BTTF picks 52

UNB. Dhaka

Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF) initiatly picked up 52 paddlers, including 16 women, to form Bangladesh national team for the 9° SAF Games to be held in October in Islamabad.

Selected men's players are Kochi, Munna, Manash, Rubel (Ansar), Pochi, Mustafa, Mahbub, Hamlet, Saadi, Parag, Mehdi, Tirta (Biman), Ripon, Monir, Badal, (Noagoan), Shaheed, Pappu, Edison, Gautam, Abid (Dhaka) Rakin, Tamim, Babu, Mühu, Anup (Rajshahi), Ferdous, Joynal, Khokon, Mishu, Mollah (Habiganj), Tuhin. Mona, Bahon (Munshiganj). Selim (lessore) and

Sabbir (Bogra). Women's paddlers are - Linu. Tumpa, Rinu, Shamima (Ansar). Ratna, Shima (Jessore), Saleha. Rumi (Biman), Jemi, Sumi, Munmun. Eti (Gaibandha), Suma (Narail), Ripa (Rajshahi), Shila and Lopa (Patuakhali).

The selected players have been asked to report to Mohammad Ali or Zahid Mahmud on June 7 at 5 pm at the federation office, said a BTTF press release vesterday.

Steve's birthday bruise!

AGENCIES, Workester

Australia's inspirational captain Steve Waugh's 36th birthday celebrations looked to have turned sour Saturday when he went down match with Worcestershire.

However, the tough as teak Waugh, who led Australia to a record setting 16 test winning lighted Thorpe's importance to Hetcher teamed up at the end of taq. streak before India rudely interrupted them with a 2-1 series win in March, insisted afterwards that there was nothing too seriously wrong with it despite it being bandaged.

"I just fell awkwardly on my knee. I just tripped over my spikes It was sore from when I took catch against India in Calcutta a few weeks back," he said.

"It was gradually getting better. It felt just about right until I fell on it here.

"But it is just soreness, just like bruising under the knee cap. It is just inconvenient more than anything," he added.

The Australian skipper was happy with his team's performance, which has given them a massive 424-run lead with six second innings wickets left.

He said: "We have played it pretty well over the last two days. The guys have had a good time in the middle with bat and ball, so it their different styles. worked out perfectly."

France

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63rd minute when Carriere latched on to a smart through ball by Pires and calmly chipped over Mexican keeper Oswaldo Sanchez. Anelka almost added a third two minutes later when put through by Carriere but his shot was blocked by Mexican captain Claudio Su-

They put the result beyond doubt in the 72nd minute when Wiltord's Arsenal team-mate Robert Pires lobbed Sanchez after a strong run through the middle.

Carriere added the fourth with just six minutes remaining after he slotted home a Lizarazu cross which Anelka had failed to ram

French coach Roger Lemerre reverted to his strongest line-up after his decision to make 11 changes for the 1-0 defeat against Australia backfired, although goalkeeper Mickael Landreau was preferred to Ulrich Rame.

The French were bidding to thwart competition hosts South Korea's hopes of joining Australia in the quarter-finals of this eightnation competition while Korea were taking on Australia in Suwon. They knew that victory would make the result in Suwon acadiamic.

The Mexicans' best chance came in the 29th minute when Jose Manuel Abundis failed to connect with a ball across the face of the goal by Pavel Pardo. De Nigris could also have put the team level just before half-time after a goal mouth scramble but INTERNET, Worcerster his weak header looped into the arms of Landreau.

Borgetti, a half-time replace- order is under pressure to retain ment for De Nigris, also went close | their Test places ahead of Damien five minutes after the break when he slid a cross by Abundis just wide of the left-hand post.

But after that the French completely outplayed the holders of the cup, vindicating a pre-match prediction by their former coach and current Liverpool boss Gerard Houllier that they are the firm favourites to add to their trophy collection.

STARTING LINEUPS

France: Mickael Landreau, Willy Sagnol, Bixente Lizarazu, Patrick Vieira, Robert Pires, Marcel Desailly (capt), Nicolas Anelka, Eric Carriere, Mikael Silvestre, Steve Marlet, Sylvain Wiltord

Mexico: Oswaldo Sanchez, Claudio Suarez (capt), Duilio Davino, Marco Antonio Ruiz. David Rangel, Jose Manuel Abundis, Pavel Pardo. Antonio De Nigris, Octavio Valdez. Cesarco

Victorino, Victor Ruiz Referee: Ali Mohamed Bujsaim

Fits the bill

Cricket

AGENCIES, Manchester

Michael Vaughan's maiden Test century against Pakistan was not just a personal landmark but another important aspect in the transformation of England's form and fortunes.

The number three position, key to any batting line-up, had become something of an England problem over the past 12 months following Nasser Hussain's prolonged dip in form.

Hussain, who averaged just 15 in test cricket in 2000, had come under increasing pressure to move down the order during England's tour of Pakistan last year.

Despite a face-saving century during the subsequent 2-1 series win in Sri Lanka, he finally agreed to give way last month by moving down a spot to four.

Vaughan, who has scored two hundreds for Yorkshire within the past 10 days, underlined his readiness to take on the role on Saturday by making 120 and sharing a record 267-run partnership with Graham Thorpe.

looked the part from the outset thick after coming in with England in trouble at 15 for two.

Well-balanced and upright, he replaced by another. impressed particularly with his off-side strokes, off back and front Saturday, with the last eight wickheavily on his left knee during the foot, as he kept pace with his more ets falling for 75, reminded their force, Fletcher still has to find a illustrious partner.

A streak of ruthlessness is an es-

sential part of modern interna-

tional cricket and India revealed

theirs against the Zimbabwe

Academy youngsters on the sec-

ond morning of the second of a

India had embarked on a run

The diminutive Shiv Sunder

scoring bonanza Saturday and

they pressed on with the policy

Das and V.V.S. Laxman both vol-

untarily retired upon reaching

their centuries with flourish in

class cricket and Laxman's 29th.

It was Das' 13th century in first

And the slaughter continued.

Hemang Bedani helped himself to

an undefeated century and Saurav

Ganguly became the third bats-

man to retire when he had

Extended batting practice was

clearly India's priority ahead of the

first of two Tests, which will be

played in Bulawayo beginning

The only problem might be for

the tourists, if it can be considered

a problem, is a surfeit of in form

India finally declared their in-

nings closed an hour before lunch

with the scoreboard showing 447-

4. However, the Zimbabwe Acad-

emy fledglings could claim only

By the lunch break Academy

lost two wickets, Dion Ebrahim

falling to Javagal Srinath for nine

and Terry Duffin was victim of

Scoreboard after India first innings

on the second day of three day 'Bedani not out

match between Zimbabwe Acad- Ganguly retired

Bahutule not out

110 Total (for 4 wkts)

100 Bowling

Extras (4b, 7lb, 4nb, 9w)

Martyn Waugh's man

his career" said Waugh.

Africa in Sydney in 1994.

third Test in December.

day international starts.

a Test spot.

backed Martyn's claims for a been so close on a number of oc-

regular l'est spot on the back of his casions. We know how good a

108 in the match against Worces- player he is and we know he is

Fall: 1-86, 2-248, 3-287

Martyn, who has played in just

Test wilderness after being made

the scapegoat for defeat by South

cricket in March last year against

New Zealand and then returned as

Waugh against West Indies in the

healthy 42.53 and Waugh feels the

29-year-old is "ready to play Test

cricket" in addition to his 70 one-

Damien has had it tough over

the last couple of years. He's done

nothing wrong and played su-

perbly. He is definitely pushing for

that they have got to score runs

otherwise he's going to be in there

playing Test cricket, which is

"He has given everyone notice

That's what he wants. He's

His Test average stands at a

a replacement for the injured

He made his return to Test

one of those wickets.

Zaheer Khan for seven.

emy and India on Sunday:

INDIA: First innings

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SCOREBOARD

Sunder Das retired

Cricket

captain Steve Waugh.

Australia's established middle

Martyn according to Australian

DAMIEN MARTYN

The 36-year-old skipper

Laxman retired

reached a half-century.

Thursday.

batsmen.

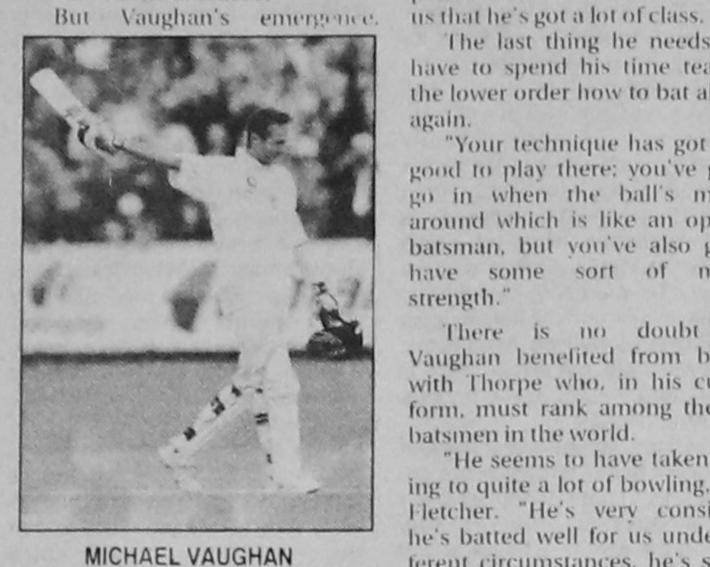
Cricket

three days match here.

AFP. Harare

the England batting, "He's their 1999, best batsman," he said. "The oth-

The statistics back up the argument, particularly over the past three series, with Thorpe averag-Pakistan, including 118 in Lahore, injuries have stopped him. and 67.25 in Sri Lanka, including 113 not out in Colombo.



mattered, but the way they were steel to a top order already blessed Vaughan, in his 11th Test, coming player, Marcus Tresco- Vaughan.

just hope that one headache is not ets well, he's alert and he shows a

England's dramatic collapse on world-class cricketer."

Indians enjoy run-fest

Fletcher said: "Michael has ers are good Test players, not great shown us the talent for some time now and we've been waiting to give him an opportunity there. We didn't want to rush him: we wanted to start him at No six and ing 56.80 in the three-test series in when an opportunity has arisen

> "He has waited, we've been patient with him and he's shown

The last thing he needs is to have to spend his time teaching the lower order how to bat all over

"Your technique has got to be good to play there; you've got to batsman, but you've also got to have some sort of mental strength.

There is no doubt that Vaughan benefited from batting with Thorpe who, in his current form, must rank among the best batsmen in the world.

"He seems to have taken a lik ing to quite a lot of bowling," said Fletcher. "He's very consistent, he's batted well for us under dif ferent circumstances, he's shown It was not just the runs that confirmed on Saturday, will add he's got a lot of character and fight and it's nice to see him bat with with another young up-and- the youngsters like Michael

"Graham's a really good role Coach Duncan Fletcher will model. He runs between the wicklot of cricket awareness - he's a

To turn England into a real supporters of the bad old days world-class spinner to match the Before the game, Pakistan which seemed to have receded likes of Shane Warne, Muttiah coach Richard Pybus had high- into memory since Hussain and Muralitharan and Saqlain Mush

Div I cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Boys Club and Wari Club won their respective relegation league matches of the Metropolis First Division Cricket at different city venues yesterday.

At the Dhaka University Jagannath Hall ground, Bangladesh Boys registered a convincing Sunday, saving a match point Court. seven wicket victory over Dhaka | before beating qualifier Michael Wanderers Club.

In the day's other match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, an all-round performance by Towhid Nakib enabled Wari Club beat Indira Road KC by 38 runs.

BRIEF SCORES

go in when the ball's moving DHAKA WANDERERS CLUB: 82 around which is like an opening | for 8 in a reduced 25 overs (Jewel 32, Monju 23, Shafique 10, extras 7; Torey 3/10, Shohag 2/9.)

BANGLADESH BOYS CLUB: 83 for 3 in 18.3 overs (Sayced not out 27. Manoj not out 23, Ruben 21, Rashed 10, extras 2; Monju 2/33.)

WARI CLUB: 137 for 3 in 25 overs (Towhid not out 78, Champak 22, Nazrul not out 18, extras 11; Alamgir 1/10, Kabir 1/17 and Mostafa 1/27.)

INDIRA ROAD KC: 99 for 9 in 25 overs (Masud 28; Alamgir 24, Partha 10, extras 10; Towhid 3/12 and Zia 2/17.)

Tourists poised for win

REUTERS, Worcester

Matthew Hayden and Ricky Ponting both struck 65 as the Australians stayed on course to open their tour of England with a comprehensive victory over Worcestershire.

By the close on the second day of the three-day match on Saturday, the touring team led by a massive 424 with six second innings wickets left.

The Australians dismissed Worcestershire for 163 to lead by 188 on first innings but decided not to enforce the follow-on so they could get more batting prac tice and ended the day at 236 for

Openers Hayden and Mark Waugh set the tone for the run spree with an opening stand worth 103 in 19 overs.

Waugh made 18 while left-arm spinner Matthew Rawnsley bowled Hayden after cracking 10 fours in 63 balls. By the time Ponting was out, he had hammered one six and 11 fours in making his runs off 62 deliveries.

Teams

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ing England's Andrew Caddick and Pakistan's Rashid Latif and Azhar Mahmood that happened while the home side slumped to 357 in their first innings.

"Match referee Brian Hastings held separate meetings with the captains of both sides, regarding an incident on the pitch during England's innings," a statement issued on his behalf read. "He also spoke to Andrew Cad-

dick, Rashid Latif and Azhar Mahmood and in respect of these meetings has issued a warning to both teams that their behaviour was not acceptable."

an number action.

Pakistan FROM PAGE 13

PHOTO: INTERNET

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Indian opener Shiv Sunder Das raises his bat to the crowd after com-

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11 Test since making his debut now. He's done the business and

Martyn was banished to the oed by Martyn's former Western

nine years ago, was "at the peak of set the standards," said Waugh.

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Rogers

ready to play Test cricket.

"He's at the peak of his career

Waugh's sentiments are ech-

Australian teammate Tom Moody

who feels the right-hander has

what it takes to make the grade at

pleting a century against the Zimbabwe Academy team on Saturday.

(Thorpe 138, Vaughan 120; Razzaq

(overnight: 87-3) S Anwar c Thorpe b Gough A Razzaq c Cork b Hoggard Flybal c Stewart b Caddick Inzamam c Trescothick b Hoggard Youhana c Atherton b Caddick Younis Khan lbw b Cork A Mahmood b Caddick R Latif not out W Akram not out Extras: (lb-7, nb-19) Total: (For 7 wkts in 88 overs) 274

Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-41, 3-63, 4-204, 5-208, 6-232, 7-241

To bat:	Saglain		Mushtaq		
Waqar Younis					
Bowler	0	M	R	W	
Gough	17	2	67	1	
Caddick	22	4	92	3	
Hoggard	24	4	66	2	
Cork	25	9	42	1	
Umpires:	David		Shepherd		
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(Eng), Eddie Nicholls (WIs) Third umpire: Ray Julian (Eng) Match referee: Brian Hastings (Nzl)

Gustavo tames a toughie

Tennis

AFP, Paris

Russell of the United States 3-6, 4- event included winning the Monte 6, 7-6 (7/3), 6-3, 6-1 to reach the Carlo Masters Series title, had

had staved off a match point in his traces of nerves in the biggest test opening qualifying match to get of his short career as he took the

This time the boot was on the with a fearsome drive. Brazilian top seed and defending other foot as having come so close back from the brink of disaster the Philippe-Chatrier Centre

Kuerten, whose build-up to the



PHOTO: AFP

Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten is about to serve against American Michael Russell during their French Open clash yesterday.

French Open men's singles quar- come here nursing niggling back

25min to get the better of a dogged for an hour and a half in the windy opponent ranked just 122 in the conditions as Russell dragged the match points against Farina, one world, next plays the winner of the 'king of clay' all over the place. match between 1996 champion

Kuerten had not met Russell the umpire over line calls. previously - but the samba star now knows only too much about all four of his previous Slam Cara Black 7-6 (7/2), 6-1 in a battle the 23 year-old from Detroit, who events, was showing few if any of non-seeds.

and thigh problems - and he Kuerten, who needed 3hr looked thoroughly uncomfortable their first Grand Slam quarterfinal.

and seventh seed Yevgeny Kafel- dropping serve twice to go 1-5 16 of a Grand Slam, but kept her nikov of Russia and Tommy Ro- down as he multiplied his un- nerve to see off an opponent 12 bredo of Spain for a place in the forced errors and became em- years her senior. broiled in several arguments with

opening set on his third set point A spanking drive to Kuerten's

champion Gustavo Kuerten came he just failed to finish the job on feet gave Russell another break for 5-3 in the second set only for the Brazilian nicknamed 'Guga' to

break back as Russell fired wide. But a rasping backhand down the line left Russell two sets up and Kuerten looking skywards in search of some kind of divine in-

spiration. Before he knew it he was 2-5. down in the third set after a break in the sixth game.

But Kuerten broke back for 4-5 as Russell spurned his big chance, the Brazilian wrong-footing him with a monster forehand.

Slowly but surely the pendulum inched back towards the favourite as Kuerten, forced the tiebreak and promptly raced 6-1 clear before taking it on his third set point.

The champion was now finding his shots from every angle whereas Russell was being engulfed by the rising tide against him.

He conceded the fourth set after spurning his sole break point and Kuerten wrapped things up in the fifth by putting away a simple smash on match point.

In third-round matches held over from Saturday, Australia's Wayne Arthurs beat Nicolas Coutelot of France 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/4) while Swiss youngster Roger Federer completed a 6-4, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 win over Spain's David Sanchez.

Farlier, Belgian 14th seed Justine Henin overcame the loss of the opening three games to beat unseeded Austrian Barbara Schett 6-3, 6-4 to move into the women's quarter-finals.

Henin, 19, will now face 17vear-old Lina Krasnoroutskaya in an all-teenage battle after the Russian swept aside Silvia Farina of Italy 6-2, 6-4.

Both youngsters are through to Krasnoroutskaya fluffed five

of an Open Era record of three Kuerten made a dismal start. Italian women through to the last Another of the Italian trio.

Francesca Schiavone, did go Russell, a first-round loser in through as she ousted Zimbabwe's

FRENCH FRIES

Tennis

French Open diary on the seventh day of the tournament here Sun-

NEVER MIND THE HYPE, LOOK AT THE TROPHIES Jennifer Capriati has provided a double dose of fresh air on the women's Tour this year.

Not only has she bounced back from a severe case of 'teenage circus. Today Rome, tomorrow burnouf to land her first Grand Slam singles title at the Australian ships." Open but the 25-year old American says she if never get caught up pleted a school study course and However, the statement added in the hype which seems all- hopes to become a vet, having that Hastings would not be taking pervading in top class sport these never quite cracked a place in the

After the highs and lows of the earlier part of her career when she out a niche modeling stockings. became the youngest-ever Grand Slam semifinalist with her 1990 run in Paris before personal prob- terview, claiming the Russian pin-PAKISTAN: Second innings lems saw her almost disappear up sometimes treated others with from view altogether.

> But having broken her Slam 22 duck Capriati is now very much 14 | relaxed about her life in the tennis 85 | goldfish bowl.

14 | who's not.

hype, the media, the sponsorships quarter-finals. and all that stuff."

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KANDARR'S FED UP WITH

Roman poet Juvenal once opined that life was all about bread and circuses, but for Jana Kandarr she could do without the tennis 'cir-

The tall blonde German, who BELIEVER Mauresmo in the first round of the life on the Tour.

Paris. It wrecks your relation-Kandarr, 24, has just com-

top 50. She's also managed to carve

The German also recently criticised Anna Kournikova in an ina lack of respect.

DON'T CALL ME, I WON'T CALL YOU

French 17th seed Sandrine Testud "I'm definitely not an atten- against whom she has a 0-14 rec-

By Eugene Sheffer

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Asked where she could be loves playing.

contacted in Paris, Testud said firmly: "I'm staying at the Califor-

"I will not give you the number of the room!"

MIRJANA'S STILL A

shocked French fifth seed Amelie Croat Mirjana Lucic is still a believer in herself - even though little women's singles, says it's a tough has been seen of her since her exciting run to the Wimbledon "All the travelling, the whole semis two years ago.

> Assailed by injuries this year and last Lucic said she had still taken heart from her French Open campaign despite losing out to Jennifer Capriati in the third round of the women's singles.

> "I still believe in myself. I know how good I can be and I know how good I'm gonna be," said Lucic, who won on home ground at 1997 Bol in her first event and then repeated the triumph a year later.

> With her ranking down to 232 after shoulder and knee problems Lucic had to play the qualifiers

"Your ranking goes down, it's nothing shameful. You have to go I have that sixth sense about understandably doesn't want to be through it, you have to play some 17 who's genuine, who's sincere and disturbed as she prepares to face qualifiers. I have no problem with world number one Martina Hingis, playing qualifiers and getting my game up again," said the tall tion-getter. I don't like all that ord, for a place in the women's blonde who said being injured had made her realise how much she

20 21 22 23 45 46 51 52 53 CRYPTOQUIP XGPS

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PGIOVC XQLO Q JBKO UOQI. Saturday's Cryptoquip: ONE PRESUMES THAT AN ARTIST UNABLE TO SKETCH A SIMPLE CUBE HAS A MENTAL BLOCK. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Fequals R

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 vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



Sri Lankan Cricket coach Malcolm Perera(C) conducting a coaches' course of Rajshahi Division at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on

THE 'CIRCUS' AFP, Paris