

## Parched pitch plays prank

Sports Reporter

Neither of the two matches of the Jibon Bima Club Cup were held yesterday due to some technical problem related to the water supply system at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium.

According to a Bangladesh Hockey Federation official who spoke to this reporter last night, the matches will be played at the same venue this afternoon.

In the first match, Azad Sporting Club will face Bangladesh Sporting Club in a group A affair at 2:45 pm while the next match between group B sides Farashganj Sporting Club and Bachelors' Club will be held at 4:30 pm.

The remaining fixture of the tournament will be shifted bodily.

## BCB meet Aug 20

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The next meeting of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) executive committee, scheduled for August 21 at the Dhaka Stadium, has been brought forward by a day.

The meeting, which may prove to be very important for the future of cricket in Bangladesh, will now be held on August 20 from 2 pm at the BCB headquarters.

## Nat'l soccer team to play in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Aug 9: Bangladesh national football team will play two exhibition matches with Chittagong Abahani and Chittagong Mammadans on August 20 and 23 at the M A Aziz Stadium here, reports BSS.

Harunur Rashid, MP, general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation said this while talking to a group of the journalists at the CJKP office here today.

The BFF official told the journalists that the total proceeds of these matches would be donated to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for flood affected people of the country.

## Chappell's choices

SYDNEY, Aug 9: Former Australian cricket captain Ian Chappell has ranked India fifth among the nine Test playing countries, saying that unless India learned to consistently win away from home they can't rank as a top-class team, reports PTI.

Chappell, a top TV commentator of the game now, said despite the recent loss of the three-Test series in India, Australia were still the best Test-playing nation, provided leg-spin wizard Shane Warne and paceman Glen McGrath were fit.

South Africa are placed number two, followed by Pakistan, West Indies and India. England are ranked below India, with Sri Lanka, New Zealand and Zimbabwe following in that order.

Writing in the latest issue of 'Inside Edge' Magazine, Chappell has taken into account five factors — batting, bowling, fielding, captaincy and results — to rank the teams.

India have been the big improvers in recent times thanks to a strong batting line-up headed by Sachin Tendulkar, the world's best batsman, he wrote.

The consistent Rahul Dravid, the flashy Mohammad Azharuddin and a more forceful Saurav Ganguly complete an excellent middle-order, but they are still unsettled at the top, he commented.

Ian Chappell said India's pace attack was in good shape with the experienced Javagal Srinath and Venkatesh Prasad now backed by the aggressive young Ajit Agarkar.

However, India still don't travel well and until they learn to consistently win away from home they can't rank as a top-class team, he added.

## Incontrad v'ball

All the eight quarterfinal matches of the Incontrad inter-district men's and women's volleyball championship will be held today at the Mirpur Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium, reports UNB.

In the men's quarterfinals, Kushtia will play on Chittagong at 8 am, Dhaka meet Comilla at 9:30 am. Khulna face Rajbari at 2:30 pm and Rangpur play Tangail at 4 pm.

In the women's group, Pabna will encounter Kushtia at 8 am, Rajbari meet Dinajpur at 9:30 am, Tangail play Bholai at 2:30 pm while Khulna face Rangpur at 4 pm.

Five women's and one men's group matches were decided yesterday.

In the women's group, Tangail overwhelmed Gazipur 15-0, 15-0, 15-0. Pabna beat Chuadanga 15-2, 15-3, 15-5, Rajbari beat Dianjpur 15-2, 15-5, 15-3, Khulna beat Bholai 15-1, 15-6, 15-9, and Rangpur outplayed Kushtia 15-1, 15-1, 15-3.

In the men's group, Kushtia came from behind to beat Chittagong 10-15, 7-15, 15-9, 15-9, 15-7.

## SA need 219 for victory



LEEDS, England, Aug 9 (Reuters/Internet): Another England collapse, instigated by Allan Donald and Shaun Pollock, left South Africa needing 219 runs to win the fifth and deciding Test at Headingley on Sunday.

Resuming on 206 for four, England mirrored their first innings collapse by losing their

— against Donald and the new ball to finish the day on four not out and preserve England's advantage.

On Saturday, Hussain came to the crease for the second ball of the day after Allan Donald had given the tourists the perfect start by trapping Mike Atherton lbw for his overnight single.

He looked precarious for most of the morning session but

Extras: (fb-14, lb-1, w-2, nb-10) 27 Total: (all out in 110.2 overs) 240 Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-81; 3-143; 4-200; 5-206; 6-208; 7-208; 8-229; 9-235

**Bowler** O M R W

Pollock	35	14	53	5
Donald	29.2	9	71	5
McMillan	11	0	22	0
Ntini	15	4	43	0
Kallis	16	6	31	0
Cullinan	1	0	1	0
Cronje	4	1	4	0

Local hero Darren Gough made his comeback Test memorable, inflicting the stunning rot with a haul of five wickets. He was at his miserly best as the sturdy Yorkshireman finished the day with the fantastic figures of 19-6-36-5.

South Africa were 27 for five at one stage. But Jonty Rhodes and Brian McMillan featured in a brave rescue act putting on 117 runs for the sixth wicket. Rhodes hit a brilliant 85 while the out-of-form McMillan weighed in with 54.

last six wickets for 34 runs.

Donald and new-ball partner Pollock both finished with five wickets after bowling unchanged for the 19.2 overs that England lasted before lunch.

But the touring team lost some of the gloss from the session when Gerhardus Liebenberg was trapped lbw for six before lunch. South Africa were 10 for one at the break.

Nightwatchman Ian Salisbury fell to the second delivery of the day, Pollock having him caught behind by wicketkeeper Mark Boucher and Donald claimed two victims in his second over to give South Africa the impetus they craved.

Andrew Flintoff completed a pair in the match when he, too, edged a catch to Boucher and Graeme Hick departed for a single after meekly driving a clever cover ball from Donald to Gary Kirsten at extra cover.

Nasser Hussain, unbeaten with 83 overnight, managed 11 more runs before loosing an off drive against Pollock to South African captain Hansie Cronje.

His 94, spanning seven hours eight minutes and 341 balls, may still prove decisive on an unpredictable pitch but he shook his head in the manner of man who knew his job was not complete.

Donald claimed the last two wickets, with Dominic Cork edging another catch to Boucher and Darren Gough giving Darryl Cullinan a catch at third slip. It was his fourth five-wicket haul of the series, giving him a total of 33 at an average of 19.78. Pollock's analysis of 35-15-5 was his best of a largely disappointing series.

Pollock claimed his third wicket of the innings shortly before the close when Mark Ramprakash was trapped lbw for 25 but nightwatchman Ian Salisbury survived — somehow

Darren Gough of England appeals during the fourth day's play yesterday.

— Reuters/Internet photo

grew steadily in confidence throughout the afternoon, driving fluently through the off side. His innings included 11 boundaries and lasted more than six hours.

Opener Mark Butcher had dominated the morning session but fell to the persevering and deserving Shaun Pollock for 37, caught at first slip by Brian McMillan.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the fifth Test between England and South Africa at Headingley on Sunday:

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**SAOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 252 (H Cronje 57; A Fraser 5-42)

**ENGLAND:** Second innings (overnight 206-4) 308

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Atherton lbw b Donald 1

Hussain c Cronje b Pollock 94

Stewart c Boucher b Pollock 35

Ramprakash lbw b Pollock 25

Hick c Kirsten b Donald 4

Flintoff c Boucher b Donald 0

Cork c Boucher b Donald 10

Gough c Cullinan b Donald 5

Fraser not out 1

Extras: (fb-7, w-10) 17

Total: (for six wickets in 50 overs) 308

Did not bat: C Hathurusinghe, K Dharmasena, M Bandaratileke

**SRI LANKA**

Jayasuriya c Curran b Snape 119

Kaluharana st Bailey b Swann 49

A de Silva c Lye b Taylor 60

Ranatunga c Curran b Bailey 33

Atapattu c Snape b Taylor 15

Jayawardene not out 9

Wickramasinghe c Bailey b Follett 1

Perera not out 5

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