### England 57/4 on Day Two

ST JOHN'S, Mar 21: West Indies' fast bowlers, led by Curtly Ambrose, reduced England to 57 for four at lunch on the second day of the sixth and final Test Saturday, reports AP.

In a rain-shortened morning session, the tourists continued to struggle from their overnight 35 for two.

Nightwatchman Dean Headley added just one before, after two delays for rain, he edged to Brian Lara at first slip. The successful bowler was

Ambrose, who had triggered the England slide late on Friday's opening day with two wickets.

The 34-year-old Antiguan, on the ground where he took his

300th Test wicket a year ago, had figures of three for 25 off 15

England lost the prize wicket of opener Alec Stewart two balls before lunch.

Stewart, their most consistent batsmen on tour, missed a drive and was bowled middle stump by Franklyn Rose, in his first match of the series.

The Surrey batsman's defiant 22 took 154 minutes, spanned 95 balls and included just two boundaries.

Nasser Hussain endured a testing time from Courtney Walsh to be unbeaten 13 at the interval. Graham Thorpe is yet to score.

The weather was generally better than on the first day, in which only 21.3 overs play was possible. But intermittent showers still nearly an hour's delay and allowed just 13 and a half overs in the session.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at lunch on the second day of the sixth and final Test between the West Indies and England at the Antigua Recreation Ground on Satur-

ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 35 for two) Atherton c Ramnarine b Ambrose 15 Stewart b Rose Butcher c Lara b Ambrose

Headley c Lara b Ambrose Hussain not out Thorne not out Extras: (nb-6) Total: (for 4)

Fall of wkts: 1-27; 2-27; 3-38; 4-57. To bat: Mark Ramprakash, Jack Russell, Andy Caddick,

Angus Fraser, Phil Tufnell. Bowling: OMR Walsh Ambrose Ramnarine

## Azhar aims for a whitewash

CALCUTTA, Mar 21: Indian captain Mohammad, Azharud; din said he was looking forward to sweep the current series against Australia after winning the second Test here today by an innings and 219 runs, reports

"It will be great to make it 3-0 against the best team in the world," Azharuddin said after the home team took a decisive 2-0 lead in the three-match se-

"It was a tremendous performance by the boys." Azharuddin said. "The Aussies must be a bit down at this moment so this is a good opportunity to do something we have not done against them.

The Indian captain, however, warned the sweep was not going to be easy when the third and final Test begins in Bangalore on Wednesday.

"The Australians are great fighters, they will try and come

back strongly," he said. The Australians, who lost the first Test at Madras by 179 runs, once again paid the price for woeful batting.

Australian captain Mark Taylor conceded his team was "outplayed."

"We have a number of problems," he said. "We did not make enough runs and we did not take enough wickets."

# Bevan follows

Fleming SYDNEY, Mar 21 (AP/ Reuters): Michael Bevan's rollercoaster Test career was heading up again Saturday when he received a call-up to the struggling Australian team in India. Bevan will leave Sunday and will be in Bangalore in time to

ing Wednesday. Bevan was in the unusual role of television commentator at a triathlon event in Queensland when he received the call from selectors Saturday.

take part in the third Test start-

He was due to leave Wednesday as part of five players called in to bolster the side for the

limited-over series starting April 1.

Bevan is expected to join the starting Test team to replace injured Steve Waugh.

Waugh injured his groin during the first innings of the second Test on Wednesday when he

made 80. The injury is not severe enough to warrant Waugh being sent home, and he batted in the second innings, but the na-

tional selectors are keen to see the 32-year-old fully fit for the opening limited-overs internatíonal.

Bevan last played for Australia in the second Test against South Africa at the SCG in Jan-

The New South Wales lefthander was dropped as a middle-order batsman during last year's Ashes tour to England. Seam bowler Damien Flem-

ing already rushed to India on Friday to strengthen Australia's injury-ravaged fast bowling ranks.

Fleming was expected to go straight into Australia's side for the third Test after injury sidelined Paul Reiffel and Paul Wilson.

Mansoor, Monirul utilise Dhaka experience to the full

# Karachi dump early BCB flair

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) XI bowed out of the 17th Wills Cup one-day cricket tournament when they conceded a 66-runs defeat to KCCA Blues at the Karachi National Stadium yesterday. The premature exit of the

virtual national team was exacted in the most punishing manner when the Karachi outfit, defending an imposing total of 260 for seven, built up in the stipulated 50 overs, shot the BCB XI out for 194 with more than five overs to spare.

The presence of skipper Akram Khan, who flew into Karachi on Friday for the crucial Pool A encounter, did nothing to motivate his tedious side, which failed miserably to cash in on its early success against the experienced Karachi outfit.

Needing a victory to keep their chances alive for a berth in the second round of the prestigious over-limit tournament, BCB XI started their penultimate group league match on an inspiring note when the leftright combination of Morshed Ali Khan and Hasibul Hossain shared the first four wickets with only 57 runs on the board.

But success for Akram's boys was sealed at that point when a couple of catches were dropped by wicketkeeper Khaled Masud, which allowed Mansoor Akhter to put on a match-winning 139run fifth-wicket partnership with his captain Monirul Haq.

Mansoor, a former Pakistan Test cap, chanced his arm for an invaluable 95 runs off 114 balls while Monirul scored a watchful 62 to deadlift KCCA Blues from a precarious to a commanding position. The two experienced batsmen, who are familiar figures in Dhaka cricket, were eventually separated in the 45th over when medium-pacer Khaled Mahmud had Monirul caught by Naimur, but not before the homeside reached 196.

However, there was no respite for the visitors because the KCCA tail joined forces with Manzoor to plunder 59 runs from the last five overs with Hasibul Hossain being the toast

South Africa were

on course to es-

tablish a formi-

dable lead against

Sri Lanka in the

first Test at Cape

Town yesterday.

At stumps the home side

First innings centurion

reached 155 for four, a lead of

Daryll Cullinan and Jacques

Kallis put on a 116-run partner-

ship for the third wicket to lay

the foundations of the com-

Cullinan added a 68 to his

Skipper Hansie Cronje was

AP adds: Sri Lanka hit back

113 and Kallis fell one short of

his fifty. The pair came together

batting on 11 and wicketkeeper

with two quick wickets Satur-

day as South Africa tried to

build on their first innings

nings lead. South Africa lost

both their openers — Adam

Bacher and Gary Kirsten — as

they progressed to 47 for two at

tea to extend the lead to 159

3 after South Africa's new one-

drop, batsman Hylton Acker-

bat at No 7 and his condition

will be progressively monitored

according to team's physiother-

ligament or cartilage damage."

earlier held the Sri Lankan

lower-order together with a fine

30, removed an out-of-form

Adam Bacher (0) in his second

as he hung his bat out to a deliv-

ery that was slanted across by

the left-arm seamer. Bacher

scored just six in the first in-

Bacher lasted just two balls

during the team's warm up.

apist Craig Smith.

Smith said.

man badly bruised his left knee

If required, Ackerman will

"Initial tests have shown no

Chaminda Vaas, who had

Kallis was forced to bat at No

Enjoying a 112-run first in-

Mark Boucher was six not out.

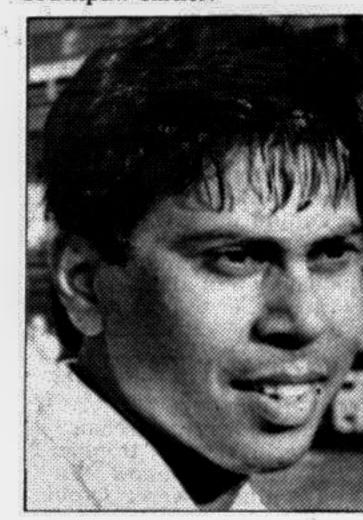
manding position.

when the score was 18.

267 with still two days to go.

of the late onslaught. The tall right-arm seamer,

who was out to prove the comical elements of cricket, conceded 45 runs from his last three overs to finish with two for 80 in his allotted 10 overs. Khaled Mahmud, who claimed three wickets for 53 runs, also felt the wrath of the terrific assault while bowling in tandem with Hasibul in the last six overs. The kismet of left-arm seamer Morshed Ali Khan, who finished with impressive figures of 10-4-25-2, might have been similar had not Akram exhausted the quota of the southpaw earlier.



MINHAZUL ... 54

Set to score a little over 5.5 runs per over, BCB were off to a horrible start, losing both their openers for only two runs on the board.

Minhazul Abedin and vicecaptain Aminul Islam tried to stitch the early fissure by putting on 82 runs for the third wicket. But once Aminul departed for 37 and Minhazul bade adeu at 54, BCB's hopes for a feasible fightback was well and truly over.

Coming in later, Akram scored 26 and Naimur made 28. But both holed out in the deep while chasing an ever increasing run-rate. When Akram departed in the 37th over, leaving his side at 150 for five, the fragile tail's expiry seemed a mat-

Sports Reporter

straightened up by an un-

playable Vaas delivery and the

ball flew off the outside edge to

Roshan Mahanama at second

for 306, just 18 minutes into the

lunch break as fast bowler Al-

lan Donald had No 11 Ravindra

Boucher his sixth catch of the

innings and the second time he

has done so in as many matches

Pollock put paid to any hopes

Sri Lanka had of building a

substantial first innings total

by taking four wickets in the

for five, was soon reduced to 241

for seven by Pollock, who re-

moved the overnight pair of

Romesh Kaluwitharana and

Hashan Tillekeratne in his

But left-hander Vaas held

Vaas was dismissed two

Pollock bowled 11 un-

the lower order together adding

59 runs with Pramodaya Wick-

ramasinghe (11) and Muttiah

Muralitharan, unbeaten on 15.

balls before lunch, edging Pol-

lock to Boucher after 82 min-

changed overs in the morning

to take 4-50 after having gone

wicketless in his 13 overs on

slide, trapping Kaluwitharana

leg before wicket and soon after

had Tillekaratne (22), Sri

Lanka's last recognized bats-

man, following an out swinger

83 while Allan Donald took 3

for 66 and left-arm wrist-spin-.

ner Paul Adams, 2 for 62 in 20

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the

Pollock finished with 4 for

Pollock started the morning

Sri Lanka, resuming on 212

pre-lunch session.

first six overs.

utes at the crease.

the second day.

to Boucher.

Medium paceman Shaun

in a short five-match career.

It gave wicketkeeper Mark

Pushpakumara caught behind.

Sri Lanka were bowled out

Left-hander Kirsten was

ter of time. Predictably, BCB lost the last five wickets with the addition of only 44 runs to

the total. BCB, who are now out of the race having conceded two defeats against a win, will play their last group match tomorrow versus Customs. The match of the hopeless two will be of academic interest only as KCCA and six-times champions Habib Bank have already confirmed their places in the second round from Pool A with three consecutive wins.

SCOREBOARD KCCA BLUES M Khan c K Masood b Hasibul Zafar c K Masood b Hasibul Atiquzzaman c and b Morshed Basit Ali c K Masood b Morshed M Akhtar c Naimur b K Mahmud 95 Monirul c Naimur b K Mahmud Arif Mahmud b K Mahmud

S Igbal not out Zafar Kureshi not out Extras: (b-2, lb-5, nb-6, w-11) Total: (for 7 wkts in 50 overs) Did not bat: Shaheed Mah-

bub and Lal Farhaz Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-20; 3-54; 4-57; 5-196; 6-228; 7-241. Bowling: Hasibul 25 Morshed K Mahmud 53 36 M Rafique 47 Naimur 12 Aminul 0 **BCB ELEVEN** Javed Omar c Monirul b Farhaz Al-Shahriar lbw b S Mahbub Minhazul b Arif Aminul c Monirul b Z Kureshi

Akram c S Mambub b Arif Naimur c S Igbal b M Khan K Mahmud lbw b M Khan M Rafique c S Mahbub b M Khan Hasibul c S Mahbub b M Khan K Masood c Z Kureshi b Arif Morshed not out Extras: (b-5, lb-5, w-17) Total: (all out in 44.5 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-2; 3-84; 4-129; 5-150; 6-157; 7-173; 8-177; 9-188; 10-194. Bowling: Lal Farhaz S Mahbub 32 19 S Igbal Z Kureshi 31 Arif Mahmood 9.5 44 0 26 Mansoor Khan 6 Result: KCCA Blues won by 66 runs.

third day of the first Test be-

tween South Africa and Sri

Lanka at Newlands on Satur-

nings 418 (Cullinan 113, Pol-

lock 92; Wickramasinghe 3/75,

Muralitharan 4/135)

(overnight 212 for five)

Atapattu c Cullinan b Adams

Kaluwitharana lbw b Pollock

Vaas c Boucher b Pollock

Pushpakumara c Boucher b

Extras: (8-b, 7-lb, 12-nb, 1-w)

Fall of wkts: 1-20; 2-36; 3-

66

83

23

165; 4-194; 5-195; 6-219; 7-241;

SOUTH AFRICA: Second

Fall of wkts: 1-5; 2-18; 3-134;

3

Kirsten c Mahanama b Vaas

Kallis st Kaluwitharana

Cullinan c Tillekaratne

Bacher c Kaluwitharana b Vaas

Wickramasinghe c sub

(Klusener) b Pollock

Total: (all out)

Bowling:

Donald

Pollock

Ntini

Kallis

Adams

innings

b Jayasuriya

b Muralitharan

Cronje not out

4-146.

Vaas

Bowling:

De Silva

Atapattu

Jayasuriya

Boucher not out

Pushpakumara

Muralitharan

Wickramasinghe

Extras: (nb-5, w-1)

Total: (155 for four)

Muralitharan not out

8-270; 9-300; 10-306.

A de Silva c Boucher b Ntini

SOUTH AFRIGA: First in-

SRI LANKA: First innings

Jayasuriya c Boucher b Donald 17

Mahanama c Boucher b Donald 9

Ranatunga c Ackerman b Adams 20

Tillekaratne c Boucher b Pollock 22

S Africa assume control

## Chess polls April 3

#### Consensus panel candidates

**Sports Reporter** 

A 23-member consensus panel of leading chess organisers and several District Sports Associations (DSA) for the elec-tion of Bangladesh Chess Fed-eration, was submitted to the returning officer, ASM Ali Kabir, yesterday at the NSL. The election of the federation is due on April 3. Mujibur Rahman, the general secretary of the present ad-hoc committee, Sheikh Nizamuddin Ahmed, general secretary of Satkhira DSA, and Syed Sujauddin Ahmed, the general secretary candidate of the panel, were present during the submission. Following are the candidates

of the panel: Vice-presidents — KM Shakur, Dr AR Khan, Prof Chowdhury Jahangir (Chittagong Division) and Mumtazuddin Ahmed (Bogra DSA); General Secretary — Syed Sujauddin Ahmed; Joint-secretaries - Khalid Hasan and Nurul Huda Alam (Pirojpur DSA); Treasurer — Saleh Chowdhury; Members — Amjad Hossain Sarkar (Nilphamari), Riazul Is-lam Joarder (Chuadanga), Fayez Ahmed (Bagerhat), Raw-shan Ara Kabir (Narail), Sirajul Islam (Dhaka Division), Dewan Rezaul Haque (Manikganj), Kazi Jakerul Mollah (Barisal Division). Sheikh Monirul Islam (Rajshahi), Zahid Ahmed Chowdhury (Sylhet Division), Mujibur Rahman, Mir Arifur Rahman, Mirza Enamul Hossain, Manjurul Islam Khan and Wahiduzzaman Chand (Dhaka University).

## Sixth match **ends 1-1**

JALANDHAR, India, Mar 21 India and Pakistan settled for a 1-1 draw in the sixth hockey Test match here today after an evenly contested game, reports

Pakistan dominated the first half and went ahead after only two minutes with a stunning goal by forward Mohammad Sarwar, who beat one defender before scoring from an acute angle past the onrushing keeper.

The hosts trailed until a 45th minute goal by Gaven Ferreira off a penalty corner rebound levelled the score.

India had eight penalty corners in the game compared with Pakistan's two.

Indian skipper Dhanraj Pillay did not play after picking up a knock in the fifth Test match at New Delhi. India lead the eight-match series 3-2 after winning the fifth Test. The two teams shared

the honours in the four Test matches played in Pakistan. The last two matches will be played in the southern Indian cities of Hyderabad on March 24 and Madras on

March 26.

# Faruque improving

Sports Reporter

The condition of the injured former national skipper Faruque Ahmed, who suffered a nasty blow on the bridge of his nose while playing a friendly cricket match at the Gulshan Park on Friday, is improving

According to a source close to his family. Faruque underwent a 40-minute operation on Friday night at the Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Hospital under the supervision of ENT specialist Moinul Hafeez. He will be released from the hospital today.

Faruque also had a CT scan yesterday which showed no damage to the head.

### Diego gets good news from Naples

NAPLES, Italy, Mar 21 (Reuters): An Italian court on Friday acquitted Diego Maradona on charges of failing to pay around 400 million lire (221,000 dollars) in outstanding maintenance for his son Diego Armando Junior, ANSA news agency reported. The arrears dated from the

period before a Naples court in 1992 rejected the Argentine soccer star's claim that he was not the boys' father ANSA said. Maradona has been paying

maintenance of some five million lire (2,770 dollars) a month since the 1992 judgement. An appeals court ruled

definitively in 1995 that the child was the product of a relationship between Maradona and Italian Cristina Sinagra during the footballer's stormy stay in the southern port city of Diego Armando Junior, then

12 years old, was signed last July as a junior for Napoli, the side his father took to two Italian league titles.

#### Inter-varsity b'ball on

Hosts Jahangirnagar University cagers got off to a flying start on the opening day of the inter-university basketball competition with a facile 100 — 14 points victory over Agricultural University at the gymnasium yesterday.



Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad (R) having some fun before the start of the friendly cricket match between his ministry and the foreign missions at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. -Star photo

# Clouds over Pak camp Star Sport Monitor

Khabrain, Wasim Akram ac-

cused teammate Sohail of con-

stantly maligning his image by

giving, what he claimed, false

A physical brawl ensued

Another players The incident has caused dissension in the rest of the team. According to the daily

revolt seemed imminent in the Pakistan cricket team as two of its prominent play ers were involved in a physical brawl in Zimbabwe, according evidence to the Pakistan to press reports in Pakistan on Cricket Board (PCB) on match-

Saturday. fixing and gambling. Pakistan's vice-captain Aamir Sohail and scandal-ridwhen Sohail exchanged hot den pacer Wasim Akram are the words with his former skipper players reported to have exat the lobby of the hotel where changed punches and blows a both Pakistan and Zimbabwe day before the second Test besides are lodged for the Harare tween Pakistan and Zimbabwe began on Saturday.

Test, the report claimed. A number of people saw Akram threatening the present Pakistan vice captain of dire consequences. According to Sohail's family members in Lahore, Akram,

since his joining the team in early March, has been conspiring against Pakistan's frontline batsman by spreading rumours and fabricated stories to the newcomers in the side. The family members quoted Sohail as saying that Akram had made his intentions clear

ment that he would not play under the captaincy of the present PCB assigned vice captain. The two players have had a history of dislike for each other that peaked last year when So-

hail gave lengthy descriptions

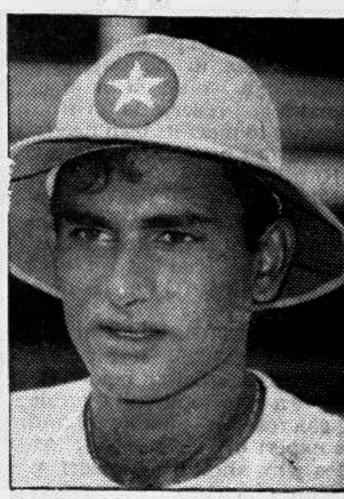
to a Pakistani news daily as to

to the Pakistan team manage-

how certain members of the team were involved in matchfixing. He named Akram as one of the culprits.

In Pakistan's 1992 summer tour of England, Sohail had a similar disagreement with Akram that was hushed off by the then captain Javed Miandad to ward off public curiosity.

For injury reasons, both Sohail and Akram missed out Pakistan's first Test against the Zimbabwe in Bulawayo that saw the tourists barely managing a draw in the face of a good show put up by the hosts.



AAMIR SOHAIL

PAKISTAN: First innings

Foreign Ministry

win friendly tie

Sports Reporter

fairs cricket team posted a four-

wicket victory over the Diplo-

mats Eleven in a friendly

cricket match played at the

the Diplomats Eleven, a com-

bined team of different foreign

missions in Dhaka, scored 150

runs for the loss of 12 wickets

in the stipulated overs after

top scored with 32 followed by

middle-order Ranaraja who

added 25 runs. Opener Geddes

(19), one-down Mazhar (16) and

D Walker (15) were the other no-

most successful bowler for local

Salauddin Akbar was the

Lower middle-order Bradley

wining the toss.

table run-getters.

In a 30-overs-a-side affair,

Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The Ministry of Foreign Af-

5 0

Anwar not out

Nagvi not out

Extras: (lb-4)

Bowling:

Mbangwa

B Strang

Streak

Total (for no loss)

# Mixed day at Harare



HARARE, Mar 21: A stubborn record eighth wicket stand of 110 between Guy Whittall and Bryan Strang pulled Zimbabwe out of trouble in the first cricket Test against

Pakistan today, reports AFP. The two beat the previous best of 94 between Alistair Campbell and Heath Streak in the first Test against New Zealand earlier this year in Wellington to help Zimbabwe finish on 277 in their first innings just before the close of the

WASIM AKRAM

first day's play. Pakistan had to see out five overs and were 18 for no loss with Saeed Anwar eight not out and Ali Nagvi six, still 259 runs behind with all their wickets intact.

On a day of fluctuating fortunes Zimbabwe began well, a 47-run first wicket stand between Grant Flower, who made 39 and the recalled Gavin Rennie (13) frustrating the Pakistanis. Then a third wicket partner-

ship of 69 in 70 minutes between Murray Goodwin, who hit a dashing 53 off 80 balls with nine fours, and captain Alistair Campbell continued the good work and Zimbabwe were looking at a big total. But half an hour before tea the wheels came off as Zim-

babwe lost four quick wickets for just two runs off 11 balls and then five wickets for 11 runs to subside from 142 for 2 to 153 for 7. There were two wickets

apiece for Wagar Younis, Azhar Mahmood and Mushtaq Ah-That is when Whittall and

Strang came together to forge a century stand in 28 overs either side of the interval.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

The pair were finally separated by the second new ball half an hour before stumps. Strang was the first to go in

the second over of the new ball when he played too early and popped up a return catch to Waqar after making a Test best 53 off 90 balls with five fours and a six. Strang's previous best was 42

against Pakistan in Sheikhupura two seasons ago.

Adam Huckle was bowled first ball at the same score of 263 but last man Mpumelelo Mbangwa denied Waqar his first Test hattrick by fending him off on the leg side for two. Five balls into Akram's next over Whittall's brave innings

came to an end as he edged the bowler into second slip Inzamamul Haq's hands for 62 and Zimbabwe were all out for 277. The pick of the bowlers was Waqar who finished with 4 for

47 off 20 overs. Leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed had 2-74 off 20 overs and Azhar 2-69 off 22.

#### SCOREBOARD

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings G Flower c Latif b Mahmood Rennie c Latif b Mahmood Goodwin c Inzamam b Mushtaq Campbell c Youhana b Mushtag A Flower lbw b Wagar G Whittall c Inzamam b Akram Madondo run out Streak c Youhana b Wagar B Strang c and b Wagar Huckle b Wagar Mbangwa not out Extras: (b-6, lb-14, nb-4, w-1) Total: (all out) Fall of wkts: 1-47; 2-75; 3-

142; 4-143; 5-143; 6-144; 7-153;

20.5

6 69

8-263; 9-263; 10-277.

Bowling:

Mushtaq

Mahmood

22 Geometry

Wolf's prey

in the sky?

find

23 Big Bad

24 Diamonds

26 Dwarf's

27 Differ

29 BBQ

31 Sulk

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pursuer

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Solution time: 24 mins.

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side capturing three wickets for 11 runs while Hossain Kamol finished with two for 32. In reply, Foreign Ministry reached 152 for the loss of eight wickets in 29.5 overs with Enayet Mowla hitting unbeaten on 24. Salauddin Akbar and Zi-

while opener Iftekhar chipped in with 19. Mazhar bagged three wickets for 27 runs while Mani took two for 23 for the Diplomats. Earlier, Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad inaugurated the match in the morning as the

auddin made 20 runs each

# Patrick sent packing



KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Mar 21 (AFP/AP): Former French Open

champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov saved four match points to escape with a three-set victory over Slava Dosedel at the Lipton Championships Friday.

The sixth-seeded Russian needed two hours and 40 minutes to vanquish Dosedel 6-7, 7-6, 7-6 and become the first of the tournament's marquee players — led by world No 1 Pete Sampras — to reach the third

But the day's biggest upset was Patrick Rafter. The US Open champion Aussie, who was seeded four, succumbed to unseeded American Vincent Spadea. He lost 6-3, 7-5. Boris Becker was scheduled

to play his first US singles match in two years Friday, and spectators arriving early wondered whether the injuryplagued German star really planned to take the court. "I'll believe when he walks

out there to shake hands," tournament chairman Butch Buchholz said.

Becker never made the walk. withdrawing an hour before his first-round match. He was scheduled to face Jonathan Stark. Becker, who withdrew from

10 tournaments last year. blamed the flu this time. He also has been bothered recently by abdominal and back injuries. Croatian big-server Goran Ivanisevic had to struggle in the

first set before prevailing 7-6, 6-

4 against Daniel Nestor of India's number one player Leander Paes found his way into the second round with a 6-4. 6-3 win over local Jeff Salzenstein.

Spain, who was beaten 6-7, 6-4, 7-6 by Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands. Sergi Bruguera, runner-up to Thomas Muster last year and seeded 13th, followed his com-

The first of the top 16 to fall

was No 12 Felix Mantilla of

patriot out of the tournament when he was a 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 loser to another Dutchman, Dennis van Scheppingen. In the womens' competition, unseeded Serena Williams, younger sister of US Open final-

Romanian Irina Spirlea 7-6, 6-0 to reach the third round. And Swiss teenager Martina Hingis launched her defence of the Lipton title, with which she claimed the world No 1 ranking last year, with a 6-1, 6-0, 45minute romp over American Chanda Rubin.

ist Venus, upset 10th-seeded

11th seeded Venus also won. She recorded a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Tatiana Panova of Russia. Besides 13th seeded Sandrine Testud of France defeated Swede Asa Carlsson 6-1, 6-2, while Ai Sngiyama, seeded 16, overcame German Barbara Rittner 6-2, 6-

Mirjana Lucic made a suc-

cessful debut, beating Mariana

Diaz-Oliva 6-3, 6-0. No 6 seed

Amanda Coetzer rallied to beat

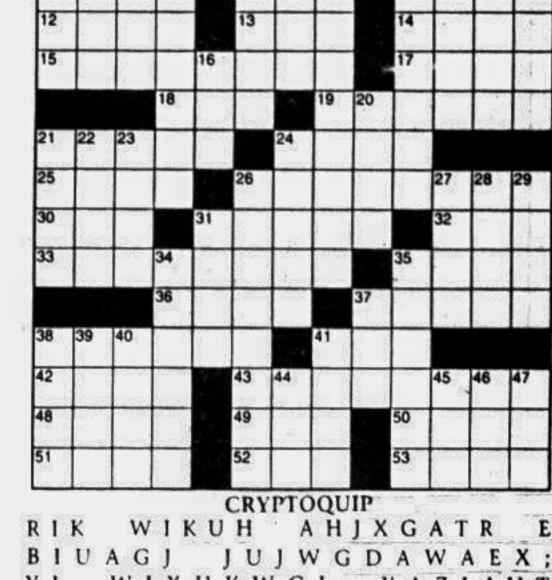
Alexia Dechaume-Balleret 5-7,

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Shiblu scored 27 points for

the winners Earlier, JU Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Alauddin Ahmed inaugurated the competition in which five teams - Dhaka, BUET, Rajshahi, Agricultural as well as the hosts are taking part.



chief guest.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: B equals P 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.

39 10 percent ZILG Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HEAR MUCH RECENTLY