Sport

The Daily Star

Div II soccer

UNB, Dhaka

Both the matches of the Shahialal Bank Metropolis Second Division Football League ended in draw at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

BG Press shared points with PWD Sporting Club in a goalless affair while Jurain Janata Club drew 3-3 with Bangladesh Boys Club.

Sentu scored two and Gul Mohammad one for the Jurain Janata while Emdad. Ataur and Anwar netted one each for the Bangladesh Boys.

College b'ball

UNB, Dhaka

45-year-old Helen Cohen Alon. Two matches of the Europa College Basketball Championship were decided yesterday at Dhanmondi Warne's in Johannesburg, said he gymnasium. expected the woman to be charged.

In the day's first match, Khulna College beat Rajuk Uttara Model College 90-33 after dominating the first session 42-18. Scholastica College defeated

Johannesburg on Sunday. Academia College 47-12 after exists and that a charge of extortion leading the first session by 24-02 in will be laid against Cohen Alon in the the day's other match. near future

CAB win title

CRICINFO, Bangalore

Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) beat the Anil Kumble-led Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) by 56 runs to win the KSCAAll-India Invitation MRF Trophy tournament at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore on Sunday.

Needing 228 in the fourth innings, KSCA folded up for 171 despite being comfortably placed on 130 for 2 at one stage.

Stuart Binny, son of former Indian player Roger, stroked a delightful 44, and Robin Uthappa made 57, his second half-century of the match.

But apart from those two contributions, none of the KSCA batsmen topped 30. For CAB, Sourashish Lahiri, the off-spinner, took 4 for 38, while Utpal Chatterjee's left-arm spin fetched him three wickets.

BRIEF SCORES CAB 303 and 200 for 9 beat KSCA XI 276 and 171 by 56 runs.

Lokuarachchi nabbed after fatal accident

REUTERS/AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan Test plaver Kaushal Lokuarachchi escaped serious injury but was arrested after a fatal car accident on Saturday morning, local police said. Lokuarachchi, 21, lost control of

his car after returning home late from Colombo, crashing past a bus stand, through a wall and into a roadside house.

He escaped with minor shoulder injuries after the activation of the car's safety airbags but a woman was killed and her son critically injured in the crash.

Cricket On August 10, she made claims about Warne in a South African newspaper.

Australian cricketer.

South African Police have con-

about investigations into the scan-

the Australian Test leg-spinner,

made a charge of extortion against

Vareies, who is an associate of

Gavin Varejes, an associate of

A private investigator hired by

"We've laid a complaint with the

"We believe a prima facie case

police and they are investigating it,"

Warren Goldblatt told Reuters from

She claimed she was offered her BBC ONLINE/REUTERS, Durban 27,280 dollars by a man thought to be Varejes to keep quiet about their An associate of Shane Warne's is relationship, the phone calls and the suing a woman who claims to have text messages, but that man paid received lewd telephone calls and her only half the amount. Cohen Alon said the phone text messages from the banned

messages continued long after she met Warne in South Africa in early 2002. firmed they are likely to brief their The Sunday Times in South Director of Public Prosecutions

Africa reported that police questioned Cohen Alon on Thursday after Varejes laid the complaint.

Her lawyer told the Sunday Times that Cohen Alon planned to lay complaints of crimen injuria (criminal injury), defamation and defeating the ends of justice against Varejes.

In a separate interview with Reuters Television on Saturday, Cohen Alon said: "Charges have been made at the police station. I can't go into that because it is a sensitive issue.

"I have challenged Shane Warne and Gavin Varejes and everybody who's trying to defame my name at

the moment to go on lie detector tests.

"What I've also asked is for a media conference in Australia because the Australian media really tried to assassinate my character guite badly and I'm there to take all of them on as a woman alone."

Warne aide to sue her Niaz's winning

Warne is serving a 12-month suspension from international cricket for failing a drugs test.

And in August 2000 he lost the Australian vice-captaincy after admitting he made lewd telephone calls to a British nurse.

He is also at the centre of several other fresh controversies. A married Melbourne woman an

exotic dancer has threatened to reveal details of an alleged relationship with Warne.

And a former employee of Cricket Australia claimed the organi sation received regular complaints about his behaviour.

Warne is the second-highest wicket-taker in Test cricket with 491 from 107 matches. He toured South Africa with the Australia team in February-March 2002.

start in Abu Dhabi

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Grand Master Niaz Murshed won his first game against Gabor Knisch of Hungary in the Masters Tournament of the Abu Dhabi Chess Festival on Saturday. However, another Bangladeshi

GM Ziaur Rahman drew with IM Neboisa Illijin of Rumania.

A total of 76 players from 25 countries including 26 GMs, 26 International Masters and five Women Grand Masters are participating in the tournament.

Football back in Kawkhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Kawkhali Ekadosh recorded a 1-0 win against Kolompati Ekadosh in the inaugural match of a friendly football tournament at the Kolompati School Ground vester-

in the tournament.

After a long time a sporting event is being held in the terror-torn region of the hilly district of Rangamati.

Only ODIs

FROM PAGE 13 match Test series.

"We are in contact with TEN SPORTS and hopeful that we will be showing the one-day series, Director General of BTV Mustafizur Rahman told the Star Sport last night

BTV also provided live coverage of Bangladesh's three-match oneday international series in Australia early this month.

Sultan obliges FROM PAGE 13

Bangladesh's participation in the qualifiers at any cost. However, BFF general secretary

Anwarul Haw Helal debated that playing in the qualifiers would have been a waste of money because Bangladesh stood no chance at that level. Helal also added that Bangladesh was just taking advantage of a relaxed rule of the Asian Football Confederations (AFC) which said that it was not mandatory for certain countries to participate in

the World Cup qualifiers. But it appears now that Blatter's words of wisdom prompted a belated realisation in Sultan's mind. Among other issues, the FIFA

president also assured Bangladesh that they will soon send an experienced coach-instructor to train the



American Andy Roddick celebrates after defeating Max Mirnyi of Belarus at the Cincinnati Tennis Masters Series on

All-American final

battle in Delray Beach this past March when Roddick retired in the first round match with an ankle injury. Roddick won their

quarterfinal meeting two weeks ago in Washington DC in straight sets. Andy Roddick and Mardy Fish will This final will be played by the play the big final match they youngest finalists here since 21dreamed about as boyhood friends

vear-old Stefan Edberg beat 19vear-old Boris Becker in 1987. Fish seems to finally be finding some confidence to go along with

his big serving game and the result one step away from capturing his is a final berth here, having beaten fifth title of the year with a 7-6 (7/5), three top-20 players this week -6-4 semi-final win over Max Mirnyi 20th-ranked Mark Philippoussis in the first round, 14th-ranked David Then 41st-ranked Fish, playing Nalbandian in the quarterfinals and the best tennis of his career but still the eighth-ranked Schuettler.

without a title on the ATP tour, Since losing his serve in the first earned his spot against Roddick set of his first round match against with a hard fought 7-6 (7/4), 7-6 (8/6) Philippoussis, Fish has won 57 victory over eighth-seeded Rainer consecutive service games heading into the final "It's something we always

"I wouldn't be here without my serve," Fish said, adding of his winning streak on serve: "That's a record for me.'

Fish saved all six break points he faced on his serve - one at 4-5, 30-40 in the tenth game of the first set with a service winner. He saved a second set point that Schuettler had when serving at 5-6 in the second set tiebreaker with a winning inside out forehand.

Although Schuettler never had his service broken in the match either - saving both break points he faced - he was outplayed by the American in both tiebreakers. Every day that the fourth-ranked

to his improving his extraordinary record for the season, making him the odds on favorite for the upcoming US Open. But Roddick is not thinking that far ahead at the moment. "Cincinnati is on my mind,"

Roddick plays this summer adds up

Roddick told the pro-Roddick crowd after the semifinals. "New York will have to wait a couple of days."

Since early June when he hooked up with new coach Brad Gilbert, Roddick has won the Queen's Club title, the Indianapolis trophy and his first Tennis Masters Series level event at Montreal last week for a 29-2 win-loss record.

In May, Roddick won his first trophy of the season at the clay court event at St. Poelten.

In his one hour, 21 minute semifinal, Roddick played an almost unblemished match - posting 39 outright winners and only one unforced error, with a 73 percent

first service success rate. In the first set Roddick posted 21 winners and no unforced errors, while Mirnyi matched his winner count but did have four unforced

"I thought I played all right," said Mirnyi, a quarter-finalist the past two weeks at Washington and Montreal.

"I think the score speaks for itself. He's certainly playing well right now that's why he is where he is right now."

Pakistan were lucky in the end to

pocket three points when Rehan

Butt sounded the board with a

brilliant left swing goal to put

Pakistan 6-5 ahead. The Argentina

did make their last effort when they

got a short corner that was well

spoiled by Ahmed Alam who dashed

to the Jorge Lombi. Pakistan now

have four points after two matches

and face defending champions the

Pakistan coach Tahir Zaman and

Netherlands on Tuesday.

The two have played on two previous occasions - Fish won their

other pretty well."

M PAGE 13

AFP, Cincinnati

Series-Cincinnati.

on Sunday at the Tennis Masters

of Belarus in the first semi-final.

Schuettler of Germany.

in high school.

dreamed about, playing in a final,

back when we were 17 and living

together," said the 21-year-old Fish,

who resided in the Roddick's Boca

Raton household for his junior year

vear-old Roddick of his childhood

buddy. "I mean, he lived at my house

through our junior year of high

school. I mean, literally, five feet

away from my door was where he

staved. So we were more like broth-

ers that year where we'd fight some-

times - we definitely know each

"We go way back," said the 20-

Seventh-seeded Roddick moved

Dutch down Aussies

FROM PAE 13 Mariner.

FORGET FERRARI FOR NOW: Superstar Sachin Tendulkar stretches during a practice session at a pre-season conditioning camp for the national team in Bangalore yesterday.

Pollock pretty

miserable World Cup campaign, Looking ahead, with two days praised his teammates' batting eft, Anderson added: "It's a difficult which had seen them recover from situation. It could go both ways. It 88 for four to 362 all out with Neil iust depends on which team grafts McKenzie top-scoring with 90 and the hardest.' Mark Boucher hitting 48. McKenzie, playing instead of the "They played superbly well and it injured Gary Kirsten, said he was gave me the freedom to go for my pleased with his innings on a difficult shots. When we had lost four wickpitch. ets. I would have taken 362 as a "It was nice to get some runs in total," said Pollock who made his those circumstances," said runs off just 84 balls including nine McKenzie who was one of fours Anderson's five victims when he "There was plenty happening out edged a ball to Trescothick in the there with the pitch and the guys had slips to work hard. It could have been a lot "On this pitch, you had to get worse for us.' your weight forward and it worked. England's 21-year-old spear-But it was disappointing to get out head James Anderson led the when I did. It was not the right angle attack with five for 102 on a pitch, to hit but Shaun came in and bailed where although the odd ball kept low, was far tamer than Friday's me out.

Div Two chess from Aug 20

SPORTS REPORTER

The Second Division Chess League begins at the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) Hall Room at 3:00 pm on August 20.

Interested teams have been requested to enroll their names at the BCF at the National Sports Council with a fee of Tk 460 today. The open-to-all-teams event will be held on Swiss League basis and the top two teams will be promoted to the First Division next year.

Dudhia BCB's

FROM PAGE 13 his job from October.

Meanwhile, Australian Richard MacLmmes has also been confirmed as the under-19 team coach and he will also take over in October

MSC's Mariner

In the first half, Zahirul Islam Mitul rescued Mohammedan with a goalline save. In fact, Mohamme-dan custodian Jahangir Alam Ziko had an outstanding game as he thwarted several attempts by

Veteran Yousuf Ali Biswas let Mariner down after failing to put away two open net chances in the second half.

No sooner had the game ended some unruly Mohammedan supporters invaded the pitch and verbally abused Indian umpire Uthappa, who, walked off the escorted by the police around

A total of 13 teams from both Tennis indigenous and Banglalee residents of Kawkhali upazila are taking part

"Kaushal Lokuarachchi knocked into a mother and son waiting at a bus stand at 4.20am on Saturday morning," police spokesman Rienze Perera told Reuters

Laxman ready

FROM PAGE 13 recuperate and make the back

really strong. India play a two-Test series

against New Zealand next month, and Laxman was keen to make up for his failures on India's tour to New Zealand.

"We had a bad away series in New Zealand and the entire team is looking forward to this one. It is important that before we go to Australia our confidence level should be really high, so this series is important."

terror track.

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'The wicket played better than we thought it would," Lancashire paceman Anderson admitted afterwards. "We had to battle for every

"There was some uneven bounce and we were thinking about survival at first. But we played positively we knew there was going to be the odd ball which beat us."

8 9 10 11

before any harm came to him. The outcome raised Mohamme

dan's tally to 22 points two behind Abahani from the same the number of outings.

On the other hand, Mariner kept their remote 'Super Five' hopes but they will need to win their final league match against Usha Krira Chakra (12 from 8 matches) and hope that Sadharan Bima (10 from 8 matches) lose against Sonali Bank.

The bankers (13 points from 8 matches)have already qualified for the Super Fives along with Abahani, Mohammedan and Ajax Sporting Club

TODAY'S MATCH

Dhaka Railway v Wari Club (4:15pm)

country's coaches. FIFA will also help the BFF to get a coach for the Bangladesh national team if the Federation fails to manage one.

tion and a team from South Korea or Japan will tour Bangladesh next January to play exhibition matches under FIFA's auspices

FIFA will also assist Bangladesh in arranging a planned international tournament in 2004.

be sending an expert to Bangladesh within the next three months to assess the situation here.

Blatter also gave his consent to inaugurate the FIFA funded BFF Bhaban at Dhaka's Arambagh which is likely to be completed in

Besides, a strong Swiss selecmatches.

The game's governing body will

March next year.

land mark when he scored his 200th goal and later on taking his tally to 201 in 164 matches. He is now eyeing the Dutchman Paul Litjense's world record of 267 Pakistan secured an early lead when Sohail Abbas converted two

against India, reached a personal

consecutive short-corners in 6th and 11th minute to make the score 2-0. In 15th minute, Mohammad Shabbir Hussain for Pakistan scored a superb goal through reverse flick from a very narrow angle, after an entertaining move generated by Mudassir that was a treat to watch, .put Pakistan ahead by 3-0.

Pakistan got another penaltycorner in 21st minute but this time the Argentine defender did well to take rush towards Abbas and take the ball on his stick. Pakistan in 25th minute got a long-corner taken by Rehan Butt who passed the ball to Kashif Jawwad who rolled it to Shabbir Hussain who made no mistake to put the ball into empty net to score his second and Pakistan's fourth goal.. Pakistan captain Nadeem played a key role of an

effective schemer through out the bringing his team at par with Short-corner terror Sohail Abbass whole match. Pakistan 5-5. who started his career in 1998

The Argentines did put pressure in patches and got a penalty stroke when a defender hit the stick of Argentine forward and umpire Virendra awarded a penalty-stroke that was converted by Vila Matias in 33 minute to reduce a one-goal lead as Pakistan were leading 4-1 at the hooter.

Pakistan seem to be relaxing after the lead allowed the Argentines scored their second goal in 37th minute when Almad Mario deflected the ball into the net after receiving a good pass from his left in Pakistan scored their 5th goal when Kashif Jawwad scored in 39th minute.

Argentina soon reduced the margin when in 45th minute taking advantage of sluggish Pakistani defence scored the goal through Lucas Cammareri to make the score 5-3.

Argentine got another shortcorner in 57th that was flicked into the goal by Jorg Lombi to make the score 5-4 that put Pakistan in real trouble. The South American champions in their continued attacking game were rewarded with another Penalty stroke in 61st minute that was converted by Jorg Lombi,

captain Nadeem termed the lethargy in defence in second half as complacency that Tahir said was a worrying point and needed to be addressed on emergency basis as Pakistan had lost the grip on the match against Australia in similar manner Pakistan keeper Ahmed Alam

said that on the short-corner in last minute of the match, he decided to rush to Lombi that luckily worked well. Pakistan's Sohail Abbass said he was happy or reaching a personal mile stone of scoring 200 goals and was more happy that his two goals finally helped Pakistan win the match.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals S

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.

Dementieva Tennis

Henin halts

AFP, Toronto

Justine Henin-Hardenne was extended for the first time at the 1.3 million-dollar WTA Tour tier one tournament here Saturday, but pulled away to earn a berth in the final.

Henin-Hardenne survived her first three-set match of the tournament by defeating Russian Elena Dementieva, 6-3, 6-7 (5/7), 6-2 to advance to Sunday's final.

Henin-Hardenne, the No. 2 seed, will face her fourth straight Russian on Sunday in surprising Lina Krasnoroutskaya, who posted a 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 victory over Paola Suarez of Argentina in the first semi-final.

Saturday's night match featured the sixth meeting and third this year in the developing rivalry between French Open champion Henin-Hardenne and Dementieva. The pair split their previous two matchups, both of which went three sets.

Henin-Hardenne bounced back from dropping the second-set tiebreaker to advance to her seventh WTA Tour final of the year. She is 5-1 in those finals, including her

triumph at Roland Garros for her first Grand Slam title. Dementieva, who was seeking her second career title, has reached

the semi-finals three times this year She posted wins over higherseeded players in her previous two matches, knocking off Anastasia Myskina and defending champion Amelie Mauresmo.

Krasnoroutskava, the No. 38 player in the world, continued her improbable run by advancing to a final for the first time. The 19-vearold upset world No. 1 Kim Clijsters in the third round.

One of 10 Russians in the original draw, Krasnoroutskaya broke Suarez in the final game of the match to secure her third straight three-set victory and fourth of the tournament.

Goals remain

FROM PAGE 13 "This is a very season for us in which we also host South Africa, "he

added. Manager Haroonur Rashid believed the team would play the series against Bangladesh in the best spirit of the game. He also hoped that some new players would

after the series.

come to the fore for Pakistan cricket SCOREBOARD

Shaun gives SA the chance

FROM PAGE 13

left-hander played down the wrong line Next ball debutant Ed Smith, who

made 64 first time around, was lbw and England were 39 for four. England's record of never losing

a Test when Butcher had made a hundred under threat after their first innings 445 had given them hope of levelling the five-match series at one apiece.

They resumed on nought for one after Marcus Trescothick fell first ball Saturday, caught by short leg Paul Adams off Pollock.

And Pollock made the breakthrough Sunday when he squared up England captain Michael Vaughan (five), with an accurate, off-stump delivery which the opener edged to Boucher, who just clung on to the diving catch. That left England 17 for two in the

seventh over with Pollock, whose dashing 62 had helped South Africa to a gutsy 362, taking centre stage in the 50th Test at Trent Bridge.

Scoreboard at close of England's second innings at tea on the fourth day of the third Test against South Africa at Trent Bridge on Sunday ENGLAND: First innings 445 (N Hussain 116, M Butcher 106, A Stewart 72, E Smith 64; A Hall 3-88) SOUTH AFRICA: First innings Smith hit wicket b Flintoff 35 Gibbs b Harmison 19 Rudolph c Stewart b Kirtlev 15 27 Kallis b Anderson Dippenaar lbw b Kirtley McKenzie c Trescothick b Anderson 90 Boucher Ibw b Flintoff 48 Pollock c Kirtley b Anderson 62 Hall b Anderson 15 Adams b Anderson Ntini not out Extras: (b-4, lb-19, w-3, nb-8) 34 Total: (All out in 119.5 overs) 362 Fall of wickets: 1-56, 2-66, 3-88, 4-88, 5-132, 6-261, 7-284, 8-309, 9-337

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