

## ITF Jr C'ships Hsieh, Ishaa clinch titles

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Hsieh Cheng of Chinese Taipei clinched the boys' singles title beating Alex Mitto of Great Britain 6-2, 6-2 in the final while Ishaa Lakhani of India won the girls' crown defeating Pichaya of Thailand 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 in the ITF Junior Tennis Championships at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex yesterday.

Chaochen and Liotian Wen of Chinese Taipei pair won the boys' doubles title beating Rishi Behl and Sawrabh Koh of India 7-6, 6-7, 6-4 while in the girls' doubles Maya Rosa of Indonesia and Ishaa Lakhani of India snatched the championship trophy beating Hanna Park and Woorosook of Korea 6-2, 6-2.

Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu, MP, witnessed the final matches as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

## Pepsi v'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Air Force advanced to the men's quarterfinals of the Pepsi National Volleyball Championship on the second day of the meet at the Dhaka Volleyball Stadium yesterday.

Army booked a seat for the quarterfinal beating Patuakhal and Kushtia while Bangladesh Air Force managed the quarterfinal berth also beating same opponents.

In the day's other matches, Tangail beat Rajshahi 3-2 and BJMC defeated Gazipur 3-0 in the women's competition while Rajshahi beat Rangpur 3-0 in the men's competition.

## Rejoinder

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**Our Clarification:**

We take this opportunity to inform you that all cheques have to be signed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee of BCB, which is mandatory, whilst the second signatory could be either the President or the Chairman of Cricket Committee or the Member Secretary of the Finance Committee of BCB. Also all financial dealings are with the full approval of the Finance Committee. We hope the above information will suffice and clarify the cheque signing aspect of Bangladesh Cricket Board.

**Nizam Uddin Chowdhury**  
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# Steve wants clean sweep Aussies off to SA



AFP, Sydney

Steve Waugh left here Thursday for South Africa with his mind set on bringing home a 6-0 Test sweep over the Proteas.

The Australian team's departure comes amid the distraction of Waugh's sacking Wednesday as national one-day captain and the resultant jockeying among several of the Test squad as his replacement.

Leading candidates Adam Gilchrist, Shane Warne and Ricky Ponting Thursday confirmed they wanted to take over the one-day captaincy and will remain on tenterhooks until the decision is made, possibly within a week.

Others, including Mark Waugh, will be sweating on retaining their place for the seven one-dayers which follow the Test series.

It's hardly an ideal way to prepare for a three-Test series which Australia must win to retain the world No. 1 Test ranking even though they thrashed South Africa 3-0 at home this summer.

But Waugh is determined his side will be focused on the Test series and said another clean Test sweep through Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban would be a great

achievement for his record-breaking team.

### ITINERARY

Schedule for Australia's tour of South Africa/Zimbabwe  
Australia's schedule for their 2002 tour of South Africa and Zimbabwe:

**FEBRUARY**

15-18 v South Africa A, Potchefstroom

**22-26 v South Africa (First Test) Johannesburg**

**MARCH**

1-4 v South Africa A, Port Elizabeth

**8-12 v South Africa (Second Test) Cape Town**

**15-19 v South Africa (Third Test) Durban**

22 v South Africa, Johannesburg

24 v South Africa, Centurion

27 v South Africa, Potchefstroom

30 v South Africa, Bloemfontein

**APRIL**

3 v South Africa, Durban (D/N)

6 v South Africa, Port Elizabeth

9 v South Africa, Cape Town (D/N)

13 v Zimbabwe, Harare

14 v Zimbabwe, Harare

17 v Zimbabwe, Bulawayo

19-22 v Zimbabwe A, Kwekwe

**25-29 v Zimbabwe (First Test), Bulawayo**

**MAY**

3-7 v Zimbabwe (Second Test), Harare

"That (3-0 Australian series) result has been forgotten over the last couple of weeks and we played outstanding cricket and if we beat them 6-0 it would be one of the great results in Test match history," Waugh said.

"They're a fantastic side and a lot of people expected them to compete or even beat us in Australia and to beat them 3-0 here was underestimated and undervalued."

"The 6-0 scoreline may be a bit unrealistic but you never know if you play good cricket and get a roll on and win that first Test match."

Waugh admitted his sacking would cause unease for some of his teammates who have just one three-day match against South Africa A in Potchefstroom before the first Test in Johannesburg starting February 22.

"Some of the guys will have doubts in the back of their minds and we've just got to get everyone in a positive frame of mind for that first Test," said Waugh prior to the team's departure.

A seven-game, one-day series will be played after the Tests, followed by a three-week tour of Zimbabwe.

Waugh and others not chosen in the one-day team will be sent home after the tests and then brought back for the Zimbabwean leg.

## Baishakhi's feat ITF jr tennis begins today

UNB, Dhaka

Local top-seed Sheefat Nushrat Baishakhi is the lone Bangladeshi player who earned the distinction to enter into the World Tennis Junior Ranking by securing international points from Rajshahi International Junior Tennis tournament yesterday.

Three boys -- Amol Roy, Alamgir Hossain and Shahriar Haider -- also displayed good performances in the Rajshahi meet, but narrowly missed the international ranking.

Meanwhile, some one hundred of players from 19 countries across the world, including hosts Bangladesh, now reached the capital to participate in the 16th Bangladesh International Junior Tennis tournament beginning today at the Ramna National Tennis Complex.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman will inaugurate the weeklong tournament in the afternoon.

## Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Juba Cricket School defeated Innocent Cricket Club by six wickets in the Siraj Memorial Gold Cup tournament at the Rajshahi Collectorate ground yesterday.

Winning the toss, Innocent batted first and collected 120 all out in 30 overs.

In reply, Juba Cricket reached the target in 18 overs losing four wickets.

# Not Taylor-made



AFP, Sydney

Steve Waugh will find it difficult to retrieve his place in the Australian one-day cricket side after being sacked as skipper, former Australian captain Mark Taylor said Thursday.

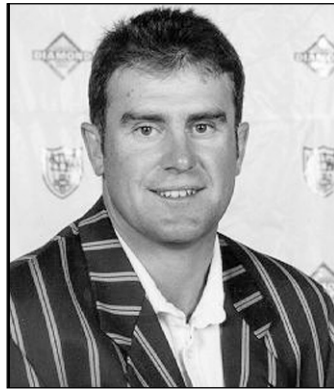
Waugh has vowed to reclaim his place in the one-day team after being dropped from the squad to play in South Africa, and ahead of next year's World Cup in the republic.

"But fighting back at the age of 36 would be tough, said Taylor, who like Waugh was dropped from the one-day side while remaining as Test captain in 1997."

"I'd never write Stephen Waugh off but I think it's going to be very difficult," Taylor said.

"I think he's going to need a lot of runs in one-day cricket and he's not really going to get an opportunity to do that until next season."

Taylor said he knew what Waugh was going through, and knew the



MARK TAYLOR

selectors' decision had hurt the Test skipper.

"My thoughts were with him yesterday because it's never fun... to get the news dumped on you that you are no longer in the one-day side certainly hurts, and I can say that from a personal point of view."

But Taylor said he could see Waugh's axing coming, because selectors wanted to prepare a year in advance for next year's World Cup in South Africa.

## Happy day

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**Dhaka v Khulna**

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

**Khulna:** First innings

Nahidul c Ashrafu b Neeyamur 5

Sajjadul c Kadir b Neeyamur 7

Raju c Jahangir b Fahim 14

Hasanuzzaman c Kadir b Fahim 19

Asadullah lbw b Rafique 2

Salim run out 41

Razzak c b Rafique 21

Jamaluddin not out 54

Al-Amin c Jahangir b Rafique 4

Tamim b Bikash 10

Russel b Fahim 6

Extras: (nb-3, w-4) 7

Total: (All out in 73.5 overs) 190

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-13, 3-48, 4-51, 5-53, 6-106, 7-124, 8-128, 9-157.

**Bowler O M R W**

Bikash 12 1 39 1

Neeyamur 9 2 26 2

Rafique 22 10 38 3

Fahim 19.5 4 44 3

Ashrafu 9 2 35 0

Aminul 2 0 8 0

**DHAKA:** First innings

Rashedul c razzak b jamaluddin 33

Ashrafu batting 23

Jahangir batting 1

Extras: (nb-1) 1

Total: (For 1 wkt in 16 overs) 58

Fall of wicket: 1-48.

**Bowler O M R W**

Al-Amin 4 1 17 0

Russel 5 0 25 0

Razzak 4 3 2 0

Jamaluddin 2 0 14 1

Nahidul 1 1 0 0

**Chittagong v Sylhet**

Venue: Sylhet Stadium

**SYLHET:** First innings

Imtiaz c sabbir b Shafiuddin 4

Parvez batting 94

Kapali b Suja 41

Rana lbw b Enamul 5

Nasirul batting 33

Extras: (b-3, lb-5, nb-4, w-2) 14

Total: (For 3 wks in 96 overs) 191

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-96, 3-111.

**Bowler O M R W**

Ashfaq 6 5 2 0

Shafiuddin 18 7 48 1

Suja 26 14 33 1

Enamul 25 8 55 1

Sabbir 17 3 37 0

Azam 1 0 4 0

Minhazul 3 1 4 0

# Waugh of words

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find some allies of their own who applauded their brave decision to sack a national hero.

Former Test players David Hookes, Jeff Thomson and Neil Harvey all said the time was right for Waugh to go while some top cricket writers urged him to accept his fate and leave quietly.

Ron Reed wrote in Melbourne's Herald Sun: "It's sad to see his magnificent career begin to fray and unravel against his will, but at least he and the selectors were honest about it."

Robert Craddock wrote in Brisbane's Courier-Mail that Waugh's position was always in doubt once he elected to continue playing past his prime.

"The price you pay for not retiring on top is that you throw yourself at the whims of the selec-

tors and every other harsh-marking judge in the country."

"Our one hope for the iron-willed champion is that his test career ends on a better note."

Meanwhile, Pakistani veteran Wasim Akram joined the growing list of Steve Waugh backers Thursday, saying it was "senseless" to sack the Australian as his country's limited-overs captain.

"Steve Waugh is one of the best players in the world and definitely the best captain around," Akram said.

"I am quite stunned he has been dropped. But Waugh will come back because he is a fighter."

"I think it was a senseless move by Australia's selectors to remove Waugh just because Australia failed to win a one-day tournament at home," the 35-year-old Akram said.

"So what is the criteria for

captaincy? I pity the guy who will replace Waugh because he will be under tremendous pressure."

## U-13 cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Rajshahi Al-Rashid Cricket Academy reached the cup final of the 4th under-13 cricket tournament eliminating Cricket Coaching School (CCS) of Dhaka by 52 runs in the second semifinal at the Kalabagan KC ground yesterday.

Winning the toss, Al-Rashid batted first and scored 148 for nine in the stipulated 30 overs.

In reply, the CCS were all out for 96 runs in 19.4 overs.



Two Japanese players, who will take part in the ITF Junior Tennis Championships, practising at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

# TV GUIDE

<b>BTV</b>	3:10 p.m. News Headline (Bangla)	3:15 Patriotic Songs	3:20 Full length feature film	4:00 News in Bangla	5:00 News Headline (Bangla)	6:10 Animation film	6:35 Program from BTV's Chittagong center	7:00 News Headline (English)	7:05 Modern Songs	7:30 Drama Serial: Sukher Tari	8:00 News (Bangla)	8:25 Program on Language Movement	8:35 Drama Serial of Humayun Ahmed	9:00 News Headline (Bangla)	9:05 Magazine Program: Rangdhanu	10:00 News at ten	10:25 Repley's Believe It or Not	11:20 World Music	11:30 News (Bangla / English)	11:45 Close		
<b>ATN</b>	5:30 "Islamic Prog	7:00 Islamic prog: Sundor Jeebaner Jannee	7:35 Valentine Day Prog: Bhalobasar Gan	8:00 ATN Bangla News	8:25 Valentine Day Prog: Soy, Ke Bhole Prete Bhalo	9:00 Drama Serial: "Jeyona Fera"	9:35 Talk Show: Samokalin Prosongo	10:10 Reporting prog: Prekha Pot	11:30 Islamic Prog	12:00 ATN Bangla News	3:30 Bengali feature film: Abhijan	6:07 Children: Cholo Gan Gai	6:45 Viewers openion prog: Motamot	7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News	7:35 Musical Prog.	8:10 Film songs prog: Meril Tumar Jame Gan	8:45 Magazine Prog: Muktho Katha	9:20 Business prog: Businessline	10:00 ATN Bangla News	10:35 Drama: Durotho	11:15 Bengali Feature film: Tume Amar Bhalobha	11:30 ATN Bangla News
<b>STAR GOLD</b>	7:30amEk Duje Ke Liye (Kamal Hassan, Rati Agnihotri)	10:30 Bollywood News	11:00 Geet Bahar	12:00pmChalta Purza (Rajesh Khanna, Parveen Babi)	3:00 Bollywood News	4:00 Raampur Ka Lakshman (Randhir Kapoor, Rekha)	7:00 Geet Bahar	7:30 Shaandaa Shukrawaar Satyakam (Dharmendra, Sharmila Tagore)	11:00 Bollywood News	11:30 Himalaya Super Action Film:em Hatya (Govinda, Neelam)	<b>STAR WORLD</b>	6:00amHappy Days	6:30 3rd Rock From The Sun	7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	8:00 MacGyver	9:00 Roswell	10:00 Angel	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show				
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12:00 Maria Law	1:00 Caroline In The City	1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful	2:00 Mork & Mindy	2:30 Happy Days	3:00 Baywatch	4:00 The Simpsons	4:30 3rd Rock From The Sun	5:00 Star News Asia	5:30 Friends	6:00 Worlds Wildest Police Videos	6:55 Asianews Update	7:00 Nash Bridges	8:00 Bugs	8:00 Friends	9:30 Worlds Wildest Police Videos	10:30 Nash Bridges	11:30 Bugs																			
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<b>STAR VIJAY</b>	6:27amUdaya Geetham	6:30 Samarpanam	8:00 Mudhal Pradhi	8:30 Mudhal Vanakkam	9:30 Star Hits	10:00 NGC	11:00 Vijay Talkies	11:30 Om Namah Shivaya	12:00pmBommaigal																											

<b>TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>9:00 p.m. Friday drama Emono Diney Tarey Bola Jaye.</b> A young man who is a bachelor and lives in a small room on top floor of a house. Another family of a single mother and her daughter lives downstairs. With frequent interaction between the young man and the two ladies, a close relationship develops between the girl and the young man. One day the man decides to disclose his affectionate feeling to the girl but just before the moment arrives, the girl informs him something different. She is in love with another person and their wedding date has been fixed.																						
<b>10:30 p.m. Digonto.</b> The items of the program will include news feature on Bangla schools in Britain, information on Bangladeshi restaurants. Habiba Kawsar will present a song on the segment of expatriate artists. Film Director Ruhul Ameen will give an interview. Feature on the city of Bath will be a special highlight of the program. Rita Khan will be introduced to the viewers as an expatriate Bengali model.																							
<b>12:30</b> Payanam	1:00 Kavyanjali	1:30 Kudumbam Oru Kovil	2:00 Agni Sakshi	2:30 Galatta Countdown	3:00 Movie (Velli Thirai)	3:30 Vijay Talkies	4:00 Cinema, Kaaram, Coffee	7:30 Payanam	8:00 Vijay Sethigal	8:30 Kavyanjali	9:00 Nadi Engge Pogiradhu	9:30 Marumagal	10:00 Kudumbam Oru Kovil	10:30 Toyota World Of Wildlife	11:00 Om Namah Shivaya	11:30 Vijay Sethigal							
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