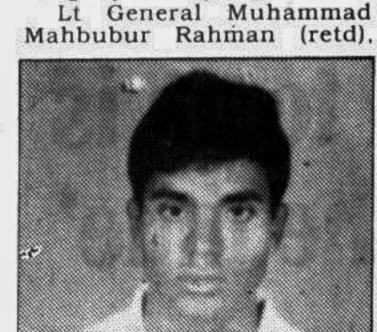
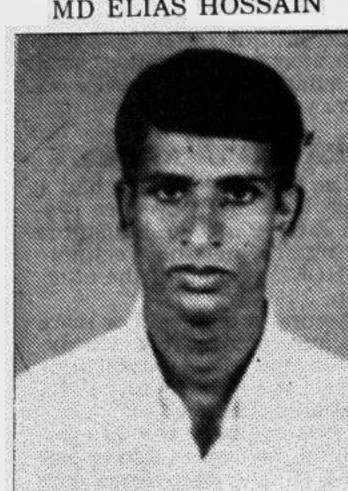
Long distance swimming Warne rates Gough highly Bangladeshis grab Warne rates Gough highly top positions

Two swimmers - Md Elias Hossain and Md Nazmul Kabir of Bangladesh Navy - secured first and second place respectively in the 55th World Long Distance Swimming competition held at Murshidabad, West Bengal, yesterday, reports BSS.



MD ELIAS HOSSAIN



MD NAZMUL KABIR

president, Bangladesh Olympic Association has congratulated both the players on behalf of Bangladesh Olympic Associa-

Fifteen swimmers from 18 countries participated in the 19 km swimming competition.

FIGC inquiring into bribery

ROME, Oct 26: Italy's Football Federation (FIGC) announced on Sunday that it had opened an enquiry into allegations that a Serie A referee was offered a bribe before the match between Sampdoria and Empoli, reports AFP. The federation said that

match official Stefano Farina reported being contacted at his hotel in Genoa on Saturday by someone who asked him to referee in favour of Empoli. Farina promptly asked Ser-

gio Gonella, who heads Italian refereeing authority, to be substituted for Sunday's game and he was duly replaced by reserve ref Piero Ceccarini.

Gonella then informed investigators at the FIGC, who immediately opened an enquiry into the allegations.

The federation said that three men were questioned in connection with the affair on Sunday — Empoli club president Fabrizio Corsi, another senior official of the club and also the person who met Farina and allegedly asked to referee in Empoli's favour.

Empoli managing director Fabrizio Lucchesi said: "It's a bolt from the blue. No one told me anything. At this point, I don't know whether to laugh or

cry: We lost the game 3-0, so you can imagine what our morale is Lucchesi said he had only been made aware of the referee change on Sunday morning,

and thought that Farina had simply been unavailable "as happens from time to time." But he insisted: "I'm not alarmed."



Philpott to help their batsmen

get ready for a meeting with

land's hopes are in their own

hands - particularly those of

Gough, who has yet to stay fit

through a five-Test series but

has played several inspired

Darren Gough's the guy they're

going to have to keep on the

park, he's going to have to per-

"If England have any chance,

games against Australia.

But Warne believes Eng-

DARREN GOUGH doesn't bowl as well as he can. Australia will probably win

comfortably. But by saying that, I don't think England will be a pushover."

In Perth, England were al-

land must attack Warne. "With a bowler of the quality of Warne if you just sit and wait it's a matter of time before you get out," Philpott said. "You have got to have some positive play in trying to attack him. You can't just rely on survival, it doesn't work."

ready preparing for Warne, with several local leg-spin

bowlers invited to Test the

batsmen at practice Monday.

Afterwards, Philpott said Eng-

Philpott, a professional legspin coach who played eight Tests for Australia, said England maybe gave wrist spin more respect than it deserved.

I'm sure that right around the world — and particularly in New Zealand, England and South Africa - there has been a slight misunderstanding of wrist spin through lack of exposure," Philpott said. "Consequently they have developed mystiques that aren't quite there but there's only a certain amount any leg-spinner can do and it's all logical, there's nothing mysterious."

Meanwhile paceman Dean Headley was unable to train for a second day running because of his knee injury.

"When he was finishing his spell yesterday he slipped on the crease and felt a little bit of pain in the inside of his knee," said physiotherapist Wayne Morton. "He has a bit of soreness, tenderness and a bit of swelling but it is only the third day so as a precautionary measure we have rested him."

Taylor tastes the rare

KARACHI, Oct 26: Mark

A delighted Australian captain Taylor termed his teams 1-0 series win to day Pakistan as "historic" and a "morale booster" ahead of the

MELBOURNE, Oct

26: Injured Aus-

tralian star Sha-

ne Warne believes

England's Ashes

hopes depend mo-

re on gritty paceman Darren

Gough than his own presence in

the five-Test series, reports AP.

step towards proving his fitness

for the November 20 first Test

when he attempts to bowl in the

nets and in a match for his dis-

trict team within the next week.

matches before the Test and if

he plays in both he expects to

get his spot back to meet Eng-

land in the Brisbane series-

ing in the nets last week and

then scored a century for his

district team on Saturday. He

had further treatment on his

shoulder injury Sunday but on

Monday was looking forward to

then start to rip a few out and

knock a few people over in the

nets and then hopefully play on

Saturday," Warne said. "If I can

play the next two Shield games

then I'm a big chance for the

Test — but if I can only play one

art has said he wants Warne in

the Tests so that Australia

won't have any excuses if they

the record-breaking leg-spin-

ner, bringing in a former Aus-

tralian Test player Peter

lose. England have prepared for

England captain Alec Stew-

or none then I'm no chance."

"I want to get up there and

stepping up his practice.

Warne did some light bowl-

opener.

He has two Sheffield Shield

Warne aims to take a major

Ashes series against England, reports AFP. "I am really delighted at his achievement and it means a great deal for Australia, who had not won here for 39 years", Taylor saying "this is the finest

The series triumph will surely be icing on the cake when Taylor celebrates his 34th birthday Tuesday.

moment of my career."

Taylor, nicknamed "Tubbie," made 513 at 128.25 with a monumental record equalling 334 not out. Australian skipper was de-

clared player of the series. "We started of the series with a win at Rawalpindi and were pretty confident to clinch the

series ahead of Karachi Test. It's

one of the top wins of my captaincy career," Australian skipper said. Taylor reckoned the series

triumph against West Indies in 1994-95, victory against South Africa last year, alongwith this 1-0 win against Pakistan as "top wins for Australia." He has now won 10 of the 13

series he has captained. "To break a barren run in Pakistan was at the back of our minds when the tour started and I owe all my fellow players

cheers for this win." Taylor

Taylor, who succeeded Allan Border as captain, now has 24 wins in 45 Tests with 12 losses. He has away series wins in West Indies, Pakistan, England and

South Africa. "We could have won here, but Ijaz and Moin played well and we dropped some crucial catches, there are no disappointments," he said.

Taylor termed the pitch at Karachi as "not good for Test

cricket." He agreed that off-field problems were 'distracting.'

"The betting and match-fixing controversy did distract both teams and took a little gloss off our first test win," Taylor said.

Taylor, along with five other players, return to Australia where England is waiting for them for the Ashes series.

"Surely it will be a morale booster win ahead of the Ashes and we will have our tails up for the Ashes," Taylor said. He said his batting clicked

during the series against Pakistan and gave them the edge when needed. "All top order batsmen came

up with scores which contributed to our win and bowlers did extremely well," he said, praising leg-spinner Stuart MacGill as a player with future potential.

MacGill took 15 wickets in the series with nine in the Rawalpindi triumph, paceman Glenn McGrath finished with 12 in three Tests.

Usha feels confident COLOMBO, Oct 26: also bagged a silver in the 200



Twenty years ago, a shy, 13-year-old bucktooth girl with a pigtail took many of India's athletic pundits by surprise,

reports AP. Payyoli Tevaraparampil Usha won gold in the 100 metres, 80-meter hurdles 4x100metre relay and long jump. She wanted to compete in more events, but officials at the un-

der-14 Indian National Athletics Champions told her to give others a chance. Now the woman known as

India's "sprint queen" is looking to stun the world again at the Asian Games, which kick Usha reigned supreme for

off in Bangkok in December. more than a decade. During the 1982 New Delhi Asian Games, she won silver in the 100 metres and 200 metres. A year later,

she won gold in her favourite

400 metres in the Asian Track

and Field meet in Kuwait. She

East

♥ H: J32

♦ D : None

+C:73

♦ S : QJ987543

3 Hearts

Pass

metres.

At the New Delhi Asian Track and Field meet in 1989. she won gold in the 200 metres. 400 metres, 400-metre hurdles and 4x400-metre hurdles. Her 23.27 seconds in the 200 that year is still India's national

record. Then came the 1990 Beijing Asian Games, where she failed to win a single medal. At an age when many runners have long since retired, 33-year-old Usha

Sports medicine and cricket' workshop

A day-long workshop on "sports medicine and cricket," begins at 10 am today at Hotel Sonargaon, reports BSS.

Local and foreign renowned physicians and sports medicine experts will conduct the workshop, organised by medical subcommittee of the Wills International Cup cricket tournament under the sponsorship of The Daily Bhorer Kagoj.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader and Deputy Minister for Shipping and president of Bangladesh Cricket Board Saber Hossain Chowdhury will attend the certificate distribution ceremony as the chief guest and special guest.

is looking at the forthcoming Asian Games at Bangkok for her last glory.

"I will definitely win gold,"

Usha said in a recent interview. Taking everyone by surprise. Usha came out of her self-imposed retirement and took part in the Asian Track Championship meet in Fukuoka, Japan last July. She anchored India's 4x100-metre relay team to a gold, led her country's silver medal team in the 4x400, and earned an individual bronze in

"I'm more than happy," Usha told The Associated Press then. "Hopefully I'll be better fit and run faster in the Asian Games.

the 200 metres.

In Bangkok, Usha will run in the 200 metres and may try the 400, as well as the 4x400 and 4x100 relays.

Usha stands out in a country of 980 million people that has produced surprisingly few runners able to compete at the in-

ternational level. No Indian has won a medal in an Olympic track or field event. It was Usha who came

closest to an Olympics medal

when she missed the bronze by 0.01 seconds in 1994. One year after going into what turned out to be a shortlived retirement in 1991. Usha married S Sreenivasan, also an athlete who plays the traditional Indian tag-like game of kabbadi. He brought her back to

the track and became her coach. The couple has a 6-year-old son, Ujwal.

Barcelona's Dutch international Patrick Kluivert celebrates scoring a goal in the Spanish league game against Espanol on Oct 25. — AP/UNB photo

Sohail puts on a brave face

KARACHI, Oct 26: Pakistan captain Aamir Sohail today lamented fitness problems and lack of pitch experts after losing the three-match series against Australia, reports AFP. The Australian 1-0 victory

in 39 years. "Fitness problems did not allow us to play with full strength and in future we will only play fully fit players," Sohail said

Pakistan badly missed the services of ace speed merchant Waqar Younis who missed the whole series due to an elbow

Another Pakistani fast bowler Wasim Akram missed the second Test and was not in his full form here due to dia-

taincy and Australian team. "They are a very tough side and to beat them one needs to be mentally very tough, we were

·Pakistan's coach Javed Miandad was clearly disappointed over his team's poor

potential and allowed them to take a lead in Rawalpindi where

fected its performance.

Miandad said.

Kookaburra balls

is injured and his teammates are out of the country but Australian cricket balls are already causing trouble for England's Ashes tourists, reports

Cottam has noted that the Kookaburra balls used down under don't swing as much as the Reader brand used at home.

rely on their ability to reverse swing the ball in the later stages of an innings to be effective during the five-Test series and will need to keep a tight and disciplined bowling line.

on reverse swing which it hasn't done yet in the nets."

If England's bowlers fail to make the Kookaburra reverse swing they must strike early and mix up their pace later in

Agassi storms into top five

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic, Oct 26: US showman Andre Agassi stormed into the top five on Sunday after beating Slovakian qualifier Jan Kroslak 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 in the final of the 975,000-dollar Czech Indoor championships here, reports

Second seed Agassi had a clear run to his fifth win of the season in eight final showings once top seeded Czech Petr Korda crashed at the first hurdle to Russian teenagar Marat Safin.

picked up the 137,000-dollar winner's cheque, did not disappoint despite a second-set hiatus, when his 153rd-ranked opponent drew level before fading in the deciding set.

entertained, particularly in the fifth game of the first set, where Kroslak saved nine break points. The game, which lasted 15 minutes, went to 13 deuces.

path at the start of the second when he raced 3-0 ahead and that momentum carried him through before Agassi got his game back together in the final set and secured a slot at the year-ending World Championship in Hanover next month.

The Las Vegas showman won his fifth tournament victory of the season despite the absence of coach Brad Gilbert and wife Brooke Shields and joked: "That doesn't mean I don't need

Anand held

TILBURG, Oct 26: India's Vishwanathan Anand was held to a quick 21-move draw by Jeron Piket of the Netherlands in the third round of the Tilburg international Grand Masters chess tournament here, reports

man field with 2.5 points after wins over Joel Laautier of France and Russian world number three Vladimir Kramnik in the first and second rounds, followed by Englishman Michael Adams and V Topalov of Bulgaria on two points. Playing with black pieces for

the first time in the tournament, Anand adopted the semi-Slav defence against Piket. The Dutchman, bouncing back from his loss against Peter

Svidler in the previous round, tried to trap a wary Anand in his 19th move. After 21 moves. Anand offered a draw when no result was possible. round was a fine win by Kram-

Russian for a quick win. Svidler, a winner in the second round, crashed to defeat at the hands of Topalov after a

Australia end 39-year drought

Ijaz, Moin save Karachi Test



KARACHI, Oct 26: ljaz Ahmed and Moin Khan halted an alarming slide to claim a draw for Pakistan in

the third and final Test here today but Australia still celebrated their first series victory in Pakistan for 39 years, reports

and the guys did extremely well to help achieve this feat," said Taylor, who hit an unbeaten 334 in the second Test in Pe-

No Australian team had won a series on the sub-continent since Bill Lawry's Australian team beat India 3-1 in 1969-70. Taylor's Australia lost to India 2-1 earlier this year.

> Pakistan's most experienced batsman Salim Malik got his second zero when he was adjudged lbw off Miller. Pakistan were then on 35-3. Yusuf Yohanna added 40 with liaz for the fourth wicket before falling victim to Stuart MacGill after making 11. Mark Waugh held a low catch at silly mid-off. Moin was left off by Mark Waugh in the slip off MacGill when on 30. The two lapses allowed Pakistan to see off the second session without losing a wicket. Moin reached his fifty off 92 balls, with eight fours. He holed out at long leg off Darren Lehmann after making a solid Inzamamul Haq who came

Healy for six.

fore by Miller for 25.

Sohail was trapped leg be-

The Pakistani captain, who

was made player-of-the match

for his 133 in the first innings,

was clearly upset over South

African umpire Dave Orchard's

Merwe of South Africa decided

not to take any action after con-

firming it with Orchard.

Match referee Peter van der

at seven, after not being able to field during the fourth day, remained 21 not out, Miller was the pick of Australian bowlers with figures of 3-82. "We had some injury prob-

lems throughout the series but lost the series to a formidable team," Sohail said. "One has to be a really tough

to beat a team like Australia. We were not," he said.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at close from the fifth and final day of the third cricket Test between Pakistan and Australia on Monday: AUSTRALIA: First innings

280 (M Slater 96, I Healy 47; Shahid Afridi 5-52) PAKISTAN: First innings 252 (Aamir Sohail 133, Wasim

Akram 35; G McGrath 5-66). AUSTRALIA: Second innings 390 (M Waugh 117; M Taylor 68, J Langer 51, G Robertson



SOHAIL ... p-o-m 45; Shakil Ahmed 4-91) PAKISTAN: Second innings

Sohail lbw b Miller Afridi c Healy b Miller liaz not out Malik lbw b Miller Yohanna c M Waugh b MacGill Moin c MacGill b Lehmann Inzamam not out Extras: (b-2, nb-2)

Total: (for 5 wkts) Miller had opener Shahid Afridi caught behind by Ian 4-75; 5-228.

Fall of wkts: 1-20; 2-33; 3-35; Bowler: McGrath Miller MacGill S Waugh Robertson Lehmann Did not bat: Wasim Akram, Shakil Ahmed, Arshed Khan

and Shoaib Akhter. Umpires: Dave Orchard (South Africa) and Riaz-Uddin (Pakistan). Result: Match drawn.

Player-of-the-match: Aamir Sohail. Player-of-the-series: Ijaz Ahmed, Mark Taylor.

Asian U-19 soccer results

BANGKOK, Oct 26 (Xinhua): Following are the results from the under-19 Asian Youth Football championships in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on Sunday:

Saudi Arabia bt Kazakhstan 2-1 (halftime 0-1) Thailand tied Kuwait 1-1 (0-

25 Exemplar 18 4 Barbiturate of patience 26 Not masc. 27 Brickwork-**CRYPTOQUIP**

Group A

GIPDUQ-GU PDDTP

King of -T R U A D A PW XRYDXH GXMGHP G IXGUY. Q W A V G M Yesterday's Cryptoquip: YOU MIGHT SAY THAT AN ARMY GENERAL IS TRULY AN ATTENTION GET-

41 Peace Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals B The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it 43 Labyrinth will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to 44 Alluring locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



Australian skipper Mark Taylor appeals successfully

against Pakistani opener Shahid Afridi who was caught

behind for six off Collin Miller on the final day of the

Karachi Test yesterday.

The home team averted hu-

miliation through an unbeaten

120 by Ijaz and Moin's 75. They

rescued Pakistan from a precar-

ious 75-4 with a stubborn 153-

victory when they had Pakistan

on 78-4 at lunch but missed two

crucial catches that could have

tralian skipper Mark Taylor off

Glenn McGrath when on two.

Moin got a life on 30 when

Mark Waugh spilled a chance in

three match series 1-0, thanks

to their innings and 99-run vic-

tory in the first Test in

Rawalpindi. It was the first Test

since Richie Benaud's side beat

Taylor's ambition had been

"I am really very delighted

Pakistan at Lahore in 1959-60.

to win a series on the sub-con-

eve of his 34th birthday.

tinent and he fulfilled it on the

and series victory in Pakistan

Australia still clinched the

the slip off Stuart MacGill.

ljaz was dropped by Aus-

Australia were in sight of a

run fifth wicket stand.

ensured victory.

- AFP photo

The day also belong to Ijaz.

who hit 16 fours in his 327-

minute vigil and was given the

player-of-the-series award. He

slammed a career best 155 in

Test century in 265 minutes of

211 balls, hitting 14 fours in his

and 390 in their two innings

and getting Pakistan out for 252

in their first innings, set the.

home side the near impossible

winning target of 419. And Pak-

istan were reeling at 40-3 an

hour after the start of the final

Collin Miller struck three cru-

three fours off Glenn McGrath's

second over taking 14 runs in

all. But with the first ball of the

fourth over Miller's rampage

cial blows in his first spell.

Tasmaninan pace bowler

Opener Aamir Sohail hit

fifth ton against Australia.

Ijaz completed his ninth

Australia after scoring 280

the second Test.

morning.

began.

High commissioner of Sri Lanka in Dhaka hosted a reception in honour of the visiting Lankan cricket team at a city hotel yesterday. The high commissioner and the counsellor are seen with director, ministry of sports and prominent players of the team.

101 Dal-

matians

7 Footman?

as with

10 Megalo-

sunlight

9 Jai follower

maniacal

assistant?

Dolls" role

20 "Guys and 35 Enthusi-

captain

11 Acute

23 Unruly

GUMSAGS

Solution time: 23 mins.

YELPERGELAD

Yesterday's answer

bunch

19 Lab

8 Surround, 28 Silly Putty

2 On

5 Saw

24 "Much -

About

Nothing"

er's prop

container

29 Infinitesi-

31 Scene of

luxury

and evil

mal

32 Garb

34 Tibetan

beast

asts, plus

36 Aphorism

37 Black-and

white

snake

and the

38 "Anna

39 Like the

Rabbit

Rhythm"

42 Lip

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

46 Bank trans- 6 Soft ball

38 Examples

action

47 Downsize

48 Minute bit

49 "Metamor-

phoses"

quorum?

supplies

53 Pigs' digs

1 99 of the

DOWN

51 Apportion

52 Fishing-

poet

50 Egg roll

of 18

8 Pool-table 45 Othello's

ACROSS

1 Chum

4 Delany or

cushion

12 Actress

13 Lyric

Hagen

poems

14 Sheltered

15 Roast pig

side dish

16 Imperfec-

17 Domesti-

18 Couturier's

concern

21 "Golly!"

man 23 Prime

study

30 Stench

31 Spelldown

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bigwig

and down

ing veggie

34 Thanksgiv-

37 Billy, when

35 Cheat a

36 Yak

33 Go up

27 Chop down DOT

26 Saute

22 Mamie's

North realised that West held a long Heart suit. His negative double indicated that any of the remaining suits would be compatible with a bid to be made by South. Thus, when South came out with a Diamond suit at 4 level, North jumped to six. North was justified in his bid because he had first-round control in both Spade and Club. There should be no loser in Diamond. Either Club or Spade or both could be developed. Under normal defence 6 Diamonds are unbeatable.

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq

NORTH MAKES AN IMAGINATIVE BID BUT WEST

SHOWS MORE IMAGINATION IN UNDERLEADING

HEARTS

(Hand # 126)

North

♠ S: A 1062

♦ D: Q 1076

+ C: AQ 105

South (D)

♥ H. 76

♦ D: AK9842

North

Double

6 Diamonds

♣ C KJ86

THE PLAY

West

AS: None

♦ D: J53

♣C: 942

South

Pass

1 Diamond*

4 Diamonds

* Artificial opening.

♥ H: AKQ10985

Bidding: Neither side was vulnerable

2 Hearts

4 Hearts

West on lead thought carefully as to how to create an entry into partner's hand and induce him to lead a Spade for him to ruff. He therefore led the 9 of Hearts (not the 10) and partner played his third hand highest - the Jack - not in the hope of winning the trick but primarily as a matter of habit. When he surprisingly won the trick his thought machine started kicking. Why on earth partner underled Hearts? Obviously, he wanted to gain an entry in East's hand and wanted to ruff something. Which suit? No doubt, it was Spade, because he led an unnecessarily high card. If he wanted to ruff a Club he would have led a small Heart. Moreover, East held a long Spade suit in which partner was likely to be void. But he did not have to guess-partner made it easy by leading a high card. Down one.

on Pakistan soil was their first after the final match here ended

in a draw.

Sohail won his second Test as captain in Durban when Pakistan beat a formidable South Africa by 29 runs in February. He praised Taylor's cap-

not," Sohail accepted.

"We failed to play up to our

we should have won," Miandad He believed the team needed

time and too much cricket af-"I think switching from oneday to Tests was a bit difficult,"

troubling English PERTH, Oct 26: Shane Warne

England bowling coach Bob

Cottam said England must

"The new Kookaburra ball stays hard and swings for about 20 overs - it roughs up immediately," Cottam said Monday. "All these balls have quite a proud seam to start with which is made of nylon and it shears away, so we have to try working

the innings.

And the American, who

Both players kept the crowd

Kroslak enjoyed a purple

"Kroslak surprised me with his service and his volleys," Agassi admitted afterwards.

Anand still leads the 12-

The highlight of the third nik, who crushed Lautier in just 24 moves after a queen's gambit declined start. Errors by Lautier in the middle game saw his defence being torn apart by the

Spanish opening.