cricket results

Sports Reporter

Bashaboo Tarun Sangha and Oaisis Club won their respective Lotus-Kamal Second Divi sion cricket qualifying mat ches at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

On the eastern strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Bashaboo Tarun Sangha earned a facile seven-wicket win over Matuail Sabuj Sangha in a low scoring match. Sent in to bat first, Matuail were bundled out for a paltry 95 in 32.3 overs. Santo, Saiful and Romel with 12, 14 and 17 respectively were the only double digit scorer for Matuail while extras contributed 23.

Dipu, who later dazzled with the willow, claimed four wickets for 17 runs followed by Sohel, who took two for 16. Needing 96 for victory. Bashaboo reached the target in

25.1 overs losing three wick-Dipu with 25 was the top scorer for the winners while

in the other match of the day on the western strip of Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Oaisis Club beat Pallabi Club by

Monir and Sayem contributed

three wickets. Batting first Pallabi scored a comfortable 133 before being all out in 34 overs in the 35 over-a-side engagement.

Saki made a patient 29 while extras top scored with

Spinner Saju, who did most of the damage for Oaisis, finished with an excellent analysis of 7-3-9-4. He was well assisted by Pavel who claimed three wickets for 30 runs.

In reply, Oaisis reached 135 for seven wickets in 33.5 overs with Newton hitting 28.

Azim (17), Bappi (15) and Pavel (14) were the other notable contributors while Rashed, who remained not out on 22, took his side to a comfortable victory with seven balls to spare.

Lenin took four wickets for 30 runs for the losers.

Iqbal Mahmood wins Dhaka Club golf title

Igbal Mahmood clinched the Dhaka Club Summer Classic golf trophy in a largely participated competition held on 21 May at the Dhaka Club course, said a belated Club press release yesterday.

Riazur Rahman emerged strongly from a three-way tie to finish runner-up. For the country's best golfer Shawkat Uz-Zaman, the difficult Dhaka Club course held no terrors, as he blazed through the last nine holes with a three over par 39 to win not only the best gross trophy, but proving once again, that class always tells.

Aftab Hussain maintained his consistent form by pocket ing the best front nine trophy. while Shakil Kasem comfortably bagged the best back nine.

Abu Alam (Mazzad) had no problems winning the longest drive and S G Murtaza completed the picture, taking home the trophy for the nearest to pin.

Ex-cricketer Manowar Chowdhury Manu's determined efforts in the back stretch won him the most improved player award.

Div II qualifying Crawley cracks double ton

LONDON, May 28: Lancashire batsman John Crawley plundered 281 to press his England Test claims on Friday while Brian Lara

failed in his quest for another

world record, reports Reuter.

West Indies left-hander Lara needed to score a century for his adopted county Warwickshire in their first innings against Middlesex at Lord's to equal the record of six consecutive first-class hundreds.

The Trinidadian's prolific spell was ended by 19-year-old paceman Richard Johnson. playing only his fourth championship match, who had Lara caught behind for 26.

Lara, who started his sequence of five successive centuries with his world Test record 375 against England in Antigua last month and continued by making 147, 106, 120 not out and 136 for Warwickshire, was seeking to equal a

BRIDGETOWN.

Barbados, May 28:

The West Indies

cricket team will

play in four series

against four op-

ponents between this October

and September 1995, the West

Indies Cricket Board of Control

dates only for the last tour, to

England next May-August for

an unprecedented six Tests

and three one-day internation-

Short said Thursday dates have

vet to be set for the other

tours - to India from mid-Oc-

tober to mid-December, to

New Zealand from early Jan-

uary to early February, in the

West Indies against Australia

three Tests and five one-day

internationals, Short said. Two

Tests and three one-day inter-

nationals are expected in New

Australian team's tour depends

The number of Tests on the

Zealand.

In India, there likely will be

between February and May.

Board president Peter

The board gave definite

says, reports AP.

record jointly held by Sir Donald Bradman, C B Fry and Mike Procter.

Disappointed but characteristically gracious. Lara said: "It's been a good run for me and, who knows, I might get near the record again some time. The pressure is not really off because I always want to get as many runs as I can."

out on the second day of the four-day match - rain washed out the opening day - and Middlesex were 38 for one at the close. Crawley's double century.

Warwickshire were 211 all

against Somerset on the second day at Southport, was the seventh highest innings in Lancashire's history.

He lashed eight sixes and 30 fours before falling five runs short of his career best of 286 for the England A team against Eastern Province during the tour of South Africa at the start of the year.

Lancashire coach David Lloyd claimed: "Crawley should

Busy WI schedule ahead

on when they arrive in the

West Indies. Short said. The

team will participate in a one-

day tournament celebrating

the 100th anniversary of New

Zealand cricket in February.

and then the team leaves for

Tests but that looks as though

it's in jeopardy," Short said.

"Failing that, we would go for

four and not less than five one-

day internationals, perhaps

week that a team of 16 would

go to India "because of a his-

Winners of the Dhaka Club Summer Classic '94 golf competition seen pictured with their

trophies. Standing (from left): Riazur Rahman, Iqbal Mahmood, Lutfe Najib Khan (member-

in-charge, outdoor sports), Shakil Kasem, Manowar Chowdhury, Aftab Hossain. Crouching

(from left): Shawkat-Uz-Zaman, Abu Alam (Mazzad).

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"We would like to have five

England tour in early May.

be in the (England Test) team. He is ready for the challenge and obviously this innings will give the selectors plenty to

think about." Crawley lifted Lancashire to 521 all out, and they tightened their grip when Pakistan paceman- Wasim Akram captured three wickets in one over to help reduce Somerset to 103 for five at the close.

Fast bowler Duncan Spencer, who is English-born but Australian raised, took a career-best four for 31 as Kent dismissed Leicestershire for

Spencer, 22, is one of the quickest bowlers on the county circuit, and his impressive performance was watched by England team manager Keith Fletcher.

Leicestershire's seamers hit back, claiming Kent's first three wickets for 42 before West Indian Carl Hooper and Nigel Llong steered the side to 69 for three at the close.

tory of illness" there and 15 to

next summer's series in Eng-

land from the traditional five

to six Tests had come from

England's Test and County

Cricket Board and would

"clearly redound to the benefit

of West Indies cricket finan-

players from the former Bri-

tish colonies in the Caribbean.

including Jamaica, Guyana,

Antigua, Barbados, Trinidad

The West Indies team has

cially," Short said.

and Tobago.

- One-day international at Fosters Oval, London.

ENGLAND TOUR ITINERARY

- One-day international at Nottingham.

- One-day international at Lord's, London.

Third Test, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Fifth Test, Trent Bridge, Nottingham.

Sixth Test, Fosters Oval, London.

Fourth Test, Old Trafford, Manchester.

Dates of the one-day internationals and Tests in England:

First Test, Headingley, Leeds.

Second Test, Lord's, London.

The initiative to increase

New Zealand, Short said.

Mandela Trophy one-day series in Dec

JOHANNESBURG, May 28: Pakistan and Shri Lanka are to join New Zealand in South Africa in December for a quadrangular one-day cricket tournament to be called the Mandela Trophy, it was announced on Saturday, reports Reuter.

"The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) associated fully with the new South Africa and we believe we should be doing something special this summer to celebrate its birth," chief executive of UCBSA Ali Bacher told reporters.

"We have called it the Mandela Trophy in recognition of the President's massive contribution in creating the new South Africa."

The tournament sees the four teams playing each other twice in a league with the top two playing a best-of-three fi-

Bacher pointed out that while the presence of both Pakistan and Shri Lanka was in part a "thank you" for helping get South Africa back to take part because they would be in West Indies at the time.

Ranatunga exonerated

COLOMBO, May 28: Shri Lanka on Friday cleared former test captain Arjuna Ranatunga of misconduct charges and said he could be included in a 31-member squad preparing for Pakistan's forthcoming tour of the island, reports Reuter.

The Shri Lankan Cricket Board's executive committee had inquired into Ranatunga's withdrawal from an April tournament in Sharjah in protest over a fitness test which led to vice-captain Aravinda de Silva being dropped.

A committee statement said: "No further action is nec essary against Ranatunga as his conduct was apparently motivated by selfless reasons.

The committee noted "his outstanding contribution to Shri Lanka cricket and his expression of regret at the inconvenience caused."

Rubin comes to Capriati's rescue

MIAMI, May 28: Ellis Rubin, an American attorney who often takes on notorious cases. said Friday he has been retained by a teenager who has new details about Jennifer Capriati's recent lifestyle, reports AP.

At a news conference Saturday in Rubin's office, 18year-old Nathan Wilson is due to tell his story. He said the "lost weekend"

was about a month ago. That's how long Wilson and Capriati have known each other, he Capriati was arrested May

16 for marijuana possession after a party that Wilson also attended at a motel in Coral Gables. Wilson earlier claimed he saw Capriati smoke crack and use heroin prior to her ar-

Capriati is now enrolled in an addiction treatment program at a clinic on Miami Beach.

— Star photo

Rubin, a Democratic candidate for the US Senate, has a penchant for high-profile cases. He offered a nymphomaniac defense for a sheriff deputy's wife who worked as a prostitute out of her home. and lost a murder case using television intoxication as a defence.

Rubin said his help now was solicited by Wilson's mother.

Samaranch pleased

SYDNEY, May 28: International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch is pleased with preparations for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, New South Wales state Premier John Fahey said Thursday, reports AP.

After talks with Samaranch. who arrived in Sydney on Wednesday, Fahey said, "We talked broadly both at the meeting and subsequently over a lunch. "He is very pleased with

what he sees happening and the manner in which the organization has been put in place."

Samaranch did no immediately issue a press statement.

The meeting, also attended by IOC vice president Kevan Gosper, IOC member Phil Coles and Australian Olympic Committee president John Coates, was held to brief Sama ranch on Sydney's progress since being awarded the Games last September.

The fact that the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games has not yet appointed a chief executive was not raised, Fahey said.

SOCOG chairman Gary Pemberton had indicated he was very close to a decision, with an announcement to be made soon, Fahey said.



Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is fired up after beating Germany's Barbara Rittner in the

Arantxa stays on course



PARIS. May 28: Second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario rolled into the fourth round of the

French Open with a straightset victory Saturday, but No 9 Lindsay Davenport was ousted by Julie Halard of France, reports AP. Sanchez Vicario, one of the

few potential threats to overwhelming favourite Steffi Graf, downed Germany's Barbara Rittner 6-4, 6-2. The 1989 champion has yet to lose a set in her three matches.

Halard, who has risen to 24th in 'the world rankings after several strong performances this season, also triumphed 6-4, 6-2 over the 17year-old Davenport, a rising star from California. Davenport was the ninth of

the 16 women's seeds to lose. Nine men's seeds also have been ousted before the start of the fourth round. In a showdown of two of the

brightest new stars on the

men's tour, Alberto Berasategui

of Spain overpowered Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 in just 92 minutes. Berasategui, a 20-year-old ranked 23rd, had ousted 14th seeded Cedric Pioline of France in the second round and was in total command against Kafelnikov, also 20,

tournaments this year. "I hope I can keep playing like this," Berasategui said.

In another third-round match between unseeded play-

who has soared to 20th in the

rankings after winning two

ers, Italy's Andrea Gaudenzi advanced when Arnaud Boetsch of France withdrew in the second set because of a stomach injury. Gaudenzi won the first set, 6-1.

Four other women's seeds advanced along with Sanchez Vicario. No.3 Conchita Martinez beat Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands, 7-5, 6-3; No. 7 Natalia Zvereva of Belarus trounced Shi-ting Wang of Taiwan, 6-2, 6-1; No. 11 Anke Huber of Germany beat Leila Meskhi of Georgia, 6-1, 6-4; and No. 16 Sabine Hack of Germany beat Alexandra Fusai of France, 6-0, 6-7(7-3), 6-1.

Unseeded Alexia Dechaume-Ballert, ranked only 246th, upset Marzia Grossi of

Sampras' nobel gesture

PARIS, May 28: World tennis number one Pete Sampras announced on Saturday he was donating a trophy worth almost one million dollars to the Arthur Ashe Foundation to help AIDS sufferers, reports Reuter.

The American is a three-tie winner of the Lyon Open tournament, which qualified him to become a permanent recipient of the gold, bronze and diamond-encrusted trophy.

Instead, Sampras has instructed the jeweller to donate the trophy direct to the Arthur Ashe Foundation, established by the late former Wimbledon champion in 1992 to educate the public about AIDS and raise funds...

Italy, 6-3, 6-2 to give France three players among the last

Also reaching the fourth round, for the first time in 22 Grand Slams, was Shaun Stafford, who overcame fellow American and close friend Ann Grossman, 6-7 (7-4), 6-3, 6-3.

The avalanche of upsets have created an opening for many little-known players to make their best-ever Grand Slam performances.

Irina Spirlea, for example, lost in the first round in her only two previous Grand Slam events. Now the 20-year-old Romanian heads into a fourthround match with top-seeded Graf after upsetting 10th-

seeded Mary Joe Fernandez. Mikael Tillstrom hadn't qualified for a single pro tour event this year and had never before played in a Grand Slam tournament. Now he faces a fourth-rounder against No. 1

Pete Sampras. Others reaching their first Grand Slam fourth round include Grossman, Dechaume-Balleret, Berasategui, Olivier Delaitre of France, Patrick Rafter of Australia, Ines Gorrochategui of Argentina and

Petra Ritter of Austria. Several others - Jacco Eltingh of the Netherlands, Amanda Coetzer of South Africa, Ruxandra Dragomir of Romania, Iva Majoli of Croatia - have gotten this far only

once before. Perhaps none pose a threat to Sampras or Graf, but they provide a fresh look for a sport hurting from a shortage of charismatic stars.



The president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranche (L), addresses journalists after inspecting the Sydney International Athletics Centre yesterday. - AFP photo The centre will serve as the warm-up stadium for the 2000 Olympics.

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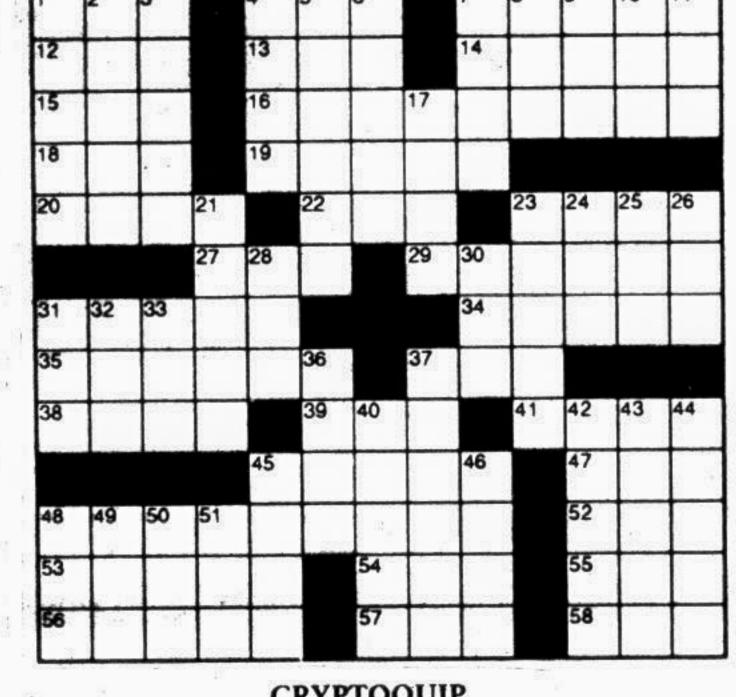
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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.