Tamim puts

FROM PAGE 12 post 265 after the local new ball pair Sajidul Islam and Ishrak Sonnet shared six wickets between them.

In-form opener Nazmus Sadat contributed 49 but Salim, who hit seven boundaries in 94 balls, led the tail superbly to take Khulna beyond the 200-mark. Before being the last man out. Salim also associated in a crucial 47-run tenth wicket partnership with Faizul Islam, who contributed only four.

At close of play, Barisal wiped out 25 of those runs without any dam-

SCORES IN BRIEF

CHITTAGONG: First innings 464-9 in 90 overs (Tamim 118, Masum 23, Salahuddin 75, Nazimuddin 33, Ehsanul 84, Faisal 20, Wasel 44, Ilias 38, Uttam 3-54, Mehrab Jr 4-142, Opee 2-64)

RAJSHAHI: First innings 306 all out in 88.2 overs 9Naeem 48. Mushfig 72, Shuvo 72, Shamimul 35, extras 22, Nazmul 5-30, Hasibul 2-45, Nabil 2-116, Mawla 1-63).

KHULNA: First innings 265 all out in 80.4 overs (Sadat 49, Sajjadul 38, Ujjal 35, Salim 59, extras 18, Sajidul 3-55, Sonnet 3-55, Salahuddin 3-44. Monir 1-60).

BARISAL: First innings 25-0 in 7 overs (Imran 12 batting, Hannan 12

Rain keeps

his opening spell, looked set to join the elite 500-club when the weather

Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne, Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath and retired West Indies paceman Courtney Walsh are other bowlers to bag 500 or more Test wickets.

Flintoff played a couple of attacking shots in the morning, lofting Kumble over mid-on and then sweeping the next ball for boundaries. He has so far struck six fours in his unbeaten 45-ball knock.

Left-arm seamer Irfan Pathan and Kumble have so far taken two wickets apiece, and debutant paceman Munaf Patel one.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the sec-

ond day of the second Test between India and England at the Puniab Cricket Association Stadium in Mohali on Friday **ENGLAND:** First innings (overnight

Strauss c Dhoni b Pathan Cook Ibw b Pathan Bell b Kumble Pietersen c and b Patel Collingwood b Kumble Flintoff not out Jones not out Extras: (lb-1, nb-4) Total: (For five wkts in 65 overs)200 Fall of wkts: 1-35, 2-36, 3-117, 4-

0 15 Kumble

Umpires: Darrell Hair (AUS) and Simon Taufel (AUS).

Toss: England



Scott Styris of New Zealand scored 103 not out from 122 balls in the first innings of the first Test against West Indies. It was his fifth century, second against West Indies.

ULAB clinch Fair Play Cup

SPORTS REPORTER

University of Liberal Arts (ULAB) clinched the ULAB Fair Play Cup cricket tournament with an exciting five-run win over State University (SUB) in the final on Friday.

Rohan's valiant 97-run knock went in vain as SUB were all out for 183 in the final over while chasing ULAB's 188-6 in the stipulated 35 overs at the ULAB ground in Mohammadpur.

Shoeb smashed 51 off 34 balls and Sohel a responsible 55 not out for the winners but the man-of-thefinal award went to SUB batsman Rohan, who also picked up one wicket for 39 runs. ULAB's Masum. Shoeb and Ashique each chipped in with two wickets

Information Minister M Shamsul Islam distributed trophies as chief

quest ULAB earned Tk 40,000 as prize money while the runners-up pocketed Tk 20,000. The Fair Play Trophy went to BRAC University. ULAB's Ashique was adjudged player-of-the-tournament.



Middlesbrough's Aiyegbeni Yakubu scores from the penalty spot against AS Roma during their UEFA Cup round of 16 first-leg match at the Riverside Stadium in Middlesbrough on Thursday.

Boro shock red-hot Roma



Middlesbrough dashed Roma's 16game unbeaten run on Thursday, an Aivegbeni Yakubu penalty sealing the English Premiership side's 1-0 win in the UEFA Cup at a rainsoaked Riverside.

In pouring rain and heavy conditions underfoot, the home team dominated the first leg tie in its bid to reach the quarterfinals of the

Roma never really forced Australian Mark Schwarzer into any game-saving action and were left ruing the absence of injured strikers Francesco Totti and Vincenzo

Instead it was Roma's 20-yearold keeper Gianluca Curci who stole the limeliaht, but for all the wrong reasons.

In the 12th minute, he brought down Boro's flying Dutchman Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink in the area and fellow striker Yakubu converted calmly from the spot.

"It was an excellent performance, a great European performance," said Boro coach Steve McClaren, adding that he would have liked a second goal.

"I'm a little disappointed we didn't get it," he said. "It's half a job done.

Hasselbaink, 33, found himself with a clear shot on goal in the 24th

after a fine Yakubu nod-down Fellow Dutchman George Boateng then spurned a chance in the 34th minute, blasting an effort high over the bar when the Roma defence failed to close him down on

After a tense period when Roma threatened, Yakubu and Boateng started to split the right side defence of the visitors, Boateng shooting wide on one occasion

the edge of the box.

Riggott was back just minutes later to deflect a cross behind, and Alessandro Mancini's ambitious curling shot flew just inches wide of Schwarzer's net in the 65th minute. Curci was forced into a desper-

ate save at the other end when

Hasselbaink fired a bobbling shot from 18 yards. As the game turned into a couner-attacking frenzy, Scwarzer came up with a fine save of his own as Roma looked for an all-important

away goal, pouncing to palm away a dangerous cross. Former Lazio player Gaizka Mendieta was guilty of spurning a late second Boro goal after hesistating badly on an excellent Mark Viduka through-ball.

Lille, lying third in the French domestic league, beat Sevilla 1-0 at home thanks to an amazing goal

from Geoffrey Dernis after 25 minutes and the visitors' inability to make their pressure count in front of

Dernis scored direct from a corner after Sevilla goalkeeper Antonio Notario misjudged the flight of the ball.

The two other French clubs in the competition had no such luck, however, Strasbourg going down 2-0 to Basel of Switzerland, and Marseille losing 1-0 at home to Russians Zenit St Petersburg.

Elsewhere in Europe, Rapid Bucuresti secured a surprisingly comfortable 2-0 home victory against Hamburg.

Daniel Niculae opened the scoring for the hosts just before the interval and Mugurel Buga doubled the lead two minutes from time to leave Rapid with one foot in the quarterfinals. Fellow Romanians Steaua Bucharest fought out a scoreless

whom goalkeeper Frank Rost was

draw with Real Betis of Spain, while Udinese and Bulgaria's Levski Sofia recorded a similar scoreline in Italy. An early goal from stand-in Sunday striker Franco Brienza proved enough to give Palermo a slender 1-0 home win over Schalke 04, for

PRIMERA LIGA

Valencia eye Madrid success

Football

REUTERS, Madrid

Valencia will be looking to inflict further injury on a wounded Real Madrid when they host their Primera Liga rivals at the Mestalla on Saturday.

Real waved goodbye to their only realistic hope of a trophy this season when they went out to Arsenal in the Champions League and their only remaining aim is to finish ahead of Valencia to take second place to

Barcelona in the title race. The two teams are neck-andneck in the standings with 51 points and victory for either side would give them an important edge in the battle to claim the all-important automatic spot in next season's Champions

League Following the failure of the Real Madrid old guard to produce the goods against Arsenal, coach Juan Ramon Lopez Caro might choose to start ringing the changes against

Ronaldo's poor form could prompt him to give Italy striker Antonio Cassano another chance up front, while Brazilian forwards Julio Baptista and Robinho should return to the fray after being left out of the starting line-up against

suspended after picking up a booking in last week's 2-1 win over Atletico Madrid.

Valencia missed their chance to stay clear of Real when they drew 0-0 with basement side Malaga last week but they are unbeaten in 15 matches and have had all week to prepare for the clash

Leading striker David Villa, who scored when Valencia beat Real 2-1

Murali's trip

FROM PAGE 12 the feat that I have completed taking fifty wickets against all Test playing nations. It is nice for me that it has

happened," he said. Murali found lack of concentration behind the reason of Bangladesh's poor batting show.

"I think Bangladesh have to improve a lot in their batting. They play too many shots and think that they can hit every ball. Obviously it is not the right attitude in longer version cricket. In Test cricket, you have to show your patience," he

He said that Khaled Mashud was just unlucky to get involved in his records in the series by becoming his 1000th international and 600th

at the Bernabeu earlier in the sea-Left back Roberto Carlos is son, will be looking to add to his tally of 15 goals after going three games without finding the net.

> Champions Barcelona, who are 10 points clear at the top, face a tricky trip to fourth-placed Osasuna on Sunday.

"We are always motivated when we play the big teams, but with it being the leaders we will be giving it 300 percent," midfielder Ludovic Delporte said earlier this week. "We will be out to beat them."

Barca will be without dynamic Argentine forward Lionel Messi, who faces at least a month on the sidelines after tearing a thigh muscle against Chelsea, while Frank Rijkaard is likely to rotate his squad after their exertions against the Londoners

FIXTURES

(All 1600 GMT kick-off unless stated) Saturday

Deportivo La Coruna v Real Sociedad (1900), Espanyol v Celta Vigo(1700), Valencia v Real Madrid(2100)

Athletic Bilbao v Cadiz, Atletico Madrid v Racing Santander(1800), Alaves v Sevilla, Mallorca v Villarreal. Osasuna v Barcelona(2000), Real Betis v Malaga, Real Zaragoza v Getafe



Information Minister M Shamsul Islam (C) giving away prize-money to the captain of the champion University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh in the ULAB Fair Play Cup cricket tournament at the university ground on Friday.

Win or bust for Milan

If AC Milan are to keep alive their faint hopes of preventing Juventus from running away with the Scudetto for a second straight season, they'll have to beat the Serie A leaders in Sunday's title showdown at the Delle Alpi stadium.

Anything other than a win for the 'Rossoneri' -- the only team to inflict a league defeat on Juve but currently lying 10 points adrift of them in second place with only 10 games left -- will almost certainly hand the championship to the 'Old Lady'.

Both teams are buoyant having secured their passages to the quarterfinals of the Champions League this week after victories over German clubs.

Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti is hoping his team produce the same kind of performance that blew away

Bayern.
"I dream of seeing the same Milan that I saw against Bayern," he

"True, Juve are of a different calibre, but we must think about playing exactly the same way as we did against the Germans."

Juventus will be without wingback Gianluca Zambrotta, who is expected to be out of action for 10

days after straining his right thigh. Just four points separate third from fifth as the race for Champions League places next season hots up.

Third-placed Inter Milan face a potentially tricky home match against Sampdoria on Saturday, while Fiorentina, in fourth, travel south to Sardinia to take on fifthfrom-bottom Cagliari.

Roma, whose record-breaking 11-match winning streak came to an end last Sunday after they drew 1-1 at home to Inter, visit mid-table

(All 1400 GMT kick-off unless stated) Saturday Siena v Treviso (1700), Inter Milan v Sampdoria (1930)

Ascoli v Roma, Cagliari v Fiorentina, Empoli v Chievo, Juventus v AC Milan (1930), Lazio v Reggina, Messina v Lecce, Palermo v Udinese, Parma v

Beckham out of Valencia tussle

England skipper David Beckham revealed he had not been fully fit for the Arsenal Champions League encounter which saw Real Madrid crash out of Europe after suffering a right thigh strain in the warm up.

"I began to feel bad in the warmup and did my best to put up with it," said Beckham, who added he would need to rest for "five or six days" and miss Saturday's Primera Liga showdown at Valencia, according to Real's website.

The match at the Mestalla stadium is vital for both sides as they trail leaders Barcelona by 10 points with only a dozen games to go.

Real have only the league title to go for as they bid to end a barren run stretching back to 2003 after their goalless draw at Highbury followed a 1-0 home leg defeat to the

Rooney signs record book deal

REUTERS, London

Manchester United's 20-year-old England striker Wayne Rooney has signed one of the biggest sports book deals in publishing history, agreeing to write five books over the next 12 years.

British media reported the deal with HarperCollins was worth at least five million pounds (8.7 million dollars) but a spokeswoman for the publishers would only say it was a 'substantial figure". HarperCollins said the first book

would be released in July and cover this year's World Cup in Germany. The following books will cover the rest of his career. Rooney emerged as one of the outstanding players at Euro 2004

and will carry the hopes of a nation

once more when he lines up for the start of the World Cup in June. HarperCollins, a unit of News Corp, said they were delighted with the Rooney deal. But not everyone

The British media questioned how one person could fill five books and the Daily Telegraph questioned how interesting they would be.

was so impressed.

"So look forward to chapter one," the Telegraph wrote, "My name is Wayne and I like football and chips. And football. And chips. And beans

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE DRAW

Barcelona pitted against Benfica

Favourites Barcelona, having overcome one Portuguese obstacle in Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho, meet another in the Champions League quarterfinals after being drawn to play Benfica.

France midfielder Patrick Vieira will return to his former club Arsenal when Juventus play at Highbury in the first leg after Friday's draw for the quarter and semifinals. Six-times European champions

Liverpool on penalties following a scintillating 3-3 draw after extra time, face Olympique Lyon who like Arsenal have never progressed beyond the last eight Newcomers Villarreal face the winners of the first knockout round

tie between Inter Milan and Aiax. who play their second leg next Tuesday with the score 2-2. Should both Barcelona, who lost

the 1961 European Cup final to Benfica, and Milan progress to the semifinals they will meet for the

The head-to-head series stands at three wins each and includes the memorable 1994 final won 4-0 by the Italian side.

The quarterfinals are scheduled for March 28 and 29 and April 4 and 5, the semi-finals for April 18/19 and 25/26 and the final at the Stade de France on May 17.

QUARTERFINALS Arsenal (ENG) v Juventus (ITA) AC Milan, who lost last year's final to Lyon (FRA) v AC Milan (ITA) Inter Milan (ITA) or Ajax (NED) v Villarreal (ESP) Benfica (POR) v FC Barcelona

SEMIFINALS

Arsenal (ENG)/Juventus (ITA) v Inter Milan (ITA) or Ajax (NED)/Villarreal (ESP) Lyon (FRA)/AC Milan (ITA) v Benfica (POR)/FC Barcelona (ESP)

Capello interest

INTERNET, undated

Real chief admits

New Real Madrid president Fernando Martin has admitted he would like to bring Fabio Capello back to the club. Juventus coach Capello has been

linked with a return to El Santiago

Bernabeu ever since Vanderlei Luxemburgo lost his job in December. The Italian is highly regarded within the corridors of Real after guiding the

side to the title in the 1996-97 campaign during a one-season stay. Capello has just over a year to run on his current contract at Juve and the former Milan boss has never hidden

his desire to return to the Spanish capital at some point in the future. Juan Ramon Lopez Caro is currently in caretaker charge of Real, but it seems likely they will look to appoint a

high-profile manager in the summer. Martin has expressed his admiration for Capello and he revealed the club are working hard to find a new manager

"I like Capello," said Martin. "His ability can't be questioned when you look at his record.

"Real want the best man for the job. The board will decide who to target after a meeting next week.'

PREMIERSHIP

Europe outcasts seek domestic boost

Football

REUTERS, London

Chelsea and Liverpool return to domestic action this weekend after their Champions League exits looking to restore some pride but they face tough matches against north London rivals bidding for

fourth-placed Tottenham Hotspur while Liverpool, who are third, visit Arsenal in fifth as the race to qualify for next season's Champions League hots up. Chelsea will be determined to put their midweek European Cup exit at

Leaders Chelsea welcome

as they focus on trying to win their first double of league and FA Cup. Chelsea lost the first leg 2-1 after Asier Del Horno was sent off at Stamford Bridge and never looked like overturning the deficit as they got a fortunate 1-1 draw at the Nou

the hands of Barcelona behind them

Nevertheless, their domestic title ambitions look secure as they take a 15-point lead over Manchester

United, who host Newcastle United on Sunday, into Saturday's game with Spurs.

for points as they battle Manchester United for second place and automatic qualification for the next season's Champions League group United are two points clear of Liverpool with a game in hand after

Monday's lucky 2-1 win at Wigan

Athletic so there is little room for

Rafa Benitez's team to slip up on

Liverpool will be more desperate

Tottenham lead bitter local rivals Arsenal by five points as the pair battle for the coveted fourth spot and a place in next season's Champions League qualifying

Arsenal can make it into Europe's elite competition by winning the trophy for the first time this year but will not want to pin all their hopes on achieving that difficult

With a move to their new

Emirates Stadium fast approaching

next term Arsene Wenger's men will

be hoping Spurs leave Stamford

Bridge with nothing while his side

beat Liverpool.

Chelsea have not lost a league game against Tottenham since 1990, although Jol's team are now a force to be reckoned with after their best Premier League campaign.

Dutch winger Arjen Robben is suspended for the Blues.

Deposed European champions Liverpool travel to Highbury to face a Gunners side on a high after getting past Real Madrid to reach the Champions League

FIXTURES

(All 1500 GMT kick-off unless stated) Saturday

Blackburn v Aston Villa (1715), Bolton v West Ham, Chelsea v Tottenham (1245), Everton v Fulham, Portsmouth v Manchester City, Sunderland v Wigan

Sunday Arsenal v Liverpool (1600), Charlton v Middlesbrough (1500), Manchester Utd

Bowlers dictate terms

Cricket

AFP. Auckland

tumbled regularly.

The outcome of the first Test between New Zealand and the West Indies hung on a knife edge at the close of the second day Friday, but an outright result seemed inevitable as wickets

New Zealand held a 116-run lead but with only six second innings wickets in hand and first innings centurymake Scott Styris already back in the

After dismissing the West Indies for 257 in their first innings, New Zealand claimed a slender 18-run lead. But any psychological advantage

quickly disappeared as their top order again failed to establish any partnership of note and at stumps they were 98 for four in their second innings. Opener Hamish Marshall fell cheaply, and just when Jamie How and Peter Fulton offered some hope

by carrying the score through to 66 for

one, the West Indies broke through

with three quick wickets to wrest back

Denesh Ramdin turned and ran 30 metres to take the catch. Fulton was bowled by Edwards for 28 and Styris hooked Edwards down to Bradshaw on the boundary to be out for five. Stephen Fleming, who survived a dropped catch down the leg side

before scoring and later edged three

balls through the gully cordon, had

lan Bradshaw and wicketkeeper

How reached 37 before he skied

progressed to 19 by stumps with night vatchman James Franklin on three. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first Test between New

Zealand and the West Indies at Eden Park on Friday: NEW ZEALAND: First innings 275 (Styris 103 n.o, Astle 51; Smith 3-71, Bradshaw 3-73 WEST INDIES: First innings (over-

night 51-3) Gayle c McCullum b Styris Ganga c How b Martin Bradshaw c How b Styris Sarwan c Franklin b Bond Lara c sub (Cachopa) b Bond Chanderpaul c McCullum b Frankli Bravo c Bond b Martin Smith c McCullum b Martin Ramdin c and b Vettori Edwards c McCullum b Vettori

Extras: (lb-7, w-1, nb-13) Total: (All out in 71.2 overs) 257 Fall of wkts: 1-47, 2-48, 3-49, 4-60, 5-90. 6-179. 7-237. 8-248. 9-252. 10-M 19 21 17 57 Franklin

83 80 Martin 23 Styris **NEW ZEALAND:** Second innings Marshall c Ganga b Bradshaw How c Ramdin b Bradshaw Fulton b Edwards Fleming not out Styris c Bradshaw b Edwards ranklin not out Extras: (lb-1, w-1, nb-3) Total: (For 4 wkts in 34 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-11, 2-66, 3-73, 4-88, М R Bowler

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Nafees c Maharoof b Muralidaran

Ashraful c Jayawardene b Bandara

Edwards

Taylor

Gavle

Smith

Bradshaw

Toss: West Indies

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Shahadat's party

aggressive against Murali and yes, he could have been a little bit selective. He might have had a plan but it didn't click at all. If your plan

works, it's right. Otherwise it's

Despite controversial choice

wrong," he said.

Mushfigur Rahim's poor show in this Test, Whatmore kept his faith on the local boy. "I still believe he suits to the longer-version cricket. He was unfortunate in the match but he has the talent to serve the country. You can't compare him with Aftab or Alok

because they are different types of

"I have some very strong feelings not just about this match but the whole series and I will convey the message through the proper channel," said Whatmore when he was asked to comment on the umpiring. It appeared that Nafees Iqbal

and Habibul Bashar were both victims of dubious decisions in the second innings **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at close on the third day of the second Test between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra

BANGLADESH: First innings 234 (Bashar 69, Omar 35, Rafique 32; Muralidaran 5-79) SRI LANKA: First innings (overnight 302-8) Vandort Ibw b Rase Tharanga c Mashud b Shahadat Bandara c Iqbal b Shahadat Samaraweera c Mashud b Shahadat Sangakkara Ibw b Shahadat Javawardene c Rahim b

Ashraful Dilshan b Rafique Maharoof c Bashar b Enamul Fernando Ibw b Enamul Malinga c Igbal b Shahadat 12 Muralidaran not out Extras: (b-5, lb-4, w-2, nb-4) Total: (All out in 103.3 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-4, 2-13, 3-43, 4-43, 5-167, 6-232, 7-251, 8-263, 9-305. **Bowler**

Rasel

М R 8 20 86 Shahadat 21.3 84 Rafigue Ashraful **BANGLADESH:** Second innings Omar c Sangakkara b Fernando Iqbal c Sangakkara b Malinga Bashar Ibw b Malinga

Rahim c Sangakkara b Bandara Mashud c Malinga b Muralidaran Rafique c Muralidaran b Malinga Shahadat b Fernando Enamul c Sangakkara b Fernando Rasel not out Extras: (b-1, lb-4, w-2, nb-5) Total: (All out in 56.1 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-15, 2-29, 3-46, 4-95 5-95, 6-110, 7-162, 8-187, 9-198. **Bowler** R Malinga 14.1 51 51 19 Fernando Muralidaran 13 62 32 Bandara 10 SRI LANKA: Second innings Vandort not out Tharanga not out Extras: (lb-5, w-2) Total: (For no loss in 20 overs) 0 Bowler М R Rasel 0 21 Shahasat 30 0

Rafique 2 14 5 Enamul 0 Toss: Bangladesh Umpires: Asad Rauf (PAK) and Krishna Hariharan (IND)