

Int'l Children's Friendship Soccer Event tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

A day-long "International Children's Friendship Soccer Event", sponsored by Terre des Hommes Foundation, an international child-focused organisation, will be held tomorrow at the French International School premises in Dhaka's Baridhara.

Street children of Bangladesh and children of 42 other countries of the world who reside in Bangladesh, will take part in this international friendship football tournament.

French Ambassador to Bangladesh Michel Lummaux will be the chief guest on the occasion.

State salute

AFP, Colombo

Star Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was on Tuesday congratulated by President Chandrika Kumaratunga and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe on taking 400 Test wickets.

"You have without doubt brought fame to your motherland and gladdened the hearts of Sri Lankans everywhere," Kumaratunga said in her message.

The 29-year-old off-spinner became the youngest and quickest bowler to reach the 400-mark when he dismissed Henry Olunga in the third and final Test against Zimbabwe at Galle.

Sri Lanka won the match by 315 runs to complete a 3-0 sweep against the tourists.

Muralitharan, who belongs to the country's Tamil-speaking community, enjoys superstar status in the cricket-mad country and has often been referred to as a symbol of national unity.

Nat'l eves chess

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The first round matches are: Moli vs Babli, Nipa vs Eva, Shimmi vs Rani, Zakia vs Liza and Masuda vs Popi.

Ten top players -- Rani Hamid, Shabana Parveen Nipa, Afroza Khanom Babli, Masuda Begum, Zakia Sultana, Firoza Haq Chowdhury Popi, Mahmuda Haq Chowdhury Moli, Saima Sharmin Shimmi, Nazrana Khan Eva and Shamima Akhter Liza -- will take part in the nine-round robin league basis tournament.

Tons-up Rajshahi

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Nayan c Rashedul b Rafique 0  
Mofizul c Sajjad b Rafique 8  
Safayet c S Kadir b Rafique 5

Adil c S Kadir b Rafique 11  
Faruque b Khokon 27  
Arif c Sajjad b Rafique 0  
Shahnewaz c Sajjad b Rafique 32  
Ashfaq b Rashedul b Khokon 0  
Sayem not out 0

Extras: (b-4, lb-1, nb-3) 8  
Total: (All out in 55.3 overs) 163

Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-55, 3-76, 4-82, 5-101, 6-115, 7-115, 8-138, 9-144

**Bowler** O M R W  
Bikash 8 2 18 0  
Neeyamur 6 1 19 0  
Saiful 8 2 22 0  
Rafique 21.3 6 52 7  
Khokon 12 2 47 3

**DHAKA:** First innings  
Rashedul b Arif 39  
Sohel c Shaheen b Ashfaq 40  
Jahangir not out 30  
S Kadir b Adil 37  
Bikash not out 0  
Extras: (lb-1) 1

Total: (For 3 wickets in 35 overs) 147  
Fall of wickets: 1-74, 2-80, 3-141

**Bowler** O M R W  
Shahnewaz 4 0 20 0  
Sayem 2 1 6 0  
Ashfaq 9 3 31 1  
Mofizul 2 0 18 0  
Arif 8 1 37 1  
Faruque 7 1 22 0  
Adil 1 1 0 1  
Imran 2 0 13 0

**Chittagong vs Rajshahi**  
Venue: Rajshahi

**RAJSHAH:** First innings  
Rafiqul c Sadik b Safiuddin 109  
Mustadir c Nadim b Safiuddin 2  
Nayan Nazim b Suja 17  
Anisur not out 100  
Tariqul c Sadik b Safiuddin 12  
Hasan not out 3

Extras: (b-15, lb-7, nb-2, w-1) 25  
Total: (For 4 wickets in 95 overs) 268  
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-67, 3-235

**Bowler** O M R W  
Debabroto 7 0 17 0  
Safiuddin 23 8 41 3  
Kamruzzaman 15 3 49 0  
Suja 12 12 49 1  
Sabbir 14 1 62 0  
Faisal 8 0 27 0  
Azam 2 1 1 0

**Khulna vs Sylhet**  
Venue: Jessore

**SYLHET:** First innings  
Parvez c Jamal b Al-Amin 18  
Imtiaz c Raj b Jamal 28  
Hadi b Sohel 8  
Nasir c Raju b Jamal 33  
Rajin not out 66  
Alok not out 57  
Extras: (b-7, lb-2, nb-2) 11  
Total: (For 4 wickets in 92 overs) 221  
Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-50, 3-74, 4-100

**Bowler** O M R W  
Al-Amin 18 5 27 1  
Tariqul 10 2 26 0  
Raj 19 5 43 0  
Sohel 21 1 60 1  
Jamal 22 6 47 2  
Moinuril 1 0 8 0  
Hasan 1 0 1 0



Habibul Bashar stands with an anxious look as Youhana (L) and Latif appeal for a close chance. Bashar was eventually given out.

Trans-Tasman rivalry  
Warne back to office 'for a day'

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Cricket legend Shane Warne, whose on-field triumphs have sometimes been tarnished by off-field indiscretions, was not reading too much Wednesday into his temporary restoration as Australia's vice-captain.

While thrilled to be chosen as deputy to Steve Waugh for Thursday's tri-nations series one-day clash with New Zealand here, the spin king was not drawing any conclusions about the longer term implications.

"It's a huge honour to be back as vice-captain," Warne said.

"This is only a temporary role, but it's still nice to have the honour."

"I'm not looking too far ahead -- this is for only one game, just a fill-in until Adam Gilchrist gets back."

Gilchrist has flown back to Perth for a few days to be with his wife and baby son, and is expected to rejoin the Australian squad in time to resume as Waugh's deputy in Brisbane at the weekend.

Warne's appointment indicates that the powers that be appear to have forgiven him for the indiscretions which caused him to be ditched from the position.

Many commentators had considered it more likely that Tasmania's Ricky Ponting -- a serious contender for the Australian leadership when Waugh retires -- would have stepped into Gilchrist's shoes.

Warne, 32, was stripped of the vice-captaincy 17 months ago after a phone sex scandal with a British nurse became one off-field hiccup too many for the Australian Cricket Board (ACB).

That followed an incident in New Zealand where he tried to take a camera away from a young man who snapped him with a cigarette while he was being sponsored to give up smoking.

Earlier, Warne and team-mate

South Africa.

"We had only three or four days to prepare for the one-dayers, we didn't have a practice match or anything like that because of the hectic schedule."

"I think it's just a matter of going out and doing the basics well -- I don't think we've really done the disciplined things and the basics right."

Australia are likely to bring back all-rounder Ian Harvey, batsman Mark Waugh, and champion pacer Glenn McGrath, who missed the last game through suspension.

They are likely to replace Andrew Symonds, Matthew Hayden and Andy Bichel respectively.

Australian will not name their team until Thursday, but it is likely dashing Western Australian wicketkeeper-batsman Ryan Campbell will get a chance to open the batting after being called in for Gilchrist.

New Zealand have made one change to their team, bringing in untried opener Brendon McCullum and demoting all-rounder Scott Styris.

McCullum, who has played only 10 first-class matches, will open with Mark Richardson, with Lou Vincent dropping to No.3 and the rest of the top order slotting down one spot.

The match is a sell-out.

**TEAMS**

**AUSTRALIA** (from): Steve Waugh (captain), Mark Waugh, Ryan Campbell, Ricky Ponting, Michael Bevan, Damien Martyn, Ian Harvey, Shane Waugh, Brett Lee, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath.

**NEW ZEALAND** (from): Stephen Fleming (captain), Mark Richardson, Brendon McCullum, Lou Vincent, Craig McMillan, Chris Cairns, Chris Harris, Adam Parore, Daniel Vettori, James Franklin, Shane Bond.

Australian fans might be forced to adopt Lleyton Hewitt's girlfriend Kim Clijsters as a de facto local hero given the number of Aussies who have made an early exit here.

The Belgian No 4 seed progressed to the second round Tuesday with an effortless 6-2, 6-1 win over Australian wildcard Christina Wheeler in just 52 minutes.

Hewitt went in for four sets to unheralded Spaniard Alberto Martin, but most of the action passed by Clijsters as she concentrated on her own preparations. She followed her boyfriend onto centre court.

Giles couldn't

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highly talented. It is a pleasure playing against them."

Meanwhile, leading English batsman Graham Thorpe believes he can now concentrate fully on cricket after cutting short his tour of India last year because of personal problems.

"I would like to put that behind me," he told reporters on Wednesday. "There is only one way to get on with my life which is to play cricket."

The Surrey left-hander played only the first match in the three-Test series last year, won 1-0 by India, before flying home. Now he is prepared to play a full part in the six-match one-day series starting on Saturday.

"Coming back here my mind is pretty much empty. Now I can concentrate on my cricket," Thorpe said.

"I'm not going to say how I'm going to come through this one or another. All I can say is that I'm working hard and I'll play as well as I can."

Thorpe had highly successful campaigns in Sri Lanka and Pakistan over the past two seasons and was a key factor in England's Test series wins in both countries.

"I've always enjoyed playing in the Indian sub-continent, I've been to Pakistan and Sri Lanka. I have enjoyed it there, now I hope to enjoy it here as well."

Goran gone

AFP, Melbourne

Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic crashed out of the Australian Open Wednesday when he lost to unseeded Frenchman Jerome Golmard 6-3, 7-6, 5-7, 6-4.

His defeat meant it was the first time in open-era history the top five seeds were gone before the third round of a Grand Slam tournament.

Golmard now plays Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia, who beat 18th seeded Spaniard Albert Portas 6-1, 6-3, 6-0.

The Croatian 10th seed failed to play anywhere near the form he reached in last year's Wimbledon, which he won as a wild card, and only in the third set did he offer any resistance.

Brits ready for war

AFP, Melbourne

Greg Rusedski dismantled Mark Philippoussis' serve for a straight sets victory to set up his first Grand Slam showdown with British rival Tim Henman at the Australian Open here Wednesday.

The 28th-seed Rusedski overcame a 1-4 deficit in the opening set



TIM HENMAN GREG RUSEDSKI

to cruise to victory over flagging Philippoussis by 7-6, 6-3, 6-4 in two hours 13 minutes to reach the third round.

In a match-up to send British tennis buzzing, Rusedski and Henman will become the first British players in the Open era (since 1968) to play each other at a Grand Slam event.

"I rate that as one of my smartest performances, I can't remember Mark Philippoussis only serving five aces in three sets and that for me is the most satisfying statistic of the whole day," enthused Rusedski.

Rusedski believes Friday's winner can go all the way and win the year's first Grand Slam, particularly now that the top five seeds -- Lleyton Hewitt, Gustavo Kuerten, Andre Agassi, Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Sebastien Grosjean -- are out of the tournament.

"There's a lot of pride at stake, I want to beat him, he wants to beat me and I've said before that whoever got to the fourth round they had a great chance of going all the way in this tournament," said Rusedski.

"Tim is playing a little bit more aggressive, he's not staying back on the baseline as much as he used to; he's just playing more physical tennis where he uses his good movement to move better."

Henman leads 4-2 overall and won their last three meetings, including a 6-4, 6-4 win in Adelaide earlier this month.

Counting on Clijsters

AFP, Melbourne

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**ADAY AT THE OFFICE**  
Martina Hingis says no matter how you feel, you have just got to get up and go to work when you are a professional tennis player.

"Sometimes you might not feel like it. You're tired or injured, but the business sometimes requires it. You

Yevgeny, Seb slayed

Australian Open

REUTERS, Melbourne

Yevgeny Kafelnikov lost 6-3, 7-5, 6-3 to qualifier Alex Kim in a shock defeat that left the Australian Open without any of the top five seeds in round three for the first time in its 97-year history.

A shell-shocked Kafelnikov completed a disastrous three days for top players at the opening grand slam of the year.

Top seed Lleyton Hewitt and second seed Gustavo Kuerten both lost in the first round while third seed and last year's champion Andre Agassi withdrew injured hours before his opening match.

Fifth seed Sebastien Grosjean lost to Francisco Clavet 6-4, 3-6, 6-0, 5-7, 6-4 earlier on Wednesday.

The result leaves Britain's Tim Henman, at six, the highest seed left in a draw featuring less familiar names in unfamiliar rounds.

"I don't remember when I played that terrible in a grand slam ever," the Russian said afterwards. "But I have to take it and that's that."

"I have no idea why the top players are all out so early... there's no reason why Gustavo Kuerten, Lleyton Hewitt, myself, Sebastien Grosjean all couldn't pass the second round."

"It's just...oh, I don't understand why."

American Kim, ranked 230 places below world number four Kafelnikov, used his economic strokeplay and lightning speed around the court to pound the 1999 champion into submission.

He forced a backhand error to complete one of the biggest upsets of the tournament and the best victory of his short career.

The win was only the third tour level victory for the player who turned professional just last June.

It was the first time Kafelnikov has failed to reach the quarterfinals of the Australian Open since his debut in 1994.

Henman came through his

second round match safely with an imperious performance to sweep aside Belarusia's Vladimir Voltchkov 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

"Certainly when I needed to - and we all know it comes down to

who withdrew injured before her first match on Monday -- Venus ambled through the 58-minute match to set up a third round clash with 32nd-seeded Slovakian Daniela Hantuchova.



YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV

some very important points - I really served very, very well," he said afterwards.

Henman will face Greg Rusedski in an all-British showdown after Rusedski's over-erved home hope Mark Philippoussis in a battle of power on the Rod Laver Arena court.

Rusedski's 7-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory leaves the Open without an Australian in the third round of the men's draw for this first time ever.

Grosjean looked far from his best on Court One as he battled the tenacious Clavet.

Clavet, 33, looped the ball back time and time again and Grosjean was unable to find the big shots to finish points.

Grosjean saved one match point by making a rare foray to the net but Clavet sealed victory with a smash after three hours and 25 minutes.

The top women advanced smoothly. A subdued Venus Williams put in a lacklustre performance but still beat fellow American Kristina Brandt 6-3, 6-4.

Watched by her mother Oracene and sister Serena -- the fifth seed



SEBASTIEN GROSJEAN

Looking bored, the number two seed rarely bothered to chase any ball that was beyond her considerable reach, preferring instead to hit winners when the ball came to her.

Third seed Martina Hingis hammered German qualifier Greta Arn 6-1, 6-2 to reach the third round and keep her return from injury on track.

Hingis, Australian Open champion from 1997-99, is playing her first big tournament since tearing ligaments in her right ankle in Filderstadt last October.

Eighth seed Monica Seles joined Hingis by crushing Zimbabwe's Cara Black 6-1, 6-1 in equally ruthless fashion.

Fifteenth seed Amanda Coetzer - twice a semifinalist here - beat Paraguay's Rossana Neffa-De Los Rios 6-3, 6-1 while 18th-seeded American Lisa Raymond ended compatriot Jill Craybas's challenge 6-3, 6-3.

Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva, seeded 13th, also followed the script, beating Czech Kveta Hrdlickova 6-4, 7-5.

AUSSIE OPEN NOTES

Australian Open

AFP/AP, Melbourne

World No 7 Sebastien Grosjean is on the look-out for a new coach, having split with Pier Gauthier last year.

But card sharks need not apply. "I spend more time with my coach than with my wife so we have to get on and you spend a lot of time playing cards on your travels," he said Wednesday after losing to Spain's Francisco Clavet.

"But I don't want somebody who keeps beating me," he warned prospective candidates.

**BBQ SOUND**  
Andy Roddick, the 19-year-old young gun of American tennis, has been sampling Australian culture. He bought a CD of Australian Backyard BBQ music on his day off Wednesday but admitted he had yet to listen to it.

"I'll rip it out tonight and see what I got into," he said.

**BUM RAP FOR TIM**  
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have still to go and write a story. I think you have to live with injuries sometimes," she said.

**LAUNCHING SCUDS**  
Mark Philippoussis didn't earn the nickname 'Scud' for nothing.

The Australian is one of the biggest hitters in men's tennis, regularly belting the ball at speeds of over 130 miles per hour (209 kilometres per hour).

He lost in three sets to big-hitting Greg Rusedski of Britain in the second round in Melbourne on Wednesday.

A frightening insight into the sort of power Philippoussis unleashes with his huge serves has been provided by fellow Australian Darren Cahill, a former tour player and until recently coach of world No 1 Lleyton Hewitt.

Cahill tells of his first meeting with Scud, then a raw 17-year-old. "The match started in a friendly fashion with the kid rolling over a gentle serve to my partner, who was the talented French player Catherine Tanvier," Cahill wrote in a newspaper column Wednesday.

"The next point is still a bit of a blur. I took my place just behind the baseline to return serve, expecting the same treatment, and what I got was a 220 kph (137 mph) rocket that plastered yellow tennis ball fur across my chest and left my ribs burning as the ball ricocheted four rows back into the stands."

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**HEALTH WARNING**

Lleyton Hewitt's untimely bout of chickenpox and his subsequent first-round exit from the Australian Open caused alarm among tennis fans Down Under, so health authorities jumped at the chance to send out a few timely warnings.

The morning after Hewitt's four-set loss to Alberto Martin on center court at Melbourne Park, TV talkshows featured medical experts talking about chickenpox and immunization programmes.

While newspapers accused Hewitt's rival of using a medical break unfairly, when he was leading 5-4 in the decisive fourth-set tie-breaker and asked for treatment for cramps, medical experts focused on Hewitt's condition in the aftermath of the chickenpox.

Monica no quitter

AFP, Melbourne

It's been six years since Monica Seles lifted a Grand Slam trophy but the former world No. 1 says she can do it again and has no plans to call it quits.

"Yes, definitely I can do it," said the eighth seed here who is still only 28.

"Obviously the success that I had at the beginning of my career was amazing and probably would have continued if my stabbing didn't happen."

A crazed fan of Steffi Graf plunged a knife into Seles' shoulder in 1993 when she was playing Magdalena Maleeva at a Hamburg tournament, putting her out of the game at the peak of her career.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Swedish pop group  
5 Topick-et sales  
9 Penin-sula st.  
12 Iowa product  
13 "Hi, sailor!"  
14 Journal  
15 React to pain  
16 Path  
17 Pub order  
18 Diminutive suffix  
19 Sapporo sash  
20 Wheel-base and terminus  
21 Street address?  
23 Box (Abbr.)  
25 Christie sleuth  
28 "Where the Wild Things Are" author  
32 Pointer  
33 Hillside  
34 More Grinchlike  
36 "The Exorcist" writer

**DOWN**  
1 Wile E. Coyote's supplier  
2 Italy's silhouette  
3 Pesky kid  
4 One of a famed set of sisters  
5 Awkward sort  
6 Single-minded seaman  
7 Refreshing drinks  
8 CBS symbol  
9 Linen provider  
10 Hang loosely  
11 Writer James

**ONE of a famed set of sisters**  
**22** Crow member  
**24** Electri-cian Nikola  
**25** Actress Dawber  
**26** Raw rock brother  
**29** Pixel, maybe  
**30** Suitable penner  
**31** Anthem  
**35** Off-color German city  
**39** Actress  
**40** "Meta-morphoses" man  
**41** Gambling game  
**43** Year-end season  
**45** Tend texts  
**46** King of Siam's friend  
**47** Gentle-woman  
**49** Spelledown

**Solution time: 28 mins.**

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AVA	CONE	HOB
BANK	HEAD	EMUS
KEEN	BRAITS	
ACRES	BUJOY	QUEL
COLE	PARAL	DEL
MOE	SONGS	EVIA
ESTRANGE	VETIOR	
ADD	FIETD	
FALSE	SERB	
ALICE	DIA	