6,nb-3)				15		
Total: (All out in 42.2 overs) 97				97		
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-26, 3-36, 4-39, 5-40, 6-60, 7-87, 8-91, 9-94, 10-97.						
Bowler	O	M	R	W		
McGrath	13	6	20	3		
Gillespie	8	1	27	2		
Lee	8.2	2	23	3		
MacGill	13	4	21	2		
AUSTRALIA: First innings						
Langernotout	40					
Hayden b Mashrafee				11		

Extras: (lb-4, w-2,	9					
Total: (For 2 wkts in 45 overs)			121			
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-43.						
Bowler	O	M	R	W		
Manjurul	11	3	30	0		
Mashrafee	10	3	19	1		
Baisya	7	2	9	1		
Mahmud	7	0	25	0		
Kapali	8	1	25	0		
Ashraful	2	0	9	0		
To bat: Martin Love, Steve Waugh, Adam						
Gilchrist, Brett Lee, Iason Gillespie, Stuart						

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MacGill, Glenn McGrath.

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Corporation (GCC). Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (RSA) David Indian officials said early this Shepherd (ENG) Toss: Australia

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month they would go to "any extent" to secure the money India is the only one of the 10

ICC Cricket World Cup
SOUTH AFRICA 2003

The World Cup contracts row is

certain to be resolved now that

Ehsan Mani had replaced Malcolm

Gray as president of the International Cricket Council

(ICC), Jagmohan Dalmiya of India

Taking a swipe at Gray, the Indian cricket board chief said the

row, which threatened the partici-

pation of top stars at the World Cup

in South Africa earlier this year,

boiled over only because the

Australian had not "handled it the

game well, but the methods are

different," Dalmiya said in a televi-

No jealousy or anything.

Somewhere down the line, it might have appeared that we were not

going in the right direction. That's why we are not great buddies.'

The ICC has withheld India's

share of World Cup revenue --

between seven and nine million

dollars -- until a settlement is

reached on the 50-million-dollar

compensation claimed by its

marketing agent, Global Cricket

"Everybody wants to serve the

"I have no problem with Gray.

AFP, New Delhi

said on Friday.

right way"

sion interview.

Test-playing nations whose entire share of World Cup revenue has been withheld by the ICC. India's cricketers had refused to sign the original players' terms for

Indian cricket captain Saurav Ganguly listens as Somnath Chatterjee chairman of West Bengal Industrial

Dalmiya counting

Development Council (WBIDC) addresses a meeting in Calcutta on July 17.

on Mani's help

the World Cup which asked them to surrender control of their personal endorsement and image rights in favour of the tournament's official sponsors. Dalmiya said he was confident

that Mani, the new ICC chief from Pakistan whom he regards as a personal friend, will be able to esolve the row. "He (Mani) has now put the

matter on the right track," said Dalmiya without elaborating. "It (the row) could have been

sorted out earlier. I know him



JAGMOHAN DALMIYA

personally and I'm sure he'll do what is in the best interest of the

"He's very pragmatic in his approach and I think he'll be able to achieve it. "All of us wish that these matters

are resolved soon. You can't live with a dispute all the time. It's also important to ensure that there are no disputes in future." Dalmiya last month accused the

GCC of not marketing the World Cup properly and threatened to investigate the matter, but backed down on a request by Mani.

"We have accepted Mani's request to avoid confrontation and also do not want the matter settled through arbitration," Dalmiya said

"There is a lot of behind-thescenes activity going on which I do



not want to disclose now, but I am confident the matter will be settled

S Africa draw tour game

Cricket

AFP, Taunton

South African pair Neil McKenzie and Monde Zondeki were bright spots for South Africa as their tour match against English country Somerset faded into a draw on a rain-affected final day on Thursday.

three-day tour match between Somerset and South Africa on Thursday: **SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 326 for 4 declared (G Smith 152, G Kirsten 66, N McKenzie 66 not out) **SOMERSET:** First innings 245 for 7 declared (Wood 55, Laraman 41, Bryant 39; Zondeki 5/64)

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings (overnight 126 for 2) Kirsten c Gilder b Durston 42 Gibbs c Gazzard b Jones 17 Dippenaar c Durston b Gilder McKenzie not out

O M R 0 42 20 6 2 Willoughby7 1 31 12 Peterson 2 0 Adams Result: Match drawn.

Schuettler sends Corretja packing

Tennis

AFP, Stuttgart

Third seed Rainer Schuettler sent Alex Corretia heading home to his newborn daughter in Barcelona with a 6-4, 6-4 defeat in the third round of the 765,000 euro ATP event Thursday

The hilltop clay of the Weissenhof club is proving perfect for the German's game as the 27year-old Australian Open finalist

Primary School at the outer stadium yesterday

tries to improve his sixth standing in the season points race for a sure place at the year-end Masters Cup

Schuettler has already reached eight quarterfinals this season.

Veteran Spaniard Corretja has recently changed coaches and is now working with Enrique Perez as

he tried to break out of a slump. He has won only ten matches this season while losing 14, with a Barcelona quarter-final his best

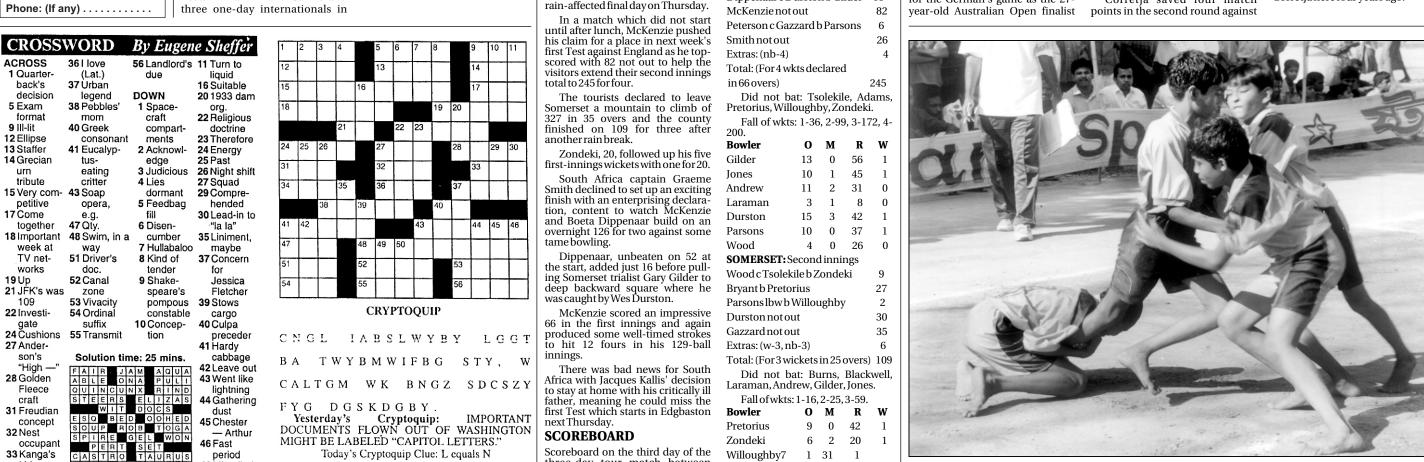
Corretja saved four match

Olivier Rochus as he advanced pas the second round for only the third time this season.

But he was unable to go further with Schuettler dominating play. "I feel really comfortable at German tournaments," said the winner.

"There is nothing better for me. I'm dreaming now of participating in the Masters Cup (in November).'

Schuettler had trouble faulting his performance as he earned revenge for a loss he took against Corretja here four years ago.



Scene from the schools kabadi match between Nwabpur Government High School and Baghbari Government