#### KB Rai Memorial cricket ends

The Cricket Coaching School (CCS) clinched the Masters Group title of the third KB Rai Chowdhury Memorial Under-13 cricket tournament beating Kalabagan Cricket Academy by 10 wickets at the Kalabagan Club ground in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Kalabagan Cricket Academy emerged champions in the Cup Group defeating Ankur by three runs while Discovery lifted the Plate Group crown beating Kalabagan CA by eight wickets at the same venue.

BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury was present at the closing function and distributed the prizes.

#### BRIEF SCORES Masters Group

KALABAGAN CA: 59 all out in 19.3 overs (Rajib Sr 14, Rajib Jr 10, Zakir not out 8, Riad 6, extras 9; Forkan 3/9; Ujjal Jr 3/16. Ujjal Sr 2/6.)

CCS: 60 for no loss (Mehrab not out 35. Tonmoy not out 19,

Result: CCS won by 10 wick-

Man-of-the-final: Mehrab (CCS) Cup Group

KALABAGAN CA: 80 for 4 in 15 overs (Ageeb 37, Mithu 16, Babu 6, extras 14, Iftekar 1/5 and Adeeb 1/9.) ANKUR: 77 all out in 14.3

Rafi 7, extras 22; Himel 2/5). Result: Kalabagan CA won by three runs.

overs (Shovan 20, Iftekar 8,

Man-of-the-final: Ageeb (Kalabagan CA)

Plate Group KALABAGAN CA: 79 for 8 in 20 overs (Jemy 16, Murad 11, Novel 9, Badhan 5; Seraj 2/7 and Rubel 2/19).

DISCOVERY: (Revised target 48 runs in 12 overs due to rain) 48 for 2 in 8 overs (Mintu not out 19, not out Seraj 3, Sumon

Result: Discovery won by eight wickets. (Discovery).

#### Magura cricket

From Our Correspondent MAGURA. May 26: Shaheed Mintu Sangha and Babul-Smriti Sangha won their respective matches in the Econo Stadium today.

Shaheed Mintu outplayed Dilip Smriti Sangsad by ten wickets while Babul Smriti defeated Kundupara Krira Sangha by nine wickets in the second match of the day.

#### BRIEF SCORES DILIP SMRITI SANGSAD: 91

for nine in 25 overs (Lovon 13, Papon 10, Jayanta 4: Milon 3/9. Naveemur 2/22, Kabir 1/18). SHAHEED MINTU SANGHA

Rakil 36. Result : Shaheed Mintu Sangha won by ten wickets.

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KUNDUPARA KRIRA SANGHA: 71 all out in 21.3 overs (Asru 10. Pintu 9, Gonesh 7: Champak 3/8. Mukta 2/5, run out 5).

BABUL SMRITI SANGHA: 72 for one in 12 overs (Pankaj 27, Champak 12, Kishore 8; Gonesh

Result: Babul Smriti Sangha

#### won by nine wickets. BFF names officials

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) announced the names of officials for the two Asian youth tournaments, reports UNB.

Badal Roy, the BFF jointsecretary, has been named manager for Bangladesh in the 32nd Asian Youth Under-19 tournament to be held at Rajshahi from July 7 to 11.

Other officials: Lt Col Lutful Haq (assistant manager). Abu Yousuf (coach), Hafizur Rahman Tipu (team official) and Mahmud (doctor).

Prof Abdur Rahman from Khulna has been named team leader for Bangladesh in the 9th Asian Youth Under-16 tournament to be held in the industrial city of Jamshedpur, Bihar from June 20.

Other officials: Moinul Islam Moina (deputy team leader), Golam Sarwar Tipu (manager). Pronab Kumar Dey Bhanu (coach) and Chisty

#### Lloyd calls for a Cork recall

(doctor).

LONDON, May 26 (Internet report): Former England coach David Lloyd has urged the selectors to give Dominic Cork another chance in the forthcoming series against the West In-

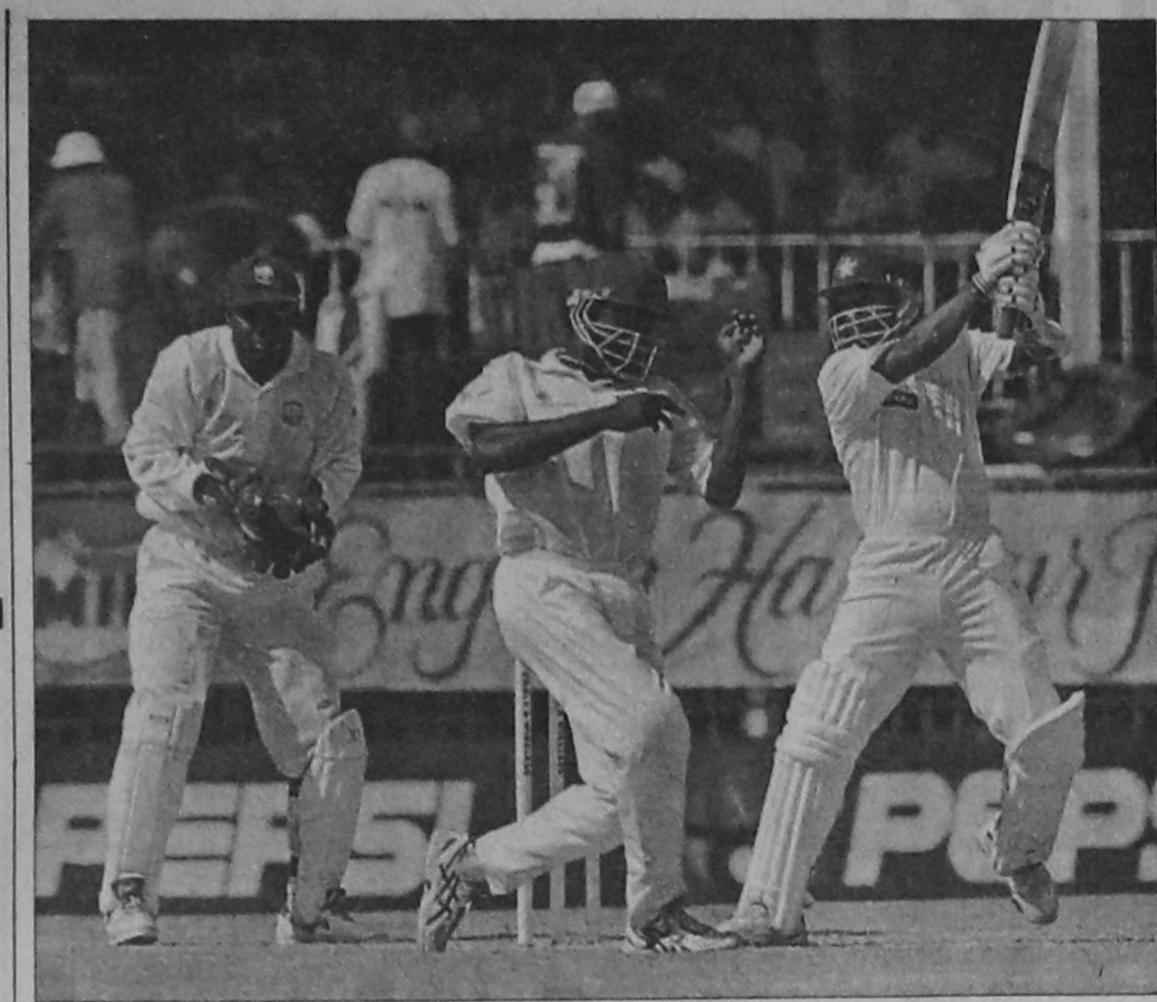
The Derbyshire captain made the last of his 27 Test appearances at Perth in November 1998, but Lloyd believes his swing bowling skills would be a big advantage against a West Indies side with a top order

packed with left-handers. There is a nucleus of quick | inquiry into match-fixing. bowlers we can call on, admittedly a few of them untried, but if I were to take a hunch as a manager, if I was still doing that job, is Cork.

"I would be on Cork's failing to co-operate with the doorstep now, telling him 'I haven't forgotten you. I think you at top notch, behaving properly, can bowl these out'.

Cork made his Test debut against West Indies at Lord's five years ago and achieved a hat-trick at Old Trafford later

in the same series. They have got eight lefthanders and if he can swing it back into their pads at pace 1 can see Dominic having a real say against this lot," Lloyd



Pakistan's Yousuf Youhana plays a cut-shot on way to an unbeaten 102 against West In--AFP photo dies on the first day of the third and final Test at Antigua on May 25.

## Phil's all-round show

shone for Leicestershire in their rain-hit English County Championship Division One clash with Durham at Chester-Le-

Street Thursday, reports AFP. Resuming on 31 out of a total of 256 for nine, the 34-year-old Man-of-the final: Mintu | all-rounder received unflinching support from Carl Crowe in a last-wicket stand of 84 to move the visitors' total up to

Although Durham comfortably reached 30 for no wicket off nine overs at lunch, when play resumed after rain DeFreitas reduced them from 43 Cricket League at the Magura | without loss to 52 for three --

and they closed on 82 for five. After no play yesterday because of rain, second-placed Lancashire reached 215 in their first innings against Hampshire at Southampton, with England spin-prospect Chris Schofield proving that he can bat a bit with a dogged 39 not

Schofield figured in important stands of 35 with Glen Chapple for the eighth wicket and 43 with Peter Martin for the ninth, but it was last man Gary Keedy, coming in at 197 for nine, who saw Lancashire over the 200 mark and to a bonus batting point.

Hampshire made 175 for four in reply, with Robin Smith (61) and Will Kendall (36) setting a season-best with their third-wicket stand of 78. Giles White made 45 not out, before rain washed out the last hour's

At Taunton, openers Steve

LONDON, May 26: Stubbings and Mathew Dow- byshire total of 101 for no Phil DeFreitas man put Derbyshire in command of their match with Som- day.

drew Caddick and Matt Bulbeck

BRIEF SCORES

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Somerset had earlier been They took advantage of a dismissed for a modest 240 on

Somerset attack missing An- an easy paced pitch, despite 57 from Peter Bowler and a fluent to score 41 apiece in a Der- 47 from Keith Parsons.

There was no play possible in the day's other Division One clash between Kent and Surrey at Canterbury because of rain. In Division Two Worcester-

wicket at the close of the second

shire finished the third day against Gloucestershire at Bristol well in command, but the match is heading for a rain-affected draw, but not before Worcestershire notched up an impressive 310 for six, a lead of

The 33-year-old Tony Cottey struck the 23rd century of his career to enable Sussex to reach 154 out by close of play at Chelmsford to help his team total 360 for seven, a lead of 105 over Essex.

Phil Tufnell, with three key wickets, helped halt Northamptonshire's bid for a substantial first-innings lead over Middlesex at Wantage Road -- the home side slumping from 142 for one to 151 for four -- and they closed with a relatively slender 48-run advantage at 265 for seven.

At Cardiff after rain Glamorgan paceman Simon Jones took four wickets in a venomous spell to leave divisional leaders Warwickshire tottering at 186 for five.

However the hosts moved to 280 for five at close of play as Trevor Penney and Dougie Brown steadied the ship with a breezy, unbeaten sixth-wicket partnership of 94.



MAN, WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO PLAY HERE? The Trans World International crew looking apprehensively at the water-logged out field of the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. - Star photo by Amran Hossain

## ICC can increase sanctions



(Internet report): The International may have the power to ask

Pakistan to increase the punishments handed out to players in the wake of a judicial

Justice Malik Qayyum imposed fines on Wasim Akram, Wagar Younis, Inzamamul Haq. Mushtaq Ahmed. Saeed Anwar and Akram Raza for

inquiry But he also recommended life bans for former Pakistan captain Selim Malik and medium pace bowler Ata-ur-Rehman after finding them guilty of match fixing.

the ICC and Lord MacLaurin, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, who believes they have the power to call for stiffer penalties.

they are going to impose. "If they are not satisfied they Cricket Council would ask a third party to look at it, so this is by no means an

open and shut case." Lord MacLaurin believes the outcome of the Pakistan inquiry is only the start of a clean-up operation.

There are other problems

#### Veterans' charity show

LONDON, May 26: Former Wimbledon champions John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg will revive memories of past battles when they face each other in a charity event at Buckingham His report will now be sent to Palace on July 2, reports long time now. It's unjust."

The pair, who met in the final at the All England Club in 1980 and 1981, will join other stars for an afternoon of tennis He told BBC Radio 4: "The to raise money for the National ICC have the authority to ask society for the Prevention of the parent board to look again Cruelty to Children (NSPCC).

LONDON, May 26 at the fines and suspensions we have to unearth, this is not lost to Sweden 2-1 and finished the end of it. I'm uneasy. I have a feeling a mafia-type organisation could be involved with the players just pawns in this. "These findings are coming

> out and I'm very pleased. We have to pursue it to the end," he added. Malik, meanwhile, is planning legal action over the inquiry's findings and claims he

has been made a scapegoat. "Why me alone when others were let off with minor fines? I have been cleared by two inquiries before, but this time I alone have been targeted," he

"Whether my cricket is fin-

ished or not, I have to live a life and I have been subjected to such tortuous allegations for a Former England captain Bob

Willis has raised doubts about the outcome of the inquiry. He said: "It seems rather convenient to me that players outside the current team are banned for life and those currently playing only censured."

ANTIGUA, May 26 (Internet report): Akram was found guilty in Judge Malik Mohammad Qayyum's match-fixing report this week of bringing the game into disrepute. Qayyum said Akram must never captain Pakistan again, must have his bank accounts audited and should be kept under surveillance.

But in an interview with Britain's Channel 4 television. with whom he is contracted as commentator, Akram said he was not guilty of any charges of corruption, and this included the World Cup final capitulation to Australia.

"I can't begin to explain how disappointed I was," he said of the eight-wicket loss at Lord's last June, in which Pakistan made only 132 in 39 overs. "In the dressing room I had

to hug the players individually because nearly everyone was crying. "Nobody is more patriotic

about Pakistan cricket than me. I've given so much to my country and I don't deserve this. "At times I feel at a loss and at others I am very down.

"It's difficult to explain what I'm going through, but I try to put on a brave face and hopefully that will help me. "I talk to myself and say: 'Let's fight this out, let's fight for

your own right because you haven't done anything wrong. Pakistan's World Cup campaign was also the subject of some suspicion over a 62-run shock loss to neighbours Bangladesh in a group game. after Akram's side had already

### Mbangwa's fiery spell

qualified for the second round

LEEDS, England, May 26: Pommie Mbangwa raised Zimbabwean morale after their first Test flop with stand out figures of six for 12 from 15 overs on the second day against Yorkshire at Headingley on Thursday, reports AFP.

With one wicket still to fall it represents the best return to date by a Zimbabwe bowler on foreign soil, beating Bryan Strang's six for 20 in New Zealand five seasons ago. Yorkshire closed in desper-

ate trouble on 119 for nine in reply to Zimbabwe's 235 all out. Mbangwa gained reward for bowling a fairly full length and a testing line around off-stump, and caused all the batsmen problems with movement off the pitch.

### Tiger, Marion grab 'Oscars'

MONACO, May 26: Tiger Woods and Marion Jones won the Sportsman and Sportswoman-of-the-year awards for the US as showbiz glamour, political oratory and athletic achievement came together at the inaugural Sporting

Oscars, reports Reuters. The millionaires' tax haven of Monaco, home of many leading world sports personalities. brought in Hollywood stars and the world's premier statesman in Nelson Mandela in a noble attempt to match the movie industry's own Oscars ceremony.

If the Laureus Sports Award night did not quite have the gushing and glitz of Las Vegas, it probably brought together the greatest array of sporting greats ever collected in one place, suggesting it may have a future as an annual event. As a golfer, Woods may not

have been the most obvious choice for first recipient of Sportsman of the year but his 11 victories in 15 tournaments last year swung the award his way over the two other nominees, tennis maestro Andre Agassi and the world's fastest man Maurice Greene.

Team of the year went to Manchester United for last season's treble when they won the European Cup and English league and cup double. Manager Sir Alex Ferguson, who received the award with players Ryan Giggs and Ronny Johnsen, said he believed the feat would never be repeated.

### Sampras strikes at last

DUESSELDORF, May 26: Pete Sampras won an important warm-up for next week's French Open with a convincing straight-sets win over ATP Champions Race leader Magnus Norman of Sweden at the World Team Cup on Thursday, reports Renters.

But the United States still in last place in the Red Group behind Slovakia, Germany and Sweden.

Slovakia advanced to Saturday's finals after beating Germany 2-1 to win the Red Group of the round-robin tournament that pits the world's top eight tennis nations against each other.

Shaking off back-to-back losses suffered in the roundrobin tournament earlier this week, Sampras outduelled the hard-hitting Swede on Duesseldorf's clay courts for a 6-3, 6-4 The match was closer than

the score indicated and it took Sampras nearly two hours to stop Norman, who has surged to the top of the standings with two tournament wins this year. In the second set, Sampras often had to battle to hold his serve.

"To get through the match with a win against Magnus, who is having a great year, gives me a lot of confidence for Paris," said Sampras.

# Akram protests | Kapil wants to take on his innocence Manoj face to face



26: Former Indian cricketer Ravi Shastri said Thursday he knew

of match-fixing allegations against cricket icon Kapil Dev. who did not directly deny he had offered a teammate a bribe to underplay against Pakistan, reports AP.

Former all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar mentioned Kapil's name publicly for the first time Wednesday as the man he had often claimed had offered him 2.5 million rupees (57,400 dollars at current rates) to underperform in a match against arch-rivals Pakistan in 1994 in Colombo.

"Manoj did speak to me about exactly this during the tour in Colombo in 1994. My advice to Manoj clear cut was to inform his team management," Ravi was quoted as saying in London by the website totalcricket.com.

In New Delhi on Thursday, Kapil slammed Prabhakar and Shastri at a news conference for remaining silent on the charges for years, but did not directly deny that he had offered the

Kapil is India's current national coach and a former cap-

evening before the match he istan. But he had refused to was shaving in his bathroom name the man, saying he had when his roommate. Navjot no legal proof and did not want Singh Siddhu, came in and to be sued for libel.

NEW DELHI. May said, "Brother wants to talk to

you. He has an offer." Asked whether that account was true. Kapil said: "It was six years ago. One cannot remember such details."

"Ninety per cent of the time I don't go to someone's room," he said. "But if you are a colleague,

you do go sometimes." Kapil, who wept during a television interview to the British Broadcasting Corporation on match-fixing telecast this month, was aggressive and dramatic during the news conference Thursday. He shouted at reporters, calling Prabhakar a "rat" and a "mouse" and himself a "tiger", and said he would give came face to face.

"You want to fight, fight in the ring. Be a tiger, don't be a mouse," he said in reply to another question.

"There is a personal grudge. There is a conspiracy," he said. "This is much bigger than I

He mimicked Prabhakar, twirling his hands and leaning back in his chair as he apparently quoted his former team-

mate: "I will give more evidence For years, Prabhakar had alleged that an Indian player had offered him a bribe to help Prabhakar said that on the throw the match against Pak-

But in an interview taped Tuesday for a new Indian Internet web site, Tehelka.com, Prabhakar named Kapil. The interview was played before reporters Wednesday

Prabhakar said that he was stunned after Kapil made the of-

Pakistan is India's traditional cricket rival.

Kapil is one of the legends of cricket, a sport fanatically played and followed in the Indian subcontinent. He captained India when they bagged the only World Cup the country has won so far.

But the game has been seriously discredited since the New him a "slap under the ear" if he ' Delhi police charged former South African captain Hansie Cronje and others with matchfixing related crimes in which Indian bookies were allegedly involved. There have also been allegations against several Indian players, but so far they are unsubstantiated.

India's cricket authorities. who have said repeated investigations showed no evidence of match-fixing among India's players, recently opened a new inquiry and offered Prabhakar and others protection if they came forward.

On Wednesday, Prabhakar deposed before the Central Bureau of Investigations in connection with his allegations. Details of his talks with investigators were not known.



The Bangladesh cricket team assembles in the lobby of Hotel Sheraton before checking in yesterday.

# 'It's entirely different'



SYDNEY, May 26: Mark Wa-ugh said on Friday there was no comparison between his dealings with an

Indian bookmaker and the match-fixing antics of disgraced Pakistani Salim Malik, describing them as "chalk and cheese", reports

Waugh's allegation that Ma-

lik offered him money to play badly in a one-day international in Rawalpindi in October 1994 has been vindicated by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) decision to ban Malik for life and fine him. Waugh and Shane Warne, adamant they never took

money to influence the result of

a game, were fined last year for providing a bookmaker with pitch and weather information. "Commonsense would say that talking about the weather and the pitch is a fair bit different to trying to fix a match, that's chalk and cheese," Waugh told Sydney radio station 2UE

on Friday. Waugh was furious at Malik's claims that he approached the Australian because of whispers that he was susceptible to offers from bookmakers.

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"That's rubbish, total rubbish ... I don't know why he approached me and I don't know why he approached Tim May and Shane Warne," Waugh said.

tial function. I was obviously shocked by the approach." The PCB recommended that criminal proceedings could be started against Malik, who continues to claim his innocence

and plans to go to court to clear

MARK WAUGH

his tarnished name. As well as confronting

Waugh, Malik was charged with

attempting to bribe Warne and

former off-spinner Tim May during a Test at Karachi, also in "I haven't spoken to him since that night at the presiden-October 1994.

Waugh said any cricketer found guilty of match-fixing had no place in the game, and he rubbished claims by former Test off-spinner Ashley Mallett that a Test between Australia and South Africa in Sydney in 1998 was "suspicious".

"It's just ridiculous," Waugh said. "The point is that it takes a lot of the gloss off our cricket as well, we've been playing great cricket so to have someone come out and say the South Africans weren't fair is ridiculous.

"I know myself because I made a hundred and it was pretty hard work.

"I'm no expert on fixing matches, the Australian team I've been involved in has never fixed a match so I wouldn't know how many players it would take," Waugh said.

But logic says it would take a fair number of the team."
Waugh leaves on Monday for Ireland, where he will play a handful of matches and hold coaching classes.

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