

GMG squash results

Top-seed Swapan Parvez dropped a set before beating Dilu 2-1 in yesterday's Premier League match of the GMG Open squash tournament at the Gulshan Club.

Roxy upbeat

FROM PAGE 17 who has been running the residential camp for the past three months. "I am satisfied with preparation so far and look forward to this tournament. Another advantage would be playing Vietnam, who will be in our group in the finals," he added.



Bangladesh under-17 football coach Mahbub Hossain Roxy (L) addressing a press conference at the BFF Bhaban yesterday prior to their departure to Vietnam.

Serena's solid start



FROM PAGE 17 Serena Williams kept her comeback on track Tuesday, ousting 11th-seeded Maria Kirilenko 6-2, 6-1 to reach the second round of this 600,000-dollar US Open tune-up.

appearance in a WTA Tour event since 1999. She reached the semifinals there, but said two weeks of practice since had left her feeling sharper.

BCB names

FROM PAGE 17 proved their worth," he added. The former national skipper said that they were still crying for a young prospect with off-spin all-round ability but there were none to catch the selectors' eyes and that was the reason why veteran Jamaluddin Babu was recalled.

"I'm slowly but surely going in the direction I want to go," said Williams, who wrapped up the victory in 66 minutes with her eighth ace of the night. After seizing the first set with a service return winner, Williams saved three break points in the first game of the second set and never looked back.

No Pak complaints

FROM PAGE 17 Pakistan were also hamstrung by four run-outs. "Run-outs have been a perennial problem for Pakistan," Woolmer added ruefully. "You don't need that in Test cricket."

action last week in San Diego also ended in a second-round exit after a first-round bye. Petrova, 24, said her problem Tuesday was mental rather than physical.

Sarfarz urges

FROM PAGE 17 flamboyant all-rounder Shahid Afridi in the first two Tests and of pacesman Mohammad Sami, who was chosen after Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Asif and Navedul Hasan were ruled out by injuries.

Lega Calcio

FROM PAGE 20 served as the league's president between 1982 and 1987. He then moved on to lead the Italian Football Federation until 1996.

Domenech rings

FROM PAGE 20 international retirement after the World Cup, and Thuram, who said he wanted time to reflect on his future, could be back for the European Championship qualifiers which begin in September.

return of Zinedine Zidane, so it's logical. He has proven that he's capable and he will prove it again," said Domenech. Only three of the World Cup team have so far returned to competition - Bayern Munich defender Willy Sagnol, Monaco defender Gael Givet and PSG goalkeeper Mickael Landreau.

Jones jibe

FROM PAGE 17 things when Jones probably tried to sound witty. "It's a very unfortunate incident," said Lal. "Knowing the gentleman I am sure he did not mean it. It was just a mistake. I am sure Deano himself would have been embarrassed with what has happened."

Ganguly

FROM PAGE 17 Left-arm Zaheer was discarded after the Pakistan tour over poor form, fitness and attitude, but is back in the frame after his consistent showing for English county Worcestershire.

Klose, Klinsmann

FROM PAGE 20 Klinsmann also dominated the opposition in the vote, taking 392 votes compared with 98 for Hamburg's Thomas Doll in second and 94 for Jurgen Klopp, the coach of Mainz, in third.

Woolmer gives Eng Ashes chance

Pakistan coach Bob Woolmer insisted England could mount a successful defence of the Ashes after they crushed his side by 167 runs here at Headingley. England's victory left them 2-0 up in the four-match series, with just the final Test later this month at The Oval to come, and was their first Test campaign triumph since they regained the Ashes last year.

England second ranked Test team

England have moved into second place in the world Test rankings behind Australia after taking an unbeatable 2-0 lead over Pakistan in their four-Test series on Tuesday. A statement from the International Cricket Council on Tuesday confirmed that England's 167-run win over Pakistan in the third Test at Headingley in Leeds had put them ahead of the tourists.

Israelis to flee to airbase

The Israel cricket team was forced to move a European championship match to the security of a British airbase Tuesday after protesters disrupted their matches at venues in the host city of Glasgow. Their European Second Division Championship match against Guernsey, due to have been played in the western Scottish city of Glasgow, took place 150 miles (240 kilometres) away at Royal Air Force base Lossiemouth.

Aussies feel

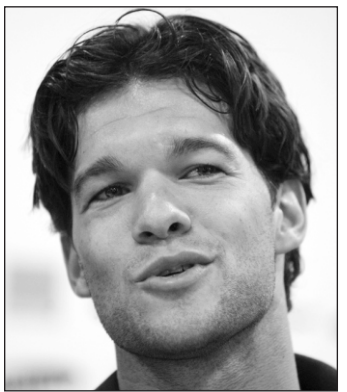
FROM PAGE 17 disagreed, saying: "It is totally insane calling someone a terrorist just because he has heard which represents a religious belief." Racial controversy in Australian sport is not limited to cricket. NSW Waratahs prop Justin Harrison was suspended last year for a racial slur against a Cats winger in South Africa, while tennis star Lleyton Hewitt was accused in 2001 of singling out a black linesman for criticism when playing African-American James Blake.

More time for integration: Ballack



INTERNET, undated Michael Ballack insisted it will 'take some time' until he gets used to his new Chelsea teammates and vice versa.

yet," he stated. "I don't really know the team yet, and the team doesn't really know me. It still takes some time, but it will improve from game to game.



MICHAEL BALLACK

Ballack said he was pleased not to be the only star on the team - which he pretty much was in Munich. "It's good to know you have good players alongside you," he stated.

Juve reject Ibrahimovic offer



INTERNET, undated Juventus have declined an Inter offer they deemed as too low for unhappy striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, reports insist.

he will go to the club that pay us best," he warned at the Lega Calcio meeting in Milan. The 24-year-old, who landed in Turin from Ajax in 2004 for £11.5m, has expressed his desire to leave Juventus following their demotion in Serie B.



Portuguese sprinter Francis Obikwelu holds the flag after winning the 100m final at the 19th European Athletics Championships in Gothenburg on Tuesday.

Kluft-Obikwelu show



AFP, Gothenburg Francis Obikwelu of Portugal and home favourite Carolina Kluff lived up to their top billing at the European Championships here Tuesday, destroying their rivals to win the men's 100m and heptathlon respectively.

years ago was handed to Obikwelu after the Briton failed a doping test and was handed a two-year ban. He could only finish seventh in 10.24sec. In the heptathlon, defending champion Kluff - remarkably still only 23 years old - made the most of the withdrawal through injury of chief rival Eunice Barber of France to dominate her rivals. The current world and Olympic champion completed the seven disciplines in the gruelling event a massive 317pts ahead of silver medalist Karin Ruckstuhl of the Netherlands, while German Lilli Schwarzkopf won bronze three points further adrift.

Ancelotti critical

FROM PAGE 20 "UEFA will not hesitate to intervene severely, should AC Milan be involved in any activities aiming to arrange improperly the outcome of a match." Milan, six times European champions, were found guilty along with Juventus, Lazio and Fiorentina last month in a Serie A match-fixing probe although a soccer appeals court reduced their initial punishment of a 15-point penalty down to eight.