

NSU intra-soccer 01 batch win final

PRESS RELEASE

The North South University's 01 batch won the intra-football final beating 00 group 3-0 at the WAPDA ground on Friday.

The 01 team took the lead through striker Sayeed and Rafi with a magnificent header doubled the score in 25th minute.

It stayed 2-0 until half time. In the 55th minute Kazi put the game beyond the 00 batch.

Later, NSU Proctor, Shahriar Akbar Chowdhury gave away the prizes.

The month-long tournament was participated by seven teams, including a faculty team.

Shoaib unsure about Pak return

AFP, London

Pakistan paceman Shoaib Akhtar inspired Durham to victory over Somerset with an eight-wicket haul in the English county championship on Friday and then revealed that he is still uncertain over whether or not he will return home for the Test series against Bangladesh.

Shoaib took four for nine off seven overs as Somerset were bowled out for 56 in their second innings to lose the Division Two game at the Riverside by 318 runs. He had already snared 4-39 in the first innings.

"I had permission to play half a season for Durham, but Mohammed Sami's injury has changed that," said Shoaib.

"It's an honour for me to play for Pakistan, but we have just had the news and we are talking about it."

"Playing county cricket is a great learning process for me. I'm bowling every day and getting stronger, and I'm enjoying every bit of it."

"Durham are a young side and they really want to win. I'm helping them do that and nothing could be better than this."

Kallis going to Eng Tuesday

AFP, London

South Africa all-rounder Jacques Kallis is due to return to England on Tuesday, team spokesman Gerald de Kock told AFP here Friday.

Kallis, 27, returned to South Africa, after playing in the Proteas' triangular series final defeat against England earlier this month, to be with his father Henry, who died of cancer on July 23.

That meant Kallis missed the drawn first Test against England concluded at Edgbaston on Monday and the second Test currently in progress at Lord's.

De Kock said at Lord's Friday: "Jacques Kallis is due to arrive in Tuesday. He will probably play in both warm-up games before the third Test."

The third match of this five Test series starts at Trent Bridge on August 14.

Before then South Africa have a one-day match against the Professional Cricketers' Association on Wednesday, August 6 at Shenley and a three-day first-class game against Kent at Canterbury, starting on Thursday, August 7.

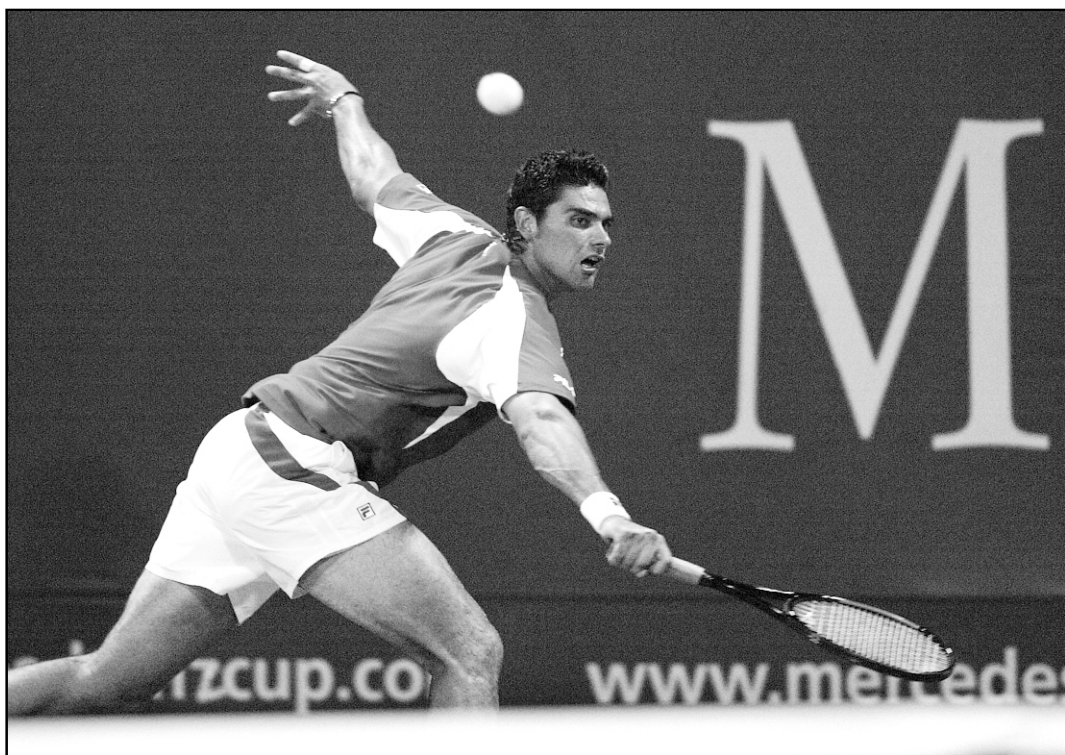
Coaches course

BSS, Dhaka

A training programme for basketball coaches began at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yesterday.

Twenty coaches, including 12 from the capital, are taking part in the course which ends tomorrow.

General secretary of the Bangladesh Basketball Federation Salim Chowdhury inaugurated the programme.



Mark Philippoussis of Australia stretches to make a return against Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil at the Mercedes-Benz Cup on Friday.

England get

FROM PAGE 13 Make double hundreds in successive Tests, resumed on 214.

Dippenaar 11 not out overnight, was dropped on 15 when he edged paceman Andrew Flintoff to Ashley Giles at first slip.

He was dropped again, on 36, by Mark Butcher at second slip off Darren Gough.

These errors came after former captain Nasser Hussain had dropped an easy cover catch when Smith was on eight on Thursday and Mark Butcher put down Gary Kirsten, then 54, in the slips on Saturday.

Kirsten, South Africa's most capped player, went on to make 108.

None of the chances were difficult by Test standards and South Africa made England pay for every one of them.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at lunch on the third day of the second Test between England and South Africa at Lord's on Saturday:

ENGLAND: First innings 173 (D Gough 34, M Vaughan 33, J Anderson 21 not out; M Ntini 5-75, A Hall 3-18)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

(overnight 412-2)				
Smith b Anderson	259			
Gibbs b Harmison	49			
Kirsten b McGrath	108			
Dippenaar not out	46			
Rudolph not out	3			
Extras: (b-17, lb-17, w-5, nb-12) 51				
Total: (For 3 wkts in 137 overs) 516				
Fall of wickets: 1-133, 2-390, 3-513				
To bat: Boucher, Pollock, Hall, Adams, Pretorius, Ntini				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Gough	26	3	105	0
Anderson	19	4	76	1
Harmison	19	3	91	1
Flintoff	30	6	86	0
Giles	29	4	77	0
Butcher	6	1	19	0
McGrath	8	0	28	1

**Toss: South Africa**  
**Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Darrell Hair (Australia)**

Team inspires

FROM PAGE 13 the man for the job of captaincy. This guy can go the distance.

"He's really hungry for big runs. It's unbelievable what he's doing three double hundreds in 12 Tests and now two in two."

Scud aces out Kuerten

AFP, Los Angeles

Wimbledon runner-up Mark Philippoussis ended it the way he began -- with an ace.

The 26-year-old Australian blasted 22 aces on Friday in beating Brazilian hero Gustavo Kuerten 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7/5) at the Los Angeles ATP event.

Philippoussis won the shootout between the big servers, dispatching Kuerten with a 126mph ace in the third-set tiebreaker to reach the semifinals of the 380,000 tournament.

He also opened the one hour, 56 minute match with 133mph second-serve ace.

"This tournament is very important for me because I want to let people know that I am real and that Wimbledon was not a run out of nowhere," said Philippoussis.

He reached the final of Wimbledon last month, losing to Swiss star Roger Federer.

Philippoussis won eight of nine break points in a centre court night match that lived up to its premier billing.

"My confidence is high right now," said Philippoussis, the fifth seed. "It takes something special like that (Wimbledon) to get someone going and it did for me."

All eyes

FROM PAGE 13 Mohammedan Sporting Club almost booked their place with seven points from three matches.

Arambagh Kirra Sangha and Jhenaidah Mohammedan will it out battle to see who goes through to the next round as the third team of Group A.

Motijheel-based Arambagh, have a slim chance of reaching the super-six, but they have to win against the all-losers Jamalpur Jagarani in their last match and hope that Jhenaidah rivals are thrashed by a big margin against Mohammedan.

On the other hand, last year runners-up Abahani Kirra Chakra and Bangladesh Army are in a pole position for Group B. But Chittagong Mohammedan with two matches in hand, could still sneak in.

Meanwhile our Staff Correspondent adds: The Khulna District Sports Association brought out a colourful rally on the eve of the league.

Khulna City Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman will inaugurate the leg

BD nowhere there

FROM PAGE 13 the Australian batsmen cruised to victory with only big-hitting left-hander Adam Gilchrist (18) and Ponting (29) falling as the runs were knocked off at a rate of almost five an over.

Matthew Hayden finished with an unbeaten 46 (seven fours) from 58 balls.

Fast bowler Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza dismissed Gilchrist in the fifth over.

Australia were only three runs short of their target when Ponting was out after a 65-ball knock. The powerful right-hander was bowled by spinner Mohammad Rafique as he attempted a big hit to end the game.

In the Bangladesh innings, Lee and Gillespie, well supported by Andy Bichel (2-24), made good use of a lively pitch.

In a woeful batting exhibition against a quality attack, Bangladesh were given a spark of hope only by Tushar Imran, who clubbed 28 from 33 balls, with five crisp boundaries.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one-day international between Australia and Bangladesh at Bundaberg Stadium in Cairns on Saturday:

BANGLADESH

Sarker run out	1
Al Shahriar c Hayden b Lee	8
Bashar c Gilchrist b Lee	0
Kapali b Lee	0
Sanwar c Gilchrist b Lee	7
Imran c Ponting b Gillespie	28

Mariner drop more points

SPORTS REPORTER

Mariner Young's Club dropped another valuable point after drawing 1-1 with Dhaka Railway in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

The second half had to be extended by a day as the encounter was unfinished on Friday due to insufficient water on the turf due to power failure.

Both teams failed to score in the second half.

Mariner won only one match in their four outings while Railway drew their second game after winning the first encounter in three matches.

Injured Stewart back in action

AFP, London

England wicketkeeper Alec Stewart returned to action here Saturday after being hit in the face on the third day of the second Test against South Africa at Lord's.

The 40-year-old, England's most-capped player now in his 130th Test, took his place behind the stumps after lunch following a nasty-looking blow.

The injury happened in the 16th over of the day when Proteas' captain Graeme Smith, on 247, went down the wicket to Ashley Giles.

The ball brushed his front pad and hit Stewart in the face before he could try for the stumping chance with Smith well out of his ground.

To make matters worse for England their usual stand-in keeper, Marcus Trescothick, who has kept in one-day internationals, was fielding with a finger fractured in the drawn series opener at Edgbaston.

So instead Anthony McGrath took over as wicketkeeper and conceded two sets of four byes in the 11 overs Stewart was off the field.

The marks

FROM PAGE 13 record (21 innings) ahead of Graeme Pollock (22).

\* When Smith reached 200 in the second Test he became only the fourth player in history, behind Don Bradman (Australia, three times), Wally Hammond (England) and Vinod Kamble (India), to score double centuries in successive Tests. Only Bradman had ever achieved the feat before against England.

\* On reaching 255 on Saturday, he recorded the biggest score by an overseas player at Lord's, beating Bradman's 254 against England in 1930.

\* His 621 runs in only three innings of the series was a world record, beating the 599 in three innings by Gary Sobers against Pakistan in 1957-8. His total also equaled Dudley Nourse's 621 runs against England in 1947, but Nourse took five Test matches to get to that total.

\* When his innings ended on Sunday he had batted for 20 hours and 19 minutes in all. At that stage he had only been off the field for 57 minutes in the first two Tests. England's first three innings lasted 15 hours and three minutes.

\* Batsmen to England often complain at how long it takes to get used to the seaming conditions. Smith's first-class scores in England to date are 152, 26 not out (both v Somerset), 79 (v India A), 277, 85 (1st Test v England), 259 (2nd Test v England). His tour statistics are 878 runs at an average of 175.6, and his Test series average is 621 runs, average 207.

Serena to miss US Open



AFP, Los Angeles

World number one Serena Williams will be unable to defend her US Open title after undergoing surgery Friday to repair a partially torn tendon in her left knee.

Williams is expected to recover fully from the procedure but will be sidelined six to eight weeks. The US Open, the final Grand Slam of the season, begins August 25 in New York.

Orthopedic surgeon Rodney Gabriel repaired the mid-portion of Williams' left quadriceps tendon.

"Serena has suffered from quadriceps tendinitis of her left knee for many years, which has been controlled with medication and physical therapy treatments," Gabriel said. "She recently developed pain that, although improved with treatment, increased whenever she resumes tennis activities."

Williams has withdrawn from all of her tournaments since winning Wimbledon. She was expected to return just in time for the US Open, an event she also captured in 1999. "Secondary to an acute injury, an

MRI evaluation of her left knee was performed, which demonstrated a partial tear in the mid-portion of her



SERENA WILLIAMS

quadriceps tendon," Gabriel explained.

"Surgical treatment of her partial quadriceps tendon rupture was recommended."

Williams has won five of the last six Grand Slams and owns a 42-3 match record this season, capturing four of the seven tournaments she has entered. She is a remarkable 34-0 on surfaces other than clay in 2003.

Fletcher plays his charges

AFP, London

England coach Duncan Fletcher admitted that Michael Vaughan's men had under-performed as South Africa piled on the agony in the second Test at Lord's on Friday.

As South Africa reached 412-2 and a lead of 239, Fletcher demanded a rapid improvement on Saturday from a team who demolished the tourists in the one-day series final on the same ground last month.

"It's been very difficult for us and I am really surprised by the way they have turned it around," said Fletcher after watching South Africa skipper Graeme Smith hit an unbeaten 214 and Gary Kirsten, 108.

"We haven't played to our potential, but the Tests are very different to one-dayers. We just need a couple of guys to bowl well."

"The mood in the dressing room is not a happy one but we have to remain positive and come back on Saturday and play the game."

"We still believe we can save the match."

The coach also admitted that the experience had been a rude awakening for new skipper Vaughan.

"I think he has been a little surprised by it but he was thrown in at the deep end," said the coach.

"But he can learn from this. He realises it's not an easy job."



Justine Henin-Hardenne of Belgium plays a backhand against Russian Nadia Petrova at the Acura Classic on Friday.

Belgians in last four



AFP, San Diego

French Open champion Justine Henin-Hardenne is showing that the WTA Tour's best claycourt player also can be a force on the hard courts.

The third-seeded Belgian routed Russia's Nadia Petrova, 6-0, 6-2, in 55 minutes Friday and advanced to the semifinals of the 1 million-dollar Acura Classic tennis tournament.

"I was a little surprised because of the short match and the score was very easy," said Henin-Hardenne, who has reached the semifinals in 11 of 12 tournaments this year. "I'm just happy to be in the semis."

Henin-Hardenne was joined by second-seeded compatriot Kim Clijsters, who breezed past American Lisa Raymond 6-2, 6-2 to set up a clash with fourth seed Lindsay Davenport.

Davenport powered past fellow American Chanda Rubin 6-3, 6-3.

Ranked third in the world, Henin-Hardenne is regarded as the premier claycourt on the WTA Tour, particularly after capturing the French Open for her first career Grand Slam title.

However, she is beginning to make an impact on the hard-court circuit, improving to 19-3 this season.

Andre exacts revenge

AFP, Washington

World number one Andre Agassi, pushed to play his best by fellow American James Blake, rallied to dethrone the defending champion here Friday and reach the semifinals of the ATP Washington Classic.

The eight-time Grand Slam champion answered the challenge for a 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 triumph, avenging a loss to Blake here in last year's semifinals of the 600,000-dollar hardcourt event.

"Tonight felt like it was going to be a repeat," Agassi said. "You have got to prove it every time you go out there. It was a high standard. He came out of the gates hard and I really wasn't ready for it."

"I certainly got frustrated. He was playing so well. I'm not used to that feeling, when someone is hitting it so well you can't do much. That was some of the best tennis I have faced."

Blake won eight of the first 10 points, breaking Agassi in the second game of the match. But Agassi denied Blake on five of six break points after that, getting more than just the sort of test he wanted from this US Open tuneup.

"It's a little frustrating to play that well and lose, but it was against the best player in the world and he proved it," Blake said. "Andre had to play some of his best tennis to beat me. That's why he's number one."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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**Solution time: 21 mins.**

**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Saturday's Cryptquip: I GUESS YOU COULD BE:EL. STUCK WITH YOUR DEBT IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO BUDGE IT.  
Today's Cryptquip Clue: Q equals R

The Cryptquip 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.

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