Enamul puts BD A on top

SPORTS REPORTER

Enamul Haque ripped through Zimbabwe A first innings to put touring Bangladesh A in a commanding position on the second day of their first four-dayer at the Mutare Sports Club ground yester-

· The wily left-arm spinner grabbed five wickets for 34 to wrap up the local side's first essay for 116 runs in 44 overs to enforce follow-

New ball bowlers Tapash Baisya and Hasibul Hossain started the carnage sharing first four wickets while the other left-arm spinner Sakib Al Hasan took the other

Zimbabwe A however fought back in their second innings as they ended the day on 116-2 in 36 overs still 161 runs short of making the tourists bat again.

Earlier the second string Bangladesh side were all out for 393 runs in 96.5 overs resuming the day

BRAC BANK CUP

Beximco, IDLC keep winning

SPORTS REPORTER

Beximco Pharma continued their winning run when they struck nine past a hapless Asiatic in the BRAC Bank Cup five-a-side football tournament at the International School Dhaka (ISD) indoor facilities yesterday.

The pharmaceuticals outfit has so far scored 29 goals in their two matches, after their 20-0 drubbing of Securex on Saturday.

IDLC also won their second consecutive match when they won by a solitary goal against Apollo Hospital. In the day's last match, sponsors BRAC Bank sneaked past Bitopi Advertising 3-2.

Sachin back for charity matches

BBC ONLINE, undated

Indian batting star Sachin Tendulkar is set to make his comeback after

surgery on his left shoulder. He has agreed to play a series of games for English club side Lashings, the first in Cambridge on Wednesday,

"This is a great opportunity for me to get back into cricket, to get some batting practice, and to play matches that will help raise money for charity.

"I get the chance to play alongside international players, but not in games where every run counts," he

Tendulkar has not played since the Test series against England in

shoulder. But he has set his sights on making an international comeback when India travel to Sri Lanka for a triangular one-day series in August, also

involvingSouth Africa. Lashings have attracted numerous star names to play for them in recent years and their current squad includes Courtney Walsh, Richie Richardson, Phil DeFreitas, Chris Cairns, Aravinda de Silva and Rashid



Yellow and red cards were used for the first time in the 1970 World Cup in Mexico, although there were no red cards issued.





Ilja Petkovic

(Serbia & Montenegro football

'It's an absolutely terrible result, the worst in our history, and I've got take responsibility for it. I did what I could but nothing worked." After a 6-0 humiliating defeat to Argentina in World Cup.



American James Blake celebrates beating Andy Roddick during their semifinal in the Stella Artois Championships at the Queen's Club in London on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND

Bell b Fernando

Bresnan b Malinga

Plunkettnotout

Bowler

Malinga

Fernando

Dilshan

Javasuriva

Tharanga

Muralidaran

Vaas

Harmison not out

Mahmood b Malinga

Extras: (lb-7, w-3, nb-2)

Trescothick b Dilshan

Scoreboard in the first one-day

international between England

and Sri Lanka at Lord's on

SRI LANKA: 257 for 9 (Tharanga

120, Jayawardene 24; Harmison 3-

Strauss c Sangakkara b Fernando 12

Jones c Kapugedera b Jayasuriya 19

Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 237

Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-44, 3-65, 4-

66, 5-138, 6-172, 7-208, 8-214, 9-

Result: Sri Lanka won by 20 runs.

REMAINING FIXTURES

June 20: The Oval June 24: Riverside

June 28: Old Trafford

July 01: Headingley

Man-of-the-match: Upul

Pietersen c Jayawardene b Malinga

Collingwood lbw b Fernando

Dalrymple b Muralidaran

Lanka ride on Tharanga

Cricket

Upul Tharanga's one-day international best of 120 was the centrepiece of Sri Lanka's 20-run victory in the first one-day international against England here Saturday as the tourists went 1-0 up in the fivematch series

Sri Lanka had been on course for 300 at Lord's but their score looked more than enough as fast bowler Dilhara Fernando took three wickets for 22 runs in 27 balls, including one with his first, as England slumped to 66 for four.

Marcus Trescothick and James Dalrymple both made 67 but it was not enough to see England, who finished on 237 for nine in reply to Sri I anka's 257 for nine, to victory. Sri Lanka fast bowler Lasith Malinga took a one-day interna-

tional best three for 26 and Fernando three for 51. Earlier, Tharanga excepted, no Sri Lanka batsman managed more than captain Mahela Jayawardene's

But their total was boosted by England's one-day record extras count of 42, surpassing the 41 they conceded against Sri Lanka at Delhi

England bowled 23 wides while their opponents delivered just

"The way Upul batted, he showed a lot of character and maturity," Jayawardene said of the 21year-old man-of-the-match, whose hundred was his third at this level and first against England.

"He held the innings together and with the start we had I was disappointed we didn't get to 300. But the difference was the

extras. Our guys were a lot more disciplined.' Meanwhile England stand-in captain Andrew Strauss admitted: "Our extras were far more than you'd want in one-day cricket where

games are decided by such small "We know we're better than that and we'll be looking for an improved

FROM PAGE 17

performance on Tuesday (in the second match of the series at The

Fast bowler Stephen Harmison led the attack with three for 52 but it was his Durham teammate Paul Collingwood, England's most economical bowler with two for 29 from 10 overs, who pegged Sri Lanka

In reply, Sri Lanka saw firstchange Fernando strike first ball, Strauss (12) caught by wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara before Ian Bell played on. England then saw dangerman

Kevin Pietersen out for 10 when, playing a trademark flick off his legs, he was brilliantly caught onehanded by a leaping Jayawardene at mid-wicket off Malinga. "I was just thinking whether I had the reach to grab it. I was going

up and up and it wasn't still

there. Those are the moments you

cherish in your career because they do change games," Jayawardene also told reporters. Sri Lanka had recalled their two most experienced bowlers in leftarm quick Chaminda Vaas and offspinner Muttiah Muralidaran after their two-run Twenty20 win on Thursday but, before either had struck, England lost their fourth

wicket when Collingwood was lbw to Fernando for nought. Opener Trescothick -- reprieved on 10 after Malinga failed to hold a

completed a 78-ball fifty with six fours. Jayawardene brought three spinners into the attack but it was Tillakaratne Dilshan, not Muralidaran -- England's main tormentor in the recent 1-1 drawn Test series -- who dismissed Trescothick when he bowled the left-handerfor 67.

Dalrymple, on his Middlesex home ground and in only his second one-day international after his debut against Ireland on Tuesday, pressed on to a 71-ball fifty.

But heading into the final five overs England needed 52 runs with four wickets standing before Murali, who only had three balls left, effectively ended the match by bowling

he ploughed a sickening elbow that left Brian McBride blood-soaked and writhing in pain. A rightful sending off and quite possibly de Rossi will play no further part in this tournament. But even before the half was over, both sides were down to 10 as Pablo Mastroeni was harshly sent-off for what was a fullblooded tackle on Andrea Pirlo. And the ironically named Eddie Pope was also consigned to an early shower after a second bookable offence early in the second period. All those red cards made for a seesaw end to end battle and although there were no more goals in the second half following a superb Alberto Gilardano header and a bizarre own goal from Christian Zaccardo, the match was never dull or dreary as both sides looked for the points. The nimble Landon Donovan was a pillar of strength constantly running at defenders and the USA could even have snuck a victory had it not been for McBride being actively offside

draw and Lippi curiously bought on Vincenzo Iaquinta ahead of Filippo Inzaghi with the USA playng a high backline. But the jaw-dropping performance of the day and the World Cup came about in the earlier game

when DaMarcus Beasley crashed

the ball in. For Italy, save the silky

touches of Andrea Pirlo, they

seemed strangely content with the

as Ghana dispatched the Czech

Republic to a 2-0 loss in a game that they could have won by at least half-a-dozen had it not been for the profligacy of their strikers. Although Gyan Asamoah got on the scoresheet, he missed a penalty and was guilty of wasting more gilt edges opportunities. Al-Muntari put the issue beyond doubt after Peter Cech had made a string of outstanding saves. The first favourite to fall at the World Cup, the Czech's looked a shadow of the side that had dominated the USA and shorn of their strikers Koller and Baros, looked distinctly at a loss for ideas. Tomas Ujfalusi made some schoolboy-like errors and was rightly sent-off and the Czechs will have some soul-searching to do before their game against Italy. The only woes for Ghana that they will miss both their goalscorers in the crucial last group match against the USA for being booked twice

In the day's first match, Portugal recorded an ultimately comfortable 2-0 win over Iran as Cristiano Ronaldo scored from the penalty spot following a tremendous first time strike by Deco. It ended the dream of Asian powerhouses Iran, who go home without impressing

as much as they had promised. It was a day of controversy and excitement as the first upset of the World Cup finally, belatedly, reared its head. Ghana for the quarterfinals? Why not?

WC BRIEFS FROM PAGE 24

They would only get here in four to six weeks when the World Cup will

Cometogether

Berlin's Tagesspiegel showed its Francophile colours Sunday as it

But the paper suggested the French, without a goal in the event since the 1998 final win over Brazil, would be going for broke with David Trezeguet alongside Thierry Henryin a 4-4-2 formation.

Domenech has persisted in his strategy of not playing the increasingly disgruntled Trezeguet and will adopt a cautious 4-2-3-1.

Don't steal tickets

A fan who stole a ticket for the match between Germany and Ecuador in Berlin on Tuesday from a car parked in the northern town of Paderborn runs the risk of arrest on entry to the Olympic Stadium as the ticket bears the name of the

Organisers have offered the woman whose ticket was stolen a

headlined its World Cup coverage with "Allez Les Bleus" and subtitled its article "things will finally come together" as the 1998 champions take on South Korea before finishing up with Togo.

In fact, coach Raymond

legal owner.

replacement.

AFP, London

Andy Roddick 7-5, 6-4 to hand the three-time champion his first loss at Queen's club since 2001 on

attempts against Davis Cup teammate Roddick sets up a meeting with Australia's Lleyton Hewitt in the final on Sunday

impressive win.

Hewitt reached the final with a controversial 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 win over Britain's Tim Henman, who was badly stung by a series of matchinfluencing line calls against him.

The 31-year-old's optimism was severely tested as stood up a break 2-1 in the third set against Hewitt, who had beaten him in eight of nine previous meetings.

Henman was mightily fruscoming in the 2001 first round, but trated in the fourth game as a return which computer simulations showed had kissed the baseline was called out and he decision

The decision denied Henman a

most important of my career," said their coach Luis de Oliveira Goncalves in terms of history. "That was the best result in

Angolan football history".

We have to have a little bit of ambition because after we won this point here tonight we have to

that he will have a hard enough task believe we can win three points. keeping his talented team's feet "Our president said we are firmly on the ground in a match that special and I agree with him, and the Americans need to win to have we're going to try to be special in any hope of progressing after their the game against Iran."

Ivory Coast's Henri Michel has seen his stock slump in reverse to that of Dujkovic's having qualified the Elephants for their first ever World Cup finals and then taken them to a penalty shootout loss to Egypt in the African Nations Cup

Now the 57-year-old Frenchman is being slated for their failure to get through a group that included two-time champions Argentina and two-time finalists The Netherlands, though, both only edged their matches against

However the former French international striker has been around the African football block often enough to know what really matters.

Everyone tells me this team plays great football," said Michel, who guided France to the 1986 World Cup semifinals. 'What's more important is the

result. And the result was not good. We're out and that's the bottom

"It means that Ivory Coast are still not at the level of the big teams at the World Cup."

Thankfully for Africa Ghana "The next match will be the Mexico has already sated the lust of may just be at that level.

James snaps Andy streak

Tennis

the United States is.

American James Blake defeated

Blake's first win in seven

Former world number one Roddick's record at Queen's stood 18-1, with his only previous defeat Blake dominated to earn an

Blake will hope to mend his record against Hewitt, who he beat for the only time in six meetings as

An African revival?

SERMANY

Ghana's Black Stars stunning 2-0

dismantling on Saturday of the

highly-regarded Czech Republic

side lifted the gloom that had

swiftly descended onto the African

night's events with Angola's gutsy

0-0 draw with one of the under-

achieving giants of World Cup

history Mexico, Ghana now stand

one win away from a place in the

last 16 at their first World Cup finals

while the Angolans too have an

That has greatly lifted the spirits

after African Nations Cup finalists

Ivory Coast crashed out of the

tournament on Saturday while

Togo lost their first match and

Tunisia probably saw their chances

ended with a 2-2 draw against

which to rectify things, however.

Both do have two matches in

Such is the fickle nature of foot-

ball and especially African football

that Ghana's Serbian coach

Ratomir Dujkovic stands to

become a national hero just

months after he was almost sacked

for their embarrassing first round

is under no illusions how impor-

tant the final group match against

However the 60-year-old coach

exit at the African Nations Cup.

Saudi Arabia.

outside chance of going through.

Perhaps inspired by Friday

challenge at the World Cup.

Dujkovic, whose previous highlight

at international level was guiding

Rwanda to an African Nations Cup

finals for the first time in their

courageous 1-1 draw with Italy.

However Dujkovic acknowledges

"We have to calm down. The

Africans are emotional people,"

said Dujkovic, who has also

While he will be without striker

Asamoah Gyan, who picked up his

second booking of the tournament

for taking a penalty without the

referee's consent, he will have the

dynamic influences of captain

Stephen Appiah and Michael

Paul Boateng summed up what it

would mean to make the last 16 not

just for his country but for the

fantastic for us and we're looking

forward to that, because it's very

important for us and the whole

country, the whole of Africa," said

Boateng, who came on in the sec-

For Angola there remains their

final match against a dispirited

Iran - losers of both of their

matches - and should Portugal beat

Mexico the African side could

progress provided they improve

Whatever their point against

continent as a whole.

their goal difference.

ond half.

Another of their teammates

That's our aim, it would be

Essien to worry the Americans.

coached among others Burma.

history in 2004.

"There's frustration," said the 76th-ranked Briton, three times a losing finalist. "But I do feel very good and very confident about my

upheld by the umpire.

he won a February title in Las 3-1 lead after saving two break points and put the scrappy Hewitt back into the contest, 2-2.

A fuming Henman committed his only two double-faults of the one hour, 45-minute contest on his next two service games to crash out as Hewitt won the last six games.

"Grass is probably the toughest surface for the umpires to get it right a 100 percent of the time," said 2002 Wimbledon winner Blake has gone from strength to

strength on the grass after making a quick trip home to Florida to recharge his batteries after the French Open. "I'm getting over my allergy to

grass, this was my best grass match ever," said the American. "I really don't know where this form is coming from. I came back from the

successor Rookies go to

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India today SPORTS REPORTER him as Germany coach should he decide to step down from the post Young fast bowlers Ziaur Rahman and Sajidul Islam leave Dhaka for southern Indian city of Chennai to

receive training at the world famous MRF Pace Bowling Foundation today. They will attend a three-week training programme of fitness,

nutrition and technical analysis. They will also get the opportunity to work with Australian fast bowling legend Dennis Lillee, who is expected to arrive at the

Foundation on June 25. Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) nominated Ziaur and Sajidul after considering their performances in the Academy Cup Series. They are scheduled to return on

FIFA persues

FROM PAGE 17 We are on the bus now,' coach Otto Pfister told Reuters on the telephone. 'I think they have found a solution but I don't know what it is and I don't want to know,' he added. The team is due to catch a flight from Friedrichshafen airport.

The Togolese, beaten 2-1 by South Korea in their opening match on their World Cup debut, did not leave their base in Wangen on Sunday in time to catch their scheduled morning flight to Dortmund. Instead players held crisis meetings with officials over the pay row. The dispute had prompted

before the tournament, saying it made it impossible for him to do his job. He returned just in time for the first match. Players from the tiny West African country have demanded 155,000 euros (\$196,300) each to play and 30,000 euros for each win,

half that for each draw. But officials

from the country with an average

per capita income of well below

\$1,000 have said those demands

Pfister, a German, to walk out just

Low Klinsmann's

AFP, Berlin Jurgen Klinsmann has backed his assistant Joachim Low to succeed

after the World Cup finals. Klinsmann, 41, has yet to make a decision on whether he will stay on as national coach saying he will

decide his future after the finals. But he is in no doubt who the perfect choice would be to take over claiming Low has all the attributes to do the job.

Jogi could take over that is for sure," Klinsmann said in an interview with Welt am Sonntag. "He has the right eye and the right tone. "He has worked for years as a

coach and his experience with

tactics is far superior to mine." Low, 47, has worked as head coach at VfB Stuttgart, Fenerbahce and Austria Vienna before being appointed Klinsmann's assistant

in August 2004. The German Football Federation (DFB) have been trying to persuade Klinsmann to sign a contract extension for months but the former Bayern Munich man refuses to be pressurised.

"I want to see how this World Cup goes then I will step back and speak with my family and my wife about it," Klinsmann revealed.

Mum contradicts Phenomenon

INTERNET, undated

The centre forward has come forward to deny that anything other than a full bladder -- had been causing him to feel ill during the opener against Croatia. But in an interview with Brazilian media giant Rede Globo, Sonia Nazario confirmed that her boy had talked of headaches and dizziness on the phone with her.

The problem isn't the simple fact that Ronaldo had an off day; it was the fact that the number 9 put in the worst performance since the final of the 1998 edition, that was preceded by rumours surrounding hishealth.

BITS AND BOBS Deja vu claimers are pointing a

disastrous ending to the current edition, and Mrs. Nazario added to their arsenal of facts. "As a mother I believe that he was feeling really poorly, so much so that he asked to be substituted.

Ronaldo had already been suffer-

pessimistic finger at a similar

ing from a very heavy cold", revealed Sônia, also in Germany. The Phenomenon had denied that anything except an overwhelming desire to squeeze a kidney had affected his performance. Ronaldo left the field with his chin on his chest for Robinho after seventy minutes, in which the striker had barely managed to

make contact with the ball; a paltry 12 times. But Sonia was confident that harsh criticism by Arena to notch a Sunday's game against Australia would reveal the real Ronaldo. "I was really ticked off (with the first game), as everybody was, but that's the way it goes. On Sunday we'll all see Ronaldo strong and back to his old self", she promised.

We will wait, Mrs. Nazario. **Eriksson set for changes**

INTERNET, undated

England manager Sven Goran Eriksson says he is ready to change the midfield line-up to help ensure Steven Gerrard and Frank Lampard don't get their second bookings of the tournament.

Both are one yellow card away

Peter Crouch also in the same boat, Eriksson is ready to change personnel in the match against Sweden on Tuesday. "If we had to win to go through I would probably risk all three, but we don't need to do that," said

from a one-match ban, and with

qualified. "There are three players booked and maybe I will leave one out. "I don't want to leave all three

Eriksson, whose side have already

out -- maybe one or two.' **Donovan draws**

Arena's praise INTERNET, undated

US midfielder Landon Donovan, who was called out by his coach after a poor performance against the Czech Republic, drew praise from manager Bruce Arena follow-

ing the 1-1 draw with Italy. (Claudio) Reyna was great when we were in 11," said Arena. "But the player that was fantastic today was Landon Donovan." Donovan did excellent work on both sides of the ball, keeping the Italian defence on its heels and also playing excellent defence in the

face of a man disadvantage. Arena also lumped muchmaligned midfielder DaMarcus Beasley, used as a substitute against Italy, into the 'spectacular' category with Donovan and Reyna. "Donovan, Beasley, and Reyna were spectacular in midfield."

second half goal, which was correctly called back after Brian McBride was found to be offside. Arena had plenty of praise for his team's effort; they had to play most of the second half with just

Beasley bounced back from

nine men while Italy had only ten. 'Two cards in five minutes -- it's hard. A team doesn't train to play 9 against 10. Everyone played with heart, they redeemed the ugly performance of this first game. Now we are where we want to be. We can do it," Arena added.

Metzelder doubtful

INTERNET, undated

Germany defender Christoph Metzelder is a doubtful starter for his country's final group game against Ecuador after limping out of training on Saturday.

The Borussia Dortmund star was taken back to the team hotel where he was treated for a twisted

Robert Huth and Jens Nowotny may step in if he fails to recover in Germany's clash with Ecuador

will decide who goes through as

group winners. No betting probe

AFP, undated

FIFA are unlikely to take any action over Australian players betting among themselves at the World Cup, the world governing body said

British newspaper the News of the World quoted an unnamed FIFA official as saying that the body would launch an investigation because Australian midfielder Tim Cahill had made a wager with his teammates that he would score his country's first

goal in World Cup history. "I very much doubt the seriousness of this article," FIFA's head of communications Markus Siegler said at a daily

briefing. "This cannot be considered as institutionalised betting... That

is the relevant difference. Siegler said all players, officials and members of the FIFA Executive Committee at the World Cup had signed a charter in which they undertook to follow rules concerning issues such as doping and betting.

But he said bets made between players of the same. team would only become a problem if they were "professionally organised' Australia midfielder Tim Cahill admitted after the 3-1

defeat of Japan that his team-

mates Lucas Neill and Archie Thompson bet on him to score the Socceroos' first ever goal in the World Cup finals. Cahill, who plays for English Premiership side Everton, told

Australian paper the Herald Sun:

They both backed me to score.

He added: "Spider (reserve

"That's why when I got the first goal I ran straight to them." Australia captain Mark Viduka had said that the players were taking bets on who was going to

be the first to score.

goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac) was the bookmaker.' The unnamed FIFA official told the News of the World thar

> the charter signed by the players 'includes internal betting within the players of any team, which is also strictly not allowed. "The committee has made it very clear that no betting in any

they will investigate any case thor-Australia were taking on reign-

form should be taking place and

ing champions Brazil in their second World Cup match on Sunday.