

## Windies 15/0

Sports Reporter

West Indies were 15 for no loss in their first innings, a quarter of an hour into the post-lunch session on the second day of the first Test against England at Queen's Park Oval, Trinidad, according to Star Sports monitored last night.

Earlier, England resuming on overnight 175 for eight were all out for 214 exactly 30 minutes before lunch.

Kenneth Benjamin captured both the wickets to fall today and ended with three for 68. Curtly Ambrose was the outstanding bowler once again for West Indies and finished with wonderful figures of three for 23 of 26 overs which included 16 maidens.

For England Nasser Hussain remained unconquered on 61 from 202 balls.

## Bengal take control

NEW DELHI, Feb 6: Ajay Verma (75) and Alokendu Lahiri (87) piled up a superb 173-run opening stand atop skipper Saurav Ganguly's career-best haul of six for 87 to put Bengal on the driver's seat against Delhi on the second day of their Group 'B' Ranji Trophy super league tie here today, reports PTI.

Ganguly, who had struck thrice to leave Delhi at 263 for six overnight took as many more to restrict Delhi to 300 soon after the first drinks interval. No 7 Nikhil Chopra scored a defiant 84 before being the last man out.

Bengal were 200 for two at stumps for the loss of the openers with Debang Gandhi (15 batting) and Saba Karim (four batting), who came ahead of Ganguly.

Bengal would have been in an even stronger position but for paceman Robin Singh striking twice in the space of eight balls after tea, taken at 130 for none.

Ajay Verma and Lahiri played cultured knocks and played forward to counter the occasional balls which kept low, Robin Singh trapped Verma leg before, to the batsman's displeasure, off the fourth ball of his second spell from the far end before catching Lahiri's uppish drive gleefully. Ganguly killed Delhi hopes of a big score. He bettered his previous Ranji best haul of five for 60 against Assam at Maiti in 1993.

**Brief scores:** Delhi 300 all out (A Sharma 101, N Chopra 64; S Ganguly 6/87, U Chatterjee 2/62) vs Bengal 200 for two (A Verma 75, A Lahiri 87; R Singh 2/32).

## Magic wants to be Mike's friend

LAS VEGAS, Feb 6: Earvin "magic" Johnson says he wants to be as influential in the boxing ring as he has been on the basketball court, and he thinks former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson is just the ticket, reports AP.

Johnson, in a copyright story in Thursday's Las Vegas Sun, said he wants to become a major force in boxing promotion. He has yet to file for a promoter's licence with the Nevada State Athletic Commission, but has met with the agency's executive director, Marc Ratner, about the new role.

Johnson said he would love to sign Tyson, who is rumoured to have split with his longtime promoter Don Kong.

"I would love to have Mike Tyson because Mike needs somebody like me," Johnson told the Sun in an interview Tuesday in his Beverly Hills, California, office. "First of all, Mike needs somebody to respect. He needs somebody to tell him 'This is how you're going to have to do it, Mike. You can't do this, and this. You got to do it like this.'

"He needs somebody he can look up to. That's what he needs. No matter what people think boxing still needs Mike Tyson. But they need the right Mike Tyson. They don't need the old one; they need the new one."

Johnson is prepared to capture that Tyson of old. He claims he can correct the error of Tyson's ways.

"Mike needs image control," Johnson said. "He needs status right now. He needs somebody to bring that back."

"First of all, you got to sit him down and say 'This is it. This is you last shot.' That's the No 1 thing. No 2, we need the old Mike Tyson fighting-wise. The real dedicated, stern Mike Tyson. Then we got to get him out so people can see him again. The association with Magic can help him maybe."

Tyson, suspended for biting the ear of Evander Holyfield in his last fight, is eligible for reinstatement in July, but he must petition the commission.

## Costly flaw!

NAGANO, Japan, Feb 6: The first foul-up of the high-tech Olympic results and information system at the Nagano Winter Games cropped up today with the South Korean national anthem falsely identified, reports AFP.

"We are in the process of changing it," said Ko Yamaguchi, the media chief of the Nagano Organising Committee (NOOC). "We'd like to check all the other information on all the countries by country."

The mistake has flawed the NOOC's multi-million dollar effort to prevent a recurrence of the numerous glitches that haunted a similar computer network at the Atlanta Summer Games in 1996.



Players of Abahani Krira Chakra (L) and Mohammedan Sporting Club in jovial mood during practice yesterday. The arch-rivals will lock horns today in the Bijoy Dibash cricket tournament final at the Dhaka Stadium. — Star photo

## Bijoy Dibash final today

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After a break for Ramadan and Eid, the Bijoy Dibash invitational cricket tournament final between arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club will be held today at the Dhaka Stadium. The match will start at 9 am.

Bangladesh Betar will provide ball by ball commentary of the match from Dhaka Stadium.

Mohammedans practised at the stadium yesterday morning while Abahani had their net in the afternoon at their club ground without their skipper Akram Khan who arrived in the city last night from Calcutta.

Talking Mohammedan captain Aminul Islam Bulbul he thought 230 would be a defendable score.

"Toss will be no factor, but spinners will help," he added.

Abahani coach Sarwar Im-



Skipper of the India A team Gagan Khoda (L) leaves the National Stadium in Karachi after their three day match against Karachi was controversially called off yesterday.

— AP/UNB photo

## Tyson's 'Wrestlemania'

NEW YORK, Feb 6 (Reuters): Mike Tyson says he is taking charge of his own business affairs, and that apparently includes swallowing insults from a World Wrestling Federation (WWF) glamour boy in return for a four million dollars pay day.

The next big pay check for Tyson comes from next month's Wrestlemania XIV extravaganza, at which he will perform the role of "special enforcer" during the title match between WWF champion Shawn Michaels and Stone Cold Steve Austin.

Tyson was not exactly sure what that entailed for the March 29 pay-per-view show from Boston's fleet centre, but Michaels wasted no time issuing the one-time, self-proclaimed "Baddest man of the planet" a warning at Thursday's news conference.

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ran was optimistic about the game.

"We are in high spirits, because Mohammedans were beaten twice this year. We have no injury and our fielding has improved," he explained.

"200 plus will be a good total on this pitch."

Rates of tickets are: VIP Box Gate No. 1 — Tk 200, VIP Gate No. 3 — Tk 100, BCB enclosure Gate No. 1 — Tk 100, Club House Gate No. 2 — Tk 50, Ladies gallery gate No. 21 — Tk 50 and East and West gallery (Gate Nos. 4-19) — Tk 20 each.

The winners will earn Tk one lakh cash and the losers receive Tk 75,000. Besides, the player-of-the-match and tournament collects Tk 5,000 and 10,000.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will be the chief guest in today's final.

## PROBABLE TEAMS

**ABAHANI KC:** Imran Hamid, Azam Iqbal, Al-Shahriar, Akram Khan (captain), Naimur Rahman, Khaled Masood, Iqbal Hossain, Zakir Hossain, Saifullah Khan, Colonel and Niamur Rashid.

**MUHAMMEDAN SC:** Parvez Alam, Mehrab Hossain, Salim Shahed, Aminul Islam (captain), Minhajul Abedin, Sajid Hasan, Nasir Ahmed, Mohammad Rafique, Jahangir Alam, Talukdar, Hasibul Hossain and Moshred Ali Khan.

## IM chess

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Twenty-two players were leading the qualifying round of the fourth United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament at the end of the second round played at the NSC chess room yesterday.

On the second day of the nine-round Swiss league qualifiers, Ahmedul Haque, Mainuddin, Kambar Ali, Taherul Islam, Naim Arefin, Mehdil Hasan, M A Islam, Tanveer Talukdar, Syed Anwar Shamim, Mamunur Rashid, Ronokuzzaman, Javed, Nahid Ahmed, Selim Ahmed, Abdul Bari, Nuruddin, Mahbub Afzal, Ejaz Hossain, Nazrul Islam, Shahidul Amin, Anisuzzaman and Iklar Ali won their respective matches and remained atop at the table with full two points.

The third round will start at the same venue today at 3 pm.

## Kafelnikov in semis

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MARSEILLE, France, Feb 6: It took three sets, but top-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov defeated Romania's Adrian Voinea 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 in third-round play Thursday at the ATP Marseilles Indoors-tennis tournament, reports AP.

Meanwhile, number six seed Thomas Enqvist of Sweden had no trouble with Francisco Roig, defeating the Spaniard in two sets with a score of 6-2, 6-3 to advance to the semifinals, where he will face his countryman Magnus Gustafsson.

Unseeded Arnaud Boetsch of France had a tough first set against Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil but swept past the number four seed in strong second set play, winning the match 7-5, 6-2.

And in another upset, unseeded Arnaud Clement of France advanced defeating number eight seed Julian Alonso of Spain 6-1, 6-4. Clement will be up against No 1 seed Kafelnikov in the semifinals Friday.

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