

Shoaib shrugs it off

REUTERS, Karachi
Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar has shrugged off concerns of a new controversy over his action ahead of the team's forthcoming tour of England.

Windies win a nail-biter

Cricket
AFP, Kingston
Ridley Jacobs hammered a four off the last ball as the West Indies gained a three-wicket win over South Africa in the first of seven one-day internationals at Sabina Park on Saturday.

WEST INDIES
Garriek c Boucher b Pollock 7
Gayle c Rhodes b Donald 27
Samuels c Boucher b Kallis 17
Lara c Rhodes b Donald 54
Hooper c Kirsten b Telemachus 43
Powell run out (Ontong) 6
Jacobs not out 17
McGarrell c and b Kallis 14
Dillon not out 2
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-6, nb-3) 15
Total: (For 7 wks in 50 overs) 202
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-51, 3-60, 4-149, 5-162, 6-177.



South African batsman Neil McKenzie looks behind after being caught by West Indies wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs while bowler Cameron Cuffy starts to celebrate.

Table with columns: Rhodes, McKenzie, Boucher, Klusener, Ontong, Telemachus, Dillon, Extras, Total, Fall of wickets, Bowler, O, M, R, W. Includes match details like 'Result: West Indies won by 3 wickets'.

Div I cricket

Khelghar SKS started their Super League campaign of the Metropolitan first Division cricket with a winning tone beating Orient SC by three wickets at the Jahangirnagar University ground yesterday.

Div II cricket

UNB, Dhaka
Badda Ekota Sangha and Nabin Sangha won their respective matches in the A-Ceme Second Division Cricket League at different city venues yesterday.

Magura cricket

Shaheed Mintu Sangha and Sotomithu (Yellow) Cricket Club won their respective matches in one Begum Wazeda Ahmed Gold Cup cricket tournament at the local stadium on Sunday.

Ranatunga, De Silva awaits ICC grilling

Cricket
AFP, Colombo
The International Cricket Council (ICC) is to question Sri Lanka's former skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and his deputy Aravinda de Silva this week over allegations they took bribes to throw matches.

Yorkshire beat the rain

REUTERS, London
Yorkshire were the only winners in a rain-hit programme in the English county championship on Saturday, snatching a dramatic four-wicket triumph over Kent.

M'singh cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mysore
Panditpara AC defeated Ratan Sangsadd by 29 runs in the Began Steel Premier Division Cricket League at the local stadium yesterday.

Houghton's

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For example, I'm teaching a batting course for a week. Then, we also send the 15 Academy boys to different places to give the benefit to other boys.

Signs please Harper

Cricket
REUTERS, Kingston
West Indies coach Roger Harper was delighted at the way his team fought their way to a dramatic last-ball victory over South Africa at Sabina Park on Saturday in the first of seven one-day internationals.

some early wickets, we did enough with the bat to get home," Harper said.
Captain Carl Hooper (43) was unavailable for comment after he sustained severe cramp in both legs while batting.



Former German tennis star Boris Becker tees off in a charity golf tournament in the island of Mallorca, Spain on Sunday.

Ctg Div I cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong
Friends Club crushed Panchalish Juba Sangha by nine wickets in the CJKS-Ispahani First Division Cricket League at the MA Aziz Stadium on Sunday.

Sirajganj cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj
Masampur Boys Club Ekadash defeated Sayadhangara Boys Club by 17 runs in the Rojob Ali Smitri Cricket Tournament here on Sunday.

Sino paddlers clinch men's title

AFP, Osaka
China defeated Belgium to win the men's team title at the world table tennis championships on Sunday, but the beaten side admitted they were overjoyed to have got to the final at all.

B'baria cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria
Progoti Cricket Club defeated Titus Cricket Club by 35 runs in the second round of the Shaheed Freedom Fighter Rangu Mia cup at Shahjadapur Junior High School playground yesterday.

What's eating

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better to delay for a good cause," he told the DSS last night.
The probe became necessary as it was reported that Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) secretary general Zafar Imam and Shiekh Nizamuddin, a director-elect of BOA who is also the organising secretary of Zafar-led forum of district organisers, raised a huge amount of money from the Dhaka based candidates in the name of their forum to manipulate results of the election.



Members of the Chinese men's team hold the winner's trophy after beating Belgium in the World Table Tennis Championships final in Osaka on Sunday.

All-Spanish final

Tennis
AFP, Barcelona
Juan Carlos Ferrero and Carlos Moya swept past the opposition in straight sets Saturday to set up only the fourth all-Spanish finale in the history of the one-million-dollar Barcelona Open.

match at the Real Club de Tennis for the second year in a row, beating Swiss challenger Michel Kratochvil 7-5, 6-2.
Ferrero, nicknamed Mosquito for his slender frame, lost last year's final against Russian Marat Safin. He will now take on his compatriot after 11th seed Moya ousted seventh-seeded Swede Thomas Enqvist 6-3, 6-3.

trail Ferrero 1-3 in their own career series, three of four played on clay.
"Things are going well for me and I must say I'm a bit surprised. The final will be a long match and it will come down to serve for me," Enqvist was broken three times in the opening set by Moya, who had knocked out Spanish Number one and long-time rival Alex Corretja in the quarter-finals.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1 Mis-erable, 2 News-caster, 3 Severe, 4 Mistle of a game, 5 Under-way, 6 Slight coloration, 7 Culprit, 8 Director Forman, 9 Social instability, 10 Wall Street area, 11 X rating?, 12 Annoy, 13 Literary collections, 14 Cardinal O'Conor's successor, 15 out a living, 16 Milwaukee product, 17 Got a Secret, 18 Ross Coral structures, 19 Lummax Australian area, 20 EVO, originally Shackles, 21 Greek physician, 22 Actor Draw, 23 Break a Commandment, 24 Memorization method.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid and text: Cryptoequip 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.