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#### SERIES SALAD

**FROM PAGE 13** port city. But they were struck by a major power-failure that gripped the nation right at the start of play. The power surge tripped 21 out of 23 national sub-stations. The impact of the loss of power was felt at the venue itself as all air-coolers failed to go on.

However, power supply was restored at the venue three hours after the outage thanks to an alternative source

"It is a national outage. But we restored power supply partially through the Kaptai station to make sure the Test match went on uninterrupted," said Rafigul Alam, deputy general manager of power grid company of Bangladesh (PGCB) in Chittagong.

**BOOMING TICKET SALES** Ticket sales were disappointing only the previous day. But amazingly it picked up on Wednesday as cricket fans rushed towards the

second Test venue of the country from all parts of the port city. The pavilion, the Western and Eastern galleries were packed to capacity as the second Test against England moved to lunch on the

opening day. "The crowd's response has been amazing and we are very happy," said a smiling Jahangir, who operates one of the ticket booths at the stadium. But Jahangir and his colleagues spent a lazy day on Tuesday because there were hardly any advance ticket sales.

The change of heart of the knowledgeable Chittagonians was mainly due to the good weather that has transformed the busy city.

#### Thai PM wants

He said he was interested in buying Fulham and, although he had not made a decision, finding the money

would not be a problem. "I will invite businesspeople and the public to join the purchase. The price isn't a problem. It will cost a few

#### MU multiply

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midway through the second period. Second round giantkillers Blackpool failed to worry visiting Crystal Palace, with the home side suffering after keeper Phillip Barnes was red-carded for deliberate

handball just 15 minutes. After that the gulf in class between divisions told for Steve Kember's men with two goals from Andrew Johnson and a penalty for Dougie Freedman setting up a 3-1 victory ahead of Keith Southern's consolation

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals O

The Cryptoguip 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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Australia's Nathan Bracken (L) celebrates the dismissal of New Zealand's Chris Nevin (not in picture) with captain Ricky Ponting during their TVS Cup match in Faridabad vesterdav.

### Mahmud defends

The skipper found some swing and bowled a very tight line (18-8-29-1) but

Mushfig didn't make an impact. Still, Mahmud hoped that the bowlers would continue restricting the runs like they did in the final session and put pressure on the tourists from

the start of the second day. "We allowed them something like 49 runs in the last 28 overs of the day. If we can maintain the same consistency tomorrow, I am hopeful of limiting the England score," said Mahmud adding that he didn't expect batting to get too difficult on this track as the game wore on.

England's unlikely hero on the day was all-rounder Rikki Clarke who led the recovery with his first Test halfcentury after the tourists had slumped

Clarke was fined half his match fee after using abusive language against Bangladesh's Mushfig during the first Test in Dhaka but said he had put it

gone. There was obviously a lesson learnt. But I'm now focusing on playing cricket for England," said Clarke. The Surrey cricketer was very

"As far as I am concerned, that is

impressed with the pitch at Chittagong and said he felt more at home on it.

"It is similar to English wickets. It's a true pitch with a consistent bounce. It doesn't get skiddy and low like Dhaka.'

### **BD-ENG SCOREBOARD**

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Matthew Hoggard				
Bowler	0	M	R	W
Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza	16	4	39	2
Mushfiqur Rahman	9	1	38	0
Khaled Mahmud	18	8	29	1
Mohammad Rafique	27	11	44	1
Enamul Haque jr.	14	0	66	0
Alok Kapali	4	0	12	0
Rajin Saleh	2	1	1	0
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Rahman, Habibul Bashar, Alok Kapali, Mohammad Rafique, Khaled Mashud, Khaled Mahmud, Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza, Enamul Haque jr

Toss: Bangladesh Umpires: Aleem Dar (Pakistan) and Ashoka de Silva (Sri Lanka).

## **Aussie part-timers** do in the Kiwis

#### Cricket

REUTERS, Faridabad

Back-up pace bowlers Brad Williams and Nathan Bracken skittled New Zealand for 97 before Australia raced to an eight-wicket win in their one-day TVS Cup triangular match on Wednesday.

The 28-year-old Williams captured a career-best four for 22 and left-arm Bracken three for 25 as the New Zealanders, who opted to bat in swinging conditions, were dismissed in 33.4 overs for their fifth lowest oneday international total.

Matthew Hayden then made a runa-ball unbeaten half-century, sealing the win on his 32nd birthday with a legside drive for four in the 17th over.

Adam Gilchrist hit five fours and a mid-wicket six off 18 balls as he made New Zealand's highest contribu-

tion came from extras "It was a very good toss to lose. I

was actually going to bat -- we might have lost," Australia captain Ricky Ponting said with a smile

"I expected the ball to swing a bit. Nathan is a swinger of the ball and Brad swings it too.' Williams and Bracken made light of

lack of experience -- having played just 20 games between them -- with lively pace and fine control as the ball swung for the first hour.

By then the match was as good as over. The pair, filling in for the injured Glenn McGrath, Jason Gillespie, Brett Lee and Michael Kasprowicz, reduced New Zealand to 21 for five in nine

Craig McMillan (24) and Chris Harris stemmed the rot with a 52-run sixth-wicket stand before seamer lan Harvey trapped left-hander Harris Ibw to make it six for 73.

Harvey claimed two wickets for nine runs from eight overs and Andy Bichel took the other wicket in excellent support roles.

The world champions once again revealed their spirit and depth of ability, having lost by 37 runs to India on Sunday. It was their fourth straight win over the New Zealanders. Only three Kiwi batsmen reached

double figures. Bracken struck with the second

delivery of the morning by trapping opener Chris Nevin Ibw for nought with a delivery which straightened after He then forced an uncertain

Stephen Fleming, who made 39 in three innings in the drawn two-Test series, to edge a seaming delivery to wicketkeeper Gilchrist. Williams made it 11 for three next

over when a frustrated Lou Vincent skied an attempt slog to short mid-off for a 11-ball duck.

The Western Australia bowler then forced Scott Styris to edge a drive to Ricky Ponting at second slip for seven and Bracken had all-rounder Jacob Oram caught behind.

Bracken's figures read 4.4-2-7-3 at that stage.

Williams, whose previous one-day best was two for 22, took the last wicket, Paul Hitchcock caught at slip. SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the TVS Cup oneday triangular series match between New Zealand and Australia on **NEW ZEALAND** Nevin Ibw b Bracken Fleming c Gilchrist b Bracken Vincent c Bichel b Williams Styris c Ponting b Williams McMillan Ibw b Bichel Oram c Gilchrist b Bracken Harris Ibw b Harvey McCullum c Martyn b Williams Vettori Ibw b Harvey

Hitchcock c Hayden b Williams 10 Tuffey not out Extras: (lb-12, nb-2, w-18) Total: (All out in 33.4 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-11, 3-11, 4-20, 5-21, 6-73, 7-77, 8-80, 9-80 M

25 22 Bracken Williams 9.4 Bichel 0 29 9 Harvey AUSTRALIA Gilchrist c and b Oram Hayden not out Ponting c McCullum b Tuffey Martyn not out

Extras: (lb-5, nb-2) Total: (For 2 wkts in 16.4 overs)101 Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-90

Did not bat: Symonds, Williams, Harvey, Hogg, Bichel, Bracken

М R **Bowler** 0 51 Tuffey 6.4 31 Oram Hitchcock 0 8 0 6 Result: Australia won by eight wickets

Man-of-the-match: Brad Williams Next match: India v Australia, Nov

### Eto'o Mallorca's

Mallorca's 3-1 home defeat to Barcelona on Sunday.

and asked for some background to his comments. We've talked and resolved things, until at least June," the veteran Aragones, the Spanish

weeks ago for his second stint at the club after the previous coach Jaime Pacheco had been sacked. The 65-year-old coach indictated

that Eto'o would receive some kind of punishment for his outburst, but didn't reveal what it would be.

"And it would have been much worse if he hadn't apologized,"

things, and the club thinks in a different way (to him) but I asked the player not to create any more problems until June.

ments and chose a bad time to do it. I told him that if a footballer has a problem then to talk to me about it and I would do my best to reach some kind of agreement.

speaks his mind," added Aragones, who said that case was now closed until the end of the season.

## Federation Cup

Club in the second round robin league.

Indians atop

Indian Kidambhi beat Bangladesh GM

Niaz Murshed, IM Reefat-bin-Sattar beat

IM Enbamul Hossain Rajib while Nepal's

Krishna Thapa beat Svothavan of Sri

Minakshee moved atop the table with a

victory over compatriot Esha Karayade in

Minakshee has 6 points to hername.

Mohta beat Swati Ghate, Shabana

Parveen Nipa beat Pakistan's Zenobia

while Indian Arati Ramaswamy beat Zakia

In the other matches of the day, Nisha

In the women's group, Indian WGM S

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the seventh round.

Apart from Kamalapur, organiser of the tournament Bangladesh Footbal

Federation (BFF) will also use the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpu for the tournament.

The following 21 teams are taking part in the first round: GROUP A: Arambagh KS, Bangladesh Army, Prantik KC, Brothers Union, Diplai JS, Wari Clib, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka Wanderes Club, Farashganj SC and Victoria SC.

GROUP B: Sheikh Russell KC, BRTC SC, Under-20 youth team, Mahakhali Ekadash, Bangladesh Navy, Sadharan Bima, Badda Jagarani, Agrani Bank, Bangladesh Air Force, YMC Fakirerpool and Rahmatganj MFS.

### FIRST FIVE DAY'S FIXTURE

#### Match

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Bangladesh Army v Prantik KC Oct 31 Nov 1

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Dhaka Wanderers v Farashgani SC Wari Club v Bangladesh Police Sheikh Russell KC v BRTC Under-20 v Mahakhali XI Bangladesh Navy v S Rima Badda Jagarani v Agrani Bank

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one Test before coming on tour, was the man-of-the-match in the triangular series encounter, taking four for 22 as New Zealand were routed for 97.

He and Bracken, who took three for 25, were selected because of injuries

### Brett Lee.

cricket until Lee arrived. Injuries and poor performances

undermined his career before a switch to Western Australia in 1999-00 helped him regain his rhythm.

wicket," Williams told reporters on Wednesday.

Asked about his lack of opportunisuppose it does (frustrate) a bit.

whether you will play or not. You have got to use every opportunity you get. "At the moment my rhythm is pretty

to Glenn McGrath, Jason Gillespie and

quick for Victoria and was regarded as the fastest in Australian first-class

"There was a bit of moisture in the

grass on the wicket, so it seamed as

ties to play at the top level, he added: "I

## Hertha scrape thru'

Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld also endured an uncomfortable Tuesday evening with Robert Vittek shocking the hosts on 11

Makaay levelled Neither side could find a break-

behind to defeat VfL Wolfsburg 3at the Weserstadion as the Wolves fell apart in extra-time.

ahead after just six minutes but the in-form Ailton equalised on 55

Bremen a comfortable win in the

## No Real goals

door during the summer, over a supposed failed medical test when he was all set to sign for Real.

to back track on his acquisition, Milito stopped almost everything that Real's star-studded strike force could throw at him. "My family talk more about

had given him. Real's woes were not helped by the fact that they had to play the last 20 minutes with 10 men after central defender Francisco Pavon got his marching orders after being shown

Pavon will miss Saturday's match with Athletic Bilbao but Beckham is almost certain to return. so Ivan Helguera is likely to move from the midfield into the back four.

Last season, the former Spanish national coach came up with the magic recipe to save Espanyol from relegation after taking over in December when they were bottom of the league, but this season they have yet to win and are back at the bottom with just two points.

have demanded a change after the 4-0 home defeat to Celta Vigo on Sunday but club president Daniel Sanchez Llibre has backed Clemente, at least until Wednesday.

know that we do not have much more time," said Espanyol club captain and Spanish international Raul Tamudo on Tuesday, who added that he wanted Clemente to

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through in the 30 minutes of extratime and it was left to goalkeeper Oliver Kahn to save the day parrying Marek Nikl's penalty to secure

Felix Magath's VfB Stuttgart turned in a workmanlike display to edge minnows Wacker Burghausen 1-0 and move into the last sixteen of the German

after 55 minutes as Stuttgart

continue their bid for success on

Werder Bremen came from Pablo Thiam put Wolfsburg

minutes for the hosts. Locked 1-1 after 90 minutes extra-time was called upon and Frenchman Micoud found the net just five minutes in and Angelos Charisteas added another to give

Bundesliga strugglers Cologne came out on top in a see-saw battle with fourth division VfL Wolfsburg Amateure needing a late strike from Marius Ebbers to seal a 3-2 win and book their place in the next round

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Showing no signs of the alleged knee problems which caused Real

revenge than I do, because they suffered as well during those days. just want to forget what went on," said Milito on Tuesday, giving Real more respect off the pitch than they

VRFUKZ TDUKZVMT DRHM his second yellow card. O D M N S Q C M K X A Q X X A ? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A FLEA WERE FOUND HOPPING ON AN AWARD-WINNING DOG,

> Deportivo, who have a 100 per cent record at home, play host to struggling Real Mallorca on Wednesday, while Valencia have a more tricky set of visitors with Celta

At the other end of the table the

"The president has assured him (Clemente) of his position, but we

minutes before Dutchman Roy

a 7-6 penalty-kick win for the holders.

Substitute Imre Szabics scored the only goal of the match

Vigo comoning to their Mestalla

axe hangs over Espanyol coach Javier Clemente when his team travel to play Racing Santander on Wednesday, with defeat probably spelling the end of his tenure at the Barcelona-based club.

Several directors are known to

## Ponting praises 'em

### Cricket

REUTERS, Faridabad

Ricky Ponting paid tribute to lastminute stand-ins Brad Williams and Nathan Bracken after the two quick bowlers set up Australia's eight-wicket win over New Zealand in the TVS Cup

on Wednesday. "These guys have been in the fringe playing a lot of cricket in Australia

for the last couple of years." he said. "They have not got much of an opportunity and when they got it they have done themselves and the team proud.'

played only seven one-dayers and

Williams began as an out-and-out

"I just tried to run in and hit the

air and it swung around a bit, a bit of

The 28-year-old Williams, who had "It is always hard not knowing

#### Mbeki to rally FROM PAGE 16

South African newspapers reacted sharply on Tuesday to the news, which had gone unnoticed until now, following Chirac's remarks in Rabat on October 11 during a state visit to Morocco.

"I shall do what I can to ensure that France supports Morocco's bid for the World Cup," he told a press conference

"French 2010 bombshell" said the Sowetan newspaper, which has a mainly black readership and the largest soccer following in the country, while The Citizen headline read "French shift goalposts for SA soccer bid.'

Said Pahad: "We hope the (French support) is not cast in stone. That they support Morocco and that's that.' South Africa's 2010 Bid

Committee has asked Mbeki to intervene by protesting to Chirac, the Sowetan reported. Presidential spokesman Bheki Khumalo told the paper that "the Bid

on this matter." Khumalo said the South African government remained "solidly

Committee was perfectly entitled to

seek an audience with the president

An international inspection team is due in South Africa later in the week to look at the country's bid

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"I demanded a meeting with him

first division's most experienced coach, told reporters on Tuesday. Aragones was brought in two

commented Aragones. "He (Eto'o) has objected to some

"He made inappropriate state-

"But everyone knows Eto'o. He's