Cricket is illegal!

A CORRESPONDENT, Jhenaidah

Panic has broken out in Jhenaidah over the actions of a few DB policemen who mauled a number of university students for an "illegal" entry inside a pre-cadet institution to retrieve a lost cricket ball.

Two teams were engaging themselves in a cricket game in the Water Development Board office ground in Jhenaidah, when a stray ball found its way into an adjoining non-government pre-cadet school. The two aspiring cricketers who went to fetch the ball were stopped by the authorities and handed over to the police along with two more boys who had come to inquire about their whereabouts.

Furthermore, the students were detained in the police station where they had to suffer further corporal punishment before their guardians rescued them from their ordeal at

When contacted OC Azizul Haque informed that the incident was a misunderstanding and he asked the guardians not to take the incident to heart.

Rakib keeps solo lead

UNB. Dhaka

International Master Abdullah Al Rakib of Biman maintained solo lead for the fourth consecutive day with 9.5 points after the 10th and final round of the Mercantile Bank National Chess Championship at $the\,Chess\,Federation\,Monday.$

Razib held second position collecting 8.5 points from nine matches

while International Master Reefat Bin Sattar of Biman secured the 3rd position with seven points. Both of them have got one game in hand.

In the day's 10th round matches, Rakib. Raiib and Reefat beat

respective teammates FM Rezaul Haque, Nasir Ahmed and FM Mehdi Hasan Parag, Grand Master Niaz Morshed lost against Syed Mahfuzur Raham Emon, GM Ziaur Rahman beat Delwar Hossain while Enayet beat Hasan Emam.

MCG dances

However Anson Henry did not protest and Powell was adjudged to have not impeded the Canadian.

Powell brushed aside the incident declaring it was irrelevant as he was holding the gold medal in his hand and dismissed the notion he had ever been a choker.

Brooks won a distinctly underpar 100m women's title which even Ottey now in her mid 40's might well

Choge was majestic in his performance as the diminutive 19-yearold Kenyan - he looked a dwarf beside the bulky Mottram - played with the Australian before putting him out of his agony on the back stretch of the final lap

Surprisingly what was thought to be Mottram's greatest weapon the home crowd actually inspired the nerveless Choge.

Its not often that such gratitude has been paid to an Australian crowd but if more people took Choge's example then Australia's extra weapon as they like to call it will well and truly have been neutered and that will be guite something.



Only two Italian sides had never beer relegated from the top division (Serie A).





Roberto Carlos

(Real Madrid's Brazilian super star) "I want to end my playing career here. I have a plan for my family in Madrid and despite what the press say I want to continue living here."



KUNG-FU FIGHTING: Chelsea and Fulham fans clash after their Premiership match at Craven Cottage on Sunday

PREMIERSHIP

Fulham stun Chelsea

Football

REUTERS, London

Premier League leaders Chelsea suffered their third defeat of the season on Sunday with Fulham winning a pulsating west London derby 1-0 to ease their relegation

The champions threw everything Fulham after defender Paulo Ferreira's clearance had cannoned against Luis Boa Morte's knee to beat Petr Cech on 17 minutes but were repelled time and again by Chris Coleman's side French defender William Gallas

was sent off in stoppage time as Chelsea's frustrations, raised after Didier Drogba's goal had been controversially ruled out, boiled over in a touchline melee Hundreds of Fulham fans

invaded the pitch after the final whistle, which could land the club in trouble with the FA.

Earlier, third-placed Liverpool cruised to a 3-1 win at Newcastle United, who had defender Jean-Alain Boumsong sent off six minutes

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho, so unhappy with his side's display in the first half hour that he took off Joe Cole and Shaun Wright-Phillips and introduced Drogba and Damien Duff, was left fuming when Ivory Coast striker Drogba had a goal ruled out just as Chelsea were building up a head of

Drogba shot into an unguarded net after 58 minutes but was penalised for controlling the ball with his hand, referee Mike Dean denying the striker after a long consultation with his assistant. Fulham, unlucky not to gain an

early penalty when John Terry appeared to scythe down Moritz Volz, were buoyed by Boa Morte's goal as they harried their opponents in midfield and denied their wingers The second half, apart from a

Mark Pembridge free-kick, was all Chelsea but they found Fulham's defenders and Crossley in inspired form, epitomised when Crosslev header at the death.

Well-taken goals from Peter Crouch and Steven Gerrard put Liverpool on their way to a comprehensive win over Newcastle at St James Park

Crouch headed home a Jan Kromkamp cross after 10 minutes and Gerrard ended a flowing move with a second.

Shola Ameobi replied late in the first half for Newcastle but their hopes of a fightback were hit when Boumsong earned a straight red for hauling down Crouch six minutes after the break. French striker Diibril Cisse made it 3-1 from the penalty

TOP SIX

Team	Ρ	W	D	L (G/F	G/A Pt	s
Chelsea	29	24	3	2	58	18 7	5
Man United	29	19	6	4	58	29 63	3
Liverpool	31	18	7	6	42	21 6	1
Tottenham	30	14	10	6	43	28 52	2
Arsenal	30	15	5	10	48	23 50	0
Blackburn	30	15	4	11	41	36 49	9
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PRIMERA LIGA

Real slip further

Football

REUTERS, Madrid

Primera Liga was strengthened on Sunday when Real Madrid were held to a goalless draw at home by Real Betis and Valencia lost 2-1 away to Racing Santander.

Real coach Juan Ramon Lopez Caro left Ronaldo and David Beckham on the bench in the Bernabeu but it did little to improve his side who laboured to create chances against relegationthreatened Betis.

Barcelona, who beat Real Sociedad 2-0 away on Saturday, have 64 points with 10 games left to play, 11 ahead of second-placed Real. Valencia are third with 52 points.

Betis looked the hungrier side in a tight first half littered with misplaced passes, lots of nerves, and few attempts at goal.

Visiting striker Robert almost gave Betis a second-minute lead as lker Casillas erred coming out of his area, and Real's best chance of the first half came from the foot of Cicinho who's cross-cum-shot hit the far post in the 23rd minute.

After the break, Betis keeper Pedro Contreras blocked a shot

from Cicinho with his foot after 65 minutes, and then pulled off a great save from substitute Ronaldo's close-range header six minutes

final stages though a swift break from Robert in the 75th minute was only denied by a sharp save from Casillas.

Contreras capped a confident display in the final minute to turn Cicinho's goal-bound shot round the

Real were whistled off the pitch at the end by angry home fans.

Valencia had not lost in 16 league games but had drawn their last three outings and struggled from the start in Santander.

Racing's Damia Abella burst clear after stealing the ball from defender Carlos Marchena in the

17th minute to grab the opener. Ayoze Diaz blasted a free kick through the wall to double the lead after 66 minutes, but David Villa pulled a goal back for the visitors from the penalty spot nine minutes later, heading home after the

keeper's initial save. Osasuna strengthened their grip on fourth place with a 4-2 win away to King's Cup finalists Espanyol that put them level with Valencia on 52

The Navarrans beat Barca 2-1 last weekend but fell behind to Raul

Tamudo's early strike before fighting back with goals from David Lopez, Pierre Webo and Savo Milosevic before the break.

When Luis Garcia scored a spectacular second for Espanyol midway through the second half, it looked as though the fightback was

But the impressive Inaki Munoz cracked in a fourth for Osasuna 10 minutes from time.

Seven points behind Osasuna in fifth place, UEFA Cup quarterfinalists Sevilla squandered a hatful of chances in a 1-1 draw at home to struggling Real Mallorca.

Sixth-placed Celta Vigo, level with Sevilla on 45 points, failed to profit, however, as they went down 1-0 at home to Athletic Bilbao.

At the foot of the table Malaga are bottom with 22 points, Cadiz are 19th with 26, and Betis are 18th with 27, the same as 17th-placed Alaves.

Team	Ρ	W	D	L	G/F	G/A	Pts
Barcelona	28	20	4	4	66	25	64
Real Madrid	28	16	5	7	50	26	53
Valencia	28	14	10	4	38	23	52
Osasuna	28	16	4	8	39	32	52
Sevilla	28	13	6	9	36	30	45
Celta Vigo	28	14	3	11	29	28	45

Third Test on a knife edge

the closing session, with Anil Kumble (30) adding 55 for the ninth wicket with Sreesanth (29 not out). Their stand restricted England's lead as the hosts were tottering at 217-8 at one stage.

Anderson ended the Indian innings when he bowled Patel for his fourth victim. He bowled with control throughout the day, but was unfortunate not to get more than one wicket in the morning session.

Two catches were dropped off Anderson's bowling, with Panesar letting off Dhoni at mid-off and substitute Matt Prior grassing Dravid at gully. Dhoni was then on 23

ENGLAND: First innings 400 (Strauss 128, Shah 88, Flintoff 50; Sreesanth 4-70,

INDIA: First innings (overnight 89-3)

loggard Flintoff ENGLAND: Second in Fall of wkts: 1-9, 2-21 Sreesanth Harbhajan Toss: India Umpires: Darrell Hair (AUS) and Simon Taufel (AUS)

BU take

FROM PAGE 12 Henry Alphanso Menezes said that while away matches are always tough, "we have taken the match very seriously and promise to play good football and entertain the local crowd.

Replying to a query Henry replied. "I've never seen any Bangladeshi football match but heard about some good players."

Whinger Jose at it again

AFP, London

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho accused Fulham's players of influencing the referee after watching his side crash to their third defeat of the season at Craven Cottage.

Mourinho gesticulated wildly from the touchline as tensions boiled over midway the second half when a Didier Drogba equaliser was ruled out for handball following furious protests from Fulham's

Mourinho was unhappy with the decision and appeared to suggest that Dean's opinion had been swayed by Fulham's players.

They were clever the way they put pressure on the referee and inesmen and they got a result that gives them safety in the Premiership," Mourinho said. "I'm happy for Chris Coleman because

The Chelsea boss also suggested that Fulham had used timewasting tactics to hang on to their 1-0 lead, which they secured after 17 minutes when Luis Boa Morte latched on to Steed Malbranque's deflected shot to score.

Mourinho said: "Fulham fought a lot and defended a lot and tried to reduce the time of the game. Instead of 45 minutes, they tried to play 20 or 25 minutes."

Harmison

(ECB) said.

Matthew Hoggard, who was to return home after the Test series, would now take Harmison's place in the one-day side.

"Stephen (Harmison) is still experiencing pain in his right shin and with the Test Series against Sri Lanka due to start in early May, we have decided that the safest course of action is to rest him from the forthcoming One-Day Series here in India," ECB chief medical officer

Peter Gregory said. "He has been advised to rest the injury pending a further reassessment in the UK."

Bashar dreaming

FROM PAGE 12 Total: (All out in 49.5 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-3, 2-8, 3-25, 4-74, 5-82, 6-120, 7-139, 8-140, 9-155. Mortuza Rasel Shahadat Razzak Rafique 10 BANGLADESH Omar not out Nafees c Obuya b Ongondo Aftab not out Extras: (lb-1, w-7, nb-3) Total: (For one wkt in 23.5 overs)

Fall of wkt: 1-69. Bowler 19 Odoyo Ongondo Patel Kamande 3 0 35 Obuya Result: Bangladesh won by nine wickets and lead the series 2-0.

Man-of-the-match: Syed Rasel. Toss: Kenva Umpires: Nadeem Ghauri (PAK) and Mahbubur Rahman (BAN)

Next match: In Dhaka on March 23 (Thursday).

NZ romp

FROM PAGE 12 fall, caught by Astle at mid-wicket off

But Lewis, like Daren Powell who fell for seven just before him, could consider himself unlucky as television replays appeared to show both wickets falling with Mills' front foot clearly in no-ball territory.

Mills finished with three for 29, while Martin, James Franklin and Vettori took two wickets each.

The least successful wickettaker was Astle whose sole strike nevertheless claimed the crucial wicket of Brian Lara on the third day.

Lara has only amassed seven runs from four innings on tour, but Chanderpaul denied the lack of form of his star batsman was the main reason for the poor showing. He said the West Indies made

mistakes across the board after

winning the toss and opting to bat. "On a good wicket like that you need to put up a decent total on the board but we didn't, and in their first innings a few chances weren't taken and I felt if we had held them it would probably be a different outcome to

The final Test begins in Napier on Saturday.

SCORES IN BRIEF

WEST INDIES: First innings 192 (Morton 63, Gayle 30; Franklin 5-53, Mills 3-53) **NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 372

(Fulton 75, Fleming 97, Astle 65, McCullum 23, Vettori 42, Franklin 28 n. o, Mills 10; Edwards 5-65, Powell WEST INDIES: Second innings 215 (Gayle 68, Ganga 23, Morton 7,

Lara 1, Chanderpaul 36, Lewis 40;

Martin 2-65, Franklin 2-64, Mills 3-

29. Vettori 2-40) NEW ZEALAND: Second innings 36 no loss (Marshall 23, How 9) Result: New Zealand won by 10 wickets and lead the series 2-0. Man-of-the-match: Stephen

SERIE A

Milan giants run riot

Football

AC Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti paid tribute to his back four rather than the goalscorers in Sunday's 4-0 thrashing of Udinese, which left them 10 points behind Serie A leaders Juventus in second place.

Andriy Shevchenko scored twice -to take his league tally to 18 -- while Alberto Gilardino and Clarence Seedorf grabbed the other goals, as Milan ran riot against an Udinese team without a Serie A win since December

deprived of stalwarts Cafu and Paolo Maldini due to long-term injuries that pleased Ancelotti the most. "With the quality strikers that we

But it was Milan's defence, still

have, scoring goals has never been a problem, but now we've really tightened up at the back," said Ancelotti whose team have not conceded a league goal since the 4-1 win at Reggina on February 12.
"We're far more solid and we're

making it extremely difficult for opponents to get past us. That's why we're

going so well at the moment." In Sunday's other matches, Inter Milan beat Lazio 3-1 to stay two points behind city rivals Milan in third place. Uruquayan striker Alvaro Recoba scored twice for Inter after Luis Figo had broken the deadlock at the San

Fiorentina came from behind to beat Ascoli 3-1, strengthening their grip on fourth spot in the race for Champions league places.

The Florence club have 59 points.

one more than Roma who bounced

back from their UEFA Cup exit on Wednesday with a 2-1 win over relegation-threatened Messina 2-1 at the Olympic stadium. Simone Perrotta and Alberto Aquilani were on target for Roma

back for the Sicilian visitors. Lecce look destined for Serie B after they lost 2-1 at home to a resurgent Parma, but Empoli boosted their chances of surviving the drop with a 2-

before Arturo Di Napoli pulled one

0 defeat of Reggina. Chievo remain on course to qualify

for next season's UEFA Cup after their 4-1 thrashing of Siena and Palermo won 2-0 at Sampdoria.

At Udine, Shevchenko capitalised on an error by Morgan De Sanctis to give Milan the lead shortly before half-

The Udinese keeper tried to control a back-pass but succeeded only in giving the ball straight to the Ukrainian striker and he showed no mercy with

Gilardino doubled Milan's advantage with a right-footed finish before setting up Shevchenko for his second

an angled shot.

goal with a cheeky back-heel. Dutch midfielder Seedorf completed the demolition with a low drive.

TOP SIX

Team .	Ρ	W	DL	_	G/F	G/A	Pts
luventus	30	24	5	1	60	19	77
AC Milan	30	21	4	5	67	24	67
nter Milan	30	20	5	5	56	23	65
iorentina	29	18	5	6	51	31	59
Roma	30	17	7	6	56	30	58
?hievo	30	11	11	R	42	35	44

'No chance for Socceroos'

Ancelotti admits

Real interest

SERMANY 2006 **INTERNET**, undated

Three-time World Cup finalist Pierre

Littbarski predicted gloom and doom for Australia in the World Cup Group F, according to the Sydney FC coach, will be the group of frustration for Australia with Asian champion Japan, world champion Brazil and Balkan bounty-hunter

The man who spent seven years in Japan's J-League as a player and a coach claims the Socceroos will be derailed by Zico's bullet train in

Croatia ready to hustle the

Socceroos home before they've

even had a chance to unpack.

Football

Carlo Ancelotti admitted Sunday

he would be interested in coach-

The 46-vear-old AC Mila

coach is being touted as one of

the main candidates for the job,

which will be vacated by Juan

Ramon Lopez Caro at the end of

Real?," Ancelotti told SKY televi-

there will be a time for me to do it."

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son without a trophy.

"Who wouldn't want to go to

ing Real Madrid -- but not now.

their opening game in Kaiserslautern on June 13. And they will be left flailing on the

wrong side of the tracks by mighty Brazil in Munich on June 19 and by Croatia five days later in Stuttgart. "I'm afraid I don't really see Australia going to the next round,"

winner's medal from Italia 90, said. "It's a nice thing for Australia to compete and to be there but to actually go on to the next round is a

"The football gods have been very unkind to Australia, and I think they will need something extra special even extraordinary - to progress beyond the group stage.'

Last season they reached the

Lopez Caro, who replaced

final, but lost to Liverpool after a

Vanderlei Luxemburgo as Real's

coach three months ago, is set to

return to managing the reserve

team when the season ends.

penalty shoot-out.

progress **INTERNET**, undated

Totti making

Francesco Totti is making excellent progress in his bid to recover from the fractured ankle that threatens his World Cup dreams. The Roma playmaker is a major

whilst in Serie Aaction. However, Totti has now promised to be available for the Azzurri, in news that will delight coach

positive news from his doctors. A screw has been removed from Totti's ankle and the early diagnosis appears to be one that suggests the

"I will be at the World Cup," Tott told Rai TV.

It is expected that Totti will try and

walk without the aid of crutches next

Ctg wait

BARISAL-SYLHET

victory over Sylhet at the Barisal Divisional Stadium. The right-handed opener

SCORES IN BRIEF CHITTAGONG: 341 and 360 all out in 123.3 overs (overnight 184-1) (Tamim 49, Nafees 88, Nazim 54)

Shuvo 4-80, Farhad 2-105). RAJSHAHI: First innings 240 and 113-2 in 24 overs (Žahirul 21, Rafigul 39. Farhad 30 not out Nayeem 8 not out, extras 15; Yasin

3) (Uttam 60. Kamrul 21. Mehrab Jr 50 not out. Saiiad 35. extras 16: Sadik 2-54, Monirul 2-27).

extras 31: Talha 3-37). Result: Match drawn.

164-3 in 32.5 overs. Result: Barisal won by seven wickets

ANCELOTTI

sion after AC Milan's 4-0 thrashing of Udinese on Sunday, which left them 10 points behind Serie A leaders Juventus with nine games "The problem is when. I believe Ancelotti's current contract ends in 2007 and the club have always maintained they will soon But they may not be so keen to do so if the club go another sea-They are highly unlikely to catch Juventus in the league and their only realistic hope of some By Eugene Si

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KNZLPS

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A POTTER'S SPINNING THING WERE CONSTRUCTED OF IRON, I WOULD CALL IT A FERROUS WHEEL. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals U

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

doubt for Italy's squad for Germany after enduring a nightmare injury Littbarski, who played for West Germany in Spain (1982), Mexico (1986) and swaggered away with a Marcello Lippi, after receiving

> player could yet be on the plane to Germany.

week before beginning on the arduous road to full recovery.

FROM PAGE 12 first-innings lead to add four points to their tally.

Opener Hannan Sarker scored 68 to guided Barisal to a seven-wicket

smashed 13 boundaries while Humayun Kabir scored an unbeaten 32 as Barisal posted 164-3 in 32.5 after being set a winning target of

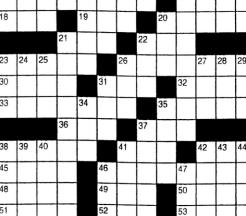
162 runs on the final day.

Dhiman 42, extras 23; Shafaq 2-53,

Result: Match drawn. DHAKA: First innings 464 and 230-8 dec in 82.5 overs (overnight 114-

KHULNA: First innings 378 and 184-5 in 40 overs (Sadat 66, Sahaqir 29. Asadullah 26 not out

SYLHET: 194 and 322. BARISAL: First innings 354 and



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