## Rafique runs

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Mofizul c S Kadir b Saiful				0
Kiron c S Kadir b Neeyamur				16
Shahnewaz Ibw b Saiful				4
Adil Ibw b Rafique				14
Nayam c S Kadir b Bikash				2
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Arif c Sajjad b Rafique				14
Ashfaq not out				13
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Total: (All out in 43.5 overs) 92 Fall of wickets: 1-0 2-0, 3-15, 4-23				
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Neeyamur	7	1	17	2
Bikash	8	6	3	1
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Faruque	6	0	25	1
Shahnewaz	3	1	14	0
Ashfaq	2.5	0	6	0

#### Result: Dhaka won by 9 wickets. Chittagong vs Rajshahi Venue: Raishahi

RAJSHAHI: First innings (overnight 268 for 4 in 95 overs) Rafiqul c Sadik b Safiuddin Mustadir c Nadim b Safiuddin Nayan Nazim b Suja Anisur Ibw b Safiuddin Tariqul c Sadik b Safiuddin Hasan c Anisul b Safiuddin Mahabub c Mortuza b Suia Samiul not out Imran b Safiuddin Aminul Jr. Ibw Safiuddin Faisal c Mortuza b Safiuddin Extras: (b-15, lb-11, nb-2, w-1) 29 Total: (All out in 136.5 overs) 377 Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-67, 3-235,

4-255, 5-277, 6-300, 7-308, 8-308, 9-312 M Bowler 34 Debabroto 41.5 13 81

Safiuddin 16 Kamruzzaman 52 63 Sabbir Faisal 0 27 Azam **CHITTAGONG:** First innings Anisul c Hasan b Aminu Nazim Ibw b Aminul jr. Sadik not out 41 Faisal b Imran 41 Azam not out Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-1)

Total: (For 3 wickets in 48 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-29, 3-30 **BOWLER** M Aminul jr. 29 12 Faisal 15 6 24 27 Mustadii 9

1 12 0 Tarigul Khulna vs Sylhet Venue: Jessore **SYLHET:** First innings (overnight 221 for 4 in 92 overs) Parvez c Jamal b Al-Amin Imtiaz c Raj b Jamal 28 Hadi b Sohel Nasir c Raju b Jamal 33 Rajin Ibw b Razzak 70 Alok c Saiiad b Razzak 69 Rana Ibw b Razzak 0 Rezaul Ibw b Sohel

that they can bounce back." Joy Ibw Razzak Taposh c & Razzak 17 ineffectiveness of Australia's cham-Imran not out pion leg-spin bowler Shane Warne, Extras: (b-7, lb-3, nb-2) 12 who was clobbered for 65 runs off Total: (All out in 119 overs) 268 his nine overs -- the most he has Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-50, 3-74, conceded in 170 one-day interna-

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Hasan

KHULNA: First innings

Selim c Rajin b Parvez

Razzak c Joy b Parvez

Sajjad b Taposh

Raiu b Taposh

Hasan run out

Jamal not out

Sohel b Parvez

Tushar Ibw b Taposh

Al-Amin Ibw b Taposh

Total: (All out in 32.5 overs)

KHULNA: Second innings

Sajjad c Joy b Rezaul

Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-6)

34, 5-35, 6-42, 7-61, 8-61, 9-62

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-11, 3-15, 4-

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13 3 30

Total: (For 1 wickets in 21 overs) 30

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Extras: (b-2, lb-3)

**BOWLER** 

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Uzzal Ibw b Taposh

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4-100, 5-228, 6-228, 7-241, 8-241, 9-247 Although he took two wickets, his Bowler expensive spell was about the 0 M R Al-Amin 18 5 27 difference between the teams, allowing New Zealand to climb out 2 10 26 Tarigul of a hole and post a competitive Razzak 31 7 67 Sohel 33 5 78 2 7 55 Jamal

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Warne's uncharacteristically poor display came as he regained the Australian vice-captaincy for the first time in 18 months after being stripped of it for his off-field behav-

In contrast to Warne, Cairns enjoyed a dramatic night in his first game as captain of New Zealand He was elevated to the job when regular skipper Stephen Fleming

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-54, 3-74, 4-135, 5-137, 6-182, 7-210, 8-216, 9champion was struck by tendinitis

Mohammad Sharif jumps for joy after clean bowling Abdur Razzaq on Thursday.

Kiwis do it again

was ruled out 30 minutes before the

start after being struck on the fore-

ravs which revealed no break and

he should be fit for New Zealand's

match against South Africa in

Brisbane on Saturday.
Cairns relished the chance to

lead his country, and his attacking

batsman Rvan Campbell, on debut

and standing in for regular vice

captain Adam Gilchrist, made a

Scoreboard of the tri-nation cricket

tournament match between

Australia and New Zealand at the

Sydney Cricket Ground Thursday:

For Australia, wicketkeepeer-

captaincy paid dividends.

promising 38 off 52 balls.

**SCOREBOARD** 

Fleming had precautionary X-

arm in the warm-up.

Cricket

New Zealand handed out a second

hiding inside a week to one-day

World Cup champions Australia

here Thursday night as the home

country skidded to a third succes-

sive defeat in the tri-nation contest.

New Zealand recovered to make

competitive 235 for nine wickets

before dismissing Australia for 212

to win by 23 runs -- coincidentally

the same margin as when the coun-

tries met last Friday in Melbourne in

the opening match of the tourna-

South Africa at the top of the table,

each side having won two matches.

Australia languish at the bottom,

without a point, and face the real

possibility of missing out on a place

It is the first time Australia have

"It's not the end of the world and

"We are not playing well, but we

However Waugh conceded he

"I am not sure where it slipped

Elated New Zealand captain

"We may have the wood on them

"They proved in the World Cup

A feature of the game was the

today -- maybe in the last 15 overs in

the field when we got behind the rate

Chris Cairns warned that Australia

at the moment, but you write off

could be expected to spring back.

Australia at your peril," he said.

with our bowling," he said.

was not certain why the Aussies

lost their first three matches in the

we'll come back from here,"

Australian captain Steve Waugh

in the best-of-three finals

annual triangular series.

will get out of it.'

lost

The New Zealanders have joined

118, 5-174, 6-178, 7-181, 8-188, 9-203, 10-212 R **Bowler** 

NEW ZEALAND Richardson st Campbell b Warne 26 McCullum run out Vincent c Ponting b Harvey Bond 8 1 28 McMillan c Campbell b Martyn Franklin 0 46 Cairns c S Waugh b Gillespie 31 9 Cairns 2 32 Styris c Bevan b Harvey Vettori 10 0 45 Harris not out 42 Harris 8.2 0 37 Parore c M Waugh b Warne 18 Styris 0 17 Vettori c Campbell b Lee Result: New Zealand won by 23 Franklin run out runs. Extras: (b-2, lb-18, w-3) Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 235

MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: New Zealander Chris Harris celebrates taking the

wicket of lan Harvey of Australia during their triangular one-day international

Man-of-the-match: Chris Harris. Next match: New Zealand v South Africa, Brisbane, Jan 19.

## Jennifer, Venus cheerleaders set in 21 minutes then took her foot

series match at Sydney on Thursday.



AFP, Melbourne

Jennifer Capriati and Venus Williams, the world's top two players who share the four Grand Slam titles, gave Australian Open organisers something to shout about Thursday. Williams declared she was fit to

play after an injury scare and Capriati showed the devastating form that gave her the title last year.

While the seeds have dropped like flies in the men's draw, the top eight women's seeds are intact, with the exception of Serena Williams who cried off with an injury before the tournament started.

Venus, the No. 2 seed who gave tournament organisers a fright when she suffered a knee injury on Wednesday, has decided to press on after intensive treatment.

The Wimbledon and US Open

in her left knee during her second round match against American compatriot Kristina Brandi, whom she defeated 6-3 6-4 After being treated with ice,

**V WILLIAMS** CAPRIATI

stretching and having an ultrasound, she notified the WTA Thursday that the injury had improved and she was ready to face Slovak Daniela Hantuchova on Friday.

More good news came in the shape of Capriati's emphatic victory over fellow American Meilen Tu. She sprinted through the first

hurting her hip last week, the French and Australian Open champion crushed Tu 6-1, 6-3,

off the throttle for a comfortable 55

Despite having her right thigh

strapped as a precaution after

minute win

"I got a few rallies in the second set and was able to get some good rhythm," she said, adding that the hip was not 100 percent but "okay".

"When the matches get more difficult, more of a test, then I'll know where I'm at but I think I'm ready. I feel ready and I feel strong." Elsewhere, the Belgian express continued hurtling down the track

with victories for fourth seed Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin. Clijsters, the girlfriend of Lleyton Hewitt and adopted by the local crowd as one of their own after the downfall of so many Australians,

whipped Austrian Barbara

Schwartz 6-1 6-1.

## Collision ahead?

AFP, New Delhi

The stand-off between the International Cricket Council (ICC) and India deepened further Thursday when the sport's governing body rejected the Indian demand to change the panel appointed to probe the Mike Denness affair.

The ICC had named two former cricketers, Majid Khan of Pakistan and Andrew Hilditch of Australia, and Justice Albie Sachs of South Africa on the newly-constituted Referees Commission

The Commission is to probe the penalties imposed by Denness on six Indian cricketers, including superstar Sachin Tendulkar, during the Port Elizabeth Test against South Africa in November.

India, furious about the penalties, forced hosts South Africa to dump Denness as match referee for the final Test, leading the ICC to declare the match unofficial.

The ICC picked Majid, Hilditch and Sachs even though India had rejected all three and instead nominated former Test captains Richie Benaud, Ian Chappell (both Australia) and Imran Khan (Pakistan) besides Justice Ahmed Ibrahim of Zimbabwe.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) also said it was even ready to accept Gary Sobers and Clive Lloyd of West Indies as well as England's David Gower, Geoffrey Boycott and former Test umpire Dicky Bird on the panel.

PHOTO: STAR

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AUSTRALIA

Martyn run out

Lee Ibw b Franklin

Gillespie not out

M Waugh run out

Campbell c Harris b Vettori

Ponting c Parore b Bond

S Waugh c Harris b Bond

Harvey c Vincent b Harris

Warne c Richardson b Harris

McGrath c Vincent b Harris

Total: (All out in 47.2 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-29, 3-98, 4-

Extras: (lb-7, w-18, nb-4)

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BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmiya was not immediately available for comment on Thursday but a spokesman for him told reporters: "We haven't received anything official. The board will react only once we get it."

### Windies need to become modern

REUTERS, St John's

West Indies cricket coaching techniques have become "outdated" and in need of help from overseas, a leading cricket official has said.

"It became apparent during the first intake of the Shell Cricket Academy of the St. George's University that our coaching techniques have become outdated," West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) chief development officer Michael Seepersaud said.

Seepersaud said the board had hired two Australian coaches, Ashleigh Byron and Tim Coyle, to conduct a six-day workshop in March to change the West Indies coaching

#### South Africa in Donald doubt

AFP, Brisbane

Unbeaten South Africa remain worried about a finger injury to Allan Donald which could keep the veteran paceman out of the Proteas' doubleheader one-day assignment here this weekend.

Donald, 35, was unable to train Thursday as the Proteas completed a long session at the 'Gabba Ground ahead of the day-night clashes with New Zealand Saturday and World Cup champions Australia Sunday in the 190,000 dollar (95,000 US) trinations contest

Team officials said he will attempt to bowl in the nets Friday but they rated him a doubtful starter for Saturday.

#### **Upside down**

AFP, Melbourne

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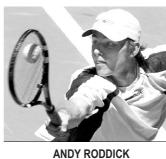
Teen sensation Andy Roddick said he felt crushed and confused after being forced out of his second round match at the Australian Open Thursday with an ankle injury.

The 19-year-old from Omaha, Nebraska, twisted his right ankle during a first-set tiebreaker against Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic and after several treatments by a trainer courtside he decided to quit.

Ljubicic was leading 7-6 (13/11), 3-2 at the time of Roddick's withdrawal after 71 minutes. He will now play Wayne Ferriera of South Africa in the next round. The American, regarded as one

of the sport's brightest hopefuls, has been troubled by ankle injuries for the past six months. "It is pretty crushing for me. It's

been happening a little too much



and it's really disheartening," he

Roddick, who rose from 160 to 16 in the rankings in 2001, winning three tournaments in his first full year on tour, had sprained the ankle in his opening match here on

# Sampras flies the flag

## Australian 🗾 Open

AFP, Melbourne

Pete Sampras stayed on course for a 14th Grand Slam title Thursday as seeds tumbled around him and the injury list grew at the Australian

"It's been a pretty bizarre tournament but you have to just move on," said the eighth-seeded American after beating Juan-Ignacio Chela of Argentina 6-3, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 in the second round.

He now plays Nicolas Escude

Escude, who reached the semifinals here four years ago, has never played Sampras.

"I'm excited about it. To play Sampras in a Grand Slam is really something.

Sampras admitted he had not served well against Chela. "There's a long way to go, I feel like I'm playing well but we'll see what happens," said the 30-year-

old said who last year failed to win an ATP tournament for the first time As Sampras marched on the man tipped as a possible succes-

sor limped ff. Teenage sensation Andy Roddick joined the Australian Open casualty list when he was forced

out Thursday after spraining his right ankle. Injuries and shock defeats have now accounted for 18 men's seeds in the first four days of the first Grand Slam event of the year,

including the five top seeds

"It's pretty crushing for me. It's happened a little too much. I'm as confused as everyone," said the 19-year-old from Omaha, Nebraska, who twisted his ankle during a first-set tiebreaker he lost to Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic. After receiving courtside treatment the 13th seed decided to quit.

Arnaud Clement, last year's losing finalist and 15th seed, had earlier waltzed out but former US Open champion Marat Safin and Tommy Haas stoppd the rot.

Clement, who lost last year's final to Andre Agassi, lost too many



big points to Argentina's Gaston Gaudio, whose previous best Grand Slam result was a third round appearance on the clay courts at the 1999 French Open.

The man from Buenos Aires won a fourth set tie-breaker 7-3 when Clement netted an easy forehand drop-shot at the net on the second match point.

"I never knew which foot to dance on. I seemed to be near my best all the time but I just couldn't work out what I should do," said the Frenchman who made 62 unforced

"I felt there was never more than a handful of points in it but he took them.'

Haas, who last year became the first German since Boris Becker in 1996 to win four ATP tournaments now has a good chance to at least equal his 1999 semi-final appearance here, but he refused to look that far ahead

"Obviously I feel I have it in me to win a Grand Slam but I never

take too much notice of how the draw is turning out, which seeds have lost," the seventh seed said after beating French qualifier Jean-Francois Bachelot.

"Everyone in the top 100 can now give you a hard match and you cannot look further than the next

Only Tim Henman of Britain, at No 6, is seeded higher than Haas following the seeding carnage in the first three days.

Haas was annoyed last year when Pat Rafter kept him out of the Masters Cup in Sydney on the strength of his Wimbledon final, but the Florida-based German admitted it might now have been a stroke of luck as all eight finalists from that end-of-year tournament have now

2000 US Open champion, moved closer to a potential fourth round clash with Pete Sampras, who avenged that 2000 final defeat in last year's Flushing Meadow semifinals, when he dismantled Belgium's Christophe Rochus in three quick sets.

He was the first man to come out and say he felt he could win the first Grand Slam event of the year in the wake of the first three days of blood-letting.

"I'm fit and confident. I have prepared well and I have a good opportunity," said the Russian.

Spaniard Alberto Martin, who put paid to the Open dreams of world No 1 Lleyton Hewitt, continued his merry dance with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 second round victory over Switzerland's Michel Kratochvil. He will now play Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador.

Former world No 1 and 1998 finalist Marcelo Rios of Chile appears to be regaining some of his old form after several injuryplagued years and moved into the third round with a straight sets win over Karol Kucera of Slovakia

## **AUSSIE OPEN NOTES**



AFP/AP, Melbourne

Wimbledon and US Open champion Venus Williams, who admits she gets no bigger kick than shopping, is sporting a new rock on her left hand. Asked where the new ring came from, the 21-year-old Californian

admitted she picked it up in Sydney

"I was passing a shop and it just called my name," she said.

TIME-OUT

Arnaud Clement says Spain's Alberto Martin should not be castigated for the injury time-out world No 1 Llevton Hewitt claimed could have cost him his first round match. "If there's one player you can't accuse of gamesmanship it's him," said the Frenchman. "But it's true some players do stretch the rule. I did it myself once. I felt cramp coming on but basically I needed a breather when I called for the trainer," added Clement.

#### **STAR MATERIAL**

Marat Safin won't admit Anna Kournikova is the biggest star in Russia. The man from Moscow says his mate Mikhail Youzhny ranks higher. "We went to the same club. we practise together and he's a great pal. He's definitely No 1." And the former US Open champion wouldn't admit it was tongue in

#### **GENDER THING**

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obliged to play year-in-year-out. The women stars meanwhile just seem to keep producing the goods. But Ecuador's Nicolas Lapentti.

semifinalist here in 1999, refuses to believe the women are stronger. "On a certain day you can lose to guy outside the top hundred, which I think could rarely happen to the women," he said after qualifying

to play Argentina's Gaston Gaudio in the third round. Australian Open organisers disagree. They have given both men and women equal prize money of a million dollars (500,000 US) for the

#### first time this year. DARE-DEVIL CHRIS

Chris Evert may have been known as the ice-maiden of women's tennis during an 18-year career that saw her win 18 Grand Slam singles titles, but former great Pam Shriver has

other memories "From her on-court personality and the way she played you would never think she had a bit of devil in her, but she certainly did," said the 39-yearold Shriver.

TAI CHI

Cindy Watson has spent two years getting up at 5 am to train and seemed to be going nowhere until she discovered the Tai Chi Chinese exercises. "It has improved my speed, my endurance, everything, said the Australian teenager, given a wildcard to this Grand Slam, who reached the third round Thursday. Perhaps Australia's men should think about it. Not one failed to survive the second round.

#### **PAM ENGAGED** TO EX-007

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Former tennis star Pam Shriver is engaged to one-time James Bond

actor George Lazenby. The tennis stalwart, 39, said the 62-year-old Australian was "very

special". "Here I am engaged to an Australian, somebody obviously very special in my life and I feel blessed," she said on the sidelines

#### of the Australian Open **GORAN CRAVES FOR SW 19**

Wimbledon continues to hold centre stage for Goran Invanisevic -- even at the Australian Open.

The big-serving Croat, struggling with a chronic shoulder problem, had no sooner been bounced out of the year's first Grand Slam tournament than he admitted the grass courts of the world's premier tennis event were uppermost in his mind.

#### **BRING ANNA BACK**

Anna Kournikova may be out of the Australian Open singles, after losing to Belgium's Justine Henin in the first round, but her supporters haven't given up hope of still seeing

her around at the tournament. One desperate fan, according to a Melbourne newspaper Thursday, wanted to know if there was any way the blond Russian could stay in the

tournament. While she is still involved in doubles, playing with partner Martina Hingis, the paper came up with a number of amusing options that could keep Kournikova's face to the fore. They included being a ballgirl, interpreting for her compatriots, including Marat Safin, of working at

a hot dog stand.

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WAS A DASHING YOUNG MAN. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals R

puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

# CRYPTOQUIP X K Z Z UWPDPWPZA

CGZBVKGWU YTC Saturday's Cryptoquip: ALL EYES WERE ON HIM AS HE SPRINTED TOWARD THE TAPE. HE

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

who won the Davis Cup for France here last year when the Australians laid a grass court on the Rod Laver disappeared from this event. Escude came back from two "I felt I was the real number eight sets down and then saved two then but perhaps it was a bonus not match points to beat Alex Calatrava to play," said the German who now of Spain in five sets plays American veteran Todd That was tough," the Frenchman said after his baseline The ninth seeded Safin, the battle. "At least against Pete it will be more straightforward. I've just got to make sure I get my own serve in and do my best to return his.' **PETE SAMPRAS**