## The Daily Star



## Pepsi h'ball

### UNB, Dhaka

Came from behind, Jessore emerged zonal champions in the Pepsi 14th National Men's Handball Championship beating Khulna 21-19 in the final at Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore yesterday.

Earlier, both the teams have earned the rights to play in the final round of the national championship. In the day's final, the hosts were trailing by 8-10 during the first session

Shariful contributed seven, Faruk five and Moni four for the winners while Bulbul made eight and Saiful four for the losers.

Kushtia finished third in the seven-team zonal meet outplaying Bagerhat 12-11 at the same venue yesterday.

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officials said no invitation has been made and the Japanese government is reportedly too nervous to allow a visit. No emperor has visited Korea since the end of Japan's 35year occupation of the Korean peninsula in 1945.

The two organising committees argued last year over whether Japan or Korea's name should come first on tickets.

But Lennart Johansson, president of the European confederation UEFA and head of FIFA's World Cup organising committee, said last week the two countries had "cooperated for the best results. Everything I saw was cooperation between the two to solve problems"

Shunichiro Okano, head of the Japan Football Association, admitted "I know there are problems that exist but it is my firm belief that through the World Cup, Japan and Korea's relations will become better and better."

## Warne, Vettori

FROM PAGE 13 behind point.

Then Warne was given two "lives" at 10 and 51

Nathan Astle muffed a shoulderhigh chance at second slip off paceman Bond, and fast bowler Chris Cairns put down a catch off his own bowling.

Australia's little left-hander Justin Langer, seeking a rare fourth century in successive Tests, was the only high-order batsman to hit his straps.

He promised to reach his target as he moved to 75 in untroubled fashion before his luck ran out.

He gloved a ball from Cairns to wicketkeeper Adam Parore, who made no mistake. Langer walked off without waiting for a verdict from Zimbabwe umpire Ian Robinson.

What he did not know was that Cairns had bowled a no-ball by overstepping the mark a fact clearly demonstrated by TV replays. SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at stumps on the third day of the third and deciding cricket Test between Australia and New

# Windies look to Lara

wickets in

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Tillekeratne's terrific double

## Cricket

AFP. Colombo Brian Lara and Ramnaresh Sarwan hit unbeaten half-centuries as the West Indies struggled to save the third and final cricket Test against Sri Lanka here on Sunday.

The tourists, trailing by 237 runs, recovered from early blows to reach 145-2 in their second innings at stumps on the penultimate day, with Lara (76) and Sarwan (57) at the crease

Earlier, Hashan Tillekeratne completed his maiden Test doublecentury as Sri Lanka, seeking their first-ever sweep after taking a 2-0 lead, declared their first innings at 627-9 in reply to their rivals' 390. The West Indies' hopes of avoid-

ing the third successive defeat suffered a setback when left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas removed openers Chris Gayle and Daren Ganga in his first three overs to reduce the tourists to 20-2.

resuming at Lara and Sarwan then hit their way out of trouble. dominating the before con Sri Lankan attack with an unbroken position. He 125-run stand for the third wicket.

shots as he t Sarwan raced to his half-century pulled Black off 60 balls with 11 fours, while Lara has so far struck one six and eight boundaries in his 136-ball knock as Sri Lanka failed to take a wicket in the last session. Vaas, who took seven wickets in

the first innings, struck with his sixth ball when he had Gayle caught by Mahela Jayawardene at third slip and then trapped Ganga leg-before.

In contrast, the West Indian bowlers struggled for wickets as Tillekeratne batted confidently on way to his unbeaten 204 with the help of 23 boundaries.

Tillekeratne, dismissed just once in the current series, has batted more than 19 hours for his 403 runs in the last four innings.

The left-hander put on a record 165 for the sixth wicket with Thilan Samaraweera (87), surpassing the previous best of 154 between the same pair in the opening Test at Galle.

Tillekeratne's first double-century in 63 Tests came in the post-lunch session with a brace to long-off off paceman Marlon Black.

Tillekeratne, 143 overnight, continued to frustrate the rival attack with his solid batting. None of the West Indian bowlers looked impressive, with pacemen Mervyn Dillon, Pedro Collins and Black -- and offspinner Carl Hooper -- each conced-

ing more than 100 runs. The tourists took the third new ball in the day's 11th over, but could only contain runs as the hosts made

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Sri Lankan Mahela Javawardene attempts a catch in the slips as West Indies batsmar Ramnaresh Sarwan watches anxiously in Colombo on Sunday

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Extras: (b-5, lb-14, w-2, nb-5) Total: (For nine wkts decl in 197 overs) 627 Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-104, 3-179, 4-204, 5-345, 6-510, 7-550, 8-569, 9-611 Bowle Dillon Collins Black Ramnarine Hooper TILLEKERATNE ... 204 n o Gayle

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second Test half-century. Vaas was the second batsman to Ganga Ibw b Vaas be dismissed when he lofted Collins Gayle c Jayawardene b straight to Marlon Samuels at mid-or after scoring a 31-ball 23. Sarwan not out

Tillekeratne, however, never looked in trouble against the West Indian attack on an easy-paced pitch. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the third and final cricket Test between the West Indies and Sri Lanka at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground here on Sunday:

winning one of the first two Tests with

CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: A GOOD CLOCK MAKES A SPLENDID GIFT. AFTER ALL, THERE'S NO PRESENT LIKE THE TIME.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals S

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, 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.

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WEST INDIES: First innings 390 (B. Lara 221, R. Sarwan 69, C. Hooper 56: C. Vaas 7-120). SRI LANKA: First innings (overnight 477-5) Atapattu c Gayle b Collins 4

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# Proteas down under

for nine declared in their first innings. the other drawn before the third "I don't think we need to take match was declared unofficial in a heart from it but I think we've got a controversy that had threatened to side that's playing good cricket at the split world cricket. moment," Pollock said. India batsman Virender Sehwag "We believe we can be very was given a one-match ban after the competitive and give Australia a second Test by International Cricket good go. We believe that we've got a Council (ICC) match referee Mike Denness for excessive appealing. SCHEDULE After India refused to accept Dec 5 v Chairman's XI, Perth. Denness as referee for the third 7-10 v Western Australia, Perth. Test, the ICC stripped the game of its 14-18 v Australia (1st Test) official status but India and South Adelaide Africa went ahead with the game at 20-23 v New South Wales, Sydney. Centurion Park, which Pollock's team won by an innings and 73 runs. 26-30 v Australia (2nd Test) Melbourne Pollock said the team had kept January 2-6 y Australia (3rd Test) their focus on the field.

#### Ks share points AFP. Moscow

The world's two strongest chessplayers, Garry Kasparov and Vladimir Kramnik, began a ten-dav match Saturday in an unofficial world title bout. The opening game, in which

Kramnik was playing whites, ended with a draw in less than two hours, after the two Grand Masters made eighteen moves. After the game, Kramnik justified

nis "slowness" with the lack of practice, promising however that this was the first and the last quick draw in this match," the ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

## Captain on Pat's retreat

#### AFP. Melbourne

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Captain John Fitzgerald Sunday revealed his strategy in nursing stricken Pat Rafter through Australia's failed Davis Cup tennis final bid against France.

The French landed their ninth Cup when Nicolas Escude beat off late stand-in Wayne Arthurs in a fifth singles rubber shoot-out to win 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3 on a portable grass court here Sunday. Arthurs, his team's third-choice

singles player, was handed the daunting task of playing for the destiny of the 2001 Davis Cup after Rafter decided he would not get through a potential five-setter w Escude, even though he had a 4-0 career record over the Frenchman. Rafter went into this weekend's

final amid concern over the chronic state of tendinitis in his serving arm and shoulder. Rafter has previously announced

that he was quitting tennis after the Davis Cup, even though he left open the possibility of returning to the tour at some later stage.

doubles instead of specialist Todd Woodbridge and Arthurs on Saturday had further ramifications after the Saturday loss when Rafter scratched from the deciding rubber. Fitzgerald, in his first year as Australian captain after succeeding

John Newcombe, said when confronted by the deterioration of Rafter's injury after he beat Sebastien Grosjean in straight sets on Friday, he decided to back the US Open champion up in the doubles.

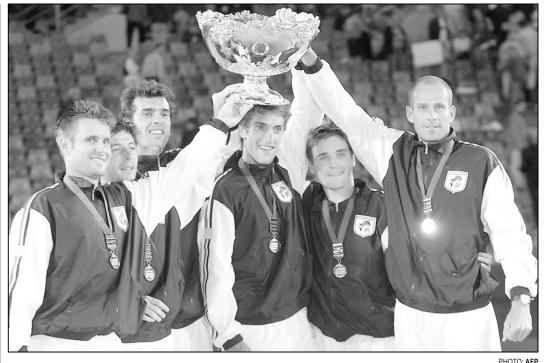
## Advantage

FROM PAGE 13 Both India and England will name their playing teams on Monday morning TEAMS

#### ENGLAND (from): Nasser Hussain (capt), Mark Butcher, Marcus

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INDIA (from): Saurav Ganguly (capt), Shiv Das, Connor Williams, Rahul Dravid. Sachin Tendulkar. Venkatsai Laxman. Deep Dasqupta (wicketkeeper), Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Sanjay Bangar, lobal Siddiqui, Sarandeep Singh Tinu Youhanna



French Davis Cuppers (L-R) Fabrice Santoro, Sebastien Grosjean, Cedric Pioline, Nicolas Escude, Arnaud Clemente and captain Guy Forget pose with the trophy after beating Australia in the final in Melbourne yesterday.

for next year's Tour circuit.

feelings

Biscayne.

"It's an amazing thing for me to win the Davis Cup," said Escude. "I can't explain right now about my

about 25 minutes before our match

and I knew what to expect having

played him once before in Key

keep your serve, waiting for the

tiebreak if it comes, and take your

final loss to Australia two years ago

in Nice when Mark Philippoussis led

Arnaud Clement for the final tie,

savoured the moment of victory

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chances, and that's what I did.'

the Australians to victory.

lose," Forget said.

"I heard I was playing Wayne

"It was a typical grass match, just

France's win avenged their Cup

Forget, who preferred Escude to

"Two years later you're back in

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better team on grass and you know

your chances are even smaller and

in the end you pull off a win, so it's

"We lost on clay, now they (Aus-

The French went into the final

Hewitt kept Australia alive when

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tralia) have lost on grass.

## **Escude's coup** France's Davis Cup

Tennis

#### AFP, Melbourne

France are the Davis Cup tennis champions for the ninth time after man-of-the-moment Nicolas Escude beat off late stand-in Wayne Arthurs in a fifth singles rubber

shoot-out here Sunday. Only four times in the last 40 years of Davis Cup has a final gone into a live fifth rubber, the last coming in France's victory over Sweden

five years ago in Malmo. But 27th-ranked Escude proved the French hero with a 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3 win over Arthurs, who substi-tuted for Pat Rafter after the dual US Open champion's troublesome arm injury flared again.

consecutive final. Captain John Fitzgerald's gamble to play Rafter and Lleyton Hewitt in the doubles instead of specialist Todd Woodbridge and Arthurs on and doing well before your family Saturday had a further fall-out after and friends, and in the end you the Saturday loss with Rafter unable to play in the deciding rubber.

Rafter had won all his four matches with Escude, dropping only one set.

Escude vindicated captain Guy Forget's faith in his grass-court abilities by beating the new world No.1 Lleyton Hewitt and Arthurs to lead the French to victory on a portable grass court before passionate Australian fans.

day leading 2-1 with Australia need-The 25-year-old Escude has now ing to win both the reverse singles to won all his eight Davis Cup singles claim their 28th Davis Cup. matches filling him with confidence



he beat Sebastien Grosjean 6-3, 6-2.6-3 in the fourth rubber to level the tie at 2-2.

Hewitt has now beaten world No.6 Grosjean three times in the last three weeks following his two defeats on the way to winning the Masters Cup in Sydney last month Overall he stands at 6-2 against Grosjean.

Arthurs, his team's third-choice singles player, was handed the daunting task of playing for the outcome of the Davis Cup final. He slugged it out all the way with Escude prevailing in the three hour

34 minute match. France's triumph must be put in the context of never previously winning a Cup tie in Australia and

losing 4-1 when the two nations last met on grass in Sydney in 1997. "I'm hurting right now, big time,"

Australia, playing in their third said Fitzgerald, who led Australia to the final in his first year as captain. "When you play in a big match like the one we played in Nice two "We are all hurting, but we didn't leave anything in the locker room years ago, you dream about winning

we tried our hearts out. "We're thrilled to be in the final, but it's never enough ... we looked at that replica trophy and it has got 'runner-up' on it. It's not quite the same."

It took until the fourth game of the third set and two and a half hours into the match before there was a break of service, with Escude prevailing after five deuces with a backhand return winner.

Escude captured the opening set tiebreaker 7/3 in just under an hour but Arthurs had his home fans roaring with glee when he levelled by taking the second set, in another tiebreaker 7/5 finishing a 72-minute dogfight.

The Frenchman made the decisive service break in the fourth game and although Arthurs had break points in the seventh and ninth game, Escude's took the third

Escude secured a service break

in the seventh game of the fourth set

when Arthurs at the net was unable

match entered its third hour.

MRW 9 131 Fitzgerald's gamble to play Rafter and Lleyton Hewitt in the 2 3 4 156 6 123 3 51 7 112 2 1 28 0 7 0 WEST INDIES: Second innings:

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Zealand at the WACA Ground here Sunday

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 534 for nine wickets declared (N. J. Astle not out 156, A. Parore 110, S. P. Fleming 105, L. Vincent 104; B. Lee 4-125, J. N. Gillespie 3-112) AUSTRALIA: First innings (75 for two overnight) Langer c Parore b Cairns Hayden c Vincent b Bond Ponting c Parore b Martin M.Waugh c Bond b Vettori S. Waugh c Parore b Vettori Martyn c Fleming b Cairns Gilchrist c Richardson b Vettori 0 Warne c Richardson b Vettori 99 Lee c McMillan b Vettori Gillespie c Parore b Vettori McGrath not out Extras: (lb-2, nb-16, w-1) Total: (All out in 103.4 overs) 351 Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-61, 3-122, 4-137, 5-191, 6-192, 7-270, 8-342, 9-346.10-351 0 Μ RW Bowler 23 5 86 Cairns 18 2 74 Bond 23 4 Martin 88 Vettori 34.4 6 87

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**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

Cricket

**REUTERS**, Perth South Africa, ranked the secondbest team in Test cricket, have arrived in Perth ready to take on the world champions in two three-Test series in Australia and South Africa. Captain Shaun Pollock said there

0 despite Australia's victories over 31 42 South Africa in the 1999 World Cup 8 and recent Test series in 1996-97 and the following year. 60 "As a sportsperson you always want to compete at the highest 17 level," Pollock said at a news confer-0 ence on Sunday. 0

"You always want to play against 19 the best. Australia are regarded as the best at the moment so for us it's a great opportunity to come here and play. "We really enjoy Australia and they are probably the best wickets 2 around. Pollock said he was sure Australia would fight back in the third 6

was no mental barriers to overcome

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side that's good enough to do the job "We know what to expect, we know what they will be like," added Pollock, describing Australia bowlers Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath as proven match-winners. South Africa beat India in a Test series in South Africa last month,

and deciding Test against New 0 Zealand after the Kiwis scored 534

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"It was just another game which wasn't classed as an official Test and that was just good preparation (for the Australia tour)," Pollock said.

Pollock said a series of high quality between the two leading teams in the game would obviously be good for cricket.

South Africa promoted left-arm spinner Claude Henderson to their squad of 15 after spinner Nicky Boje was ruled out because of injury.

Fast bowler Allan Donald, who did not play in the home series against India, has made the journey at 35 because of his desire to beat Australia, the side that snatched a tie in the 1999 World Cup semifinal against South Africa to advance to the final, where they beat Pakistan.

He said there was a good chance that Donald would play in the tourists' only first-class game before the opening Test a four-day fixture against Western Australia, starting at the WACA Ground in Perth this Friday.

Donald, returning from injury, was no certainty for the opening Test. he said.

South Africa open their Australia tour with a one-day game against a Chairman's XI at Lilac Hill in Western Australia on Wednesday The first Test starts in Adelaide on December 14 followed by Tests in Melbourne and Sydney.

Australia will host South Africa and New Zealand for a triangular limited-overs series before Australia fly to South Africa in February for a three-Test tour.

#### SQUAD

Shaun Pollock (captain), Mark Boucher (vice-captain), Boeta Dippenaar, Allan Donald, Steve Elworthy, Herschelle Gibbs, Nanti Hayward, Claude Henderson, Jacques Kallis, Gary Kirsten, Lance Klusener, Neil McKenzie, Makhaya Ntini, Justin Ontong, Jacques Rodolph

Bucknor (WIs) Match referee: Denis Lindsay

## Asia relishing

will provide the highlight for the Asian teams after they were lined up to face Brazil, Turkey and Costa Rica.

fantastic experience."

Brazil may have struggled through the South American qualifying competition but few doubt that they will be a much more dangerous outfit by the time the action gets underway, particularly if Ronaldo completes his comeback from injury

"Brazil are still Brazil." acknowledged Milutinovic. "You can never write them off."

For Milutinovic, the match against Costa Rica will be a particularly special occasion.

The central American team are one of four sides he has previously coached at World Cup finals and their current coach Alexander Guimaraes is one of his former assistants.

Brazilian coach Felipe Scolari admits he knows little about China. but after his squad lost an unprecedented six times in the qualifiers, he is taking nothing for granted.

"I do not know much about China but I do know they have a very experienced coach and if they have reached the finals they must be a strong side. We will not be underestimating them

Joint hosts South Korea and Japan were equally smiled upon by the gods of fortune.

South Korea in particular will be optimistic about their chances of progressing from a group that includes highly-rated Portugal, the United States and Poland.

Asia's football chiefs will be hoping at least one of their contenders makes it to the second round to bolster the region's chances of securing at least four places in the finals of the 2006 finals in Germany.

to control a fiercely-hit volley. Escude worked to two match points on Arthurs' serve in the ninth game. The Australian saved one, but sunk to his knees as he passed Arthurs with a backhand winner to claim the final.

Both teams have just nine weeks before beginning their 2002 campaign -- France are at home to the Netherlands and Australia travel to Argentina.

Umpires: Srinivas Venkataraghvan (Ind) and Steve (Rsa) FROM PAGE 13 DIFFICULT DECISION: Australian Davis Cup captain John Fitzgerald breaks

China's debut in a World Cup finals the bad news to Patrick Rafter that he would not play the Aussie star in the final singles match yesterday.

"We know Brazil will be difficult but that is okay," said China's Yugoslav coach Bora Milutinovic. "Whatever happens it will be a