# SPORT

### The Paily Star

game might be up for him.

exile - on his 48th birthday.

he insisted

"I am still the best in the world,"

Suitably Sunday saw someone

called Moses, Edwin to be exact,

officially announce a miraculous

return from self-imposed sporting

record holder and two-time Olympic

champion's aim is to qualify for the

US Olympic trials next year - a time

of 50.55sec - but he will resist the

urge to run on the Grand Prix circuit.

you don't get to the Olympic trials. If

you don't get in the first three places

you don't go to Athens," said Moses.

you I'm going to Athens to look like a

Edwin Moses a jerk?

the African continent. 5

"Without doing 50.55 seconds

"I'm not going to sit here and tell

Not likely, but there were some

athletes on Sunday who laid down

their markers to their golden

chances in Athens and, on this

evidence, it is looking pretty good for

The former 400m hurdles world



Mamun (L) of Balaka Sporting Club fires home his first goal against Winners' Club in the DSA Cup football tournament at the Khulna Stadium yesterday.

## Help from all corners

### Cricket

### AFP, Bangalore

India's top cricketers began a sixday training camp here on Monday that will include sessions with a software mogul, TV tycoon and world champions in badminton and billiards.

Skipper Saurav Ganguly and 35 other probables for the upcoming series against New Zealand and Australia will receive pep talks at the camp meant to hone their cricketing skills, the team's media manager Amrit Mathur said.

NR Narayanamurthy, who heads the Bangalore-based Infosys Technologies, one of the country's leading software exporters, will lecture the probables on "inspiration and ways to sustain a success story," Mathur said.

Pranoy Roy of New Delhi Television (NDTV), who runs a popular news channel, will focus on the nuances of handling the media. And world billiards number one

Geet Sethi will join former All-Alec's days numbered

Cricket

AFP. London

### England badminton champion Prakash Padukone on how international sportsmen should conduct themselve "I don't think we could have lined

up a better array of stars to speak to e boys," Mathur told AFP.

"The Infosys and NDTV chiefs are masters of their field and you can't find more humble sportsmen then Geet and Prakash. "We looked at the requirements

for our players and the areas where they needed to develop. "We have been thinking about

this for a long time and this camp presented the right opportunity to get everyone together under one roof." Mathur said

The cricket-specific camp follows a 13-day conditioning camp devoted entirely to physical fitness which was held here earlier this month.

Vice-captain Rahul Dravid Mohammad Kaif and Yuvraj Singh, who missed the first camp due to their engagements in English county cricket, are back for the second camp. The cricketers will take part in

Newcomers Balaka Sporting Club outplayed defending champions Winners' Club 3-0 in the inaugural match of the 15th DSA Cup football tournament at the local stadium yesterday.

The win moved Balaka into the quarterfinals of the 16-team knockout basis tournament.

The winners led the first-half 1-0 when Kamal romped home with a powerful shot in the 8th minute.

Mamun scored two spectacular goals in the second-half to extend the margin in a one-sided affair.

### Vaughan effort goes in vain

AFP, London

England captain Michael Vaughan warmed up for next week's fifth Test against South Africa by making 90 in a National (One-Day) League match for Yorkshire against Surrey at Headingley on Sunday.

But Vaughan's innings could not prevent treble-chasing Surrey from winning this First Division match by two runs

Earlier Yorkshire captain Anthony McGrath, who made his Test debut against Zimbabwe earlier this season but was axed after two matches against South Africa, took four for 41 with his gentle medium-pacers as Surrey collapsed.

Surrey left-hander Graham Thorpe, who earlier Sunday was team will be finalised for the two Test matches against New Zealand in recalled to the England team for the World champions Australia will first time in over a year ahead of Thursday's final Test against South Africa at the Oval, managed just two oin India and New Zealand in late October for a limited-overs tri-series before he too fell to McGrath. before the Indians tour Australia at the end of the year for four Test

England one-day international Rikki Clarke's unbeaten 46 was a major feature in Surrey eventually reaching 202 all out.

break from international cricket Vaughan, whose runs came from since May after being on the road for just 112 balls including seven fours, almost two years and Ganguly was was beaten by ex-England batsman lan Ward's throw from deep "We needed this break, but I am midwicket as he went for a second quite excited about getting back on run and Surrey clung on for victory

the cricket pitch," said Ganguly, who He will hope for better luck at The led India to the World Cup final in Oval where England, 2-1 down with one to play in the five-Test series, "The first camp helped us get will look for an equalising win which would deny South Africa their first back into shape. We can now conseries victory on English soil since centrate on batting, bowling and

### TT Leagues FROM PAGE 13 Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation office on payment of a Tk 400 fee by

September 18. But the fee is 100 taka more for a

A three-day inter-club players transfer will start on September 19. Meanwhile, the AB Bank Metropolis Women's League will

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begin from October 9.

South Africa later this month. We came back, chased and won from bad positions in both the Tests," said

# Khulna soccer STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna Golden day for Africa

Meanwhile, the new young lions

However, it was JJ Johnson who

Kipchoge explained how he beat

"I was going to kick and bite to

of American sprinting, 200m gold

and silver medallists John Capel

and Darvis Patton, made light of the

country champion

Similar sentiments were

Eight years the senior of

Kipchoge, he revealed how injury

had sent him to the depths of

despair after the early promise of

bronze in the 1999 championships

of hell which my wife and family

have also had to endure," said the

restored the joy that was missing

Wilson Kipketer failed to land in the

money finishing fourth but the 31-

year-old Kenyan-born naturalised

Dane was refusing to admit the

"I have been through two years

"I was in the pits but this has

The three-time world champion

expressed by Said-Guerni.

and in the 2000 Olympics.

Algerian.

from my life.

Curtain falls on World C'ships

### Athletics

### AFP,Paris

absences of the fading powers of world record holder Tim Africa brought down the curtain on Montgomery and Olympic chamthe world championships with a gold pion Maurice Greene to help their medal laden series of performances team to the 4x100m gold. here on Sunday although it could emerged the hero of the race. not be capped by either Ethiopia's Kenenisa Bekele or Hicham El Starting a metre behind Britain's Guerroui of Morocco capturing an European champion Dwain astonishing second title in the 5,000 Chambers on the final leg, he ran metres. him down to take the glory leaving

That crown did not elude Africa, the Londoner's championships a however, as another of the seemdistinct failure. ingly endless stream of distance the remarkable El Guerrouj. running talent, 18-vear-old Eliud Kipchoge just edged El Guerrouj to prevent him becoming the first the end." said the world junior cross athlete since Pavel Nurmi in the 1924 Olympics to clinch the 1,500m-5,000m double.

The Kenyans had already celebrated earlier when Catherine Ndereba won the women's marathon to deliver the country's first gold medal of the championships, though recent Qatari acquisition Saif Saaeed Shaheen - the athlete formerly known as Kenya's Stephen Cherono - had won the 3,000m steeplechase.

North Africa were not to be left out as Algeria's Djabir Said-Guerni forced himself past Russia's Yuriy Borzakovskiy on the line to take the 800m and end two years of injury misery

South Africa also got in on the act with Hestrie Cloete retaining her high jump title to make it a golden double for her country as Michael Freitag had won the men's version. The Americans, still dogged by

the controversy surrounding Jerome Young and double sprint champion Kelli White, ended their championships on a winning note taking all three relays.

champion and similarly under a cloud over claims he failed a drugs test in 1999 and then was cleared in an internal inquiry before winning relay gold at the 2000 Olympics, showed little sign of pressure as he anchored the 4x400 team to victory.

## Clijsters cruises

### US OPEN US OPEN AFP. New York

If world number one Kim Clijsters is going to reach her first US Open

semifinal, she is going to have to overcome the woman who ousted her here last year -- France's Amelie Mauresmo. Belgium's Clijsters defeated

stage of the season since Chris Evert in 1974. She was won a tourgoing to be a tough one. She serves best six titles this year. But to stop

well. She doesn't make many unforced errors. I'm going to have to being the only women's number one play my game very well if I want to without a Slam title, Mauresmo must have a chance to beat her.' Third seed Lindsay Davenport

"We have had some unbelievdefeated Russia's 19th-ranked able matches," Clijsters said. "It's



reach her seventh US Open quarter-final in a row and will face a foe who has never beaten her. Argentina's 25th-ranked Paola Suarez

But that's a problem. Davenport was limping by the finish of the Petrova match, favoring the two nerve-damaged toes on her left foot that forced her to pull out of a WTA final a week ago.

Monday finds second seed Justine Henin-Hardenne, who beat sters in the French playing Russian teen Dinara Safina and American sixth seed Jennifer Capriati facing Russia's Elena Dementieva for quarterfinal berths. Then Clijsters' revenge bid takes center stage Clijsters points to match toughness this year as a major reason why she is better prepared for the test offered by Mauresmo, who seeks her first Slam final since her 1999 Australian Open breakthrough.

Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco at the 9th IAAF World Athletics Championships on Sunday.



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Young, White's fellow world

Alec Stewart, England's most capped player, is set to make his final international appearance on his Oval home ground when the fifth Test against South Africa gets underway here Thursday.

Once his 133rd Test is over. England will have to adjust to life without Surrey stalwart Stewart who for 14 years has been a mainstay of the team be it as opening batsman. wicketkeeper or captain.

Unfortunately for the 40-year-old Stewart it has generally been a mediocre team.

That has left him with the unwanted record of being on the losing side in more Tests than any other player in cricket history, 54 of his 132 matches (41 per cent) ending in defeat.

By contrast only 38 (29 per cent) have ended in victory with 40 (30 per cent) drawn.

Stewart, renowned for the immaculate state of his kit, inherited his old-fashioned values from his father Micky, who also played for Surrey and, briefly, England before

Brought up on true pitches at The Oval, few contemporary England batsmen have looked as good against fast bowling as an in-form Stewart.

becoming England manager in the

of a solid English professional, his

batting has always had a cavalier

If Stewart's background was that

late 1980s

dash about it.

at its best when his two hundreds in the 1993-94 Barbados Test set up an England victory against a West Indies attack led by Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh. It was not until he was 26 that

Stewart became a Test player but the cries of nepotism (Micky was still England manager) came regardless

What helped prolong Stewart's career was England's lack of a batting-bowling all-rounder to succeed lan Botham For most of the 1990s Stewart.

Test cricket's leading scorer in the

decade with 6,407 runs at 40.81,

shared keeping duties with Jack

keeper than many gave him credit

Eventually Stewart a better

Russell, a more natural gloveman.

Atherton as captain and promptly led England to a first major series win, at home to South Africa, in 12 His elegant, backfoot style was years

In

But a first round exit at the 1999 World Cup in England saw Stewart, passionate but inflexible, replaced as captain by the more inventive Nasser Hussain.

two local tournaments in mid-

September after which the Indian

The Indians have enjoyed a rare

Former greats Kapil Dev and

Sunil Gavaskar are also expected to

assist national coach John Wright at

extra bowler but not even Stewart

could combine the physical

Stewart, vulnerable against spin,

found himself facing it early in his

Dropping down the order

1998 he replaced Mike

demands of keeping with opening.

the camp. Mathur said,

delighted to be back in action.

October.

matches

March

fielding.

In 2000 he marked his 100th Test, at Old Trafford against the West Indies, with a century and the prolonged applause that followed made clear what England supporters felt about him.

His reputation suffered though on England's 2000-01 tour of Pakistan when an Indian bookmaker alleged that he had received

appearances.

money for information during England's tour of India in 1992-93. Last year, against India at Lord's. he surpassed his hero Graham

Gooch's record of 118 England Test

for act the aloves full-time. That allowed England to play an

Bangladesh, berated for below par Test performances, gave Pakistan a tough fight in the Karachi Test which the home team won by seven wickets.

Miandad.

"The Karachi Test did give us a sleepless night but the aim and morale was high and this is a quality," the coach said.

Miandad, who coached Bangladesh's batsmen three years ago, said he is impressed with the Test minnows

"The way Bangladesh have played in the two Tests showed they have the potential to improve," he said.

Mahmud positive

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second in Peshawar by nine wickets, will be determined to complete their first series whitewash at home since 1997

"It is all about motivation," said Latif. "We have taken the series, but we made mistakes in them (the first two Tests)

"I think we are a much better side than Bangladesh and we will be looking for a win by a margin which confirms this difference."

21st-ranked American Meghann Shaughnessy 6-2, 6-4 while fifth seed Mauresmo ousted Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn 6-2, 6-2 to book a quarterfinal showdown at the vear's final Grand Slam event.

Mauresmo beat Clijsters 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in last year's US Open fourth round and has split four matches with Clijsters, not counting a Mauresmo injury retirement in 2001. "I feel better this year than I did

last year." Cliisters said. "But I really feel against Amelie everything has to be at your best. She can be real aggressive and with the slice and spin ball. She can really make it hard for you and make you adjust all the time

"I can't worry if I'm not plaving well. I have to stay mentally strong and stay motivated out there."

The 20-year-old girlfriend of Australian former men's number one Lleyton Hewitt made her best US Open run getting to the 2001 quarter-finals and she has reached the semis in 14 of 15 2003 events entering the Mauresmo match. "We've played each other a lot

already. We know each other's game pretty well," Mauresmo said. "She has some weapons to disturb me and I have a few to disturb her

also. Kim Clijsters pumps her fists after defeating Meghann Shaughnessy at the Clijsters has 71 triumphs in 2003, the most by a woman at this US Open on Sunday

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Davenport cannot say the same. She took a cortizone injection to numb her pain last week and plans to have surgery after the Open, but hopes to make a stand, lierally and figuratively

Petrova, a French Open semifinalist, made 50 unforced errors to 33 for Davenport, spraying shots at the finish as Davenport took a conservative mode.

Davenport is the only past US Open champion still in the field by virtue of her 1998 title here.

Suarez eliminated Russia's 36th-ranked Elena Likhovtseva 6-2 3-6. 7-5 in a match of 27-year-olds each trying to match their best Slam showing. Suarez lost her first four meetings with Likhovtseva but won her second in a row.

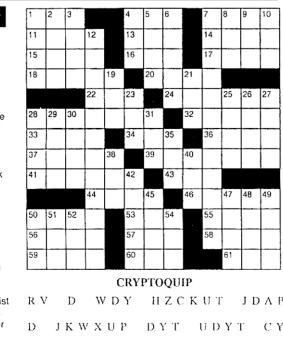
PHOTO: AFP

### **CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: MISS POPPINS SIMPLY WASN'T IN THE MOOD FOR BEEF TODAY, SO MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals N

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.

Agassi, Roddick

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position of having to come back two days in a row against a match that's concluding.

Eight-time Slam champion Agassi, who won the US Open in 1994 and 1999, has won won four titles in 2003, including his fourth Australian Open crown, and is a Slam top seed for the first time since the 2000 US Open. American Taylor Dent, the 22-

year-old son of former Australian great Jim Dent, pits his big-serve game against the Agassi's formidable return skills

"I just hope I execute my game," Dent said. "If I do that I have a good enough chance to beat anybody.

Agassi, 33, has won their two prior meetings. But Dent had Sunday off.

"It's not going to be easy. Taylor is playing well," Agassi said. "Anything shy of a great match I'm hoping doesn't get it done for him." Roddick won his 15th consecu-

Saretta 6-1, 6-3, 6-3. He plays Tuesday against Belgium's Xavier Malisse, who beat Russian qualifier Dmitry Tursunov 7-5, 6-4, 7-6

The 21-year-old American, 23-1 with three ATP titles on hardcourts since Wimbledon, laughed at the notion he has forgotten how to lose. Moya beat Chile's Nicolas Massu 7-5. 6-4. 3-6. 6-3. The 1998 French Open winner next faces Morocco's 21st-ranked Younes El Avnaoui.

Novak 7-6 (7/1), 5-7, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/5)Dutch 12th seed Sjeng Schalken

Karlovic 7-6 (10/8), 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/3) to book a fourth-round date with German eighth seed Rainer Schuettler. The Australian Open finalist beat Spain's Alberto Martin 6-1, 6-4, 6-2

tive match, ousting Brazil's Flavio

(10/8).

Spanish seventh seed Carlos who bounced Czech 10th seed Jiri

ousted Croatian qualifier Ivo