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# SPORT

# **Sr Div Hockey** League begins from Feb

### BSS. Dhaka

The Senior Division Hockey League for 2001-02 will begin on February 1. a Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) official said yesterday.

The inter-club players' transfers will be held from December 26 to 29 and three foreign players will be allowed to play for each team in every match, the BHF official added. The Club Cup Hockey Championship 2002 will begin on January 18.

**BOA** forms body for BD Games

## SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) on Thursday formed a powerful organising committee for the forthcoming Seventh Bangladesh Games with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and Finance Minister Saifur Rahman as chairperson and president.

The Games that involving 24 disciplines, will be held in the capital from March 7 to 14. State Minister for Youth and

Sports Fazlur Rahman and BOA president Lt Gem M Harun-Ar-Rashid are the respective vicepresidents.

BOA secretary general Zafar Imam will be the secretary of the organising committee.

The size of the organising committee, however, was not mentioned in the BOA's media release.

Besides, the BOA also formed a 12-member advisory committee headed by Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas.

## Donald's Test FROM PAGE 13

average of 65.40 and Warne six wickets at 71.66.

"We won't be taking anything for granted, or reading too much into what has gone before," Pollock said. "McGrath and Warne and quality

players. They have performed well against us in the past, and I am sure they will be up to the task again when they are asked to perform. Pollock said the South African

team for the four-day game would not be named until Thursday night or Friday morning.

## Killer Kumble FROM PAGE 13

ENGLAND: First innings 238 (M Trescothick 66, N Hussain 85; Harbhajan Singh 5-51)

INDIA: First innings 469 (D Dasgupta 100, S Tendulkar 88, R Dravid 86; R Dawson 4-134, M Hoggard 3-98)

ENGLAND: Second innings (overnight 34-0) Butcher c sub (Martin) b Yohannan 18 46 Trescothick c Siddiqui b Yohannan Hussain b Kumble 12

Gianfranco Zola (C), bursting through Charlton defenders Paul Konchesky (L) and Graham Stuart at Stamford Bridge on December 5.

# Premiership Charlton choke Chelsea to try to win."

repeated his goal for the season.

Charlton, everyone worked very

hard, but I want to try to get Chelsea

in the Champions League by the end

"My aim is to build, and it will be

"Our fans will now think 'why can't

from home and now we've got to get

place, five off the bottom.

The win lifted Charlton up to 15th

Chelsea missed the opportunity

to go level on points with second-

place Arsenal and dropped down to

seventh after Aston Villa drew with

Villa were denied a victory over

Defoe's brilliant effort deep in

West Ham in Wednesday's other

added

of the season.'

Football

## AFP. London

Chelsea boss Claudio Ranieri heaped praise on Charlton after the perennial English Premiership strugglers stunned the west Londoners with a 1-0 win at Stamford Bridge

Chelsea, fresh from superb away victories over Leeds and Manchester United last week. struggled to raise their game against Alan Curbishley's side and were sunk by an 89th-minute Kevin Lisbie

Meanwhile, Curbishley was delighted with the result but header. The defeat raised questions acknowledged Charlton's fans about Chelsea's ability to stay would be puzzled by his side's focused in games against less erratic form. glamourous opposition - but Ranieri played down his team's shortcomwe win more at The Valley?' We've ings after their third defeat in a row managed to get three wins away against Charlton. another win at The Valley," he said.

The Italian said Chelsea found it more difficult coping with Charlton, who beat them 1-0 and 2-0 last season, than Manchester United.

"Manchester play a different system - another way of playing. Maybe Charlton's way of playing is very difficult for us to play against," he said.

"It was a very strange match. After two good games, we wanted to the Hammers at Upton Park when give our crowd a good result and England Under-21 striker Jermain Defoe snatched a 90th-minute goal another victory. But we knew Charlton would be a very different to cancel out Dion Dublin's strike match, because they beat us twice after just 51 seconds. last season. "We said beforehand - if it was

difficult to win, it was important to take a point. But their player got a header and I think it was a little English Premiership table after Wednesday's matches (played, won, mistake. That's football and everydrawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points): one's very disappointed about it. Both teams and it was a diff three or four cha second half, bu little more conce "We tried to we had three for

stoppage time saved the blushes of Chelsea were booed off again Hammers' skipper Paolo di Canio, just like after the goalless bore with who had missed the chance to level Blackburn two weeks ago - but after a dreadful penalty blunder on Ranieri remained confident and 65 minutes

The result left Villa boss John "I heard the fans cheering for us -Gregory distraught at seeing a there wasn't too much booing," he precious victory slip away.

"It feels like we have lost 1-0 and I "Against Blackburn, the perforam devastated that we didn't win," mance was very bad, but against said Gregory.

"When you are 1-0 up in the 94th minute you have to make sure you stay 1-0 up. We could have gone joint second so it was a kick in the teeth at the end.

"It has cost us once or twice through a lack of concentration in the last few minutes, and it happened again. "It is down to missed chances

you have to turn them into goals. We were hanging on by a thread," he said.

"We got away with the penalty miss, rode our luck and I thought we'd done enough to get all three points.

Hammers boss Glenn Roeder hailed his saviour Defoe. He said: "Jermain was magnificent tonight, and he got what he deserved by scoring.

"We put ourselves under pressure by falling behind so early. But at half time I asked my players to take responsibility and they responded it was one-way traffic in the second half," he said

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#### Thursday, left out injured all-rounder Sanjay Bangar and batsman Jacob Martin. Bangar, who made his debut in the Mohali Test, suffered a hamstring injury while fielding on the first day

back for India

India have recalled controversial

batsman Virender Sehwag and fast

bowler Javagal Srinath for the

second Test against England start-

to serve a one-match ban incurred

during the second Test in South

His naming in the squad for the

first England Test triggered a major

row between the Indian cricket

board and the ICC, cricket's ruling

in India decided to omit Sehwag

from the final 12 after the ICC said it

would look into match referee Mike

Denness's decisions during the

second Test in South Africa when he

Srinath, India's main strike

bowler, missed the first Test

because of a broken finger. "He

informed the board secretary

Niranjan Shah he has recovered,

chief selector Chandu Borde told

disciplined six Indian players.

The Board of Control for Cricket

Sehwag sat out the Mohali game

REUTERS, Mohali

ing on Tuesday.

Africa last month.

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reporters.

and is expected to be out of action for at least two weeks. SQUAD

Sourav Ganguly (captain), Deep Dasgupta, Shiv Sundar Das, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Vangipurappu Laxman. Virender

Sehwag, Anil Kumble, Harbhaian Singh, Javagal Srinath, Tinu Yohannan, Iqbal Siddiqui, Sharandeep Singh, Connor

# Nat'l h'ball in Rangpur

# tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

The Zone Three matches of the Pepsi 14th National Handball Championship (men's and women's) begin at the Rangpur Stadium on Saturday.

Men's teams: Natore. Gaibandha, Panchagarh, Pabna, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Rajshahi University and Rajshahi

Metropolitan. Women's teams: Natore. Gaibandha, Panchagarh, Pabna, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Joypurhat, Noagaon, Dinajpur and Rajshahi University.

# **Office hockey** final today UNB, Dhaka

Thursday Bangladesh Army won the dress

The Indian Hockey Federation ing his non-appearence at a trainare flying in another midfielder, R. ing camp in July.

Radhakrishnan, 21, has represented India 25 times but Tirkey will be a hard act to follow. His exit and the absence of three

bane of late. Even though India's under 21 team captured the Junior World Cup in Hobart in October, coach Cedric d'Souza was apprehensive of his team's prospects at the tournament.

inaugural Champions Challenge

hockey tournament against Belgium

here Friday, wary of the fact that the

favourites tag has proven to be a

Sehwag, Srinath | Champions Challenge hockey

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

"It is going to be a tough tournament. There is little to separate the teams save for the fact that some are powered by penalty corner specialists," he told AFP. "The players are just raring to go

and their feeling is understandable considering they have not played in a competitive match at senior level since the Azlan Shah Cup in August. "The important thing for Indian hockey is to achieve a result that will

pacify the hordes of supporters back home.

But d'Souza is only too aware The Indian selectors, who met that the demands of the spectators after the hosts completed a 10here in Kuala Lumpur can be just as wicket victory in the first Test on uncompromising, as scores of fans of Indian origin are expected to swarm the National Hockey Stadium when India take to the field.

India went to Edinburgh in July as favourites for the World Cup qualifiers but struggled and only managed to scrape through to next year's finals in fifth position.

The Indians were dealt a blow before the tournament began following the decision to send midfielder Ignace Tirkey home after he came down with a high fever.

Cricket

AFP, Nairobi

club.

India open their campaign in the Radhakrishnan, to take his place.

**India bank on Pillay** 

but he will also be called on to stop corner specialists -- such as Jorge other defenders -- Dilip Tirkey, Bimal

> "Dhanraj has been working really hard and I expect him to prove his worth in the tournament." D'Souza said, adding his presence would help spur the younger players as well

Not only will India depend on

Pillay to find the backboard up front

some of the most prolific penalty

Lombi of Argentina and Malaysia's

S. Kuhan -- from finding their tar-

Also in the Indian forwardline is Deepak Thakur who was voted the player of the tournament in the Junior World Cup.

But the cream of the Indian team must surely be youngster Jugraj Singh, who is lethal from penalty corners. Like other coaches though,

D'Souza is worried about the new playing surface at the National Hockey Stadium. "It is going to be really difficult for

hurt the Indian defence, a fact the players to perform up to the "We have to make some level they are capable of since it is changes to our strategies but overall so slippery," he said. we are ready for the opponents," he "Though it is a norm on a new

pitch, the fact that we did not have "The important thing is for the enough time to get accustomed to it juniors to blend in with the seniors will have an adverse effect." and that is what I will pay particular But slippery pitch or not, the

attention too.' Indians have only one thing on their India will be banking on the mind -- that is to claim the sole berth flamboyant Dhanraj Pillay to notch available for next year's Champions the goals for them. Trophy. Pillay is making a return after

missing the Azlan Shah Cup follow-

DHANRAJ PILLAY

Lakra and Baljit Singh Saini -- will

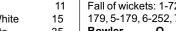
d'Souza readily acknowledges.

Kenya well in control Jadavji Laxman on his debut for the The Kenya first innings featured a senior team, Vermuelen found 178 by captain Maurice Odumbe, another able partner in Alistair who only managed another seven Campbell and the pair went on to runs to his overnight total, before being adjudged leg before off the bowling of Brighton Watambwa.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the sec-ond day of the three-day match between Kenya and Zimbabwe A on Wednesday

KENYA: First innings 424 (M Odumbe 178; B Watambwa 4-112, D Mutendera 3-95)

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings Vermeulen c Obuva b Omondi 84 Rennie b Laxman 24 Mazakadza Ibw b Omondi 2 Campbell Ibw b Omondi 51 Whittall run out 58 Viljoen c Obuya b Omondi 0 Maregwede not out 35 Price c Tikolo b Omondi 4 Mbangwa not out 0 Extras: (b-9. lb-8. nb-3) 20 Total: (For 7 wkts decl in 65.5overs) 278 Did not bat: D Mutendera, B Watamba Fall of wickets: 1-72, 2-79, 3-163, 4-179 5-179 6-252 7-257



AUSTRÁLIAN PM'S XI Haddin b Drum

**NEW ZEALAND** match between the Australian Prime Vincent lbw b Clark Minister's XI and New Zealand on

214 at the close

again.

Sinclair b Wright

Astle makes Kiwis fly Richardson c Clark b Watson

McMillan c Dann b White

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The hosts were ahead by 146

runs from their first innings and

added a further 68 for no loss in their

second innings to bring their total to

share a third-wicket stand of 84 runs. Kenya holds a 214-run lead over the It was only after the Obuya touring Zimbabwe A side going into brothers, David and Collins had the final day of the second three-day succeeded in tearing apart the cricket match at the Simba Union Zimbabwe top and middle order, removing Vermeulen and Guy Whittal (58), that the tourists realised they were facing the prospect

Set a formidable 424, Zimbabwe, who lost the first three-dayer by an innings and 23 runs, declared on of another defeat that they declared 278 for the loss of seven wickets in a their innings, allowing Kenya to bat bid to avoid the follow-on

Zimbabwe had got off to a flying

After the fall of Rennie, bowled

start when openers Mark

Vermeulen and Gavin Rennie put on

by the Kenva under-19 spin bowler

72 for the first wicket.

FROM PAGE 13

Thorpe c and b Kumble Ramprakash Ibw b Kumble 28 Flintoff c Ganguly b Kumble 4 White c Dasgupta b Harbhajan 22 Foster Ibw b Harbhajan Ormond b Kumble 0 Dawson b Kumble 11 Hoggard not out Extras: (b-10, lb-13, nb-3, w-1) 27 Total: (All out in 77.4 overs) 235 Fall of wickets: 1-68, 2-82, 3-87, 4-159, 5-163, 6-196, 7-206, 8-207, 9-224 MRW Bowler 0 3 56 2 17 Yohannan 3 16 0 Siddiaui 8 28.3 6 81 6 Kumble Harbhaian 24 9 59 2 **INDIA**: Second innings Siddiaui not out Dasgupta not out 0 Total: (For no loss in 0.2 overs) 5 ο MŔW Bowler 0.2 0 Hoggard 50 Result: India beat England by 10 wickets. Man-of-the-match: Anil Kumble. Umpires: Srinivas Venkataraghvan (India) and Steve Bucknor (West Indies).

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the statement said.

League on Tuesday.

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scheduled for later Thursday.

Arsenal are currently second in

the English Premiership and have hit

a rich vein of form, defeating

Juventus 3-1 in the Champions

Football AFP, London contract, the club said. successor to Sir Alex Ferguson at Manchester United, has inked a new

Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger squashed speculation about his future here Thursday by signing a four-year extension to his existing The Frenchman, who has been persistently touted as a possible

deal that will keep him at Highbury until 2005. a statement on Arsenal's website said. "Arsenal Football Club is delighted to announce that manager

Arsene Wenger has signed a four-1997/1998. year extension to his current con-

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But successes since that triumph tract, ensuring that he will remain in have been thin on the ground, with charge of the Gunners until 2005," only two appearances in the UEFA Cup final last year and this season's A press conference has been FA Cup final offering any chance of glory. Arsenal lost both.

The patchy record since 1998, Arsenal's erratic form in the league and Wenger's apparent hesitation to agree a new deal with the club all fuelled speculation he would leave.

Several reports tipped him to take Wenger is in his sixth season in charge at Arsenal, having joined in over as coach of Japan for next year's World Cup finals, but these He quickly established himself as were routinely rebuffed. Wenger had an idol at the club after leading them enjoyed a happy spell in Japan to a Premiership and FA Cup double before arriving at Highbury, guiding in his first full season in charge in Nagoya Grampus Eight to the J-

29 rehearsal of the Office Hockey 15 26 League final yesterday. They 8 25 defeated Blue Berry 2-0 at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium 24 20 24 on Thursday The final will be played today at 2 15 24

pm at the same venue

## McGrath won't change: Coach

AFP, Brisbane

Thursday.

Australian spearhead Glenn McGrath won't change his bowling approach when he meets South Africa next week despite his poor wicket haul against New Zealand, Test coach John Buchanan said

Buchanan said McGrath would

stick with the same strategies which

had made him among the world's

best bowlers, even though the Kiwis

McGrath suffered an uncharac-

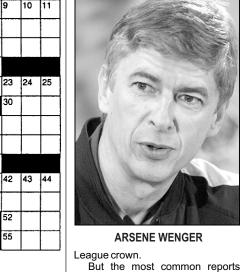
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TWO ELEPHANTS WERE THROWN OUT OF A SWIMMING POOL FOR NOT KEEPING THEIR TRUNKS UP.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals C 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 that and error.

probing deliveries outside off-stump pass through to wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist. That took away McGrath's most lethal trap -- a wicketkeeper and slips cordon waiting for the likely nicks from uncertain batsmen. But Buchanan said McGrath wouldn't change his ways against South Africa when the teams chased the title of Test cricket's best team in their three-match series, starting at Adelaide on December

> 14. "Glenn's approach won't be significantly different," Buchanan said here Thursday

"(New Zealand) did play well in their overall strategy against our two key bowlers -- Glenn McGrath and Shane Warne.

"But, by the end of the third Test, and even before that, (Glenn) was bowling very, very well.

"When he was bowling we were able to exert pressure and work the bowling partnerships."

McGrath, 31, is second on Australia's all-time list with 363 wickets from 78 Tests, behind only Warne (413).

taking only five wickets at an average of 65.4. The Kiwis claimed they beat McGrath with patience, letting his

speculated Wenger would take over

at Old Trafford next season when

criteria perfectly, having a successful

record in both England and abroad

'The Professor', had distanced

go for much more money. I will be

here next season," he told British

himself from the reports recently.

However Wenger, nicknamed

"I have had many opportunities to

Wenger appeared to fit United's

Ferguson retires as United boss.

as well as fluency in English.

newspapers.