her best season last year reaching a

career high ranking of nine in April,

is currently ranked 16 and said she

was looking forward to the all-

going to be our first match. I hope it's

going to be a good one, because we

"I haven't played Anna, so it's

UNB, DHAKA

Viquarunnissa Noon, Scholastica, Sunnydale and Shahjahanpur Railway Government High emerged champions in their respective groups to reach the semifinals of the Bata schools girls handball tournament on completion of the preliminary round matches yesterday.

Group A champions Viquarunnissa Noon will play the first semi-final with Shahjahanpur Railway govt. High while Scholastica will take on Sunnydale in the other semis, both billed for today at the Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex.

Eight group matches were held on the concluding day:

Shahjahanpur Railway Govt High outplayed Azimpur Girls School & College 5-1, Sunnydale defeated Bangladesh Rifles School & College 4-3, Mirpur Girls Ideal Laboratory Institute trounced Khilgaon High Girls School 5-0, Dhanmondi Tutorial beat Loreto School 4-1, Viquarunnissa Noon beat Motijheel Govt. Girls High 8-3, Azimpur Girls School and College beat Mohammadpur Preparatory School 3-2.

Natore cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Natore Cricket Club (NCC) defeated Swarbarna Club by three wickets in the opening match of the Natore cricket league at the Sankar Govinda Chowdhury Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Swarbarna decided to bat first and scored 103 runs losing all the wickets in 27.5

In reply, NCC made 109 for seven

Aussies' Watson FROM PAGE 13

but had worked very hard on his bowling to become a genuine all-

"I suppose I enjoy batting a bit more because it isn't as hard on your body, but I love both and I'm working hard on both," he said.

Australian skipper Steve Waugh said Watson could be the Test allrounder Australia had been searching for decades. SQUAD

Stephen Waugh (captain), Andrew Richel Adam Gilchrist, Jason Gillespie, Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Brett Lee, Darren Lehmann, Stuart MacGill, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Ricky Ponting, Shane Warne, Shane Watson, Mark Waugh.

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Solskjaer show



AFP, London

An Ole Gunnar Solskjaer hat-trick helped Manchester United extend their lead at the top of the English Premiership Tuesday as the reigning champions strolled to a comfortable 4-0 victory at Bolton Wanderers.

Victory takes Sir Alex Ferguson's men four points clear of secondplaced Arsenal at the top of the table although the Gunners have two games in hand on the reigning champions.

Norway international striker Solskjaer, making a rare start in United's attack, netted in the 15th. 39th and 64th minute for his third career hat-trick for United before Dutchman Ruud van Nistelrooy completed the rout.

Bolton rarely threatened in a onesided contest and when they did get beyond the United defence they found visiting goalkeeper Fabien Barthez in outstanding form.

Diego Forlan, United's recent 7.5-million-pound (10.6-milliondollar) signing from Independiente, made an appearance as a secondhalf substitute but had little time to make an impression.

Ferguson was delighted to have ended a mini-slump which saw them lose 1-0 to Liverpool in the Premiership and 2-0 to Middlesbrough in the FA Cup in the past week - but remained cautious about being cast iron certainties for the title now they had taken the four point lead.

"We were back on song tonight," the Scotsman said.

"However now we really are into the business end of the season and we have to step forward.

"There can be no messing around," he added. Ferguson, who steps down at the

end of the season, said he believed this title race would go down to the "You always hope there is an

exciting climax to the title race but it has seldom been the case," he said. "It's good for the game and I think there will be 2-3 teams involved come the end of the championship,"

he added Solskjaer wants United to build the result into an extended winning streak to keep them in the hunt for

"I think we need to have a good run of seven or eight games now to make sure we are up there when April comes." he said

The Norwegian has now fired in 13 goals in 19 appearances for the champions and claims he does not worry about the club's rotation policy especially playing alongside the likes of van Nistelrooy.

"I know it is hard with a big squad here, so I don't mind sitting on the bench a few times." he added.

"He (van Nistelrooy) is a very nice player to play with. He stretches defenders and makes space for other players and scores goals as Fredi Bobic should have put

Bolton ahead in the fourth minute but he steered Michael Ricketts' teasing low cross wide of the post from close-range

United weathered the early storm and slowly took control of the match and it was no surprise when they took the lead with a quarter of an hour gone

Van Nistelrooy held the ball up in central midfield and waited for Ryan Giggs who came steaming forward down the left wing. The Dutchman then fed Giggs

who ran at the Bolton defence before squaring into the path of Solskjaer who tucked the ball past Jussi Jaaskelainen in the Bolton goal.

Solskjaer's 11th goal of the season silenced the home crowd and lifted United who stepped up a David Beckham almost added a

second 10 minutes later but his 20-

yard free-kick whistled past the post with Jaaskelainen stranded. Finnish keeper Jaaskelainen did well to beat away a fierce shot from Roy Keane and then denied Beckham who latched onto the

But from the resulting corner Solskjaer added his second goal of the game to put United firmly in the driving seat.

Beckham swung the ball over and the Norwegian peeled away from his marker at the near post to glance in a header bevond Jaaskelainen.

United continued to dominate in the second half and Solskjaer completed his treble midway 19 minutes after the interval, glancing a header into the corner from Beckham's freekick.

It was his first treble since December 1999 when he scored four in the 5-1 win against Everton at Old Trafford.

Uruguayan striker Forlan came on 15 minutes from time, replacing Solskiaer. Beckham and van Nistelrooy

then squandered good chances in front of goal before the Dutchman scored his 24th goal of the season seven minutes from time thanks to Giggs' clever pass

John Gregory's appointment as the new Derby manager looks imminent after he was spotted at The Valley watching his prospective new employers stumble to a 1-0 defeat to Charlton.

Gregory, who only left Aston Villa last week, had already departed by the time Chris Bart-Williams' inchperfect 20-yard free-kick 11 minutes from time crept inside the near post to leave the Rams with just 14 games to save their top-flight status.

Elsewhere Noel Whelan fired 10man Middlesbrough to a crucial 1-0 derby victory at Sunderland, his fourth goal in as many games.

Whelan struck with just 14 minutes gone, but the Teessiders were forced to battle all the way following defender Gianluca Festa's secondhalf dismissal for spitting at Kevin Phillips after the England striker had elbowed him in the face in a race for

Premiership's top six

English Premiership table after Tuesday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points)

Man Utd	25	15	3	7	60	34	48
Arsenal	23	12	8	3	46	27	43
Newcastle	23	13	4	6	42	29	43
Liverpool	24	12	7	5	33	24	43
Leeds	23	11	9	3	35	21	43
Chelsea	23	9	10	4	40	23	37

ATC final in **Pakistan**

INTERNET, undated

After a five-month the Asian Test Championship (ATC) is set to spring back into action in March when Sri Lanka and Pakistan contest the final.

The final, tentatively scheduled for March 6-10, will also mark the return of international cricket to Pakistan, as Sri Lanka's cricket board have agreed to become the first major international side to tour there after the September 11 terrorist attacks in America.

The second Asian Cricket Council (ACC) managed Test championship was dealt a cruel blow before its commencement when India withdrew at the last moment citing political reasons.

Without the prospect of a high profile clash between India and . Pakistan, the ACC was unable to find a title sponsor and international broadcaster, undermining its revenue raising objectives.

Pakistan and Sri Lanka romped to thumping innings victories against Bangladesh in the opening two games played in September.

With Pakistan and Sri Lanka's place in the final already guaranteed, the final group game, originally pencilled in for January 30 a Colombo, was abandoned.

Wasim Akram's Pakistan won the inaugural ATC crown in March 1999 when they crushed Sri Lanka by an innings and 175 runs in the final at

Lions, Congo sail

AFP, SIKASSO, MALI

Cameroon maintained their perfect start to the 2002 African Nations Cup Tuesday with a win over Togo as the Democratic Republic of Congo stunned Ivory Coast 3-1 to reach the quarter-finals.

With reigning champions Cameroon already confirmed as Group C winners after taking maximum points from their opening two games, attention turned to the question of who would join them in the second phase.

Pedigree suggested Ivory Coast were the likeliest bet, their talented squad favoured to secure a win over the Congolese at their match in the gold mining town of Kaves. But a superb DR Congo perfor-

mance, with fit-again Monaco attacker Shabani Nonda playing a key role, left the Ivory Coast 'Elephants' packing their trunks and heading for home

Hingis on a roll

Tennis

AFP, TOKYO

Martina Hingis eased aside Marlene Weingartner on Wednesday and then confidently declared she had a strong chance of winning her fourth Pan Pacific Open tennis title here.

The 21-year-old Swiss Miss, a finalist here for the past five years and victorious in 1997, 1999 and 2000, needed only 48 minutes to score a 6-1, 6-2 win over the German to claim a quarterfinal berth. Weingartner, ranked 40 in the

world compared with Hingis at four, hit four good first serves -- one an ace and another a service winner -to win the fourth game of the first set to love. But she was unable to hold serve

again and only won two games n the second set by breaking Hingis. In the quarterfinals Friday, Hingis

will take on either Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn or sixth seed Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria.

Fourth seed Sandrine Testud of France joined Hingis into the quarterfinals with a tough 4-6, 7-5,

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In the first-round, Sydney Olympic silver medallist Elena Dementieva used her powerful grounstrokes to beat Japan's Saori Obata 6-3, 6-3 and set up a glamorous battle against fellow Russian Anna Kournikova.

It will be the first clash between Dementieva and Kournikova on the WTA Tour, both of whom are also chasing their first career title.

Dementieva, 20, who enjoyed



Russian encounter.

are seen with Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas and Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Abu Taher at the Sailors Colony playground yesterday.

Winners of the annual sports competition of the Bangladesh Navy College

CRYPTOQUIP

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DYAMWKA RQPOK

N Y MN D Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HEADLINE IN WEEKLY PAPER AS A DINOSAUR DESTROYS THE CITY: "TYRANNOSAURUS WRECKS!" Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals O

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 trial and error

TV GUIDE

BTV

10:00a.m.2nd parliamentary sessions of the 8th National Parliament Live

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Open University 3:20 3:45 Shasthatathya 4:00

4:05 Sports Programme Movie of the Week

6:00 6:35 Dharma O' Jibon

7:00 News Headlines (English) 7:05 A special interview

7:30 Shondha Maloti 8:00 News in Bengali

9:00 **News Headlines** Sontan 9:05 Drama Serial: Otopor

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10:00 ATN Bangla News

11:30 ATN Bangla News

6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Repor

7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today/Asia

8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/World **Business Report**

10:00 BBC News

5:30 Islamic Prog 7:00 Health Care Prog

7:35 Film Songs Prog: Sur Chhobi 8:00 ATN Bangla News

8:25 Drama Serial: Rang Beronger Din

Dhaliwood Bichitra 9:35 Drama Serial

Bhalobashi Sudu Tumakee 10:10 Drama serial: Brettver

10:50 Drama serial: Bondon 11:20 Bengali feature film:

12:00pmATN Bangla News 6:07 Islamic Prog: Sundor

6:45 Musical Prog: Protibha

7:00 ATN Bangla Evening

Sudu Gan 8:10 Drama Serial: Jeyona

8:45 Talk Show: Samokalin

Prekkhya Pot

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BBC WORLD

Business Report

9:00 BBC News Asia Today/Asia **Business Report** 10:30 Hardtalk

BBC News 11:00 11:30

World Business Report 1:00 BBC News

2:00 BBC News

3:00 BBC News 3:30 Simpson's World

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Today 5:00 BBC News

HBO

6:45amThe Out-of-Towners 8:30 Implicated 10:30 Philadelphia

Years Later 3:00 Calendar Girl Urban Legend

8:30 Dudley Do-Right 10:00 Barb Wire 12:00 Hush

7:00amAn Evening in Paris (Shammi Kapoor, Sharmila Tagore) 10:30 Amul Bollywood News 11:00 Geet Bahar

11:30 Insan Jaag Utha (Sunil Dutt, Madhubala) 3:00pmAmul Bollywood News 3:30 Bikhre Moti (Jeetendra,

Babita) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Lamhe Pyaar Ke Ankhen (Dharmendra,

Mala Sinha)

BBC News

Report/Sport Today

2:30 Holiday

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6:45 Night of the Creeps

2:00 Philadelphia 4:30 Urban Legend

STAR GOLD

1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain

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5:45 Of Mice and Men

10:00 Warlock 3 11:30 Terminator 2 1:45 Rocky V 3:30 Mission to Mars 5:30 Crush, The

> 7:00 Crimson Tide 9:00 Lesser Evil, The STAR PLUS

6:00amSanskruti 6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain 8:00 Aatma Sangeet

11:00 Pal Chhin 11:30 Meri Saheli 12:00 Shanti 12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet

1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

EKUSHEY: 8:00p.m. House Wife. This is the story of a housewife who has plenty of time. Except for cooking and cleaning she has nothing to do. When she starts working she does everything at once. But she became very tired of her boring life. It was like a prison cell to her. She starts to act strange and everyone starts to think that she has become mentally sick.

STAR WORLD: 6:00 & 9:30p.m. Roswell. July 3.

1947: The crash of a spaceship, an event officially

tonight's episode, Michael comes to school with a

but never effectively denied by the United States

government, this is the story of Roswell. In



11:00 Amul Bollywood News

11:30 Aaj Kie Aurat (Dimple

STAR MOVIES

7:45 Return of the Jedi

Kapadia, Jeetendra)

shiner, courtesy his foster father, Hank, and Max and Isabel gets upset. STAR MOVIES: 7:00p.m. Predator 2. The latest model of the killer android series known as the Terminator has been sent back in time with deadly John Connor, while he's still a child. But John and his mother, Sarah (Linda Hamilton), get some much need help in the form of an older Terminator

(Arnold Schwarzenegger), identical to the one that tried to kill Sarah a few years ago. 2:00 Sanskruti

2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 3:00 Shagun 3:30 Kasauti Zindagi Kay 4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi 4:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz 5:00 Meri Saheli 5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet

6:00 Small Wonde 6:30 Fox Kids 7:20 Aaj Ki Baat 7:30 Sanskruit 8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hair 8:30 Kundali 9:00 Kasautii Zindagi Kay

2:30 9:30 TBA 10:00 Kangar 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 4:00 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi Bahu Thi

12:05 AAj Ki Baat 12:30 Jubilee Plus 2:00 Bol Baby Bol Yeh Hai Right Price 3:00 Pal Chhin Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Shanti 4:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi

Manchester United @

Bolton Wanderers

Barb Wire On HBO at 10:00p.m. Pamela Anderson Lee mounts the title role in this tale of a futuristic bar owner who accepts mercenary jobs on the side in the only nondictator-controlled city in the nation.

PICK OF THE DAY

11:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz 1:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 1:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay

5:00 Meri Saheli 5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet DISCOVERY 7:00 amGoing Wild With Jeff 7:30 Wild Discovery

8:30 Lonely Planet IV 9:30 Ultimate Guide 10:30 Understanding Race 11:30 Champions of the Wild Sharks

12:00 pmAll Bird TV 12:30 Travel Time Travelers II Rome 1:30 Women's Hour Horizon

Sexual Chemistry 2:30 Wild Discovery : Big Cats 3:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids 4:00 Going Wild With Jeff

4:30 War Zone Lonely Planet V 6:30 Champions of the Wild 7:00 All Bird TV Wild Discovery 7:30 8:30 Ushuaia 9:30 Ultimate Guide

10:30 Daring Capers

11:00 Daring Capers II

Corwin

11:30 War Zone **STAR NEWS**

One 12:00 Sportsline Today 1:00 English Premier Football League 2001/02 Charlton, UK Leeds United @ Charlton Athletic

Pga Tour Golf Phoenix Open Scottsdale, AZ **USA Final Round** 6.00 Sports Unlimited Sportsline Tonight 8:30 Pga Tour Highlights

Australia Cricket International Cricket Tri Series Sydney, Australia Pakistan @ Australia 2ⁿ Final

6:00 Star Khel Bollywood News Star Bazaar 7:00 7:30 Saat Baje

07:00 Breakfast News

8:00 Hotline 8:30 Tonight at 8 9:00 Star Samachar 9:30 Star News English

> 10:00 Star Business News 10:30 Star News Hour 11:30 Star News English 12:00 Star News Hindi

> > 12:30 Sports Tonight AXN

6:30 Movie: High Plains Drifter 8:30 Core Culture 9:30 When Fun Turns To Fear 10:30 Pensacola III

11:30 Pacific Blue I 12:30 The Amazing Race 1:30 When Fun Turns To Fear 2:30 Movie: High Plains Drifter

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10:30 Thu Horror Movie:

5:30 The Amazing Race

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ANIMAL **PLANET**

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7:00 Wild on the Set II 7:30 Animal Doctor II 8:00 Vets on The Wild Side

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12:00 Wild Rescues II Animals

1:00 All Bird TV

2:00 Battersea Dogs Home 2:30 Monkey Business 3:00 Natural World

4:30 Jeff Corwin Experience 5:30 Tamed N Trained Thurs-

7:00 Animal Hospital 7:30 Battersea Dogs Home 8:00 Animal Planet Safari

9:00 Killing For A Living

10:00 Vet's in Practice

10:30 Jeff Corwin Experience 11:30 Tamed N Trained Thurs-

ZEE CINEMA 1:15 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki

1:30 Yuhi Kabhi - Feature Film

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Kumar) 7:30 Mahashaktiman -Feature

10:15 Movie Fare

1:30 Saatwan Aasman -5:00 Darpan 5:15 Tara Rum

6:00 Gudiya -Feature Film 9:15 Yaadein Radio Ceylon

7:00 Dadamoni (A Tribute To The Legend (Ashok

10:30 Miyan Biwi Saali -Feature Film 1:15 Madhyantar

Feature Film

17:15 Film Time

10:00 Narsimha -Feature Film

8:30 Animal Planet Safari

9:30 Tamed N Trained Thurs-11:00 Animals A-Z

9:30 Top Of The Tops

8:30 Sportscenter Hindi World Cup Mix 9:00 9:30 English Premier Football

SPORTS

Highlights 3:00 Soccer The Match Of 3:30 Big Ten Conference State Rivalry Week

The Century: Ghiaggia Basketball Columbus, OH USA Illinois @ Ohio

Italian Serie A 2001/2002

STAR SPORTS

8:00 Heineken Classic Golf Heineken Classic Golf 2002 Melbourne Victoria, Australia Day

10:30 Sportsline Tonight

11:30 Animal People

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5:00 News Headlines

8:30 Ocean Girl

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1:50 Classic Cartoons 2:10 Surer Prodeep 2:40 Drishti

3:30 Chips & Bytes 4:00 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom

Classic Cartoons Radhunee Rannaghor **6:55** Ekushey Headlines

10:00 News: Simulcast from 11:00 Ekushey Nightly News 12:30 Ekushey News Headlines

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7:30 Ekushev News Drama: Housewife 9:00 Ekushey News (English) 9:05 Serial : Alif Laila

Sustha Thakun

Film Magazine:

Bhalobasha

10:35 Bengali featur film :

9:00 Hit Filmein Hit 9:30 Fox Kids Daily 10:30 Small Wonder

7:00 National Hockey Night Washington, DC USA St. Louis Blues @ Washington Capitals 10:00 Goals! 10:30 In The Driver's Seat Mud Drags Indianapolis, IN

USA

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12:30pmMotoworld

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League 2001/02 Bolton,

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England Liverpool @

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ESPN

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USA

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12:30 The Planet's Funniest