

**Antigua Test
No play
till lunch**

Star Sport Monitor
Not a ball was bowled till lunch due to rain on the final day of the sixth Test between England and West Indies at St John's, Antigua yesterday.

**Sharif returns
the compliment**

ISLAMABAD, Mar 24: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif attended a Pakistan-India kabaddi match here Monday in a goodwill gesture reciprocating a similar overture by India's new Premier Atal Behari Vajpayee, reports AFP.
Vajpayee attended a hockey match in New Delhi in his first public engagement after taking oath and our Prime Minister has returned the gesture, an official commentator told a crowd of thousands.
Kabaddi is a traditional team game of physical strength, with opposing players attempting to get past each other on an open court. The game is popular in Pakistani and Indian Punjab regions.
Sharif, who praised the "spirited display" of the losing Indian players in the final of the kabaddi tournament, presented a special souvenir to Indian team captain Harbareet Singh Baba.

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Not including the four Grand Slam tournaments, there are two major combined events: Last week's at Indian Wells and this week's Lipton Championships. Three other smaller events also feature men's and women's play: Sydney, Tokyo and Rosmalen.
"The women's game is now very much undervalued in the marketplace," McGuire said. "In these circumstances, it would be very difficult to obtain a fair deal on issues relating to prize money and revenue sharing."
"That problem is exacerbated by the fact that the joint-venture approach cannot be reconciled without selling a title sponsorship to the women's Tour, and we are in the process of selling that title sponsorship."

McGuire did not rule out the possibility of more joint events but said it would be on an individual basis and not as a package deal.
"I really doubt that the WTA Tour and the ATP Tour can agree on prize money, revenue sharing, television exposure to say nothing of issues like practice and locker room facilities," McGuire said.
He said that given "the level of disparity and especially economic disparity that now exists between the men's game and the women's game it would be particularly foolish to perpetuate those disparities when the women's game is on such a steep and, I believe, long-term rise."

Polls tampering at BCB?

Sports Reporter



A group of independent candidates in the forthcoming Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) elections have urged for a congenial atmosphere for the polls on March 27 of the most-sought after sports federation.
The group, which gave a sensational twist to an otherwise apparently one-way traffic for the fancied Jatya Shommelto Parishad (JSP), has also pertinently questioned the involvement of incumbent president Saber Hossain Chowdhury in the BCB elections.
"We have every respect for Saber Hossain. But we want him to explain whether he is a party in the elections", stated AKM Hamad Jinnah in a press briefing at a local restaurant yesterday.
The president of the Dhaka Mahanagari Cricket Club Samity (DMCCS), while presenting the key-note speech on behalf of the group opposed to the Saber-backed panel, a forum from which eleven candidates are vying for different posts in the 29-member executive committee, have also appealed that the BCB office not be used in favour of a certain group.
"We have concrete evidence that some district councillors are being forced to commit their votes for JSP candidates", said Jinnah, adding that such tampering will hamper a free and fair election. Jinnah termed the Mickey-mouse chase of the 70 district and divisional coun-

cillors by the JSP candidates as "unhealthy".
Aminul Haque Moni, Kazi M Usha Mishu, Khalid Hasan, Shah Nurul Kabir Shaheen, Bipal Prasad, MA Awal Chowdhury Bhulu, Syed Rezauddin, Mahbulul Anam, Mainul Haque and Engineer Mushtaque Ahmed, were present at the press briefing.
Reading out a written statement, Hamad Jinnah pointed out that most of the leading sports federations have managed to fabricate a single panel based on consensus but that did not happen in the case of BCB because of the adamant attitude of Saber who has not left any room for others to negotiate.
Hamad dubbed the Saber-backed panel as the "old ad-hoc committee in a new packet". He said, none from the two leading cricket clubs --- Mohammedan SC and Biman --- have been included in the panel.
Hamad was also sceptical about the fairness of the BCB elections, claiming that most of the DSA representatives have been roped by Zafar Imam of Rajshahi in a forum "which is absolutely illegal". He said that the councillor from Rangpur DSA --- Bipal Prasad, who is contesting as an independent candidate, has been asked by Zafar Imam's forum to withdraw his nomination. Hamad also showed a letter addressed to the president of the Rangpur DSA threatening that if Bipal does not withdraw his nomination, Rangpur will not be considered by the Bangladesh Zilla o' Vidyayo Krira Sanghatk

Parishad for any quota-based candidature in future elections. The letter, signed by Sheikh Nizamuddin, was a clear indication that certain quarters were trying to manipulate the BCB elections, claimed Hamad. In a shocking revelation, Sheikh Nizamuddin's letter claimed that BCB was "annoyed" that Bipal Prasad had violated forum's decision by submitting his nomination and not withdrawing it.
Hamad also claimed that the five councillors nominated by the NSC are all Saber's men and questioned the cricketing credibility of two of those councillors --- Arun Kumar Sarkar and Sajjad Hossain.
Finally, Hamad requested Saber to stay away from the election process and thereby maintain his goodwill as a fair sports organizer.
Aminul Haque of Mohammedan Sporting Club who is an independent vice-president candidate, claimed that he could not contact any of the councillors from outside Dhaka as they have already been instructed by the forum not to liaise with any independent candidate.
"Only the president and his executive secretary should have access to BCB now as all the members of the previous ad-hoc committee have resigned prior to the elections. But the consensus Saber-backed panel is using the BCB office as its election campaign headquarters and freely using all the facilities available at BCB", said Aminul Haque.

**12-man exhibition match
BCB bowlers limit
Afridi & company**

Sports Reporter
BRIEF SCORES
KBCA: 155 for 11 wickets in 35.1 overs (Sahid Afridi 46, Sahabuddin 22, Majid 20, Hasan Raja 18, Sahabuddin 22, Mazid Ismail 20, Naimur 3/17, Rafique 2/20, Safiuddin 2/33)
BCB Eleven: 156 for six in 29 overs (Al-Shahriar 35, Hannan 34, Aminul 20, Minhazul 15, K Masood 13)
Result: BCB Eleven won by four wickets

Bangladesh Cricket Board Eleven posted a four-wicket victory over Karachi Builders Cricket Association (KBCA) in an exhibition match played at the UBL Sports Complex in Karachi yesterday.
In their last match of the Pakistan tour after the unsuccessful Wills Cup bid, the BCB eleven, cashing on a paltry KBCA total of 155 in 50 overs, went on to score one more for the loss of six wickets with 21 overs to spare, thanks to some responsible batting from opener Al-Shahriar and middle-order Hannan Sarkar who contributed with 35 and 34 runs.

Among others, middle-order Aminul Islam scored 20 while Nusrul Hossain and Naimur chipped in with 15.
Earlier, electing to bat first, the home side were bundled out for a meagre 155 in 35.1 overs in the face of some inspirational spin bowling from Naimur Rahman and Mohammad Rafique who shared five wickets. Off-spinner Naimur finished with three for 17 while Rafique conceded 20 odd runs for his two wickets.
After new-ball bowler Shafiqullah gave the early breakthrough dismissing opener Nusrul and one-down Nusrul for ducks, it was the spin duo who tipped through the KBCA middle-order.

The other opener Shahid Afridi, one of the two Pakistan internationals playing in the match for KBCA, top-scored with 46 while middle-order Sahabuddin added 22 runs. Hasan Raja contributed 18.
To live up to the spirit of the exhibition match, both teams fielded 12 players.
The result of the other exhibition match between the BCB Eleven in India and Sonnet Club of Delhi, which was scheduled to be played in Delhi yesterday, was not available till our filing of this report last night.
Both the BCB teams will return home tomorrow.

**Unofficial results
of BFB, BTF polls**
The elections of the executive committees of Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) and Bangladesh Badminton Federation (BFB) were held at the National Sports Council yesterday, reports BSS.
According to the unofficial results released by the NSC Election Commission, the BFB committee is --- Yousuf Khan Chowdhury, Solaiman Khan Mojlish, Dr Towfik, M Siraj and Sibly Rubayatul Islam vice-presidents while Zahir Ahmed general secretary; Syeda Mariam Tareq and Jubayedur Rahman Rana joint secretaries and Golam Aziz Jilani treasurer. Members: Mrs Rashida Yasmin, Mahmud, Jamal Shafiqur Rahman Mantoo, Masum Chowdhury, Noimul Huq Noim, Delwar Hossain Dilu, Mohammad Arif, Noor Islam, Abdus Salam Kanchon, Kamaluddin Hafez, Jatin Das, Mahfuzur Rahman Noman, Shamsul Arifin, Hedayatul Islam and Mushtaq Ahmed.
The BTF committee --- M Nurul Alam, Professor Rashiduddin Ahmed, Qazi Anwar Hossain and Major Yiad Ali Fakir vice-presidents; M Sanaul Huq Bakul general secretary; joint secretaries --- Mushtaq Ahmed and Ishtiaq Ahmed. Karen. Treasurer --- M Zahurul Huq; members --- Imran Chowdhury, Bayazidur Rashid, SM Mobaidul Islam, Ahsan Habib, Qamrul Islam Siddiqi, Abdus Sattar, Shahiduddin Chowdhury, Mohammad Khasru, Mahtabur Rahman, Mohammad Shahidullah, Luthfur Rahman, Kafilur Rahman Romy, Syed Mansur Haider, Mohammad Samiur Razzak and Kabiruddin Chowdhury.

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Vogts' test of character

STUTTGART, Mar 24: Berti Vogts and his German national team will go into the record books if they can score a rare victory over world champions Brazil in a fascinating pre-World Cup friendly here on Wednesday night, reports AFP.
Germany have gone 22 matches without defeat (17 wins/5 draws) and are one step away from the all-time German record of 23 set between October 11, 1978, (a 4-3 win over Czechoslovakia in Prague) and January 1, 1981, (a 1-2 loss to Argentina in Montevideo) under Jupp Derwall.

Aside from statistical interest, Wednesday's game also promises to be a top-notch match-up between the European and world champions.
"For me Brazil are the favourites for the World Cup in France," Vogts said Monday.
"They don't just have one player of Ronaldo's class, but 14 or 15."
German captain Juergen Klinsmann is back after a six-month injury hiatus. He will line-up from the start, although the likes of Ulf Kirsten and Oliver Bierhoff are far ahead of him in terms of current form.
This month's public blow-up with Tottenham Hotspur coach Christian Gross did him little good in the popularity stakes, but Vogts underscored a new that Klinsmann "is and will remain our captain and will lead the side well in France."

The Stuttgart game will mark a full turn in Klinsmann's career. He won his spurs as a footballer in this city, going on to make his international debut against none other than Brazil in December, 1987. This will be his 101st cap.
The prospect of playing in front of his home crowd with the best team in the world as his opponent already has Klins-

mann felling a bit flighty. "But it gives you confidence when you know the national trainer is behind you," the blond striker said.
"He still keeps a close eye on me, though. I still have to perform. And I know that I am under pressure because Ulf and Oliver have scored lots of goals this season."
Klinsmann says he will put extra effort into training to



BERTI VOGTS

show he deserves his place while on the field he will rely greatly on his friend Thomas Häßler to feed him from the midfield.
Having lost Fredi Bobic to a dislocated shoulder, Vogts also scrubbed Jens Jeremies' name from his list of players on Monday.
The unconventional 1860 Munich defender, notable for his straggly hair and goatee beard, will undergo a knee operation today.
The German media has focused, instead, on the only newcomer to Germany's 22-man squad, fellow defender Yves Eigenrauch, who admits his nomination came like "a bolt from the blue."
Vogts respects Eigenrauch's reputation at Schalke as an honest toiler who runs and chases and plugs gaps wherever he is required to.
"He certainly won't be in the starting line-up, but I am thinking about pinning up a photo of Yves on Ronaldo's locker in the dressing room" Vogts quipped, a reference to his blanking of the Brazilian star in last week's UEFA Cup quarter final against Inter Milan.
Brazil are one of the few countries in the world against whom Germany have a negative record.
"They can claim only three victories and four draws from their 15 encounters. The last time the two nations met, however, in 1993, goals by Guido Buchwald and Andy Moeller gave the host nation a 2-1 victory in Cologne.

Pakistan 134 runs away

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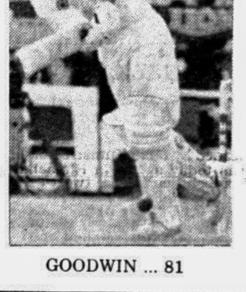


Pakistan set to score 192 to win the second Test against Zimbabwe, were 58 for one at stumps in Harare yesterday.
Azhar Mahmood was the only wicket to fall after making nine when he was caught by skipper Alistair Campbell off fast bowler Heath Streak.
Opener Saad Anwar was batting with a fluent 38 containing six fours and a six off 47 balls. He was joined by first innings centurion Mohammad Wasim (8).
Earlier the home side were dismissed for 268 after tea in their second innings.

Rennie c Youhana b Waqar	0	Streak not out	37
Goodwin c Inzamam b Waqar	81	B Strang c Youhana b Mushtaq	21
Campbell lbw b Azhar	14	Huckle b Akram	0
A Flower c Inzamam b Mushtaq	49	Mbangwa lbw b Akram	3
G Whittall c Latif b Azhar	15	Extras: (b-13, lb-15, nb-12)	40
Madondo c Latif b Azhar	2	Total: (All out in 111 overs)	268

Fall of wicket: 1-7: 2-9; 3-38; 4-133; 5-166; 6-175; 7-205; 8-255; 9-255; 10-268.				
Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Akram	33	8	70	3
Waqar	25	3	60	2
Azhar	16	7	25	3
Mushtaq	37	6	84	2

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at close of play on the fourth day of the second Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe on Tuesday:
ZIMBABWE: First innings 277
PAKISTAN: First innings 354
ZIMBABWE: Second innings 6
G Flower lbw b Akram

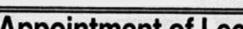


GOODWIN ... 81

Pete, Monica sent packing

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Mar 24 (AP): The world's best tennis player sat glumly in the changeover chair, head down, starting at his shoes. This is how Pete Sampras looks when he slumps.
As usual, his posture told the tale Monday, when Sampras blew an early lead and squandered two match points in a defeat that could end his two-year stay at No. 1.
Wayne Ferreira rallied past a sluggish Sampras 0-6, 7-6 (8-

6), 6-3 in the third round at the Lipton Championships.
"I had the match in my hands," Sampras said. "I let it slip away."
"His grip on No 1 is tenuous, thanks to a stumbling start in 1998. Second-ranked Petr Korda, No 3 Marcelo Rios and No 5 Greg Rusedski have a chance to supplant Sampras, depending on how they fare at Lipton.
Sampras, whose 102-week reign is the third-longest in ATP Tour history, could slip to third next week.
The end-of-the-year ranking is a true indication of who had the best year," he said. "But this is not the way I wanted to start the year."
Sampras has been top-ranked for a total of 218 weeks, finishing the past five years at No. 1. But in five tournaments in 1998, he has only one title --- at Philadelphia early this month.
"You have to have a bad patch somewhere," Ferreira said. "It's taken him five years."
Korda, who needs two more wins this week to overtake Sampras, outlasted Francisco Clavet 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. Rusedski, still a long-shot to become No 1 next week, overpowered Marc Rosset 6-1; 7-6 (10-8). Rios, who could become No 1 if he wins Lipton, earlier advanced to a fourth-round matchup against Goran Ivanisevic.
Sampras' elimination could be a break for his red-hot rival, Andre Agassi. The highest-draw lost a nine-time Grand Slam winner when Anna Kournikova beat Monica Seles in a third-round match, 7-5, 6-4. The 16-year-old Russian rallied from deficits of 4-1 in the first set and 3-1 in the second.
Another 16-year-old, Serena Williams, advanced to a quarter-final matchup against top-ranked Martina Hingis. Williams beat Patty Schnyder 6-0, 4-6, 6-3 and Hingis outlasted Sandrine Testud 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.
Williams' more celebrated sister, Venus also advanced. Sixth-seeded Amanda Coetzer lost to Silvia Farina 6-7 (3-7), 6-2, 6-1.
Other winners on the men's side included: French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten and Steve Campbell of Detroit, the lone remaining qualifier.



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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer
ACROSS
1 Attack from shrewdly all sides
6 Movie ratings
9 Away from NNW
12 More than enough
13 Diving bird
14 "the season..."
15 Duplicity
16 Motorless craft
18 Too much (F.)
20 Blueprint
21 Expert
23 Scuttle
24 Easter emblem
25 Early hours
27 Captain Memo
29 100 centimos
31 Like a memorable melody
35 Francisco's five
37 Old women's home?
38 Conscious
41 Wall St. shrewdly
43 Passbook abbr.
44 Obedient
45 Made tea
47 Certain curve balls
"You're Glad You?"
52 Venerable
53 Story of lifetime
54 Water wheel
55 Louis
56 "appell" subject charm
10 Lady bird?
11 Attempt
17 Intimidates
19 Italic alternative
21 Pump up the volume
22 Miller Sebastian
24 Feathery accessory
26 Kissed
28 Sports page datum
30 Father's Day gift
32 Hamdams, often
33 Sweetheart
34 Still
36 Paar's successor
38 Burning desire?
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1. Applications are invited from Bangladeshi male/female nationals for filling in the undermentioned vacant posts of Cadet Colleges:
Name of post Minimum qualification & experience Remarks
Lecturer (English) 2nd class post-graduate with 2nd class (Honours) graduation from approved university. Those who have appeared in post-graduate examination on the respective subjects but result is yet to be published, may also apply
A) Selected candidate shall have to serve at Cadet College for minimum two years.
B) Candidates in service must apply through proper channel.
C) Age should be maximum 30 years (32 years in case of freedom fighters) as on 30 March, '98.
2. Qualified candidates should submit self-hand written application in plain paper stating name, father's/husband's name, permanent & present address, marital status, age (date of birth), educational qualification and co-curricular activities & teaching (both) experience to the undersigned by 30th March, '98. The undermentioned papers should be enclosed with the application:
A) Recent two copies passport size attested photos.
B) A self addressed envelope affixed with Tk 6.00 postage stamp.
C) A Bank Draft/ Pay Order for Tk 75.00 (seventy-five) only (non-refundable) drawn on Sonali Bank, Dhaka Cantonment Branch in favour of Chairman, Cadet Colleges Board of Directors & Adjutant General, Bangladesh Army.
D) Attested copies of all educational qualifications & experience certificates.
3. Pay scale: Lecturer Tk 4,300-7x185-5,595-EB-11x195-7,780/-. Highly experienced candidates may be given higher initial pay. (Implementation of National Pay Scale-1997 & regulations subs-section order dated 18 November, '97 applicable).
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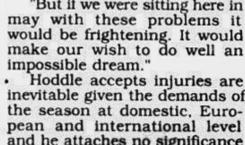
BERNE, Switzerland, Mar 24 (AFP): England coach Glenn Hoddle fears injuries could turn his team's World Cup hopes into an "impossible dream".
He arrived in Berne for Wednesday's World Cup warm-up match against the Swiss with only 17 of the 26 players he had originally selected.
"This was the week when we had more preparation time, and I wanted to look forward to the World Cup and work as a squad for the summer," said Hoddle.
But his plans were decimated by Sunday's loss of Tony Adams, Ray Parlour, Nicky Butt, David Beckham and Graeme Le Saux --- which followed the earlier withdrawals of Manchester United Quartet Gary and Phil Neville, Paul Scholes and Andy Cole.
"I've never known it as bad as this," Hoddle groaned. "It's very annoying and very frustrating to lose the amount of talent we have."
The only silver lining is that we've still got time to heal the injuries and get people fit and ready for the World Cup.
"But if we were sitting here in may with these problems it would be frightening. It would make our wish to do well an impossible dream."
Hoddle accepts injuries are inevitable given the demands of the season at domestic, European and international level and he attaches no significance to the fact that six United play-

ers, and two from Arsenal, have withdrawn.
"Every single one of the injuries is legitimate. They've all had X-rays and scans and every one of them showed up something adverse," said Hoddle.
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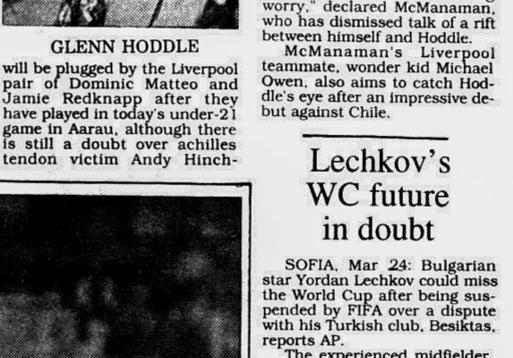
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A Montpellier defender makes a sliding tackle against Iran's Hassanzadeh (No 15) during a World Cup warm-up match at Montpellier on Mar 23. The French First Division side blanked the Iranians 3-0. --- AP/UNB photo

Cryptogram
A J W F X V G C J L G J G
D V T K B K N W T G Y V F G T
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L A W J K C P.
Yesterday's Cryptogram: DO YOU THINK TIRED CASSETTE-MAKERS ON HOLIDAY WILL COMMONLY LIKE TO UNWIND?
Today's Cryptogram clue: C equals R
The Cryptogram 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.



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Not including the four Grand Slam tournaments, there are two major combined events: Last week's at Indian Wells and this week's Lipton Championships. Three other smaller events also feature men's and women's play: Sydney, Tokyo and Rosmalen.
"The women's game is now very much undervalued in the marketplace," McGuire said. "In these circumstances, it would be very difficult to obtain a fair deal on issues relating to prize money and revenue sharing."
"That problem is exacerbated by the fact that the joint-venture approach cannot be reconciled without selling a title sponsorship to the women's Tour, and we are in the process of selling that title sponsorship."
McGuire did not rule out the possibility of more joint events but said it would be on an individual basis and not as a package deal.
"I really doubt that the WTA Tour and the ATP Tour can agree on prize money, revenue sharing, television exposure to say nothing of issues like practice and locker room facilities," McGuire said.
He said that given "the level of disparity and especially economic disparity that now exists between the men's game and the women's game it would be particularly foolish to perpetuate those disparities when the women's game is on such a steep and, I believe, long-term rise."