Quid pro quo for Quirot

250 metres to go but Quirot

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been different if defending

champion Maria Mutola of

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streak ended with disqualifi-

doubt bring a smile to the

face of Cuban president Fidel

Castro, celebrating his 68th

Algeria won his third succes-

sive World Championship

1,500 metres title today in a

seemingly effortless time of

three minutes 33.73 seconds.

hit the front with 550 metres

to go, kicked for home with

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line 20 metres clear of his

The world record-holder

Noureddine Moreceli of

birthday today.

Quirot's victory will no

cation in Friday's semifinals.

The outcome might have

straight.

Aug 13: Ana Fi-

delia Quirot of

Cuba completed

one of the grea-

test comebacks in athletics

history by winning the

women's 800 metres title

with a perfectly timed break

for the line at the World

Championships today, re-

Quirot, who received se-

vere and almost fatal burns in

a domestic fire two years ago.

only returned to top class

retains the speed and power

that brought her the World

Championships silver in

1991 and an Olympic bronze

in 1992, winning the final in

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ver in 1:56.68 with Britain's

Surinam's Letitia Vriesde

one minute 56.11 seconds.

But she proved she still

running this summer.

ports Reuter.

# No soccer till tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA) has suspended the ongoing Lifebuoy Senior Division football leagues till August 15 due to unplayable ground conditions caused by heavy downpour observed in the capital for the last few days.

In a press release, DMFA. who is expecting the inclement weather to continue for the next couple of days. decided to resume the twotier leagues on August 16 with the fixture being bodily shifted. Accordingly yesterday's scheduled three matches will be held on the resuming day.

This is for the fourth time DMFA were forced to sus pend the leagues due to bad weather. Earlier, they had to call off the league twice during the first-leg.

It is now appeared that DMFA will not be able to comply with the NSC's directive to complete the leagues by September 15.

# Victor enrolled

Sports Reporter

Panchiko Victor has been registered with the BFF late Sunday night as a player of Mohammedan Sporting Club.

With this signing Mohammedans have completed their quota of four foreign players this season. The other MSC foreign recruits are two Nigerians - Ladhi Baba and Bode Baba, and Russian Andrei Kazakov. Victor has been assigned jersey number 23. He is expected to be fielded against Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool in their first match of the second leg of the Premier league on 17 August.

Victor was the 22nd foreign player registered with the BFF this season.

#### Pioneer soccer Sports Reporter

An early strike from Kamruzzaman enabled Golden Future Sporting Club earn a lone goal win over Surva Shikha Sangsad in one of Pioneer Division football league engagements billed at different city venues yester-

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium. Kamruzzaman scored in the 24th minute as Golden Future, who were later reduced to ten-man, reached home with a squeaky win. Swapan of the winners was sent-off in the second half after receiving his second vellow card.

In an other match of the day at the water-logged Rajuk ground, Madartek Chhatra Sangsad and Arunadoy Juba Sangha shared honours in a goalless draw.

# Malay referees arrive Aug 19

Sports Reporter Three Malaysian referees

accompanied by the general secretary of the Football Association of Malaysia (FAM) Paul Moni is expected to reach the capital on August

The referees will officiate the Senior Division football leagues, including Premier which have been dogged by controversial whistling by local referees, and the FAM general secretary will perform the duty of an instructor in the "Futuro FIFA-Coca Cola Development World Programme' to be held in Dhaka from August 21-26. Malaysian referees also conducted league matches last season.

#### Mohsin Cup b'ball on Sports Reporter

Rising Force defeated Teen Wolves Club 50-32 in the inaugural match of the Mohsin Cup Second Division basketball league at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yesterday. At half time the winners were leading 22-11. Eleven teams are taking

part in the league, sponsored by the Crystal Shippers Limited and organised by the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation (BABF) The other nine clubs taking part in the league are Bakshi Bazaar, Flame Boys The Giants, Young Angels, Brothers Union, Rangers-A Kurmitola Young Stars, Gregorians and Pallabi.

The league was inaugurated by Professor Rashiddin Ahmed, the BABF president.

#### Ghana, Oman in youth World Cup soccer semis

QUITO, Ecuador, Aug 13: Ghana defeated Portugal 2-0 and Oman downed defending champions Nigeria 2-1 in the quarterfinals of soccer's youth World Cup on Saturday. reports AP.

The two winning teams will meet Thursday in the semifinals of the tournament for players under-17-year-



A lifting delivery from England paceman Dominic Cork unsettles West Indies opener Sherwin Campbell (on the ground) while wicket keeper Jack Russell jumps his left to catch the ball during third day of the fifth Test at Trent Bridge on August 12.

- AFP/UNB photo

# Fifth Test heads a draw

NOTTINGHAM. Aug 13: England were 111 for two wickets in their second in nings at close of play, a lead of 134, on the fourth day of the fifth Test against West Indies at Trent Bridge today. reports Reuter.

Earlier on Saturday, Brian Lara again demonstrated his liking for English bowling as he displayed his full array of strokes in scoring a superb 152 in West Indies first innings on the third day of the fifth Test.

Memories of the master left-hander's world record Test score of 375 against them in Antigua 14 months ago must have figured large in English minds as Lara raced to his century from only 116 balls. But after reaching 152

from 182 deliveries, Lara played a lazy hook shot and was snapped up by wicketkeeper Jack Russell shortly before the close when West Indies, replaying to England's 440, were 334 for five. With Lara and captain

Richie Richardson in full cry in mid-afternoon, West Indies even threatened to clear the arrears before the end of the day.

But perseverance by the England bowlers, especially lest-arm spinner Richard Illingworth, finally held them,

Illingworth, bowling with a broken finger on his right hand, ended with three for 66 from 37 overs.

Lara made full use of the ideal Trent Bridge batting conditions on another hot day as he plundered 18 boundaries in reaching his century after only 136 minutes at the crease and without giving a hint of a chance.

Only towards the end of his innings did Lara appear to lose concentration and twice batting partner Keith Arthurton went down the pitch to admonish him after

careless strokes.

He also appeared fortunate to survive an lbw appeal after leaving alone a ball from paceman Dominic Cork which hit him on the knee.

It was Cork, England's leading bowler during the series, who finally brought about his downfall but with a ball that perhaps should have been dispatched for his 29th boundary. Short and outside the leg

stump, Lara waved a lazy bat but succeeded only in gloving a hard chance to Russell, who took it magnificently, diving to his right.

It was the only success of the day between England's three pace bowlers as the bulk of the work fell to spinners Illingworth and Mike Watkinson.

# SA, SL lock in a draw

COLOMBO, Aug 13: The first Test between the under-24 teams of South Africa and Sri Lanka petered out into a draw here today with only two innings being completed in the four-day match, reports AFP.

South Africa, resuming their first innings from an overnight, 316 for seven, were all out for 410 shortly after lunch following a defiant 73-run ninth wicket partnership between tail-enders Nicky Boje (53) and Shaun Pollock (37).

Boje's half-century in 130 minutes included nine

boundaries Sri Lanka had a shock start to their second innings. losing four wickets for 36 runs but an unbroken 59-run fifth wicket stand between Sanjeewa Warusamane (17) and Tilan Samaraweera (37) pulled the home side out of trouble.

Sri Lanka were 95 for four when the match was called off by mutual agreement between the two sides.

Richardson went on the attack right from the start of his innings, blasting a rapid 40 in a third wicket partnership of 56 with Lara but then inexplicably dabbed a simple catch into the hands of Graeme Hick at slip off Illingworth.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the fifth Test between England and West Indies at Trent Bridge today.

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K Benjamin not out C Walsh b Fraser Extras: (b-2, lb-7, nb-2) Fall of wickets: 1-77; 2-217; 3-273; 4-319; 5-323; 6-

338; 7-366; 8-374; 9-384. Bowling: Fraser Watkinson 35 12

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nings M Atherton not out J Crawley b Walsh G Hick b Benjamin G Thorpe not out Extras: (lb-2, nb-6) Total: 111 Bowling:

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# Thackeray the thuggee

BOMBAY, Aug 13: A Hindu extremist leader here has warned that he will not allow Pakistani cricketers to play in India, reports AFP.

"Not only in Bombay, but in all of India the Pakistan team will not be allowed. said Bal Thackeray, chief of the Hindu militant Shiv Sena

"Why should they be invited here? After the (March 1993) serial bombing of Bombay, ordinary citizens here will not tolerate their presence in the field as cricketers," he warned on Saturday, in his party news paper Saamna (encounter).

The Shiv Sena, named for a legendary Hindu warrior king, is the major partner in the Hindu alliance govern ment which rules Maharashtra, the state whose capital is Bombay.

Thackeray's warning comes ahead of next year's cricket World Cup, which is being jointly hosted by India. Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

A Pakistani cricket team's visit to Bombay was cancelled last year after Thackeray warned of trouble.

A couple of years earlier. another Pakistan cricket team called off its visit to Bombay after Shiv Sena activists dug up the cricket pitch at the city's Wankhede stadium.

Meanwhile, a senior Pakistan cricket official in Islamabad today dismissed the warning by the Indian Hindu militant party leader.

"Its all rubbish," said Arif Abbasi, chief executive of the Pakistan cricket board commenting on the statement of Bal Thackeray.

"We have nothing to do with Bal Thackeray ... we deal with Indian cricket officials." Abbasi told AFP.

## Schools chess Rakib's 3rd in a row

Abdullah al-Rakib clinched the national schools chess championship title for the third successive year but in a worst possible way at the

NSC chess room yesterday.

Sports Reporter

On the concluding day of the 10th Bata school championship Rakib, holder for the last two years, after losing his last round engagement against Enamul Hossain Rajib. had found the lady luck in his way in the tie breaker to retain the title.

Rakib of Narayanganj High School, who with the defeat finished at per along with Abu Sufian Shakil, Feroj Ahmed and Rajib, all collect ing eight points each, got highest 44 points in proof the championship rolled into tie-breaker.

Abu Sufian of Nakhalpara Hossain Ali High School with 43 points finished runner-up for the second successive year. While Feroj Ahmed of Narayanganj IT School took the third position collecting 40 points followed by Rajib. who got 39 to content with the fourth slot. Meanwhile, the ceremo-

nial of the championship will be held at the conference room of the NSC today. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain is expected to distribute the prizes among the winners as chief



1:56.95 to add the bronze to the silver she won in the 1500 metres. Meredith American

ANA QUIROT ... incredible comeback Kelly Holmes clocking Moroccan friend Hicham el Guerrouj, who just pipped Venuste Nivongabo of Burundi for the silver.

Raineyand Homes broke with the world indoor title in

El Guerrouj, 20, who won

Barcelona in March, shares the same manager as Morceli and looms as a long-term threat to Morceli's world number one ranking. He clocked 3:35.28 with

Niyongabo third in 3:35.56. Olympic champion Fermin Cacho of Spain was

never involved and finished eighth in 3:37.02. Morceli clocked a lighting last lap of 51.28 seconds

after running a textbook race. Newly-crowned world 100 metres champion Don-

ovan Bailey inspired Canada to the men's 4x100 metres relay title. Bailey, supported by Robert Esmie, Glenroy Gilbert and 100 metres silver

medalist Bruny Surin, led the Canadians to their first men's sprint relay gold in 38.31 seconds. Australia took the silver in

38.50 with Italy finishing in the bronze medal position in 39.07

Though the first two Canadian baton changes were smooth, Bailey had to slow down slightly and glance behind before taking the baton from Surin to run the anchor But the powerful Canadian

quickly moved up a gear and was unthreatened by Australian Damien Marsh down the home straight. The result marked the

first time that the title has not gone to the United States since the first World Championships in 1983. The American team

crashed out of the event in Saturday's heats after a calamitous baton change. American 100 metres champion Gwen Torrence

steered the United States to

the Women's 4x100 metres relay title. The US team, made up of Mondie-Milner. Celena Carlette Guidry, Chryste Gaines with Torrence run-

ning the anchor leg, clocked 42.12 seconds to take the gold medal ahead of Jamaica and Germany. The victory provided some consolation for Torrence who missed out on

a sprint double at the Championships when she was disqualified from the 200 metres final after winning the race because she ran out of lane. The American held off a fierce challenge from 200

metres champion Merlene Ottey of Jamaica in the final leg. The two athletes began the final 100 metres almost neck-and-neck. The Jamaicans clocked

42.25 with Germany taking the bronze in 43.01.

### Bennett bags the second. Missing from the field was gressive analysis after the fate ATLANTA. Aug 3.16.53 set at the 1988 Seoul



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13: US men set a 400-metre freestyle relay world record and schoolgirl

Brooke Bennett, the newest American distance star, won her second gold medal on Saturday at the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships, reports Reuter. Australia also enjoyed a

big night, winning three gold medals, topped only by the Americans' world record in the 400-metre freestyle relay in 3.15.11. The team of David Fox.

Joe Hudepohl, Jon Olsen, and Gary Hall Jr broke the seven-year-old record of Olympics by Chris Jacobs. Troy Dalbey, Tom Jager and Matt Biondi. The United States has not

lost the 400 free relay in the

Olympics. World Championships or Pan Pacifics. American Trina Jackson. 18, was second in 4.11.04 swimmer Hayley Lewis was

third in 4.11.26. Costa Rica's Claudia Poll. 22, favoured to win at least three medals, was a disappointing fourth in 4.13.22.

Poll, who was treated Tuesday at a local hospital, is taking large doses of antibiotics for bronchitis and laryngitis.

four-time Pan Pac 400 champion Janet Evans, the world record holder in the event. Evans, 22, had qualified for this event at last week's

nationals but opted to have her inflamed tonsils taken out Monday. She has had trouble with her breathing and Australia's top distance for months because of her tonsils. Heading Australia's win-

ners was Daniel Kowalski in the 400-metre freestyle in 3.50.01. He also won the gold in the 800 freestyle and silver in the 200 freestyle earlier in the week. Aussie Susan O'Neill won

the 100-metre butterfly in 59.58.

#### Akram admirals Lancs LONDON, Aug 111 without loss to 221 all



13: Wasim Akram enhanced Lancashire's County Cham-p-

'ionship challenge with an irresistible all round performance to secure victory over Leicestershire with a day to spare on Saturday, reports Reuter. The Pakistan fast bowler

completed a match haul of 12

for 165 and then hit exactly

50 not out as Lancashire won

by four wickets on the third day at Leicester. Lancashire's eighth win in 12 matches kept them firmly in the title hunt on a day when champions Warwickshire continued their impressive defence of the crown by trouncing Hampshire by

an innings and 89 runs. These results put Warwickshire second and Lancashire third behind Northamptonshire, at least until Monday, when Middlesex could overtake them by beating Durham.

Akram, who this season

has been producing some of

his best championship from

since his Lancashire debut in 1988, followed his first innings six for 72 with six for 93 as Leicestershire were dismissed for 282. Needing 215 for victory on a placid pitch. Lancashire were 162 for six at one stage but Akram carried the attack

to the bowlers by crashing

boundaries from his first

seven scoring strokes. Akram, acting captain with Mike Watkinson on

England duty, lashed 11 fours as he struck his half-century off 35 balls to speed Lancashire to their target.

Off-spinner Neil Smith took six for 72 to elinch victory for Warwickshire at Southampton where Hampshire, 310 behind on first innings, slumped from



AKRAM ... allround show

Bowler.

out.

took two for 50, removing John Stephenson and Jason Laney (61) in a fiery eightover spell. Leaders Northamptonshire were on the brink of victory at the

close of the third day against

Gloucestershire who, needing 341 to win, had collapsed to 127 for eight at Northampton. Northants, 28 ahead on first innings, were struggling in their second at 120 for five before Kevin Curran contributed 84 in nearly three

total to 312 all out. Pakistan leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed bowled Somerset to an eight-wicket victory over Kent with more than a day to spare at at Taunton.

and a half hours to lift the

Mushtaq had match figures of 11 for 144 after taking six for 38 in the second innings as Kent crumbled from 84 for two to 119 all Somerset, needing only

53 to win, completed the vic-

tory despite the loss of open-

ers Mark Lathwell and Peter

Mushtaq, shouldering a greater workload this season because of injuries to frontline pacemen Andrew Caddick and Andre Van Troost, has responded superbly with 77 first-class wickets from 770 overs.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TODDLER WHO PLAYED

IN THE GARBAGE BIN WAS SLOP HAPPY. Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals C

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.