The Daily Star

WI warm-up washed out

AFP, Colombo

No cricket was possible here Sunday due to rain on the second day of the West Indies' warm-up match against Sri Lanka A.

The West Indies had gained valuable batting practice on the opening day of the three-day game on Saturday, with captain Carl Hooper scoring an impressive 117 to help his team reach 334-7 in the first innings.

The visitors will play one more practice match, at Matara from November 8 to 10, before the first Test of a three-match series against Sri Lanka starts at Galle on November 13.

They will then take on the hosts and Zimbabwe in a triangular oneday tournament starting next

Rajshahi soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club won their respective matches of the First Division Football League matches at the local stadium yesterday.

In the first match, Abahani trounced Town Club 8-0. Jalil scored hattrick for the winners.

M o h a m m e d a n d e f e a t e d Upashahar Club 2-1.

Law sounds **Kiwi alert**

AFP, Brisbane

The world champion Australians have been warned not to underestimate the strength of New Zealand despite the tourists' moderate lead-up to Thursday's first cricket Test at the Gabba here.

said the Kiwis were capable of testing Australia if Steve Waugh's team was not fully prepared for the three-Test series.

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Pollock was the most successful South African bowler with figures of four for 91, while Hayward took three for 70 on his return to the test side after an absence of over a year.

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the first Test on Sunday: INDIA:First innings SSDasbHayward R Dravid c Kallis b Pollock 2 Laxman c Boucher b Hayward 32 SRTendulkar cMcKenzie bNtini 155 SC Ganguly c Kirsten b Kallis 14 VSehwagb Pollock DDasguptacBoucherbPollock 34 A Kumble c Boucher b Kallis ISrinathcGibbsbHayward

Cricket

REUTERS, Sydney The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) has told leg-spinner Shane Warne he is a potential candidate for Australian captain position after Steve Waugh retires, the Sunday Telegraph has reported.

It was thought that Warne's chances of ever being captain were gone when he was stripped of the Australian vice-captaincy by the ACB last year. "The Australian Cricket Board

and that I am definitely in consideration," Warne said

what was best for the team. "I'm not pushing for it. The

thing with the captaincy is, it has got to be something that is good for the best man for the job," he said.

Hussain, writing in the Sunday Telegraph, said deciding to tour India had been an easy decision for

him personally, despite the doubts

aired by several members of the

Andrew Caddick and Robert Croft withdrew from the tour last

week, citing concerns over security

in light of the conflict in

touring party.

Afghanistan.

AFP, New Delhi

in August 2000.

In the other match of the day, Nostalgic Nasser

Cricket AFP, London

Relieved Nasser Hussain has said he is delighted to be leading England's trip to India next month, describing India as the soul of the sport.

Queensland captain Stuart Law

Gibbs, Kirsten

nonchalant one-handed catch.

Other players needed extra time to decide whether to go, plunging the whole tour in doubt at one stage. But now the tour is definitely on SCOREBOARD

Hussain is relishing the challenge ahead "For me, it was an easy deci-'Don't count on Cs' Cricket 105

Captain Shane?

for itself.

have told me the door is not closed,

Warne was careful to emphasise he wasn't campaigning for the

position and that he only wanted

the team at the time. You have to be

Warne's controversial off-field antics involving phone conversations with an English nurse caused the ACB to sack him as vice-captain and give the job to Adam Gilchrist

SHANE WARNE

during the 1998-99 season when England and Sri Lanka toured. Wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist and right-handed batsman Ricky Ponting are also being considered for the job when Steve Waugh, who

sion," Hussain said of his choice to

go to India. "I am England captain,

it is the greatest honour and not

NASSER HUSSAIN

something you pick and choose

whether to take up or not," he said.

"It is also the greatest ambition

Chappell said he found Croft's

decision strange because an off-spinner would never find a better

referring to the Indian off-

England's cricketers had been the

place to bowl than India.

'Ask Harbhaian Singh



Although Warne is yet to cap

tain Australia at test level his record

in one-day internationals speaks

Warne notched up a tally of 10 wins from 11 matches as captain

His 26th century put him joint fourth on the world all-time list with Australian captain Steve Waugh, behind fellow countryman Sunil Gavaskar (34), and Bradman (29) and Allan Border (27) is now 36 years old, finally retires.

Sachin surpasses Tame end at Brisbane AFP, Brisbane

AFP, Sydney

The Don

history of the game.

forseven

play there.

he said.

time.

155 as India finished the day on 372

of my father, Joe, to watch me play

and captain England in a Test match in the country of his birth.

And third, and most important to

me, India is the soul of world cricket," he added.

taken place, I would probably never receive another chance to

make my career complete, Hussain added.

"This is my message to them.

We want to come over, we want to

sample your hospitality, your culture and your love of the game,"

"best excuse-finders" for a long

Englishman) that Croft's decision

"It has been suggested (by an

a lot to do with the dreaded T

held against the tourists.

"If this England tour had not

Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar New Zealand drew their four-day has passed Australian legend Don tour cricket match with Queensland at the Gabba here Bradman on the list of all-time run Sunday in their last hit-out before scorers in Test match cricket. Thursday's first Test against A single off the bowling of South

Australia African captain Shaun Pollock Queensland were 202 for four in during the first day of the first Test at their second innings when rival Bloemfontein on Saturday enabled captains Stuart Law and Stephen Tendulkar to reach 6,997 runs, Fleming agreed to an early finish. passing Bradman's mark of 6.996

Sport

The reigning Sheffield Shield In his 85th Test match, champions needed another 109 Tendulkar then became the 21st runs from 12 overs when the game player in the history of the game to finished, with Clinton Perren reach the 7,000 milestone with a unbeaten on 47. straight drive off Pollock to reach 84 Andrew Symonds had threat-

ened to blow away the New Tendulkar, 28, is also the youn-Zealanders when he smashed 47 from 26 balls but his dismissal to off-spinner Glen Sulzberger (2-75 His next goal will be to pass Greg from 11 overs) effectively ended Chappell's 7,110 runs and move

Queensland's hopes. into the top 20 run-scorers in the Opener Jimmy Maher top-scored with 62 off 90 balls. Tendulkar went on to make his

The Black Caps will go into the 26th Test century with a knock of first Test at the Gabba with a solid preparation but they have a new injury concern after wicketkeeper Adam Parore did not appear during Queensland's second innings.

Parore hurt a leg muscle while batting Sunday and 12th man Lou Vincent took the gloves in Queensland's second innings but Parore was expected to recover for the opening Test.

New Zealand showed that injured spinner Daniel Vettori was moving closer to a berth in the first Test by allowing him on the field as a substitute, along with paceman Dion Nash, who was also rested from the match with a muscle

injury. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at the close of play on the

final day of the four-day tour match between Queensland and New Zealand on Sunday

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24

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NEW ZEALAND: First innings 444 for nine decl (Astle 223, Fleming 69, Cairns 39; M Johnson 2-64, A Bichel 2-65, A Symonds 2-87)

"It is something I have to do to QUEENSLAND: First innings 347 (Hayden 97, Symonds 48, Maher 47; Cairns 5-71) NEW ZEALAND: Second innings

Hussain said he hoped the withdrawals of Caddick and Croft and deliberations of other mem-(overnight 53-3) Richardson c Seccombe b Kasprowicz Bell Ibw Bichel bers of the tour party would not be Sinclair c Love b Johnson Fleming c Seccombe b Bichel "...One thing I hope that does not come out of all this is that McMillan c Law b Kasprowicz Parore c sub (Hauritz) b Symonds cricket-loving Indians, of which Cairns not out there are a few, get the wrong idea about my England team," he wrote. Astle not out

Extras (lb-4 nb-18) 22 213 Total (for six wickets declared) Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-9; 3-9; 4-104; 5-167;6-185 0 R W Bowler 2

Kasprowicz 13 2 39 12 2 43 Bichel Noffke 8 2 32 13 4 42 Johnson Law 1 0 6.5 0 53 Symonds QUEENSLAND: Second innings Maher b Martin 62 Love lbw b Sulzberger 42

Perren not out 47 Symonds c O'Connor b Sulzberger e c sub (Vincent) b O'Connor

Lindsay captures No 1 spot

AFP, Munich

Lindsay Davenport snatched the season-end world number one ranking here Saturday on her way to the final of the WTA Tour Championships-but then said Venus Williams was still the best player in the world.

Davenport won a semifinal battle of nerves with Belgium's Kim Clijsters 1-6,6-3,7-6 in 1hr 48min and will now move ahead of fellow American Jennifer Capriati in the final year standings to be published on Monday.

She now faces Serena Williams, the US seventh seed who ground Frenchwoman Sandrine Testud into the floor 6-3, 6-0 in 54min in Saturday's other semifinal which by contrast to her own was a wholly onesided affair.

The winner will go home with a cheque for 750,000 dollars and Serena says the fact she has only lost two of nine meeting counts for nothing. "Whatever happened in the past is

the past. "This is the last match of the year. She wants to win it. I want to win it Despite her rankings success Davenport maintains only Grand Slam title winners deserve the top spot and sees Wimbledon and US Open champion Venus Williams as the current best player on the Tour.

"I can't control what happens with the rankings. It's a huge honour - but I've never played for the ranking," Davenport said.

"I can't help the fact that Venus only plays nine or ten tournaments or that lennifer won less Tour events. "I fully believe that Venus would be

number one if she played more." Davenport, who also bagged the year-end number one ranking in 1998, clinched her 15th straight win having come here on the back of wins at Zurich, Filderstadt and Linz.

But she was slow to recapture her form of recent weeks on Saturday as Clijsters ran her ragged in a 24min first set and the Belgian teenager, five defeats against her opponent in six previous meetings, so nearly wrecked her dreams.

Praising Clijsters accession this year to the world top five Davenport admitted she knew she was in for a

toughday's work. "I thought she'd be the toughest player. She was hitting the ball a little bit harder than I thought she would.

"I was definitely a little slow to start and put myself in a hole right away,' Davenport conceded.

Indeed, she seemed almost paralysed by the occasion as she dropped serve twice to find herself 1-5 down

Kafelnikov, Grosjean face off

AFP, Paris

the utmost importance

finals.

As well as the winner's cheque of 434,000 dollars, Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Sebastien Grosjean have other reasons why victory in the Paris Masters on Sunday is of

For Kafelnikov, with an Olympic

In Saturday's semifinals, the

Russian fourth seed and the sixth seeded Grosjean looked like men

gold medal, two Grand Slam titles

and almost 20 million dollars in the

bank, it is his fifth opportunity to smash his losing streak in Masters

with her irrepressible rival confidently spraying some booming winners past her before pocketing the set with an

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Despite a barely perceptible improvement to her game Davenport got away 4-0 in the second set and, although Clijsters pulled a break back to love, a third Davenport break was sufficient to force a decider - but not

against her in the eighth game but was furious with her rival and the umpire for an overrule which almost handed Clijsters the chance to serve out for the match.

Although Davenport eventually brought through her serve the contro versial decision cost the official a post-

match handshake. Clijsters clung on tenaciously as



American Lindsay Davenport plays a forehand return against Belgian Kim Clijsters at the WTA Tour Championships semifinal on November 3.

before she had conceded her strangely unreliable service again.

Both players knuckled under in the final set as they tried to cut down on the unforced errors - but Clijsters blinked first as she smacked a forehand long to concede serve in the fifth game on Davenport's third break point.

However, the Belgian, who beat Davenport in the Stanford final in July after heavy defeats to the American at the Australian Open and Wimbledon, broke straight back with a tremen

douswrongfooting forehand.

However, having forced the tiebreak Clijsters swiftly fell 0-5 behind and finally the die was cast, Davenport ripping a backhand win-ner past her on her second match paint point "If you lose 7-6 in the third you feel more disappointed when you know you have the chance to do it - and I

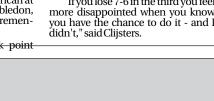
she then came back from triple break point down to save five in total and

move to the brink of victory at 6-5,

clenching what the German media

have dubbed her "Boris Becker" fist.

Davenport saved a break poin



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Extras: (lb7,w7,nb7)			21	
Total: (allout, 95.1 overs,)			379	
Fall of wkts: 1-7; 2-43; 3-51; 4-68; 5-288; 6-				
351;7-372;8-378;9-379;10-379.				
Bowling	0	М	R	W
Pollock	27	8	91	4
Hayward	20.3	5	70	3
Kallis	22	6	87	2
Ntini	14.4	2	71	1
Klusener	6	1	32	0
Boje	5	1	21	0
SOUTHAFRICA: Firstinnings				
HGibbscKhanbSrinath 107				
GKirsten bKumble 73				73
J Kallis not out			49	
N McKenzielbwb Kumble			68	
Extras: (b11, lb4, w1, nb14) 30				
Total: (3 wickets, 81.5 overs) 327				
To Bat: HH Dippenaar, L Klusener, SM Pollock, MV Boucher, N Boje, M Ntini, M Hayward.				
Fallofwkts:1-189;2-197;3-327.				
Bowling	0	М	R	W
Srinath	17	4	59	1
Nehra	12	1	77	0
Khan	16	2	76	0
Kumble	29.5	6	73	2
Tendulkar	7	0	27	0

Former Australian cricket captain Ian Chappell said Sunday England should not name Andrew Caddick and Robert Croft in their next squad because they pulled out of

the upcoming Indian tour. "This is the ideal opportunity for the (England) selectors to try weeding out those players not really committed to the cause when a tough series looms," Chappell wrote in a column in the Hindustan Times newspaper.

Fast bowler Caddick and offspinner Croft, originally named in the England squad, last Tuesday withdrew from the tour because of security fears in view of the US-led air strikes on nearby Afghanistan.

"The selectors should make an example of Croft and Caddick and not include them in the next squad," Chappell said, adding that the England cricket team had been too soft for too long when the "real challenges are on the line". "This would be a clear indication to all potential England play-

ers that in future the selectors would consider attitude right up there along with talent when choosing teams.

ANDREW CADDICK against Steve Waugh's Australians,

which helped his team clinch a three-Test home series early this year. "Croft obviously does not want badly enough to play for England," Chappell said, adding that

spinner's record 32-wicket haul



ROBERT CROFT

"If this England team is really committed to the tour of India then they will give a good account of themselves. But if they are only there because they feel it is their duty then they will strike trouble."

England, due to arrive in India on November 14, are scheduled to play three Tests at Mohali, Ahmedabad and Bangalore. They will then return home for Christmas before coming back to India mid-January for a series of five one-day internationals.

The international cricketers' union

has expressed concerns over new

plans to place cameras in Test

measures would be intrusive.

The use of cameras is one of a

"It seems to be an extension of

number of measures approved by

BBC, London

dressing rooms.

earlier this year.

Sunday Telegraph.

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who meant business as they wrapped-up straight sets wins. Grosjean defeated Tommy Haas 7-5, 6-4 in 87 minutes and victory in Sunday's final will move him ahead of the German in the race for Sydney - defeat will still take the Frenchman to Australia, but only as a reserve. Kafelnikov, who hasn't dropped a set here all week, beat Sweden's Andreas Vinciguerra 6-1, 7-6 in 70 minutes to give himself another opportunity of winning an elusive Masters series title. asters series title As good FROM PAGE 13 way to an audacious and heroic unbeaten century. Waugh, the scorer of 9,286 Test runs at an average of 51.87, has suffered four groin strains during his career, including one this year. There was a hip muscle problem in 1996, inflamed joints in the hand the following year and a collision with Jason Gillespie ended both 4.3 1 10 0 players' tours of the subcontinent in 1999. Waugh had hamstring Cricket spy cams problems in 1998 and 1999 and a strained upper thigh muscle last year. His battle with a blood clot in his left calf muscle has been his

"I can understand why the ICC

protecting the game and intruding into players' private lives.

David Graveney, joint chief executive of the Federation of International Cricketers Associations (FICA) as well as England's chairman of selectors, easures. said there was a danger that the

meeting include:

last month's International Cricket Council (ICC) meeting in an attempt to stamp out match-fixing.

banned from dressing rooms.

It is part of a policy suggested by the head of the Anti Corruption be screened Unit Sir Peter Condon in his report *Security guards posted at team

hotels. *Visitors required to sign in at

the Condon report and we will be writing to ICC chief executive team hotels. *No unaccredited person Malcolm Speed to express our allowed near dressing rooms reservations," Graveney told the

most serious challenge. Stage set

FROM PAGE 13 grounds committee secretary Alam

Čhowdhury. Talking to The Daily Star Sports,

Alam said both grounds in Dhaka and Chittagong were ready to host matches. He however added that the grasses in the outfield of Bangabandhu Stadium are still a little higher and those would be mowed down by two days.

Alam also hinted that the Number Two pitch from east might be used for the first Test, starting on November 8.

Meanwhile, tickets for the first Test of the Coca-Cola series goes on sale in seven branches of Al Baraka Bank in the city from tomorrow.

The branches are: Dilkusha, VIP Road (Naya Paltan), Gulshan Circle-1, Mirpur Road, Karwan Bazar, Imamganj and Principal Office in Motijheel.

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"PQFA PM UQP PUA GDIR! Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY BROTHER REALLY DESPISES GREEN VEGETABLES. I TOLD HIM TO GIVE PEAS A CHANCE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals A

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.

are looking to bring provisions in to deal with match-fixing.

"But there's a fine line between

"Everybody acknowledges the game needs better policing, but we need to talk to the ICC about the implications of each one of these

Measures agreed at the ICC

*Use of cameras in dressing rooms and hotel lobbies.

*Players' mobile phones to be

*All telephone calls to players to