A scene from the spectacular opening ceremony of the 2006 Winter Olympics at the Olympic Stadium in Turin on Friday. Turin welcomed their first Winter Olympics in 50 years.

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Maradona declined to com-

ment on whether he was involved

people leave walking," said the

Argentina to the 1986 World Cup

title, now works as a director of

Argentine champions Boca Juniors

and recently hosted a successful

Maradona, who captained

man, who was not identified.

weekly television show

REUTERS, Buenos Aires

asked by reporters.

Wenger rejected England offer?

Football

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger rejected an offer to manage England, the Frenchman revealed on Saturday as he doesn't believe the post should be held by a for-

Wenger said that such a job should only be done by a native of a culture and pride, the national case of who is the best man for the job but also revolves round from the country." national identity.

The Frenchman is the latest to

Div I cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Argentine soccer great Diego Azad Sporting Club finished the Maradona was unhurt when a sports First Division League campaign utility vehicle he was travelling in with a eight-wicket victory against crashed into a telephone booth, local Lalmatia Club at the Dhaka media reports said on Friday. University ground yesterday. It was Azad's ninth win in 17

matches while Lalmatia lost ten matches in same number of outings. Azad scored 133-2 in reply to Lalmatia's 131 all out.

At the Fatullah Cricket Stadium, Prantik (214-8) beat Rupali Bank (213-10) by two wickets. It was Prantik's eighth win in 17 matches while the bankers lost nine matches

South Asian archery

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Bangladesh earned one silver and one bronze in the team events of the men's and women's group respectively in the Banglalink South Asian Archery Championshipat BKSP yesterday.

India became champions claiming all gold medals in 14 events. Bhutan claimed silver medal of the women's team event and Nepal earned bronze medal in the men's team event in the



In soccer, the player who puts the ball into play on a throw-in, comer kick, goal kick, direct/Indirect free-kick, penalty shot, or kick-off may not touch the ball a second time until it has been played by another player of

King slams ICC's FTP

CRICINFO, undated

West Indies arrived in New Zealand on Friday for a five one-day international and three-Test series, but no sooner had coach Bennett King replace Swede Sven-Goran Eriksson when he steps down after landed in Auckland than he this year's World Cup with several became embedded in controversy, accusing the ICC's Future Tours influential figures wanting the job to revert back to an Englishman. Programme (FTP) of benefiting the "I was asked to take the England rich at the expense of the poor. job at some stage and I still feel the West Indies landed in Auckland

same because the national team for after a marathon journey that took almost four days, and King wasn't entirely sure about them being able me is not purely football level," said "People identify with national to recover in time for the first ODI in a week. When asked about the particular country as it is not just a team, it is all linked together. It is itinerary, King admitted there was easier to be accepted when you're nothing that could be done because of the way the FTP operates -- arriving early would have increased the Diego unhurt costs for the West Indies board and it is strapped for cash.

'That's how it goes and we can't do much about it," King told reporters. "We, like New Zealand, suffer under the conditions of the FTP in terms of our finances. We've had to fly for a long time to get here, and a week lead-in to the first game is right on the cusp of not being ready. It would be much better to have been here with a two-week lead-in, but if we did that we'd have to pay for it ourselves."

in the crash early Friday when The concerns are exacerbated A man described by Cronica TV because West Indies' last oneas a witness to the accident said the dayer was in August 2005 and few of vehicle ran a red light and spun out the side have any experience of of control before ramming into a Supersubs or Powerplays.

However, King remained upbeat about West Indies' chances of achieving their first away Test series win since 1995. "It's another big tour and more big opportunities for the players," he was reported as saying by The Hindu. "We are focused on playing good, hard cricket."

Cricket January 1998. Ponting was at a loss to explain the extraordinary nature of his AFP, Adelaide

Tillekeratne Dilshan threw Australia into a spin with four run outs to spearhead underdogs Sri Lanka to a spectacular 22-run victory in the opening triangular one-day series cricket final at Adelaide Oval Friday.

Australia

Dilshan could do no wrong as he stranded four Australians with quicksilver fielding, as well as taking a catch and scoring an unbeaten 26 off 20 balls.

Sri Lanka's 274 for eight was always going to be a testing total for Australia to chase under lights, but they self-destructed with five run outs against the enthusiastic Sri Lankans and were all out for 252 off 19.1 overs with Michael Clarke topscoring with 80 off 83 balls.

Sri Lankan coach Tom Moody hailed Dilshan saying his matchturning run outs were reward for

"I think it's a combination of pressure, high class fielding --Dilshan's fielding tonight was outstanding," Moody said.

Dilshan had the match of his life, swooping in to run out Australian skipper Ricky Ponting for a duck, Damien Martyn with a superlative piece of fielding for one, Simon Katich (56 off 81 balls) and Australia's newly-crowned one-day cricketer of the year Mike Hussey for 16.

It was Australia's first loss in a home ODI series final since their six-run loss to South Africa at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in

side's demise. "I don't know what went wrong, it was a pretty bizarre sort of night, five run outs and a stumping in our batting," he said.

Ponting was run out in a dread-ful mix-up with Katich without facing a ball as Dilshan gleefully sprinted to, the unoccupied bowler's end to whip off the bails with the skipper well stranded.

Dilshan was breathtaking in swooping in from point to throw down the wicket at the bowler's end to dismiss Martyn and was equally deadly to run out Katich and the dangerous Hussey. Muttiah Muralitharan

responded to the crowd's boorish 'no-ball' calls with three wickets, the first bamboozling Andrew Symonds stumped with his 'doosra' for 16, and claiming the wickets of James Hopes (3) and

Official man-of-the-match Kumar Sangakkara cracked 83 as Sri Lanka set Australia a testing total. He only hit three fours and a six in his 106-ball knock but it gave Sri Lanka a solid foundation.

BRIEFSCORES

SRI LANKA: 274 for 8 (Sangakkara 83, Atapattu 53, Kapugedara 38; Bracken 3-61, Clark 2-48) AUSTRALIA: 252 all out (Clarke 80, Katich 56; Muralitharan 3-40)

Result: Sri Lanka won by 22 runs lead best-of-three finals 1-0. Man-of-the-match: Kumar

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Jr Tigers crash out

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FROM PAGE 12 Shuvo took two for 25. Bangladesh will take on West

Indies in the Super-League play-off at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground on February 15. SCOREBOARD BANGLADESH U-19s

Tamim cWhite b Waters Raqibul c Simpson b Miller Saqibul c Simpson b Miller Mehrab Ir b Ali

Mushfiqur c Ali b Mullaney Suhrawardi st Simpson b H Isiraq c Stoneman b James Sirajullah b Mullaney Rezaul b Mullaney Extras: (b-9, w-13, nb-3) Total: (All out in 48.2 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-7, 2-24, 3-36, 4-68, 5-

69, 6-111, 7-119, 8-148, 9-148, 10-Bowler

0 Hamilton ENGLANDU-19s Chopralbwb Suhrawardi Stoneman lbw b Nabil Nelson c Tamim b Mehrab Ir Ali c Raqibul b Suhrawardi Hamilton not out Wright lbw b Mehrab Jr Mullaneynotout Extras: (b-6, lb-7, w-3) Total: (For 5 wkts in 43.3 overs) 156 Did not bat: James, Miller, Simpson; White. Fall of wkts: 1-12, 2-52, 3-108, 4-Bowler Nabil Rezaul Mehrab Jr 10 Suhrawardi8.3 Result: England Under-19s won by 5 wickets. Man-of-the-match: V Chopra.

Happy time for Barisal

opening stand as Dhaka reached a mammoth 432-7 in their second innings to take a overall lead of 512

Anwar hammered 145 off 223 balls that featured 23 boundaries while his partner added 93 off 130 balls with 14 hits to the fence.

Kamrul Islam (65) and Mahmudullah (53 not out) were the other notable scorer in Dhaka's second innings. Chasing the improbable win-

ning task, Khulna were reduced to 133-4 in 50 overs at stumps on the

Khulna made 170 in reply to Dhaka's 250 in the first innings.

SCORES IN BRIEF SYLHET: First innings 193 and

second innings 160 all out in 58.5 overs (Imtiaz 41, Mabud 55, extras 17; Sajid 4-47, Salahuddin 3-67). BARISAL: First innings 201 all out in 60.2 overs (Imran 34, Hannan 22, Shahin 47, extras 15; Tapash 3-53, Ashiqur 3-45, Hasibul 3-67) and second innings-156-1 in 41.2 overs (Hannan 72 not out, Faruque 64

not out, extras 14; Tapash 1-31). Result: Barisal won by nine wickets.

CHITTAGONG: First innings 216 and second innings 141 all out in 33.4 overs (Ehsanul 55, Gazi Salahuddin 18, extras 11; Shahajada 2-42, Mushfiqur 5-56, aifullah 2-15).

RAJSHAHI: First innings 385 all out in 98.3 overs (Forhad 71, Hasanuzzman 63, Naeem 29, Mushfigur 45, Anisur 53, Shahajada 37, extras 26, Alamgir 2 96, Rashed 2-75, Ahsanullah 2-54, Yasin 4-101). Result: Rajshahi won by an innings

and 28 runs. DHAKA: First innings 250 and 432-7

in 111.1 overs (Uttam 93, Anwar 145, Kamrul 65, Mahmudullah 53 not out, extras 22; Humayun 5-117).

KHULNA: First innings 170 all out in 50.3 overs (Sadat 54, Sahagir 24, Jamal 27 not out, Talha 1-44, Sharif 5-41, Sunny 2-27) and second innings 133-4 in 50 overs (Aslam 36, Tushar 30, Shahagir 31, extras 5; Talha 1-26, Ashraful 1-31, Sharif 1-

Kapali called

From page 12 handle Mashrafee carefully in the one-day series.

Asked whether they had any plan with in-form Al Shahriar, Athar said that they had been impressed by the rich vein of form of the Dhaka opener.

"I must say for the first time a player really put pressure on the national selectors. No doubt Al Shahriar is going through a purple patch but we want him to continue his form and wait till the next home series for better things to happen.

"I saw some of his innings in the domestic competitions and he was getting everything right. But the problem with him is he plays too many shots in the air and he hardly got away with those shots in the international level previously," Captain Bashar also expressed

his satisfaction over the composition of the team. The only complaint of Bashar was that his desire to have an off-spinner in the side was overruled by the majority of the five-men selection panel.

"I told them about Jamaluddin Babu but the selection committee thought that there was hardly any chance for him to replace any the three left-arm spinners in the team," he said.

Dilshan run-outs Egyptians united in celebration

AFP, Cairo



Thousands of Egyptians tore around their capital Cairo late Friday, horns blaring down slum alleys and bourgeois boule-EGYPT 2006 vards alike after their team's record fifth win in football's

African Nations Cup. Cairo streets, eerily deserted ahead of the Pharoahs' 4-2 defeat of Ivory Coast on penalties, erupted in joy as whole families poured out of their homes after witnessing the cup's nailbiting

climax on television. The win also raised the nation's mood from gloom after the sinking earlier this month of an Egypt bound ferry in the Red Sea with the loss of around 1,000 mostly Egyptian passengers and crew.

This is good news after the recent sadness, it's the first time in a long time that all Egyptians stand together to support their team," said Mohammed Ali, who watched the match on a giant screen erected at Cairo's opera house.

But disappointment that the match had to go to penalties for an Egyptian victory did not stop supporters dancing and shouting in the street.

"I'm not so in love with football, I don't spend my time watching it but this time I'm very happy that the Egyptian team has won," said

Throughout the day, hawkers on the polluted city's bridges saw

final that many here thought the Egyptian side would never reach.

Even supporters from Cairo archrivals Zamalek and Ahli were for once united as they danced in the streets to celebrate their national team's win.

"This is the first time that we Egyptians have done something good for a while -- I just hope it will be reflected in the rest of our lives, in music and in cinema," said Hossam Faruk. "I'm so happy to see this cele-

bration from people who never paid any attention to football," he said, as sporadic fireworks lit up the

Imbaba to the upmarket districts of streets.

matching hats ahead of the big Zamalek and Maadi were united by the triumph

"I'm in Maadi and people don't really celebrate anything here, but now it's everywhere," said Greek expat worker George. "They're singing and dancing and playing

Growing football frenzy over the last 10 days has also meant that violent demonstrations seen elsewhere in the Muslim world over caricatures of the Prophet Mohammed published in Europe were largely not mirrored here.

But on this Muslim day of prayer, supporters, including many women with their faces painted in the national colours, rampaged Supporters from the slums of with joy around the capital's



accelerating trade selling Egypt's CITY OF LIGHTS: The night-sky of Cairo is lit up by firecrackers after Egypt black, white and red flag and clinched the African Nations Cup defeating Ivory Coast on Friday.

Yuvraj puts India level

Zaheer

once we got Pakistan out for 265 we

thought we can reach there."
Inzamam defended his decision to bat first and said his side fell 20-

It was not a good day for us. We should have scored 280 plus and four run outs did not help our

cause," he said. Pakistan owed their total to a brilliant 95 by Malik and a fighting 81 by Younis Khan who skared a 102-run stand for the fifth wicket to lift

their team from a precarious 68-4.
Indian pacer Irfan Pathan removed Salman Butt for a duck and Akmal for 14 in an incisive opening burst of seven overs to jolt

Malik, who scored 90 in the first match at Peshawar, was again unlucky to miss his century when he ran himself out on 95 after smashing 13 boundaries.

The loss of Mohammad Yousuf for one and Inzamam for only eight by the 14th over had put the home team in a precarious position before Malik and Younis rescued

the innings. Younis, who had scored 553 runs in the preceding three-Test series which Pakistan won 1-0, hit nine boundaries in a knock of 81 before miscuing a drive off Ajit Agarkar straight to Mohammad Kaif in the 47th over.

The third match of the series will be played in Lahore on Monday. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the second one-day international between Pakistan and India at the Pindi Cricket Stadium on Saturday: PAKISTAN

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Extras: (lb-2, nb-5, w-4) Total: (All out in 49.2 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-43, 3-46, 4-68, 5-170, 6-204, 7-234, 8-242, 9-257 Super-sub: Arshad for Yousuf Pathan

Agarkar Tendulkar 20 INDIA Sehwagrunout Tendulkar c Akmal b Razzaq Dravid cand b Malik

Razzag Afridi

Total: (For 3 wkts in 43.1 overs) 266

Fall of wickets: 1-105, 2-123, 3-241

Did not bat: Pathan, Dhoni, Raina,

Agarkar, Zaheer, Powar

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Super-sub: Powar for Sree

to level the series 1-1. Man-of-the-match: Irfan Pathan. Toss: Pakistan.

Umpires: Simon Taufel and Asad

Pharaos rule Africa

Singh not out

Extras: (lb-6, nb-3, w-5)

Cup in Germany, had a succession of chances at the end of the first Drogba was dispossessed by

Abdelzaher El Saqqa as he homed in on goal, defender Kolo Toure shot wide from point blank range after a corner and Kanga Akale tested El Hadari with a low drive. Zaki and El Saqqa had been close early on for Egypt, and they

threatened again after halftime as Mohamed Aboutrika and Emad Moteab both headed over from But Ivory Coast continued to

look more dangerous. Drogba, Arouna Kone and Emmanuel Eboue all shot wide from good positions before the

Chelsea forward's crucial miss. Kone got to the byline and pulled the ball back but Drogba, who led his side to the final with three goals in the tournament, contrived to shoot over from point

Egypt hit back and appeared to

have broken the deadlock in the Zaki scrambled the ball home after Ivory Coast keeper Jean-Jacques Tizie made a superb double save but the home fans were disappointed as his effort was

The hosts, who escaped having what looked a clear late penalty awarded against them in the semifinal with Senegal, were given a controversial spot kick in the eighth minute of injury time for an alleged trip on Mohamed Barakat.

But Hassan, who had converted penalties in each of their last two games, saw his effort tipped on to the post by Tizie. The Ivorians, already upset

about a number of free kicks awarded around their area by Tunisian official Mourad Daami, were infuriated by the penalty. But Egypt coach Shehata was

proud of his victorious players, with even Mido coming down on to the pitch where he joined in the celebrations with his jubilant team mates.

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SAID "AND THE WIENER IS ..." Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals Y

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.



Participants sprint during an athletics event of the Annual Sports Competition of Scholastica's Senior Uttara at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex on Saturday.