Sports Reporter

yesterday extended the inter-

First Division leagues by a day.

will now commence from tomor-

row and continue until January

GP U-17 cricket

37 submit papers for BOA polls

The charm of the first ever election of Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) was lost as only 37 nomination papers were filed against 35 posts yesterday. reports UNB.

The election of country's top sports body is scheduled for February 1 when 74 councilors from different sports federations and organisations across the country will cast their ballots.

Renowned organiser Zafar Imam will retain his post of secretary general along with the 10 other office bearers of BOA. to be elected unopposed if their candidatures are found valid after today's scrutiny.

Only one nomination paper was found for each of the eleven posts of the BOA office bearers - president, secretary general. five vice-presidents, three deputy secretaries general and a treasurer.

According to a reliable source. Whip of the dativa Sangsad Mizamur Rahman Manu, MP, Abdul Muveed Chowdhury (shooting). Anjan Chowdhury Pintoo (football). Kutubuddin Ahmed (badminton) and Rafia Akhter Dolly (Women's Sports Association) filed nomination papers for the posts of five vice-presidents.

Celebrated footballer of vesteryear Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chunnu, SM Imtiaz Khan Babul (basketball) and Ishtiaq Ahmed Karen (table tennis) submitted nomination papers for the three posts of deputy secretaries general while Monirul Haq (voleyball) for the post of treasurer.

Now only 26 candidates will go to the polls for the 24 posts of BOA executive members if two member candidates do not withdraw their candidature on Jan 25.

The final list of candidates and their ballot numbers will be announced on Jan 27.

Rajshahi cricket From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Jan 21: Provati Sangha recorded a 37-run win over Baikali Sangha in the Rajshahi Premier Division Cricket League at the Shaheed AHM Qamruzzaman Divisional Stadium today.

Provati Sangha won the toss and decided to bat first. They collected 201 runs in 47.1 overs losing all the wickets. In reply. Baikali managed

164 for nine crickets in the stipulated 50 overs.

DIV I CRICKET

Raninagur Cricket Club defeated Rajshahi Cricket Clinic by seven wickets in the Raishahi First Division Cricket League at the local district stadium today. Winning the toss, Rajshahi

Cricket Clinic decided to bat first and collected 143 runs for all in 30.1 overs. In reply. Raninagan reached

the target of 144 runs in 37 overs losing three wickets.

Ctg v'ball champs

From Our Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Jan 21 Chittagong clinched the Divi sional Women's volleyball title beating Brahmanbaria 3-1 in the final at the local gymna sium complex adjacent to the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday. Sushtika Rani of Brahman

baria won the best player's

Sampras, Safin

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wrong.

The American however stuck to his pre-match strategy of continuing to keep the ball in play and trying to force the brilliant-but-erratic Ilie to play more shots from close to his body. "Fortunately the tide turned. Safin, the Russian tipped to

assume Sampras's crown after his stunning defeat of the American in last year's US Open final, was a shadow of his normal self as he succumbed 6-2, 7-6 (8/6), 6-4 to Hrbaty. Hrbaty, a semi-finalist at the

1999 French Open, faces Rafter having won nine straight matches after a tournament win in New Zealand the week before | provided addresses and telethe Open.

Rafter's aggressive serve/ volley game will present Hrbaty with a tougher challenge. The Aussie star looked close

Henman in straight sets. The British number one was left in no doubt that Rafter was playing well enough to add the first Grand Slam of the year to his two US Open titles.

to his best as he dismissed Tim

"No question that was the best he's played against me, Henman said. "I've watched quite a lot of his matches and you've been able to see a marked improvement with each one. I'm sure he will feel very good about his chances."

Rafter, who won 6-2, 6-3, 6-3, said: "I have been hitting the ball pretty well but that was something exceptional for me today."

The omens for Rafter are certainly good. He has only reached Grand Slam quarters three times before: twice at the US Open, where he went on to win both times, and last year at Wimbledon, where he reached the final.

Nasim-ul

From page 13 director and secretary of the Singapore Cricket Association Anil Kalahari and event manager and BCB joint secretary

Mahmud Ul Haque at the BCB office yesterday. BCB general secretary and chairman of the organising committe. Syed Ashraful Huq. was also present.



Winners of the Partex 16th Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championship pose with their trophies along with Chief of Army Staff and Kurmitola Golf Club president Lt Gen M Harun-Ar-Rashid at the club premises on Saturday.

Amateur club woos Lara?

career of cricket. amateur team Alderley Edge wealthiest towns in England. during the next English cricket

Lara has been under severe pressure while the West Indies have been thrashed 5-0 during their recent Test series in Aus-

season, reports AFP.

According to The Sun tabloid, he wants to recharge his batteries at the northwest club, who are based close to the home of Lara's lifelong friend from Trinidad, Manchester United striker Dwight Yorke. Former Lancashire all-

newspaper: "I think the approach came via Clive Lloyd (the former West Indies captain), whose son Jason plays for "I'm very optimistic Brian will come here. In fact, I think the biggest doubt might be

rounder Steve O'Shaugnessy.

now Alderley's captain, told the

whether Dwight Yorke is still with Manchester United come the summer."

LONDON, Jan 21: ment, the leading cup competiumpredict- tion in English recreational

League rules prohibit paying another twist here players although a batsman of Saturday when it Lara's talent could easily attract was reported that the West In- sponsorship from local busidies batsman could play for nesses in what is one of the



BRIAN LARA

A bigger problem could be Alderley play in the premier that the rules also state that captain Richie Richardson, has division of the Cheshire County players must have been perma- become a regular fixture for League and last season reached nently resident in the United Kent side Lashings - a team the quarter-finals of the Na- Kingdom for the last two years. tional Club Knockout tourna-However, O'Shaugnessy be- the same name.

lieves an exception could be made for gifted left-hander | n.o., Imran 3/10, Faisal 3/21) Lara, who holds the world records for for both the highest | two runs. Test and first-class scores (375 and 501 not out respectively). Rupsha

"I'm sure there will be a dinosaur in a committee room somewhere saving Lara can't play. But It would be ridiculous to enforce that rule. Brian is a world-class player. Imagine the boost it would give the League if he turned out for us." said by 124 runs. O'Shaugnessy

Lara, who showed something of his old form by scoring 116 not out during West Indies' one-day international defeat by Australia in Sydney earlier this week, is used to English conditions. He had two spells with the 1990s, and has toured yesterday, reports UNB. England with the West Indies, including last season's 3-1 Test

ing for Alderley, while unusual, is not unprecedented.

Numerous West Indies players have appeared - and still do as professionals for clubs in the Lancashire League, notably Viv Richards at Rishton in the

Recently former West Indies that represents a wine bar of

Sex twist to 'fix' probe

which resulted in him being

"There are other people we

try to do while we are out there

return from Australia.

match-fixing.

authorities.

of Omar's list.

new claims that top players had two madams in Sydney.

thrown matches in return for sex with Australian prostitutes. According to a former Pakistan Test player, the women were used by illegal bookmakers to entice some of the world's best-known players, including Test captains, to throw games

poorly. The deals were apparently stitched together in hotels, such as the Sheraton in Sydney. restaurant in the city's red light district and a McDonald's in

Melbourne. The sensational new claims have been published in London's The Observer. The newspaper reported that the British investigators now probing cricket's match-fixing scandal expected to speak with some of the sex workers in Australia want to speak to, which we will

next month. The player making the alle- ... It is an opportunity to speak gations. Qasim Omar, has pro- to as many of these people as vided a list of 23 sex workers possible, the spokesman said. for the investigating team. which is led by the former plan to interview Omar, who b Zoysa Scotland Yard chief Sir Paul now lives in Britain, when they Bouchere Kaluwitharana Condon.

Omar, who played 28 Tests The six-member team of Boje c Jayasuriya b Arnold for Pakistan in the 1980s mostly former British detectives Kemp run out alongside such champions as has promised an initial report Pollock c Sangakkara b Zoysa · 111 Imran Khan, Wasim Akram and by about July. It has been given Donald not out Javed Miandad, has told inves- three years by the ICC to un- Ntini not out match-fixing set-up and has remedies.

LONDON. Jan 21 Omar claims that the sex work- bookmaker, who had also been (Internet report): ers, who he says included a named. International cri- doctor, nurse, travel agent and

cket's corruption a television presenter, were scandal deepened supplied to the players by an last night with Australian bookmaker through players - both Australian and All were Australian except what he asked. for one Pakistani and a Chinese

Batsmen were supposedly paid up to 3600 USD for getting Sir Paul and his team will out cheaply, and received jewattend the International Cricket ellery, watches, gold pens and Council's quarterly meeting in bottles of spirits as extra perks.

Melbourne on February 9 and The Observer said Omar had 10 to brief the council on the named one world-class batsor to reward them for playing progress of inquiries into man who was offered 9000 to throw his wicket away in the The investigators also plan first four Tests of a five-match to interview Australian Test series, and a Test skipper who player Mark Waugh about his cashed in by advising the deal to provide weather infor- bookmaker about the team he mation to an Indian bookmaker intended to field.

He named one top Asian fined by Australia's cricket bowler who deliberately underperformed in several matches in The Observer quoted a Australia because he needed spokesman for the investigating the money to finish building a squad confirming the existence house.

Lankans

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b Wickramasinghe Sir Paul's investigators also McKenzie e Wickramasinghe b Zovsa

tigators about the sex for earth corruption and outline Extras: (b-4. lb-2, nb-15, w-1) 22 Total (for 9 wkts decl)

The Observer said Omar had a similar sex scandal in New 204: 8-354: 9-359 According to The Observer. Zealand, again organised by a Bowling

Fall of wickets: 1-17; 2-31; phone numbers of all the also provided information about 3-54; 4-115; 5-168; 6-186; 7-76 Perera 3 73 Fernando 16 1 107 Wisinghe Arnold Jayasuriya 10 De Silva SRI LANKA: First innings Atapattu run out Jayasuriya c McKenzie b Donald 16 | Harvey Sangakkara b Donald De Silva e Gibbs b Kallis

Bangladesh Olympic Association president Gen (rtd) Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman inaugurating the weeklong National Table Tennis Championship at the Rangpur Stadium on Saturday.

According to Omar's allegations, an Australian bookmaker

lavished money and gifts on visiting overseas stars - who did

Jayawardene c Boucher b Ntint 17 Arnold b Ntini Zoysa c Kallis b Ntini Wickramasinghe c Gibbs b Kemp 21 Fernando Ibw b Kemp Perera not out Extras: (lb3, nb1, w3) Total: (all out in 36.5 overs) 119

Bowling OM R Donald 28 Pollock Kallis Ntini Kemp 4.5 1 19 SRI LANKA: Second innings Atapattu c Cullinan b Pollock O Sangakkara not out Jayawardene not out Extras: (nb-1, w-1) Total: (for 1 wkt, 8 overs) Fall: 1-5

Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-24; 3-

25; 4-40; 5-54; 6-71; 7-76; 8-

97: 9-98

Bowling

(Eng)

OM R Pollock Kallis 4 0 15 Umpires: R. Koertzen (Rsa) and P. Willey (Eng)

Sports Reporter Rajshahi Tista and Dhaka Rangers won their respective first round matches of the GrumeenPhone under-17 Cricket tournament Mymensingh yesterday.

Rajshahi Tista registered an for a semifinal place. exciting two-run win over Metro Blues at the Mymensingh Stadium while Dhaka Rangers handed Khulna Rupsha a huge 124-run defeat at the Circuit House ground.

SCORES IN BRIEF

Rajshahi Tista v Metro Blues Rajshahi Tista: 139 for 8 in 45 overs (Saju 36, Saif 4/23) Metro Blues: 137 all out in 43.2 overs (Rakib 29, Tarek 26

Result: Rajshai Tista won by Dhaka Rangers v Khulna

Dhaka Rangers: 231 all out in 44.4 overs (Osman 72, Arif 36, Shimul 2/31)

Khulna Rupsha: 107 all out in 21 overs (Nahid 57 Rashedul 4/23) Result: Dhaka Rangers wor

Bangladesh Ansar clinched the women's team event title of the 24th National Table Tennis Championship beating Gaibandha DSA by straight 3-0 English county Warwickshire in sets in the final in Rangpur Ansars booked a berth for

the final eliminating Jessore by 3-0 while Gaibandha advanced The possibility of Lara play- to the final outplaying hosts Rangpur also by the same mar-

In the men's team event Bangladesh Ansars reached the group final defeating Habigani

Green Delta jr hockey

Barnak Samaj maintained their unbeaten record in the Green Delta Metropolis Junior | through 6-7 (2/7), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 Division Hockey League outplaying Shantinagar Club 7-0 Agassi in the quarterfinals. at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday, re-

Imran, Jajis, Azad, Pakhi, Mamun, Anwar and Shafi template early retirement. scored one each for the winners who dominated the first half by

In the day's other match Tejgaon Agragami trounced Raktim Sangha 7-0 at the same

The first half score was 2-0. Hasan scored twice while Kamal, Shuvro, Boran, Mamun and Johnny netted one each for the winners.

Darren

From page 13 Lee came in for more punishment when he returned at the end of the innings, ending with 0-70 off eight overs.

He sent down seven of the nine wides in the innings and all seven no-balls. Lee is being eased back into

the Australian team after suffering from back trouble earlier this summer. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of the

tri-series limited-overs match between Australian and Zimbabwe at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here Sunday:

ZIMBABWE

Campbell c Bevan b Harvey Whittall c Gilchrist b Harvey 25 Carlisle c Harvey b Warne 12 A. Flower c Lehmann b Symonds 23 G. Flower c and b Warne 51 Rennie st Gilchrist b Symonds Viljoen c and b Lchmann Streak c Lehmann b Harvey Nkala b Harvey Friend not out

Total (For nine wkts in 50 Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-67. 3-78, 4-117, 5-145, 6-160, 7 187, 8-219, 9-223 Bowler:: OMRW B. Lee 8 0 70 0 Bracken 6 0 23 9 0 28

Extras (lb-7, w-9, nb-7)

Warne

5 | Symonds 10 2 38 Lehmann 7 0 36 Note: Zimbabwe's number Kaluwitharana e Boucher b Ntini 32 eleven batsman, B.A. Murphy, did not go to the wicket because ninth man out, M.L. Nkala, was dismissed by the last ball of the innings.

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AUSTRALIA Gilchrist c Murphy b Friend

Lehmann not out

Ponting run out Bevan not out Extras (b-1, lb-5, w-6, nb-1 Total (For two wkts in 36.5 overs Fall of wickets: 1-54, 2-198 OMR Bowler: Streak 1 37 Friend 6.5 0 52 15 | Murphy 10 0 47 Nkala 30 Viljoen 37 26 | Whittall Result: Australia won by

Lehmann STANDINGS

Man of match: Darren

Teams TV umpire: D. Orchard (Rsa) Australia Match referee: R. Subba Row | West Indies 4 Zimbabwe 2

eight wickets

CCDM extends inter-club transfer Seles tames a toughie



MELBOURNE. self in a three-set dogfight Sunday and had to claw back from the brink twice against rising teen

star Justine Henin, reports AFP. The veteran campaigner though is made of stern stuff and joined Lindsay Davenport. Jennifer Capriati and Anna Kournikova in the Australian

Open quarterfinals. The 27-year-old American maintained her record of only losing once in 37 matches here and will meet old rival Capriati

Davenport plays Kournik ova, who is in a Grand Slam last eight for only the second Seles pulled back from one

set down and 2-4 in the second and third sets against the spirited Henin, drawing on her experience to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. "I think coming into this

tournament Justine has been playing better tennis with her confidence high, winning two tournaments." she said and pointed to her fighting spirit as the asset that finally won the

"I think that's one good thing I have in me, just natural. I just try not to give up," she said. "Today it was enough to pull all.

me through the match because that's all I had. I just never gave up and I think that's one of the attributes that you have even if another Belgian teenager, 15th the advantage of knowing she you're playing well." Seles has been at the busi-

appearance here last year, she hasn't made the last eight since her golden years in the early 1990s.

downed Spain's Marta Marrero 7-5, 6-1, was a quarter-finalist nine times before she spiralled out of control, caught up in she's very athletic. minor shoplifting and drugs

The 24-year-old said she didn't want to dwell on the

You know this is a new was better tennis in her.

said, "I need to cut down on the errors (31 on Sunday) and not miss the easy shots. I missed plon. some easy shots today.

not going to give you anything.

While Monica had to dig

marks of a future champion. "She is a very good young player," said Davenport, who cited "seven years' experience" as the difference between them on court Sunday.

"It's tough to go out there in big matches at Grand Slams. She's got a great game and

"And, you know, I really think that today wasn't really indicative of what a great player

Davenport will next play Kournikova, who is into a Grand Slam quarterfinal for the first time since making the semis at Wimbledon in 1997.

The glamorous Russian, who beat Germany's unseeded Barbara Rittner 6-3, 6-1, said she was confident of her chances against the defending cham-

"I have a good record against few times," she said.

sure right now but I will go out there and try to play and fight try to be really aggressive and as much as I can. "Every time I've got to the

"This time I had a bit of tellingly. Seles has won them luck. I played the fourth round

had an easier outing against year but the 18-year-old has won their last encounter -- in

Pete isn't stopping yet



Grand Slams left can do it. in him and has no intention of retiring from tennis it here, but I've got many years after his shock loss at the Aus- and many slams ahead of me." tralian Open here Sunday, re-

Sampras, the third seed and a disappointing run in Grand have to look at the match and of world tennis, in the fourth seven of the last eight years. Unseeded Martin won only his third match in 20 encoun-

to face sixth-seeded Andre Sampras, the greatest Grand Slam champion of all-time with 13 majors, said Sunday's defeat would not prompt him to con-

Samoras, 29, said: "I feel

Open yesterday.

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says he has many to win a couple more before it's matches. I felt if I could get my more years and all said and done and I know I game going today and get to the

two-time champion, was upset. Slams other than Wimbledon, see how well he played." by Todd Martin, the nearly man where Sampras has won in ters with Sampras to go

> French Open in 11 attempts. Sampras struggled in all of that he lost today and I wouldhis matches this week being n't doubt that a couple of other and Juan Ignacio Chela.

second week I expected I would "It's disappointing not to do be dangerous," said Sampras. "But I ran into a great player in Todd, he really played well, Recent history suggests oth- give him all the credit. I could erwise. Sunday's loss continues have played better, but you

Martin said Sampras' was unlikely to be world number He has not won the Austra- one again because he is not lian since his second title in prepared to play the requisite 1997 and although runner-up number of tournaments each at last year's US Open he has year. But he insisted his friend not won in New York since remained a potent force. "I would assume that Andre 1996. He has never won the Agassi is pretty damed pleased

dragged into five sets against guys are as well... but in my Karol Kucera, Bohdan Ulihrach mind he's still the best player in the world." said Martin. "My body was feeling good "I don't think he came up with the calibre of play today

> that he's accustomed to.' Martin, an affable journeyman, said Sunday's victory was very satisfying.

"Nothing feels better to know that I did something today that I've never done before, even the two times I beat Pete before I don't think I was committed to doing it the right way." he said.

tional wins, but as far as satisfaction for doing the job the right way it is up there, it was a very well played match on my part." Martin, who has lost in two Grand Slam finals in 12 years

"Ive had much more emo-

on the Tour, broke Sampras' service four times, while Sampras got just three break points in the entire two hour 32 minute match, for one service break. "From about three all in the second set onwards he was the

better player, he just returned

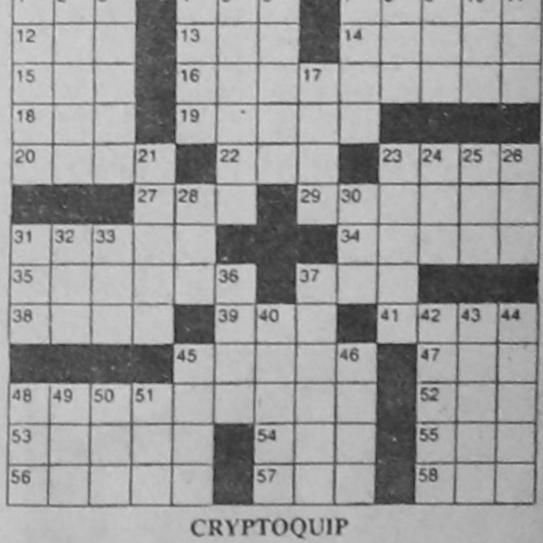
and served just as well as he's ever done. "He was utilising the body serve into my forehand and he returned great, Todd's got one of the best returns in the game and with those two weapons he

was just on in both areas," he

Sampras said even though

he had played him a great number of times going back to the 1992 US Open, Martin played at a high level on Sun-"It was a sign of how well he

served today. With his second serve he was bouncing them up Pete Sampras of the United States looks dejected during his high on my backhand and it match against compatriot Todd Martin at the Australian was tough to get control of the - AFP photo point.



KEEP A DOG IN MY APARTMENT, THE 203 LANDLADY IS MAKING ME SIGN A LEASH. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals W

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UESZW. CMH M WMZCBP XLIR VDH-XMBG. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN ORDER TO

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

ness end of a Grand Slam many the 17-year-old girlfriend of times before. So has Capriati. Lleyton Hewitt had the hall-Jan 21: Four-time But other than her semi-final champion Monica Seles found her-

In that period, Capriati, who

year, a new beginning, and I'm just happy with the fact that I think I'm playing well," she said, adding that she felt there "I'm not peaking yet," she

players you can't really get away with that because they're "So no free points and just

times. Five of those clashes fourth round. have been in Grand Slams and.

seed Kim Clijsters. She won 6-4, 6-0 but said San Diego in August.

"Against the top ranked Lindsay, I have beaten her a "I'm not playing my best for

Capriati and Seles have fourth round of a Grand Slam, I played 10 times over the years, was seeded, but I always faced with Capriati winning just three higher-ranked players in the

against an unseeded player." Davenport beat Kournikova deep to beat Henin. Davenport in the fourth round here last

MELBOURNE, Jan very eager to go on. I still feel I today. I felt fine physically and I 21: Pete Sampras can win majors and I would like had got through some tough