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UNB, Dhaka
Nine matches will be held on the opening day of the AB Bank Metropolitan First Division Table Tennis League...



Pakistani cricket fans demonstrate in Karachi to protest the exclusion of this southern port city from the itinerary for South Africa's tour yesterday.

Karachiites protest

AFP, Karachi
Scores of cricket fans staged a demonstration here Saturday in protest against the exclusion of this southern port city from the itinerary for South Africa's tour of Pakistan next week, witnesses said.

Grumpy North Koreans

AFP, Philadelphia
The subject of much international political tension with the United States in recent months, North Korea is a mystery to most of the world. The same can be said for its talented women's national team.

Andy can't wait anymore

Cricket
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WC bidders to meet in WI

BBC ONLINE, undated
Countries vying to host matches at the 2007 World Cup are meeting in the Caribbean this weekend.

Nat'l Summer

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(Kishoregoni) and 3rd - Raihan Jacky (Rajshahi).
100m breaststroke: 1st - Abdur Razzak (Rajshahi), 2nd - Bashir Uddin (Kushtia), and 3rd - Joyal Abedin (Pabna).

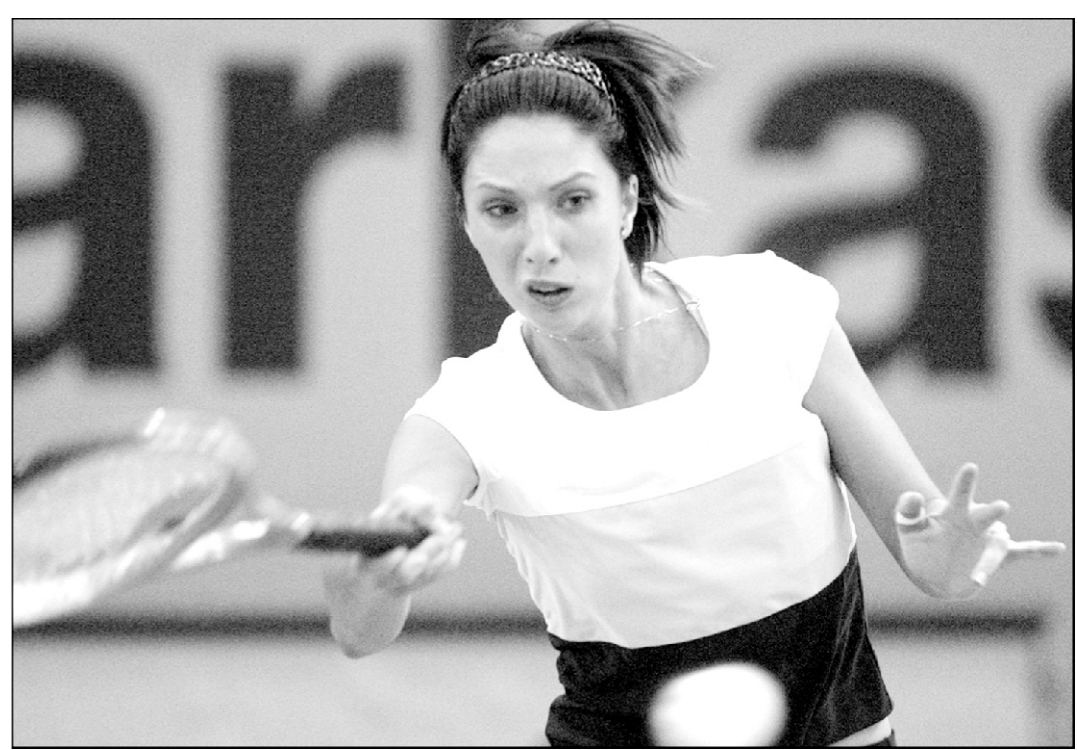
Zimbabwe fast bowler Andy Blignaut has got his hunger back and is now looking to feast on Australia's batting order.



Mark Philippoussis in action against Robin Soderling of Sweden during their Heineken Open semifinal clash in Shanghai yesterday.

Dent dents Nieminen

Tennis
Eighth-seeded Taylor Dent overcame an early burst from Jarkko Nieminen Saturday, making his bid for his second title of the season with a 7-6, 6-2 semifinal victory at the 550,000-dollar Thailand Open.



Russian Anastasia Myskina makes a forehand return against Belgium's Kim Clijsters during their encounter of the WTA women's tennis tournament in Leipzig yesterday.

Novak awaits Scud

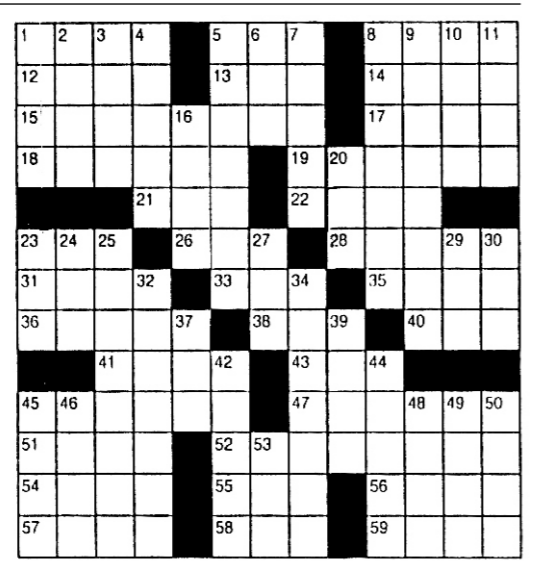
Tennis
Top seed Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic will face Mark Philippoussis in the final of the 380,000-dollar ATP tournament in Shanghai, after the Australian handily disposed of Robin Soderling 6-4, 6-4 on Saturday.

Four more

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a no-contest as the rapidly improving Chinese slammed another eight goals.

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CRYPTOQUIP
V E P J V N V M T T R P J V T T
Q T Z O . P C T M N Q P N A N
P V T H O E V V T E L A N P V J
L F F N Z C P W V L R N Z T H V .
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN ARCTIC BEARS WANT A COUPLE OF DRINKS, DO YOU THINK THEY HEAD TO THE POLAR BAR?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals T
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.

'Leave security fears at home'

AFP, Karachi
Former Pakistan captain and wicketkeeper Wasim Bari Saturday urged the South African cricket team to leave security concerns behind them when they start their tour of Pakistan next week.

Dalmiya in final stint

BBC ONLINE, undated
Jagmohan Dalmiya has been elected unopposed to serve his third and final one-year term as president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) yesterday.