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Liverpool's victory with a stunning

85th minute finish, which curled

Kewell then wrapped up

minutes remaining

on Alonso.

Alonso shaved the crossbar from

See-saw battle at **BKSP**

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh A failed to continue on a good start from the previous day as they were bowled out for 295 runs, with a deficit of 114 runs, in their first innings on the third day of the fourday match at BKSP yesterday.

Tushar Imran fell at 63, after remaining not out on 50 overnight while his partner Sakib Al Hassan also reached 69 before falling to Rangana Herath

The left-arm spinner from the second string side of the island nation took 5 for 72 while Ganegama and Mohammed took two each

Bangladesh A again staged a late comeback, thanks to the first innings hero Enamul Jr who picked up three more as Sri Lanka slipped to 113 for 5 at the end of day 3. Jehan Mubarak again led from the front as he was unbeaten on 59

BRIEF SCORES

SRI LANKA A: First innings 409 all out in 128 overs (Mubarak 140. Warnapura 128, Enamul 6/113). BANGLADESH A: First innings (overnight 167 for 2) 295 all out in 100 overs (Sakib 69, Tushar 63, Sadat 48, Hearth 5/72, Mohammed

SRI LANKA A: Second innings 113 for 5 in 40 overs (Mubarak 59*, Enamul 3/29)

VAAS RULED OUT

SL-Pak first Test starts today

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan strike bowler Chaminda Vaas has been ruled out of the opening Test against Pakistan after failing to recover from a side strain. the selectors announced here on Saturday

"He has been ruled out of the Test on medical advice," Sri Lankan chief selector Lalith Kaluperuma said on the eve of the match.

Left-arm seamer Vaas has so far grabbed 301 wickets in 90 Tests.

Left-handed batsman Sanath Jayasuriya has recovered from a thigh strain and will open the innings, the selectors said.

Sri Lanka have left out seamer Dhammika Prasad and opening hatsman Ian Daniel along with Vaas from their squad for the first of the two Tests.

Squad: Mahela Jayawardene (capt), Kumar Sangakkara, Sanath Jayasuriya, Upul Tharanga, Michael Vandort, Tillekeratne Dilshan, Thilan Samaraweera, Chamara Kapugedera, Farveez Maharoof, Lasith Malinga, Nuwan Kulasekera, Dilhara Fernando, Muttiah Muralitharan, Malinga Bandara, Sajeewa Weerakoon.

Rajshahi close

FROM PAGE 12 Nazimuddin 13, Ehsanul 18, Faisal 68, Wasel 34, extras 11; Arafat Salahuddin 2-30, Monir 5-74). BARISAL: First innings (overnight 80 for 0) 381 all out in 104.4 overs (Sarker 121, Imran 85, Ayub 73,

Saju 4/50). CHITTAGONG: Second innings 7 for 0 in 2 overs

KHULNA: First innings 248 all out in 74.3 overs (Sahagir 98, Jamaluddin 65 not out, extras 23; Rezaul 3-33, Hasibul 5-79).

SYLHET: First innings (overnight 19 for 2) 309 for 8 in 101 overs (Mowla 121*, Rezaul 71, Jamal Babu 2/56).



Bangladesh's 4-0 series whitewash against Kenya was the first time they had ever achieved the feat in international cricket.





David Beckham

(England football captain) "To win the World Cup you need all the help you can get and you can never underestimate the role they (fans) play."

PREMIERSHIP

L'pool win stormy derby

Football

AFP, London

Harry Kewell's superb strike sealed Liverpool's 3-1 victory over Everton in a stormy Merseyside derby where the European champions were forced to play with 10 men for more than 70 minutes after skipper Steven Gerrard was sent-off at Anfield here Saturday.

The 203rd meeting between the city rivals saw an own-goal by Phil Néville and a Luis Garcia strike send Liverpool on their way after England midfielder Gerrard was dismissed by referee Phil Dowd for two bookable offences in the space of a minute when the match was goalless

Kewell's fellow Australia international Tim Cahill pulled a goal back for Everton just after the hour mark but the Toffees were themselves reduced to 10 men when Dutch midfielder Andy van der Meyde received a straight red card for elbowing Xabi Alonso in an aerial

Liverpool dug deep to carve out an impressive victory which saw them leapfrog Manchester United, who host Birmingham City on Sunday, into second spot in the Premiership table.

Neville will be glad to see the back of Liverpool for another season. Having been sent-off in December when the sides last met at Goodison Park, the England defender headed Xabi Alonso's corner into the back of his own net

Garcia then produced a delightful piece of quality in the 47th minute, the Spaniard gliding past Gary Naysmith before lobbing the ball over the head of advancing goalkeeper Richard Wright following Peter Crouch's flick.

Cahill reduced the deficit to set up a grandstand finish but Liverpool remained gritty to the end to secure three vital points.

Even after Cahill had netted his eighth goal of the season after nodding Leon Osman's 61st minute corner past Jose Reina, Liverpool



Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard leaves the field past his manager Rafael Benitez (R) after being sent off during their Premiership clash against Everton at Anfield on Saturday.

Windies start off well

Cricket

Brian Lara promoted himself up the order and began producing runs for the first time on tour as the West Indies made a solid start on a weather disrupted opening day of the third and final Test against New Zealand here Saturday.

With one-and-a-half sessions lost after overnight rain made the McLean Park outfield too wet for early play, the West Indies had reached 95 for one before bad light brought an early end to the day soon Lara was not out 28 with Daren

Ganga on 31 as they put together an unbeaten 58-run partnership for the second wicket. Stephen Fleming won the toss for

New Zealand and elected to bowl under overcast skies as New Zealand vie for their first ever 3-0 series clean sweep in 76 years of Test cricket.

Everything appeared in his favour, with ace bowler Shane Bond recovered from the virus that kept him out of the second Test, the sky overcast and the outfield slow.

But the bowlers found little assistance in the conditions, with the pitch which had been under covers much of the week not holding the threatening pace they wanted.

West Indies openers Chris Gayle and Ganga negotiated their way to 37 before New Zealand's sole breakthrough came with the introduction of Chris Martin into the attack. Gayle had raced to 30 off 27 balls

when Martin tempted him into the drive that went straight to Peter Fulton at short cover. Lara came in at first drop, after batting at No. 4 in the first two Tests

where he only amassed seven runs

in four innings. But determined to go out in style in his last appearance in New Zealand, the world record holder was full of concentration as he picked his strokes with care, and while not demonstrating much footwork, his timing was evident

with a couple of crashing drives. Lara survived an attempted Bond hattrick, having fallen to New Zealand's prime fast bowler first ball in the first Test, and survived a testing period from Nathan Astle.

Slow-medium pacer Astle had the better of Lara in the second Test, but apart from one close leg-beforewicket shout here, he could not claim the upper hand. At tea, the West Indies were 75 for one, and they added 20 in 5.2

overs after the resumption of play before being offered the light. New Zealand vice-captain Daniel Vettori hinted West Indies probably had a slight edge after the limited play allowed.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of the raindisrupted first day of the third and final Test between New Zealand and West Indies at McLean Park on WEST INDIES: First innings

Gayle c Fulton b Martin				30
Ganga not out				31
Lara not out				28
Extras: (lb-2, nb-4)				6
Total: (For 1 wkt in 27.2 overs) 95				
Fall of wkt: 1-37				
Bowler	0	M	R	W
Bond	9	0	40	0
Franklin	8	1	25	0
Martin	4	1	18	1
Astle	6.2	2	10	0

Toss: New Zealand. Powell (RSA).

Umpires: Mark Benson (ENG), lan

Anguish for the mighty

AFP, Melbourne



Farce and controversy dogged the Commonwealth Games athletics on Saturday as medal hopes vanished in a fog of disqualifications and dropped batons. The majority

of the 80,000 fans packed inside the Melbourne Cricket Ground didn't know whether to watch with pride or look away in

Local hero Craig Mottram was clipped from behind in the 1500 metres, fell to the track and was run out of medal contention.

Their men's 4x100m relay team also missed out on gold when Matt Shirvington and Adam Miller botched their baton handover.

The Australian men's 4x400m relay team stormed to victory but their women's team were promoted to winners only after England were disqualified in a race where Jamaica. leading at the time, also dropped the baton.

Aussie women sprinters just about hung onto bronze after a botched final handover almost scuppered their chances in the 4x100m relay.

Butter-fingers Ghana didn't manage the first changeover while only five of the eight teams in the men's 4x100m relay, which was won by an Asafa Powell-inspired naica, reached the finish line. "I wanted Australia to finish the

race, so we could get a better time. said Powell.

It had been a similar tale of woe in the heats when six teams dropped the baton including England who boasted three of the British line-up who managed to keep it in hand when they took gold at the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

Amongst the mayhem, Jamaica were able to celebrate a full house of the sprint titles in Melbourne as the 23-year-old world record holder Powell added a second gold to his individual crown.

So too did Sherri-Ann Brooks in the women's relay as the Jamaicans added to their successes in the men and women's 100 and 200m and the 100m and 110m hurdles.

At least the Australians finished the night on a high when Kym Howe led a 1-2 in the women's pole vault leaping to a new Games record of 4.62 metres. Defending champion Tatiana Grigorieva was second.

England's boxers collected a record-equalling five gold medals courtesy of lightweight Frankie Gavin, super-heavyweight David Price, flyweight Don Broadhurst, featherweight Stephen Smith and light-welterweight Jamie Russan.

Australia came away with two golds through middleweight Jarrod Fletcher and heavyweight Brad Pitt, while India celebrated only its second-ever Games boxing gold with bantamweight Akhil Kumar. Meanwhile Indian sharpshoote

Samaresh Jung's bid for a recordequalling six golds at the same Games ended in disappointment when his aun misfired during the men's 25-metre standard pistol

The eventual winner of the event, England's Mick Gault, extended his own record when he claimed his 15th medal from four Games to establish himself as his country's most succesful

Gault edged out Pakistan's Irshad Ali in a two-way shoot-off with Australian Bruce Quick claiming the

Aussies grab Independence

SPORTS REPORTER

Day events

Tennis Finals of the Independence Day Tennis Tournament will be held today. In the men's singles, Amar Ray will face Dipu Lal while Arif Hossain take on Raian Ram in the

boy's under-13 competition

Chess

Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) has organised Independence Day Rapid Chess Tournament today at the BCF hall room. Meanwhile, Mobarak Hossain

Pathan became unbeaten champion in the Independence Day Deaf Volleyball

An exhibition match will be held today at the Mirpur Indoor stadium. The match, organised by Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, will feature players from the national volleyball team.

Kasprowicz c De Villiers b Nel

and was caught behind by Mark Boucherfortwo.

Smith drove at Lee's first ball of the South African innings and edged a sharp chance to third slip where Justin Langer held the catch. After being dropped on nought.

Gibbs hit two boundaries before he went back to a ball from Kasprowicz which cut back and kept slightly low. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the second Test between

South Africa and Australia at Kingsmead on Saturday: AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 228-5) Langer c Boucher b Kallis

Hayden c De Villiers b Ntini Ponting c Gibbs b Boje 103 Martyn c Kallis b Ntini 57 75 Hussey Ibw b Kallis Lee c Boucher b Ntini Symonds Ibw b Nel Gilchrist c Boucher b Nel Warne c De Villiers b Pollock

Clark not out 13 Extras: (b-9, lb-10, nb-7, w-2) 28 Total: (All out in 127.1 overs) 369 Fall of wkts: 1-0, 2-97, 3-198, 4-218 5-219, 6-253, 7-259, 8-315, 9-327. 0 M R **Bowler** 11 73 Pollock 32 24 Ntini 81 4

Nel 31 8 83 Kallis 21.1 8 52 61 19 **SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings Smith c Langer b Lee De Villiers not out 11 Gibbs b Kasprowicz Kallis not out 19 Extras: (nb-4)

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Total: (For 2 wkts in 10 overs) 43 Fall of wkts: 1-0, 2-10. O M 25 17 4 0 0

Wenger wants 'divers' suspended

REUTERS, London

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has called on referees to stamp out 'diving by suspending guilty players.

"We have to fight it and there is only one way to punish people diving obviously -- suspension,' Wenger told reporters. "Once it is in the game it is difficult to get it out. Once a guy knows he might be punished he will not dive."

Chelsea and England winger Shaun Wright-Phillips was accused of diving in Chelsea's 1-0- FA Cup quarterfinal win on Wednesday and Newcastle United's Robbie Elliott was sent off.

"My view without going into any individual case is that we are all as managers to fight against it," Wenger said.

"Sometimes the players dive just because they pushed the ball too far and the only way to get something out of the situation is to dive. "We are all managers who can

has not dived. Nobody can say that in our league," Wenger added. "I can say that when my team are not involved I am 100 percent

say that never one of our players

Arsenal were at the centre of a diving controversy two seasons ago when midfielder Robert Pires won a penalty against Portsmouth to seal

Mancini sparks new Brazil row

INTERNET, undated

Inter Milan coach Roberto Mancini has sparked a new row with Brazil over Adriano's international duties.

The relations between the club and Selecao has been strained for many years, but Carlos Alberto Parreira's comments this week suggesting stars such as Adriano and Ronaldo are playing badly because they are "saving themselves for the World Cup" did not go down well with Mancini

"I don't think that is the case especially as players are paid by their club, not their country," insisted the Nerazzurri tactician. "They have to give their best to the club sides and pesides that I have never seen a player try to limit himself ahead of a major tournament." Instead, Mancini has another

reason behind Adriano's disappointing performances this term and how to rectify it in the future.

"I think we should give players the right to choose whether or not they'll accept a call for international duty. Some people are unable to handle constant games at a certain tempo and therefore suffer injuries."

Tendulkar to undergo surgery

PTI, Mumbai

Sachin Tendulkar left for London on Saturday to undergo a surgery on his shoulder.

The master batsman, who was accompanied by his doctor wife Anjali, is expected to go under the surgeon's knife on Monday.

The operation, which will rule him out of action for at least two months, would be conducted by noted surgeon Dr Andrew Wallace

Tendulkar was diagnosed with a posterior labrum tear of the right shoulder during the third cricket Test against England this week, subsequently ruling him out of the sevenmatch one-day series against Andrew Flintoff's men which begins on March 28.

Indian team's physiotherapist John Gloster said the ace batsman had been experiencing problems in throwing since the Test series against Sri Lanka last December. The problem had aggravated of

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BDR retain kabadi crown

late, necessitating the surgery.

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Rifles lifted the Standard Chartered 26th National Kabadi Championship for the record 18th time after they defeated Bangladesh Police in the final BDR won the match by 32-10

points with 2 lonas in front of a cheering crowd. Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation, Sadeq Hossain Khoka distributed prizes among the final-

final today SPORTS REPORTER

School b'ball

The final of the Shabab Murshid

Memorial School Basketball tournament will be held today at 4:30 pm in the Dhanmondi Indoor Basketball Stadium.

The participating teams in the final will be B.I.T, who advanced against Maple Leaf and Aga Khan who won a surprising victory against favourites St. Joseph.

Ronaldinho hails Jogo Bonito

Football

REUTERS, Barcelona

Ronaldinho says there is no danger of him resting on his laurels as he concentrates on winning the two biggest prizes in football, the Champions League and World Cup.

"I never lose the motivation," the Barcelona forward told Reuters in an interview. "I have been lucky enough to have won lots of titles with my teams and at an individual level quite a young age. "Now that I know just how nice it

motivation comes from wanting to win everything lots of times, to do it again and keep on winning." The ever-smiling, frizzy-haired Brazilian, who turned 26 this week,

is the undisputed king of world

is to win those things once, the

football at the moment. Ronaldinho says he is delighted to be playing for the two sides seen as the leading exponents of what the Brazilians like to call "jogo bonito" (beautiful game). He this shows off in an advert for sponsors Nike to be released shortly

"Every team has a style of its own and ours at Barcelona really suits us right now. It's a jogo bonito style, very attacking, always trying to

"There are other types of football that can get you results but ours is a style that people like to see. I really

enjoy playing at Barcelona. "As for Brazil, every country has its own way of playing and ours has always been like this. Our style is an attacking style, with players who tend to be characterised by dribbling

"We have a level of technique that sets us apart from other countries and I think we have excellent Ronaldinho is also conscious,

however, that Brazil do not have a

divine right to win football's greatest competition "I don't think you can talk about favourites," he says. "I think you have to go out every game and play your best football, demonstrate with each match that you can win and

play well."

Ronaldinho says one of his main aims at this year's World Cup will be to help an out-of-sorts Ronaldo recover his top form and become the player of the tournament like four years ago. "I have the greatest of confi-

dence in him (Ronaldo). I think

people have to respect him for

everything he has done for Real

Madrid, for the national team and for

"As a teammate I will help him as much as I can so that he can be the man of the World Cup once again.

iust as he was in 2002. As for Brazil's rivals, Ronaldinho

singles out hosts Germany, the team his side heat in the 2002 final "I think playing at home gives you

that little extra motivation, so Germany will be strong. They have the fans on their side and that always means that it is harder for the teams they play against."

Before the June date in Germany,

Ronaldinho is hoping that he will

have been able to complete a dream domestic season by winning both the Spanish title and the Champions League with Barcelona. "I think our chances are very good. We're playing very well, with a

lot of confidence and we hope the team can go a long way.' Despite speculation that Chelsea are interested in prising him away from Catalunya he insists

he has no intention of moving in the

"My future is Barcelona, it's here. Today, I'm not thinking of anything that's not Barcelona. I don't lack anything here. I have all that I could wish for and the club have made a great effort to make sure I am happy. I

Essien's wild tackle on Dietmar

Hamann and Jose Reina's sending-

off at Stamford Bridge after some

move to the Londoners in the sum-

mer and there is plenty of history

between the sides. But Benitez sees

these regular meetings as a natural

Add in Steven Gerrard's on-off

play-acting by Arjen Robben.

foreseeable future

'Respect will be present'

Football

Rafael Benitez insisted there would be respect between Chelsea and Liverpool in next month's FA Cup semifinal, following Friday's draw although there has been animosity between the teams in recent

The draw for the last four pitted the

sides together for their fifth meeting of

the current campaign and their 10th in two seasons, with Middlesbrough or Charlton taking on West Ham in the other semifinal Chelsea completed a Premiership double over the Reds last month, while the two Champions League group meetings between the sides ended goalless.

moments on the field and various swipes at one another in the press. Benitez said: "I know people will build this up as a game between Benitez and Jose Mourinho, but it is

the players who are the stars, not the

However, the games were most

notable for some unsavoury

talk about the match, but I know Chelsea will behave like we will, with respect for the opposition." Mourinho was of course deeply

managers. And there will be a lot of

unhappy at the goal scored by Luis Garcia in last season's Champions League semifinal which helped

> by-product of both sides' recent "When you are winning matches and get to this stage of the competitions you expect to have to face the best teams, and Chelsea are one of the best sides in the country." the Spaniard added. "It is a cup tie we can win, but we must not talk of it as if it was the final, if we do win then we will be playing a very motivated team in the final."

He added: "There is always rivalry between big teams, we expect that. And to win trophies you must beat the best and the fact that we keep playing them means that we are always competing at the end of big tournaments. Liverpool and Chelsea will always be trying to win trophies, so we will keep meeting

End of the rivalry

'In the past we have improvement in one specific department but this time we have had an overall improvement which is refreshing for us. Actually we played as a team

and we should maintain it in future to be successful." he added.

hundreds in the series. "It is fine that finally one of our players got the hundred but honestly speaking I was expecting much more from my top order. Before the series I told my boys that this was a chance

thinks Rajin has a rare quality of being a self motivator and he is a very hard working guy and it is nice that he capitalized on this opportu-

fixed. "Our batting line-up is very flexible. I think there are some guys like Aftab and Ashraful who has the ability to capitalise on the fielding restriction the most. But we can change it considering the condition and opponents. But I think my

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expressed his satisfaction over the performance of his charges in the

"They were superior and better in every department which was satisfactory. We had a goal and we achieved it by winning the series by a 4-0 margin. Winning is always good that's why it will help us in the next series although it is against

SCOREBOARD

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for them to make it but it did not happen sadly," said Bashar.

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current batting position is helpful for

RAFAEL BENITEZ

Liverpool through on their way to

European Cup glory, while this

season's encounters have featured

tough opponents," said the

Scoreboard of the fourth and final one-day international between Bangladesh and Kenya on

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals S

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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.

GL PQZD PZH YF WVGDGXQ YFUOZDOQAVX AZVL SFLAH?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I GUESS YOU MIGHT CALL THE PRESIDENT OF A LOAN COMPANY THE CREDITOR IN CHIEF.

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Nafees c Tikolo b Luseno Saleh not out Aftab c and b Odovo Total: (For 3 wkts in 41.3 overs)237

Obuya Result: Bangladesh won by seven wickets and clinched the four-match series 4-0. Man-of-the-match: Raiin Saleh Man-of-the-series: Shahriar

Umpires: Nadeem Ghauri (PAK) and Nadir Shah (BAN)