Chittagong move into final round

Chittagong DSA advanced to the final round of the 25th National Cricket Championship with an innings and 113 runs victory over Comilla DSA at the Comilia Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

On the second day of the three-day zonal final, Chittagong piled up 325 runs for all in 91.2 overs in their first innings after resuming with overnight score of 145 for two wickets.

Nobel scored highest 73 and Tareq made 70. Babu took two wickets for 47

runs. Comilla DSA, who were dismissed for 88 in the first innings on the first day, also collapsed in their second innings scoring 124 runs for all in 33.3 overs.

Salahuddin scored highest 30 runs while Sumon contributed 28 runs,

Away at the Faridpur Stadium, Dhaka DSA lost all their wickets scoring only 90 runs in 42.2 overs in the first innings against hosts Faridpur DSA who made 105 for one in 36 overs at stumps on the first day.

Spinner Effee demolished the Dhaka DSA batting line up claiming seven wickets for 29 as Dhaka opted to bat first. Mukul captured two wickets

for 21 runs while Nasim took one for 11 runs. For Dhaka DSA, number seven batsman Sapu made

highest 24 off 48 balls while number nine batsman Rony added 21 runs off 17 balls. Faridpur DSA scored 105 in

36 overs at stumps losing the only wicket of opener Bappi Indrajit and Mofizul Islam

were batting with 45 and 18 runs respectively when stumps were drawn for the day. At Barisal Stadium, Jha-

lakati DSA defeated Pirojpur DSA by 12 runs. Jhalakati DSA scored 247

runs losing all the wickets in 45 Rab scored highest 78 runs

for this winning team. In reply, Pirojpur scored 235 in 44.5 overs fosing all the wickets Jwel scored 76.

Jiban of Pirojpur and Mintu of Jhalakati bagged 3 wicket each for 33 and 36 runs respec-

Div I cricket

Wanderers outplay Lalmatia

A stormy knock of 81 by Jafar steered Dhaka Wanderers Club to a eight-wicket victory over Lalmatta Club in the Metropolis First Division cricket league at the Mirpur City Club ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Opener Jafar struck four boundaries and six over boundaries to score 81 off 45 balls. He completed fifty facing only 28 deliveries.

Sent in to bat first, Lalmatia scored 178 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs.

Opener Bablu scored highest 35 off 47 balls with three fours and a six while Raju added 30 runs off 38 balls that included six fours.

Tapu picked up three wickets for 29 and Boghu took two wickets for 23 runs.

In reply, Wanderers reached their target of 179 in 28.3 overs

losing only two wickets. Another opener Mahfuz remained unbeaten on 51 facing 81 balls with six hits across the

rope while another not out batsman Jewel added 30 runs off 48 balls with five bound-Chanchal and Arif took one

wicket each for 11 and 32 runs respectively.

Davis Cup teams start arriving

Syria, China Hong Kong, and Tajikistan arrived here yesterday to take part in the Asia-Oceania Zone Group three matches beginning at the National Tennis Complex on March 10, reports BSS.

the demise of the Emir of Bahrain Shaikh Issa bin Salman Al-Khalifa.

relegated to Group Four next

ing day.

The other match of the day

are: Rabi Bou-Hassoun, Samir Saad el Din, Lias Salim, Abdul Rahim Salim and Rashed Shhabi (captain).

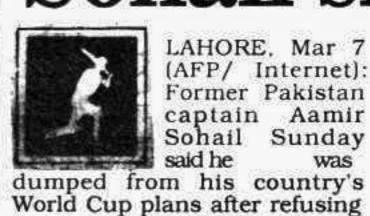
Chinese Hong Kong will be represented by Wayne Wong, Melvin Tong, Michael Wu, Ivan Yeh and Ashley Hobson

The Tajikistan players are Mansour Yakhyaev, Sergei Makashin, Roustam Amanov, Bakhrullo Radjabalien and Vazirbek Nazirov (captain).

Meanwhile, chair umpires Mohammed Moghades (Iran), Asitha Attygala (Sri Lanka) and Kishore Chowdhury (India) also arrived here today to officiate the matches.

Earlier, two chair umpires and the tournament referee from Japan arrived in the city.

Sohail smells a bribery rat



tions against team-mates. He said the Pakistan Cricket Board told him if he wanted to play in the May and June World Cup in England he would have to withdraw corruption allegations made against Pakistan captain Wasim Akram.

to drop match-rigging allega-

"I was asked to pay a big price for my inclusion by the Pakistan Board but I think it is not in my destiny to play the 1999," Sohail told the news

When asked to elaborate on what was the "big price", Sohail said: 'The Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman Khalid Mahmood asked me to drop allegations against Wasim Akram which I am not ready to do," Sohail said.

Sohail last year gave evidence against Wasim and other players at a Pakistan special inquiry set up to investigate

betting and match-rigging. Pakistani selectors also left out experienced batsman Salim Malik from the 19 world cup probables.

"I am here to fight my battle against this corruption and will sacrifice my career over that. I will not budge an inch," Sohail

NEW DELHI, Mar-

ch 7 (AFP): The

Indian media on

Sunday lashed out

at Pakistan for "fixing" the on-

going Lahore Test against Sri

Lanka to deny India a place in

the Asian championship final.

ready assured of playing in the

final, were accused of deliber-

ately gifting bonus points to an

under-strength Sri Lanka to

avoid a title clash against arch-

was nothing short of a farce, a

mockery in the name of

cricket," screamed the Times of

match was "fixed" as "Pakis-

tan batsmen threw their

at crucial stages to let Sri Lanka

283-3 to 373-9 within the first

100 overs to give the Lankans

four bowling points. They then

allowed their rivals to recover

from 156-4 to 299-5 for three

What mystifted the Indians

was that Akram stayed away

from the attack at a crucial

stage on Saturday and returned

to bowl only after the Sri

Lankans were assured of quali-

man reeling drunkenly about

Boudouani, however, fought

Judge Alegandro Rochin of

The Associated Press card

In a bruising, brawling 10-

Savarese got up from a sixth-

Before the fight, Reid's

trainer, Al Mitchell, said, "If he

can't handle David's speed,

scored it 118-112, all for Reid.

favoured Reid 116-111.

unbeaten Lance Whitaker.

Pakistan collapsed from

wickets and the bowlers rested

The Indian Express said the

What happened at Lahore

rivals India.

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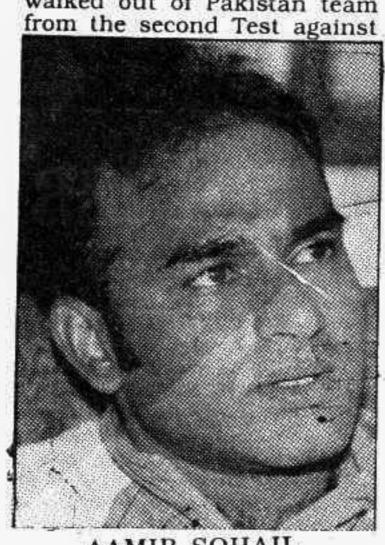
Wasim Akram's men, al-

PCB Chairman Khalid Mahmood termed Sohail's assertion "a serious matter." "I do not want to comment on it right now. It is very serious

and I do not know what he has

said but I will definitely look

into it," Mahmood said. The 32-year-old opener walked out of Pakistan team



AAMIR SOHAIL

Zimbabwe in December and has not been selected since then. Pakistan selectors earlier said Sohail had been excluded from the squad because he did not play in enough domestic cricket this season.

"Sohail has not been included because he did not give us a chance to ascertain his batting form by not playing in the

Ousted India blasts Pakistan

The lethal left-armer pol-

Sri Lanka, without five top

ished off the tail in eight deliv-

eries after claiming a hat-trick.

stars including skipper Arjuna

Ranatunga, gained the required

seven bonus points by the third

day's play to edge India out of

Lahore Test over the two re-

maining days, they will still

travel to the Bangladeshi capi-

tal of Dhaka for the final

ral round-robin league with 11

points against the 10 by India,

who lost to Pakistan at Calcutta

and drew against the Sri

that Pakistan were technically

not at fault for choosing their

opponents in the final, but felt

the "spirit of the game and the

seriousness of the competition"

the game's administrators to

watch video recordings of the

match to expose the Pakistani

novice fast bowlers angled the

ball away to give width to the

batsmen for free hits," the

ner Saqlain Mushtaq drifted

the ball down the leg-side as if

The Times of India wanted

See how Akram and his

The world's best off-spin-

The Indian media conceded

Sri Lanka ended the inaugu-

Even if Sri Lanka lose the

the championship.

starting on Friday.

Lankans at Colombo.

had been compromised.

domestic matches," chief selector Wasim Bari said.

Former Pakistan opener Sohail was banned for two months after he had a verbal confrontation with Chief Executive Majid Khan in 1996. Later he was banned for two years when he alleged fellow players were involved in match fixing and betting in a newspaper in-

terview. The ban was later lifted after Sohail tendered apology and a fine of rupees 50,000. "I will go till the last and if

playing in the world cup is in not my destiny I am ready to face it." Sohail said. "I am doing what I think is

right," Sohail said. The commission headed by a

high court judge Malik Mohammad Qayyum was to hold proceedings on March 3 but the hearing has been postponed for the third time after the judge fell ill.

Batsman Salim Malik has also been left out of the 19-man squad, which must eventually be trimmed to 15 before the start of the tournament.

But paceman Wagar Younis has earned a recall to the squad. "We dropped Malik on his current form and Wagar was included for his experience in the English conditions," Wasim said.

Malik, a veteran of three World Cups, had already been dropped from the on-going third Asian Test Championship match in Lahore.

he did not know where to pitch.

have a championship?," the

Times asked. "It is loud and

clear from this shady matter

that Pakistan is scared of play-

Gavaskar, who helped draw up

the points system for the cham-

pionship, however defended

the way Sri Lanka were allowed

to get those points, the fact re-

mains that when a team wants

to win a title it can do what it

feels is the best way to do it,"

Gavaskar wrote in his syndi-

feel done in, but they have only

to look at their squandered op-

portunities to understand that

when you point a finger, there

are three of the same hand

particularly hurt Indian skip-

per Mohammad Azharuddin,

who is one match away from

surpassing Gavaskar's record of

Azharuddin, already under

fire after the loss to Pakistan in

the Asian Test opener, has to

wait till the home series against

New Zealand in October to

know whether he gets the

Not playing the final will

pointing back at you."

47 Tests as captain.

"The Indians will no doubt

Indian batting legend Sunil

"While many will question

ing against India at Dhaka."

Pakistan's approach.

cated column.

"If that's the spirit, why

Pak elite

Wastrjouns

LAHORE, Mar 7 (Reuters/ Internet): Opener Wajahatullah Wasti, in just his second Test, became only the third Pakistani cricketer to score a century in each innings on the fourth day of the Asian Championship match against Sri Lanka on Sunday.

Wasti followed his first innings effort of 133 with another patient, unbeaten knock of 121 to put his side in a commanding position.

Hanif Mohammad (111 and 103) at Dhaka against England in the 1961-62 series and Javed Miandad (104 and 103) against New Zealand at Hyderabad in the 1984-85 series are the other two Pakistanis to achieve the distinction at this level. He became the 41st batsman in the cricket world to score twin hundreds in a Test match.

Wasti reached his century by sweeping off-spinner Ruwan Kalpage to the mid-wicket ropes for his eleventh four. His century, which also included a six, came in 338 minutes off 246

The 25-year-old began the day on 61 when Pakistan were 149 without loss and played calmly despite losing partners at regular intervals. The 24-year-old, from the

North West Frontier Province. stayed 425 minutes at the crease and laced his innings with 12 fours and a six.

This is the happiest day of my life and I think I have played well enough to deserve this honour," he said.

Nat'l U-21 snooker

Rubaiy Ahmed of Dhaka Club reached quarterfinal in style defeating Fahim Ahmed of Dhaka Billiards Centre 3-0 (48-20, 50-10 & 53-39). Thanzina Azad also from Dhaka Club defeated Azharul Haque of Uttara Club 3-0 (45 11, 56-26 & 47-21) and reached pre-quarterfinal. Tanzina will play against the 3 time champion SM Sajjad of Dhaka Club in the quarterfinal to be played at 1 pm on Monday, says a press release.

In day's other matches, Naweed Newaz, another upcoming player from Dhaka Club played cool & confident game of snooker to reach the quarterfinal defeating Ripon Das of Narayangonj Club 3-2. Sajjad Hossen of Officers Club outplayed Faisal of Dhaka Club 3-0 with a 31 break in the 2nd frame. Numayer Mahbub of Dhaka Club had an easy 3-0 win against compatriot Manzoor. Monday's matches will be

CCC Manikganj, Kushtia win easy

held at 1 pm & 4 pm at Dhaka

Club Billiards room.

Sports Reporter Kushtia Academy and Cricket Coaching Centre (CCC) of Manikganj won their respective matches of the KB Rai Choudhury memorial under-13 cricket tournament played at the Kalabagan Krira Chakra ground yesterday.

In the first match, Kushtia Academy defeated Cricket Coaching School Yellow by nine wickets. Opener Samrat scored 44 as

Kushtia Academy, chasing a commanding SSC Yellow total of 105 in 20 overs, went on to score 109 with the loss of one wicket and more than 13 overs In the other match, CCC

Manikganj handed CCS Green an identical nine-wicket defeat. Chasing a paltry 67 in 20 overs, CCC Manikganj reached 68 in 11.1 overs with Sabu hammering an unbeaten 25.

Acme Div II cricket

Pratik KC, Liton Smriti Cricket Club and Indira Road Club won their respective matches of the Acme Second Division cricket league at different city venues yesterday, reports UNB. At the Uttara Friends Club

ground, Pratik beat Uditi Club by 48 runs. PRATIK KC: 227/8 in 40 overs (Pijush 67, Sadat 54,

Jewel 32; Zibran 2/32, Piyal UDITI CLUB: 179/10 in 17.1 overs (Rusho 58, Saib 23; Kallol

At the T&T ground, Liton Smriti cricket Club defeated Bangladesh Railway by five

BANGLADESH RAILWAY: 129/7 in 40 overs (Shiplu 25; Shamim 3/24, Azad 2/25). LITON SMRITI CC: 135/5 in 35.4 overs (Jalil 35, Palash 31;

wickets.

Momin 2/25). At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Indira Road Club beat Dhanmondi Pragati Sangha by 76 runs.

INDIRA ROAD CLUB: 182/8 in 40 overs (Subir 59, Shiplu 26; Sadik 3/32, Azim 2/21, Dipu 2/27). DHANMONDI PS: 106/10 in

20.3 overs (Sadik 37 (no); Mitul 3/20, Mamun 3/37).

Barisal sports

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Mar 7: Two-day long Barisal division winter sports competition of 12-16 age groups ended yesterday at the local stadium. The competition was organ-

Barisal district team became champions and Jhalakati as runners-up. Barisal district cricket team also beat the Bhola district

ised by Barisal DSA.

team. . Prizes were distributed by Begum Farida Mollah, president, Divisional Women Sports Association and Roshnara Alauddin, president, District Women Sports Association. A total of 380 competitors

both male and female from Barisal, Bhola, Jhalakati and Pirojpur participated in the — Star photo meet.

NZ A batsmen fail to impress

Left-arm swing bowler



reports AP.

Monday.

surgery.

advised against it.

and a bowler from New Zealand

Young (36), Matthew Sinclair

(14) and Mark Bailey (0) were

disappointing in New Zealand

A's 276 for nine declared. This

was in reply to South Africa's

403 for six declared on the first

est run-getter with 783 runs at

an average of 77 is the only un-

Bailey toured West Indies in

1995-96 as a replacement while

opener Young is a veteran of 33

Tests and appeared in the away

series against Sri Lanka last

been forced to dig deep after

skipper Stephen Fleming de-

layed his return after a groin

turn to the side for the Thurs-

Also on the injured list are

Craig McMillan (broken hand)

and opener Matthew Bell, who

is suffering from a viral infec-

day's second Test but has been

The three-man panel has

capped batsmen in contention.

Sinclair, the season's high-

CHRISTCHURCH, tion he picked up during the Commonwealth Games in Mar 7: New Zealand found them-Malaysia last year. selves in a selec-Shayne O'Connor enhanced his tion quandary chances of being picked in the

12-men squad by claiming 4-27 in the South African second inthe second Test against South nings of 98 for four at stumps Africa by 24 hours on Sunday, on the second day. Looking to pick at least two He was on a hattrick when batsmen including an opener he dismissed Dale Benkenstein and Daryll Cullinan with suc-

A's game against the visitors, cessive balls, but Jonty Rhodes lack of good first innings perthwarted his hopes. formance forced the selectors to O'Connor, who played the delay naming the squad until last of his six Tests in Sri Lanka in 1997-98, took 1-109 in Fringe batsmen Bryan

the first innings. "It is disappointing that the players we are looking at haven't come through," said

New Zealand coach Steve Rixon. "The selectors have given the players another chance in the

second innings," he added. In South Africa's low key approach to the game, the visitors used four wickets keepers Cronje, Gibbas, Gary Kirsten and Shaun Pollock - after Mark Boucher was rested from

the game. Bailey was contentiously ruled out to give Pollock his 300th first-class wicket. The No 4 batsman was given caught off his shoulder before lunch on the second day.

Gary Stead top scored for the Fleming, was expected to rehome side with 70 while Robbie Lawson hit 57. Black medium paceman Victor Mpitsang returned the best bowling for South Africa with 3-51.

> SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the three-day

match between a South African Xl and New Zealand A at Lin-

coln on Sunday: SOUTH AFRICAN XI: First innings 403-6 Dec. NEW ZEALAND A: First innings (Overnight 12 for no loss) Young c Kirsten b Mpitsang Lawson c Kallis b Pollock Sinclair c Kirsten b Elworthy Bailey c Rhodes b Pollock Stead c Kirsten b Adams Styris c Rhodes b Mpitsang Hopkins c Rhodes b Mpitsang Walker c Pollock b Elworthy Bulfin c and b Adams O'Connor not out Drum not out Extras: (b-4, lb-11, w-1, nb-15)

Total: (For nine wkts dec) Fall of wkts: 1-71; 2-125; 3-125; 4-132; 5-196; 6-200; 7-243; 8-259; 9-276.

Bowler: Pollock 0 57 Elworthy 89 Kallis 35 3 Mpitsang 51 Adams 29

SOUTH AFRICAN XI: Second innings Cronje b O'Connor Gibbs b O'Connor

Kallis not out Benkenstein lbw b O'Connor Cullinan lbw b O'Connor Rhodes not out Extras: (1-lb, 3-nb) Total: (For four wkts) Bowler:

O'Connor 27 10 Drum Bulfin 35 Styris 25 Walker 0



FC Frieberg custodian Richard Golz saves from the feet of Bayern Munich's Brazilian striker Giovanne Elber during their Bandesliga fixture at Munich on March 6. Bayern won 2-0. - AFP photo

Things getting better and better for Beckham



(Reuters): Two pinpoint crosses that helped bury Inter Milan, making peace with an Argentine nemesis and the birth of a baby boy — it's been a

big week for David Beckham. The 23-year-old midfielder with catwalk looks and a pop star fiancee has suffered badly, since his dismissal against Argentina heralded the end of England's World Cup campaign.

The Manchester United player kicked out at Diego Simeone and left his 10 teammates to lose the second round game in a penalty shoot-out, "Beckham wrecked it for us" the Daily Mirror, and much of the country, concluded.

On Wednesday Beckham had a chance to redeem himself in the European Cup quarter-final against Inter - and Simeone. He played so well that United manager Alex Ferguson called him the finest crosser of the ball in Europe.

At the final whistle, Beckham and Simeone exchanged shirts and embraced. "He's a good lad," said the Argentine.

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The following day Beckham's fiancee 'Posh Spice' Victoria Adams gave birth to their son, named Brooklyn Joseph Beckham. It seems that the London-born star has finally grown up both on and off the

The condemnation he suffered for his red card led his family to warn he might move overseas, but it has undoubtedly helped turn him into a tougher player who rarely wastes a ball and fights for the team. He remains a superb creator of goals. Pundits raved at Beckham's 'Tour de force' against Inter and his part in Dwight Yorke's goals in the 2-0 victory.

The criticism Beckham had to cope with in the wake of England's France 98 defeat reached such a level that his effigy was strung up outside a pub in south London.

Another irate fan printed 10,000 red cards and gave them to fellow West Ham supporters to wave at the player during United's first match of the Premier League season.

It was a huge comedown for the young player whose mild manners off the pitch contrasted with the breathtaking self-confidence he has always shown on it.

He first came to wide public notice in 1996 when he chipped a goal over an opposing goalkeeper from the halfway line. Dutch soccer great Johan Cruyff believes he is now destined for greatness, "Beckham thrills me," he told the Mail on Sunday. He is ideal for an attacking formation.

But a fiancee who gave him a Ferrari as a Christmas present, and the life style of a superstar means media attention does not always focus on his attacking. creative play.

After his sending-off all the barbs aimed at him in the past came back to haunt him.

The Daily Telegraph labelled Beckham this: Gaultier-Saronged, Posh Spiced, cool Britannia, look-at-me, what-alad, loadsmoney sex-andshopping, fame-schooled, daytime-tv-over-coffed twerp'. . . .

Now, the full term of a pregnancy later, he is once again the blue-eyed boy of Manchester United and England.

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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 54 Lopsided words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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Saturday night as he became the WBA super welterweight champion.

the ring.

back and seemed to have the The Davis Cuppers from best of the 10th and 11th rounds before Reid had him in trouble again with several flurries of punches in the final round. Mexico scored it 117-112, John Stewart of New Jersey had it

117-111 and Fernando Viso The teams from Malaysia and Saudi Arabia will arrive here today while Bahrain has pulled out of the tournament at the very last moment following round heavyweight bout, Lou round knockdown to score a split decision over previously

The Pacific Oceania team

arrived on March 5. Seven countries, split into two groups, will take part in the group three of the Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone. The top team of each group will be promoted to Group Two and the bottom one of each group will be

year. Bangladesh will face Syria while Chinese Hong Kong will take on Malaysia on the open-

will see Pacific Oceania, face Saudi Arabia. The Syrian team members

(captain).

Reid too fast for Boudouani Boudouani is in trouble." New Jersey, Mar 7 It was Reid's speed that made (AP): David Reid, the difference.

game plan.

newspaper said.

the only Amer-Reid scored well with stiff ican boxer to win a gold medal in the 1996 Olympics, became a world champion in only his 11th pro fight when he easily outpointed Laurent Boudouani of France at the Boardwalk Convention Centre. Reid was just too fast for Boudouani and had him in serious trouble late in the fight

to the bell. Reid, 25, had Boudouani, 32, in desperate trouble in the ninth round when he landed a 152, in trouble for much of the left hook that had the French-

the Circuit House ground today,

reports UNB. Winning the toss, County Nabin Club sent County Club to

186 in 49 overs with Ranzan making highest 35 runs.

In reply, Nabin Club closed their innings at 170 with Zahid scoring 43 runs. Rabbi captured three wickets for 29, Chandan took three for

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The Barisal district team, which won the women's volleyball title.

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Reid, who weighed the class

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M'singh cricket MYMENSINGH. Mar 7: County Club defeated County Nabin Club by 16 runs in the First Division cricket league at

open the innings first. County Club were all out for

Satyajit took three wickets for 21 while Riyad two for 28 runs.

left jabs and hard rights to the body in the first half of the fight. He then started scoring with hard combinations to the head and almost ended the fight in the ninth. Reid's left to the jaw buckled the Frenchman's legs and he appeared about to go down but he managed to stay up. Although Reid landed several more shots, Boudouani made it

limit of 154 pounds, opened the 12th round with five punches to the head and had Boudouani,

champion came back with a couple hard shots to the head

Reid, a heavy favourite despite his lack of pro experience, boosted his record to 11-0 with seven knockouts and became the third member of the 1996 Olympic boxing team to become a champion. Floyd Mayweather is the WBC super featherweight champion and Fernando Vargas is the IBF junior mid-

Boudouani, who became champion in 1996, now is 38-3-

1 with 32 knockouts. The 6-foot-8, 249-pound Whitaker floored the 6-5, 254pound Savarese with a barrage of head punches in the sixth round. In fact, Whitaker landed 61 of 122 punches thrown in the

Whitaker actually punched himself out and threw only 35 punches the next round. The more experienced Savarese built a solid lead in the first five rounds and held his own in the four rounds fol-

lowing the knockdown.

that Savarese didn't beat the count of 10. Savarese, however, watched referee Steve Smoger make the count while resting on a knee and he appeared to get up at eight. Savarese is 39-2 with 32

knockouts. Whitaker is 18-1

with 16 knockouts.

Whitaker, who is billed as

"Mount Whitaker," said he

thought he'd won the fight and