

Schools h'ball

UNB, Dhaka
Viquarunnisa Noon School and College earned massive wins against their opponents in the 12th Bata School (girls) handball tournament at the Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex on Tuesday.

They blanked Dhanmondi tutorial 12-0 after leading the first half 8-0 in the first match and later outplayed Loreto School 13-0 after dominating the first half 9-0.

In another match, Molihej Govt Girls High beat Loreto 4-2 after leading the first half 2-0.

In the third match, Lalmatia Girls High beat Bangladesh Rifles School 3-2 after leading the first half 2-1.

But in their second encounter, Bangladesh Rifles managed a 6-3 victory over Mirpur Girls Ideal Laboratory Institute.

Sunnydale defeated Mirpur Girls Ideal Laboratory Institute 6-2.

Scholastica outplayed Quamrunessa Govt Girls High 9-0 after leading the first half 4-0 while Azimpur Girls School & College beat Agrani School & College 4-1.

Bionic Bevan

FROM PAGE 13
Did not bat: Glenn McGrath
Bowler O M R W
Nash 9 0 50 2
Bond 9.3 2 38 4
Adams 10 0 52 2
Vettori 10 0 36 0
Harris 8 0 50 0
Astle 3 0 22 0
Result: Australia won by two wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Michael Bevan.
Next match: South Africa v New Zealand, Feb 1.

Schools cricket

FROM PAGE 13
Mirhazaribagh: 84 all out in 16.1 overs (Faisal 35, Ashraf 2/7)
Result: Muslim High School won by 165 runs.

Banramala Adarsha School v Collegiate High School
Venue: MOS
Collegiate School: 46 all out in 19.5 overs (Jafar 4/10, Hamid 3/1)
Banramala: 50 for no loss in 6.1 overs (Hamid 27 n.o., Sadek 13 n.o.)
Result: Banramala won by 10 wickets.

Loreto v Green Herald
Venue: BNS
Loreto: 213 for 7 in 35 overs (Fahmid 68, Maruf 34, Saidur 3/44)
Green Herald: 139 all out in 32.2 overs (Nasir 22, Fahmid 4/34)
Result: Loreto won by 74 runs.

Denness doesn't regret



AFP, Sharjah

He may have thrown world cricket into turmoil but Mike Denness arrived in Sharjah to referee the Pakistan-West Indies test series saying he has no regrets.

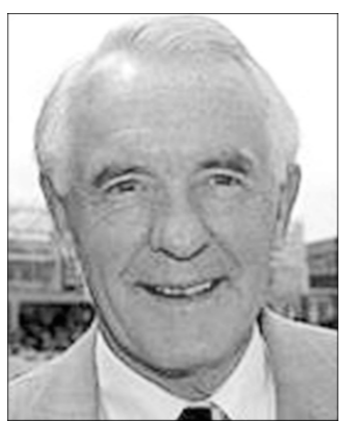
"I did what I believe was appropriate at the time ... I have no regrets," the former England stalwart told Tuesday's Gulf News.

"I believe I had the backing of the ICC (International Cricket Council) for what I did," he said.

As far as I am concerned it is over and done with.

However, it is not over and done with as far as India is concerned. India's cricket chief Jagmohan Dalmiya has threatened to boycott the ICC-appointed Referees

Commission and provoked fears of a split among the 10 Test-playing nations.



MIKE DENNESS
The three-man Commission is set to meet in Johannesburg on

February 23 and will probe whether match referee Denness was justified in penalising six Indian cricketers, including superstar Sachin Tendulkar, in South Africa in November.

Dalmiya forced South Africa to dump Denness, an ICC appointee, for the next Test, forcing the governing body to declare the match unofficial.

The Indian board wants the Commission either put on hold till the ICC executive meeting in Colombo in March or a new commission formed comprising each of the 10 Test-playing nations.

The series, switched to the United Arab Emirates because of security concerns and cut to two tests and three one-day internationals, is due to open on Thursday.

It will be only the third to be played at a neutral venue in Test cricket's 126-year history.

ICC not moving to Monte Carlo

AFP, Paris

Cricket's governing body the International Cricket Council (ICC) denied on Monday they were to move their headquarters to Monte Carlo after a source had told AFP they were awaiting final permission from the Monaco government to go ahead with just such a move.

However an ICC spokesman told AFP that while they were expanding their operations in the tax-free haven by increasing the staff for their financial arm, ICC Development International, and event management, who organise the World Cup and the ICC knock-out tournament they had no intention of switching from their current headquarters Lord's.

Earlier a source close to the negotiations had told AFP the ICC were awaiting clearance before completing the move from the land where cricket was invented to a place which does not possess one cricket pitch.

The ICC, who are run by Aussie duo president Malcolm Gray and chief executive Malcolm Speed, would be following the example of several other ruling sporting bodies in the modern pentathlon and the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), who also decamped from London.

The move according to the source was facilitated by Monte Carlo-based Australian cricket legend Bob Cowper, who played 27 tests in the 1960's averaging over 45 and had a top score of 307 against England in Melbourne in the 1965-66 tour.

Early farewell for Weah



AFP, Mopti, Mali

Nigeria sent George Weah into an unhappy retirement here Monday with a 1-0 win over Liberia to march into the quarter-finals of the African Nations Cup as Group A winners.

The Nigerians were by far the better side throughout an entertaining tussle in this dusty town 650km north of the capital and settled the match with a 63rd-minute header from Julius Aghahowa.

A cross from the right by Augustine 'Jayjay' Okocha created

confusion in the Liberian box and when defender George Gebro fluffed his clearance, Shakhtar Donetsk player Aghahowa was on hand to head home.

Aghahowa celebrated his second goal of the tournament with his trademark sequence of six backflips before being mobbed by his relieved team-mates.



GEORGE WEAH

Aghahowa admitted it had been a tough encounter but the victory showed they were running into form

at the right time.

"It was a hard game and we got through it," he said.

"We are getting into our rhythm now and we are starting to pick it up a bit. We are looking forward to the next round," he added.

However veteran Sunday Oliseh reflected the pressure faced by the Nigerians when competing at this tournament.

"It was a tough game and we were a bit nervous early on. If we had scored earlier on you would have seen some great football," he said.

"Quarter-finals are always difficult at the African Nations Cup especially if you are pulling on the green and white of Nigeria as there is a lot of pressure on us to do well," he added.

Former world footballer of the year and AC Milan star Weah, who has said he will quit international football following Liberia's campaign here, was unable to inspire his team to a win that would have knocked out Nigeria.

Hosts Mali joined Nigeria in the quarter-finals after beating Algeria 2-0 in Monday's other match.

Thankful Ganguly



REUTERS, Kanpur

Indian captain Sourav Ganguly gave credit to openers Sachin Tendulkar and Virender Sehwag for his team's victory in the fourth one-day against England after their explosive 134-run stand.

Set 218 to win in 39-overs in the rain-curtailed match, India overhauled the target in just 29.4 overs,

with Tendulkar unbeaten on 87 after Sehwag hammered a 62-ball 82.

"The openers won the game for us today," Ganguly told reporters later. "Sehwag was just unstoppable. He's a top-class player and I wanted him to get a 100 today."

"Sachin, of course, is a great player. We'll have to see in the next match in Delhi if we should keep them as openers."

Tendulkar also became the first player in one-day history to score more than 11,000 runs on Monday.

Ganguly is Tendulkar's regular

opening partner and the two have shared the most century stands in one-day history.

But Sehwag had also been successful on the two occasions before Monday that he had opened - against New Zealand at Colombo last year, when he scored a 69-ball century, and in Madras last week, when he scored 51 in India's four-wicket win.

"I'm sure he'll be a great entertainer for the fans of the game," Ganguly said.

ACA fears revolt



AFP, Melbourne

The chief of Australia's cricketers' union Tuesday flagged the possibility of disgruntled players one day suing selection bodies if they lost lucrative playing contracts.

Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) chief executive Tim May said cricket administrators had to be prepared for players suing for unfair dismissal the same way a sacked worker could take legal action against their employer.

May said he had not encountered any cases of litigation based on team or squad selection in

world cricket, but acknowledged players could one day sue selection panels if they had their playing contracts terminated.

He said selecting sporting teams or squads was an opinion-based decision, but he could not say if the ACA would support a player who sued their selectors.

"It's not an issue the ACA has determined a stand on," May said Tuesday.

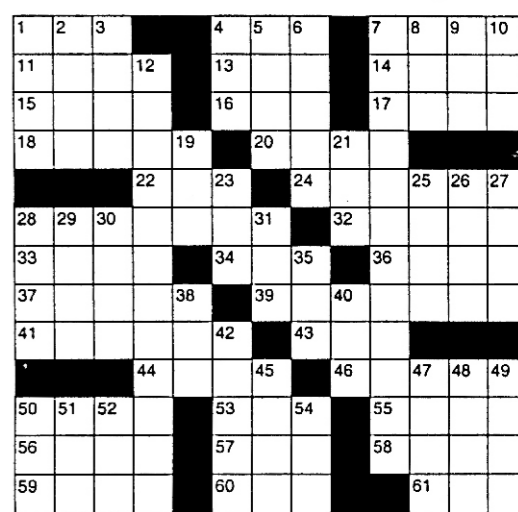
"In the first instance we realise we are here for the collective and if we did back a player it's an issue that must apply to all of our constituency and we would have to see if it's an issue that we would support."



Scene from yesterday's National Sub Junior Chess Championship engagements at the federation office.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Binge
4 Actor
7 Carey
7 Sleeve part
11 - the Red
13 Oklahoma city
14 Exam format
15 Missile shelter
16 Cranberry territory
17 "Do - others"
18 Ryan's daughter
20 Describe
22 Kvetch
24 Disconnected
28 Compliment excessively
32 "Damn Yankees" figure
33 Troubadour's strings
34 Do lawn-work
36 Exceptional
37 Cancel a launch



CRYPTOQUIP
M N B C O T I N T I F N N H O V
U B U N K B J B C T I G J B Z K
C N J S K G V J S M N X T S V :

"S V K B I I G J B Z K Z J F K N X H J ! "
Saturday's Cryptogram: AT A HIGH-CLASS ARABIAN BALL, YOU COULD FIND YOURSELF DANCING SHEIK TO SHEIK.
Today's Cryptogram Clue: J equals S

The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TV GUIDE

BTV
3:10p.m. News Headlines
3:15 Desher Gaan
3:20 Open University
3:45 Shashatathya
4:00 Khabar
4:05 Cartoon: Zoomanji
4:20 Shukhi Poribar
4:40 Desh O' Biggan
5:00 News Headlines
5:20 Selected Programme
5:45 Pushthitathya
6:00 Khabar
6:10 Geet Bitan
6:35 Programme from Chittagong station
7:00 News Headlines (English)
7:05 Mati O' Manush
7:30 Prochestha
8:00 News in Bengali
8:30 Drama Serial: Bhalobashar Shukh Dukkho
9:00 News Headlines
9:05 Chayachanda
9:30 Drama Serial: Tomar Kachei Jabo
10:00 News at Ten (English)
10:25 Bornali
11:30 Khabar / The News
11:45 Closing
EKUSHEY TV
12:00 Ekushey Midday
12:30 Charidike
1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30 Documentary Programmed: Japan Video Tropic
1:50 Classic Cartoons
2:10 Deho Tore
2:30 Drishti
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial: Ek Cup Cha
4:00 Khelay Khelay Chirontonee
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00 Documentary Programmed: Japan Video Tropic
5:30 Drishti
5:50 Ajker Potrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Classic Cartoons
6:30 Shajshaj Songlap
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Bolte Chai
7:30 Ekushey News
8:00 Drama Serial: Bondhon
8:45 Program of Song: Anondo
9:00 Ekushey News
9:05 Drama Serial: Attoprokash
9:30 Drama Serial: Sundoree
10:00 News: Simulcast From BTV
10:30 Chittrogetee

ATN BENGALI
5:30 Islamic Prog
7:00 ATN Mugic
7:35 Dance Dance
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Musical Prog
9:00 Rajar Shohor
9:35 Matric Chaya
10:50 Bondhon
11:20 Bangla Film: Nacher Putil
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Sustha Thakun
6:45 Sur Chobi
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35 Rang Beranger Din
8:10 Dhaliwood Bichitra
8:45 Bhalobashi Sudu Tumakee
9:20 Bithor Bhalobasa
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Bondon
11:15 Bengali Film: Sontan
11:30 ATN Bangla New
BBC WORLD
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7:00 BBC News
7:30 Asia Today Inc Asia Business Report
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
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STAR PLUS (INDIA)
6:00 Sanskruti
6:30 STAR Geetmala
7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids Daily
10:30 Small Wonder
11:00 Pal Chhin

Today/Sport Today
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Hardtalk
HBO
7:00 Moscow on the Hudson
9:15 Get on the Bus
11:45 The Godfather Part II
3:30 Good Burger
5:30 Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story
8:00 Python
10:00 Desperado
12:00 The Art of War
2:15 Fortress 2
4:15 Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story
STAR GOLD
7:00 Jyoti (Jeetendra, Hema Malini)
10:30 Amul Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Hamrahi (Rajendra Kumar, Jamuna)
3:00 Amul Bollywood News
3:30 Devi (Sanjeev Kumar, Nutan)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Rang Birangi An Evening in Paris (Shammi Kapoor, Sharmila Tagore)
11:00 Amul Bollywood News
11:30 Angoor (Sanjeev Kumar, Deven Verma)
12:30 Angoor (Sanjeev Kumar, Deven Verma)
3:00 Geet Bahar
3:30 Devi (Sanjeev Kumar, Nutan)
STAR PLUS (INDIA)
6:00 Sanskruti
6:30 Fox Kids Daily
7:10 Aaj Ki Baat
7:30 Sanskruti
8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:30 Son Pari
9:00 Kasautii Zindagi Kay
9:30 Sanjivani
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS
EKUSHEY: 8:00p.m. Bandhan. Episode 76: Priitha stands by Badal when he is helpless. She tells Badal that she is dreaming of a new life. Badal answers that it is impossible to get back the time that has been elapsed. Badal thinks about Imran and wants to stand by Nishi. Priitha misunderstands Nishi.
AXN: 10:30p.m. Die Hard. Tough New York cop John McClane finds himself in a tight situation when an office building in Los Angeles is taken over by terrorists. Apart from himself, everyone else in the building - including his wife - is held at gunpoint while their captors spell out their demands. The F.B.I. are called in to survey the situation, but John McClane has other plans for the terrorists. Starring: Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia, Reginald VelJohnson, Paul Gleason.
STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 10:30 p.m. Ally McBeal. In tonight's exciting episode a new guest joins the Ally McBeal Team and on the other hand Ally has a romantic dream about Cage and wakes up thinking that he may be the one for her...

PICK OF THE DAY
Desperado
On HBO at 10:00p.m.
The no-named Mariachi (Antonio Banderas) tracks down the last Mexican drug-lord "Bucho" with the help of his best friend and a beautiful book store owner (Salma Hayek). In a poetically violent style reminiscent of John Woo and Sam Peckinpah, the Mariachi takes on his entire army of henchmen in a dusty border town as an act of revenge for the murder of his love and his injured musician's hand.

The
10:00 Attention Shoppers
12:00 Terminal Velocity
2:00 As Time Runs Out
3:45 Warlock 3
5:15 Boiling Point
7:00 Man in The Moon, The
11:45 Lesser Evil, The
2:15 Rocky V
4:30 Rocky III
DISCOVERY
7:00 Real Kids Real Adventures
7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Lonely Planet V Ushuaia
10:30 Great Books
11:30 Wild on the Set III
12:00 Horse Tales
12:30 Discovery Sunday
1:30 The Human Body
2:30 Wild Discovery
3:30 Let's Dance & Eat
4:00 Real Kids, Real Adventures
4:30 Trail Blazers
5:30 Lonely Planet V
6:30 Wild on the Set III
7:00 Horse Tales
7:30 Wild Discovery

8:30 Junkyard Wasters
9:30 Science Mysteries
10:30 Crime Night
11:30 Trail Blazers II
STAR NEWS
7:00 Breakfast News
6:00 Star News Hindi
6:30 Bollywood News
7:00 Star Bazaar
7:30 Saat Baje
8:00 Star Khel
8:30 Tonight at 8
9:00 Star Samachar
9:30 Star News English
10:00 Star Business News
10:30 Star Newshour
11:30 Star News English
12:00 Sports Tonight
12:30 Star News English
AXN TV
6:30 Movie: Jagged Edge
8:30 Battledome
9:30 The Amazing Race
10:30 Pensacola III
11:30 Pacific Blue II
12:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not
1:30 The Amazing Race
2:30 Movie: Jagged Edge
4:30 Boardwalk/Alfred Hitchcock Presents
5:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!
6:30 Battledome
7:30 Pacific Blue II
8:30 When Fun Turns To Fear
9:30 The Amazing Race
10:30 Movie: Die Hard
12:30 Silk Stalkings VIII
1:30 Pacific Blue III
2:30 Pensacola III
3:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents
ANIMAL PLANET
7:00 K-9 to 5
7:30 Animal Doctor II
8:00 Zookeepers
8:30 Animal Planet Safari
9:30 Wednesday Wilderness
11:00 Animals A-Z Transformers Cats

12:00 Wild Rescues II
12:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
1:00 Horse Tales
1:30 The Aquanauts
2:00 Battersea Dogs Home
2:30 Monkey Business
3:00 21st Century Ark
4:00 Vets in Practice Season II
4:30 Crocodile Hunter
5:30 Wednesday Wilderness
7:00 All Bird TV II
7:30 Battersea Dogs Home
8:00 Animal Planet Safari
9:00 Walk On The Wild Side
9:30 Champions of the Wild II
10:00 Vets in Practice Season II
10:30 Crocodile Hunter
11:30 Wednesday Wilderness
ZEE CINEMA
1:15 Cine News
1:30 Sholay Aur Toofan Feature Film
4:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
4:15 Chehren
4:30 Prem Patra Feature Film
7:00 Ikke Pe Ikke
7:30 Karm Yodh Feature Film
10:15 Movie Fare
10:30 Benazir Feature Film
1:15 Madhyantar
1:30 Khel Khiladi Ka Feature Film
5:00 Darpan
5:15 Making of A Legend
5:45 Film Time
6:00 Shakti Feature Film
9:15 Cine News
9:30 Dadamoni (A Tribute to the Lensed (Ashok Kumar))
10:00 Karishma Kudrat Ka Feature Film
11:30 Cats

SPORTS

ESPN
6:00 Motorsport Asia
6:30 Sportscenter Hindi
7:00 Nba Basketball Dallas, TX USA Los Angeles Clippers @ Dallas Mavericks
9:30 Expn 2day
10:00 Italian Football Hillies Italian Series A
11:00 Women's Pro Billiards 2001 Wpba Classic Tour National Championship Mt Pleasant, MI USA Finals
12:00 Football Focus
1:00 Sportscenter Super Bowl Edition Bristol, CT USA
2:00 Asian Bowling Tour Cgu Asian Bowling Tour Grand Slam Final Singapore Women's Highlights
3:00 Soccer The Match Of The Century: Gento
3:30 Australia Cricket Vb Series Melbourne, ship Orlando, FL US
5:00 Sportscenter
6:00 Australia Cricket Vb Series Melbourne, Australia New Zealand @ Australia 10th Odi, 2nd Session
7:30 Sportsline Today
8:30 Spanish Football League 2001/02 Spanish Football League
10:30 Pga Tour Golf Phoenix Open Scottsdale, AZ USA Third Round
12:30 English Premier Football League
1:00 English Premier Football League
3:00 World's Strongest Man
3:30 Zambia, Africa Qualifier
4:00 Asia Sport Show
5:00 Max Power Max Power 2002
5:30 Watersports World
6:00 Volleyball International
2001 Final
8:00 Sportsline Tonight
9:00 Cricket Programming Super Selector
9:30 Australia Cricket International Cricket Tri Series Perth, Australia India @ Australia 12th Odi, Highlights
10:30 Sportsline Tonight
11:00 Australia Cricket International Cricket Tri Series Melbourne, Australia Pakistan @ Australia 1st Final
12:30 Sportsline Tonight
Great Four Grand Prix Gymnastics
2000/2001 Glasgow, Scotland Highlights
3:00 Sports India
3:30 Sportsline Tonight
4:00 Trans World Sport
5:00 Sportsline Tonight
5:30 Iisu Figure Skating Nhk Trophy 2001
Kumamoto, Japan Highlights