

Khulna thrash Shahjalal

UNB, Savar

All-rounder Farhad steered Khulna University to a seven-wicket victory over Shahjalal Science and Technology University in the inter-university cricket competition at the Jahangirnagar University playground on Thursday.

Farhad took two wickets and later made 69 runs.

Batting first, Shahjalal scored 142 for eight in stipulated 40 overs with Joy making 31 and Mohsin 20.

Khulna overhauled the target making 146 runs for three wickets in 27.3 overs.

Friday's match: Shahjalal University vs Agricultural University.

Independence Day women's athletics on April 3-4

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Women Sports Federation will organise the Independence Day inter-district women's athletics competition on April 3-4 at the Sultana Kamal Mohila Kirra Complex here.

All districts have been requested to send in their entries by March 25, a press release of the federation said on Thursday.

Great awaits

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three Tests.

"I thought I had turned the corner in my career," Lara said. "But because of the injury, I have to restart... I am hoping to get back into form quickly so that I can play against India."

Lara, whose record-breaking knocks of 375 in Tests and 501 not out in first-class cricket in the space of a few months in 1994 are part of cricket folklore, said Tendulkar was a joy to watch.

"Records are meant to be broken and if I had to pick a person to do that now, it has to be Tendulkar."

"He is the best batsman I have ever played against and a joy to watch."

"I mean 11,000 runs in one-dayers and more than 7,000 in Tests. Wow, any one will be proud of that."

Lara saw a remarkable similarity with Tendulkar in the captaincy stakes with both having declined to lead their respective teams.

"I spoke to Sachin about captaincy, and he appeared to have similar problems," Lara said. "None of us received the kind of support we needed from our respective Boards."

"I would love to concentrate on my part of the game which is batting and leave the leadership to someone else."

"Until I see a change for the betterment of leadership of the West Indies, where a captain is given full support and the tools he needs to do well, I think I will stay on the sidelines."

Venue may be known today

Boxing

AFP, Memphis

Representatives for Mike Tyson and Britain's Lennox Lewis have scheduled a return visit here on Friday, the day an announcement is expected on where the heavyweights will stage their showdown.

"We will have a decision by the end of the week," said Shelly Finkel, Tyson's manager.

A second day of meetings here with Finkel and Gary Shaw, champion Lewis' US promoters from Main Events, ended with Shaw telling Memphis-bid promoter Brian Young, "I'll see you Friday."

Finkel described the Memphis talks as good, adding, "There have been no negatives." That encourages Young.

"I think you're looking at pretty much a Memphis situation right now," Young said. "I don't know if that decision will be mine or not, as far as concerning an announcement (Friday). I'm just one player."

Tyson's camp is thought to favor a Washington venue for the scheduled June 8 fight because Tyson has a large number of supporters in the American capital. Lewis is thought to oppose the venue for the same reason.

"Here, I think they feel like it's more on level ground," Young said.

And Michael Brown, vice chairman of Washington's boxing commission, was heartened that Finkel telephoned him during his visit to Memphis.

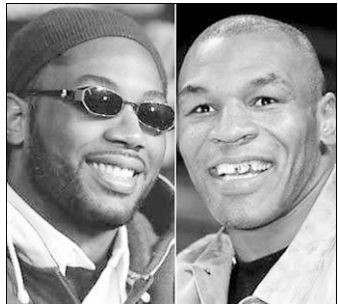
"He wouldn't be calling me if they had a deal in Memphis," Brown told the Washington Post. "I think they're getting a deal together in Memphis, then I expect they'll come here and give Washington a chance to match

it."

Memphis has a backer willing to pay 12.5 million dollars to stage the bout there while no such backers have been confirmed for Washington.

Casinos in nearby Tunica, Mississippi, are expected host workouts for the fighters if the bout is here.

An outside contender is Detroit, which improved its slim odds Tuesday when the state of Michigan renewed Tyson's boxing license. Tennessee and Washington had already approved Tyson to fight in their areas.



LENNOX LEWIS MIKE TYSON

"Detroit is still pushing," Finkel said, although no visit is planned there. Shaw and Finkel are expected to visit Washington before Friday.

After seven hours of talks here Monday and three hours of discussions Tuesday that included a visit to nearby casinos, Shaw said a word on the decision would likely come from Lewis before the end of the week.

"I have no comment at this time but I'm sure Lennox Lewis will make a statement himself shortly... within days," Shaw said.

The fight was originally planned for next month in Las Vegas but

Tyson was denied a license to fight in Nevada one week after touching off a brawl in New York at a news conference to announce the bout.

Lewis has until Monday to finalize details for a fight with Tyson or risk losing the International Boxing Federation crown if he does not begin talks with challenger Chris Byrd, the IBF's top-ranked contender.

Lewis owns the IBF and World Boxing Council titles. Tyson is the WBC's mandatory challenger. The World Boxing Association title, lost by Lewis in a court fight with Don King, now belongs to lightly regarded American John Ruiz.

The Washington Times reported Wednesday, citing unnamed sources, that King is working behind the scenes to have Lewis drop plans to fight Tyson, the only major foe of his generation he has not beaten, for a fight with Lewis.

The idea would be to have Lewis and Byrd fight in June on the same card as Ruiz and WBA mandatory challenger Kirk Johnson and a matchup between former champions Hasim Rahman and Evander Holyfield.

But King might need the stature Lewis would bring to attract attention to either of the other fights, which feature King-backed boxers.

King reportedly met Monday with Adrian Ogun, Lewis' business manager.

Tyson has a 100 million dollar lawsuit against King, his former manager. King would like to manipulate the boxing matchup possibilities so Tyson's only opponents for a large payday would require him to deal with King, something Tyson has vowed he would never do. That might force him to drop the lawsuit.

Age-gp cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Green Leaf and Kathal bagan Club won their respective matches in the under-17 cricket tournament at different venues in the city on Thursday.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Kathal Bagan Club beat Udayachal by five wickets.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Green Leaf beat Dhanmondi Progate Sangha by eight wickets.

In the day's other three matches, Kalindi KC beat CCG Blues by 10 wickets at the City Club ground, Prochay CC defeated Tejgaon CA by 109 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium while Sonargaon Cricketers beat Gulshan Youth Club by eight wickets at the Gulshan Youth Club ground.

Wasim dumps county deal

REUTERS, Karachi

Former Pakistan captain Wasim Akram confirmed on Thursday he would not be joining Glamorgan for the 2002 season.

"I was in talks with them for a contract this season. But I wanted a reduced programme due to my Pakistan commitments this year," Wasim told the news agency.

Jaffar in

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The selectors once again ignored veteran wicket-keeper Nayan Mongia, preferring to keep faith in the young duo of Ratna and Dasgupta.

Dasgupta, who can also double up as reserve opener, kept poorly in the five Tests he has played so far. Ratna donned the gloves in the one-dayers against England and Zimbabwe.

Chairman of selectors Chandu Borde said Ratna was the first-choice wicketkeeper and would make his Test debut in the West Indies.

"Dasgupta has been included more as a batsman, Ratna will keep wickets in the Tests," Borde was quoted as saying by the Press Trust of India.

"There was no scope for including a third spinner in the team."

"The wickets in West Indies help fast bowlers and that is why we have selected four genuine medium-pacers and one all-rounder in Sanjay Bangar," he said.

"The two spinners we are taking are world-class bowlers who can be effective anywhere, but accommodating a third spinner would have been very tough," Borde said.

TEST SQUAD

Sourav Ganguly (capt), Shiv Das, Wasim Jaffar, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Dinesh Mongia, Venkatesai Laxman, Sanjay Bangar, Ajay Ratna, Deep Dasgupta, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Javagal Srinath, Tinu Uthappa, Ashish Nehra, Zaheer Khan
Coach: John Wright. Physio-therapist: Andrew Leipus

Todd tames a toughie

Tennis

AFP, Key Biscayne

Marathon-man Todd Martin survived another long haul here Wednesday, downing France's Julien Boutter 2-6, 7-6, 7-6 to reach the second round of the 6.345 million-dollar men's and women's tennis tournament here.

Martin next faces Spanish second seed Juan Carlos Ferrero. The first meeting between the two previews a possible match-up in the USA-Spain Davis Cup second round tie in Houston April 5-7.

Martin, 31, arrived at the year's second Tennis Masters Series tournament in Miami after reaching the semifinals of the first of the elite events at Indian Wells, California, last week.

However, he got off to a slow start against Boutter, whose powerful and varied service game kept Martin on the defensive.

But as he often does, Martin dug in after losing the first set, raising his game to force the second set tie-breaker and knotting the score at one set apiece.

In the third set, Boutter saved three break points in the sixth game as they again went to a tiebreaker. The French player handed Martin a match point with a double fault for 4-6, but saved it with an ace before Martin finished things six points later with a crisp backhand volley.

Ferrero, like the other seeds led

by No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt of Australian and No. 9 Andre Agassi, had first-round byes.

Briton Greg Rusedski easily dispatched Armenian Sargis Sargsian 6-3, 6-4 to set up clash with Agassi, four times and reigning champion.

Agassi defeated Rusedski on his way to the Scottsdale crown. But even in defeat, the Briton could sense his game improving against Agassi and looks forward to another chance at the American here on Friday.

"I started to play well against Andre the last two games of the match," Rusedski said. "I felt things coming back a little bit for me with my tennis, playing the high standard I did in the beginning of the year."

When Hewitt swings into action, he'll be seeking his third straight title, after victories at San Jose and Indian Wells.

Hewitt will open against the winner between Thai standout Paradorn Srichaphan and former world No. 2 Michael Chang.

"I'm going to have to play as well as I did in Indian Wells to do well here again and give myself a chance of winning," Hewitt said. "But you know, I think I'm capable of going another six matches I think again here, to hold up the trophy."

"It's going to be as tough as ever. It's an extremely tough field. There's no easy matches here again just like especially last week. I'm going to have to play as well if not better than in Indian Wells."

On the women's side, the top

seeds are still waiting for the first round to sort out their opponents.

American Venus Williams, defending champion and second seed, will face compatriot Lilia Osterloh, while her sister Serena, the eighth seed, will meet Denmark's Eva Dyrberg.

Switzerland's Martina Hingis, two-time champion and third seed, will meet Taiwan's Janet Lee.

World number one Jennifer Capriati, will have to wait until Thursday evening to find out her first opponent, the winner of the night match between Russian Anna Kournikova and Greece's Eleni Daniilidou.

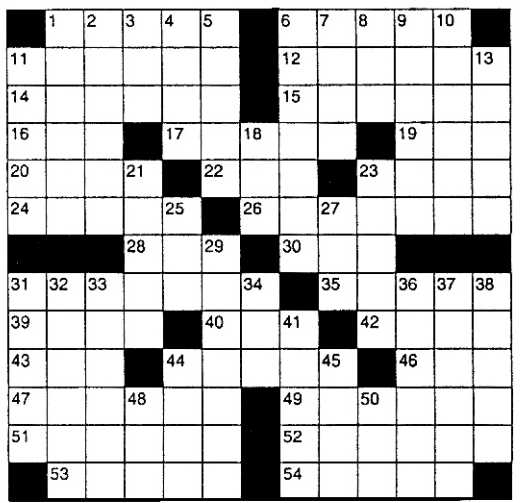
31 called up

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at Mirpur. The players are: Pappu, Jashim Mehedi, Faisal (Mohammedan), Titu, Aminul (Abahani), Dalim, Saiful (Brothers), Sohail (Muslim Institute), Kawsar, Shohag, Tareq, Arman (Victoria), Siraji (BKSP), Sohail (Fakirpool), Belal, Rony (Rahmatganj), Tareq (Mirpur Chalanika), Shamsheer, Haris, Zia (Muktijoddha), Shawkat Khan, Kollol (Farashganj), Hadiuzzaman (PVD), Hossain, Parevez, Nayon (Dhanamndi), Kochi, Ujjal (Badda Jagarani), Jahid (Prantik), Shakil (Shantinagar) and Amzad (Arambagh).

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DURING OLD VATICAN BALL GAMES, PLAYS MIGHT'VE BEEN CALLED BY A HOLY ROMAN UMPIRE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals E
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

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The synopsis unfolds in a family that includes Swapan, a young lady, her husband and Doly, the younger sister of Swapan. The couple find themselves among a dispute as Swapan assumes that her husband has developed some sort of illegal affair with Doly. The couple splits apart. Things become more complicated as the small child of the two, named Kabbya, becomes an obstruction of the separation. STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 9:30 p.m. <i>Nash Bridges</i> . The acting head and boss of the elite Special Investigators Unit, Nash and his partners Joe and Harvey pull out all the stops to make sure the streets on their beat are safe. In tonight's episode, Nash and Joe track down a former mob underboss who's murdering San Francisco criminals. AXN: 10:30p.m. <i>Shark Attack</i> . A marine biologist heads for Port Amanzi in Africa after his friend, Mark DeSantis, is supposedly a victim of a fatal shark attack. DeSantis had been conducting research on a series of shark attacks in the area prior to his death and now his friend, along with DeSantis' sister, takes up the research and finds that the sharks may not be the only threat in Port Amanzi. 8:00 Bugs 9:00 Friends 9:30 World's Wildest Police Videos 10:30 Nash Bridges 11:30 Bugs STAR PLUS 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 10:10 Hit Geet 10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet 10:30 Small Wonder 11:00 Main 11:30 Meri Saahil 12:00 Shanti 12:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet 1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain 1:30 Eena Meena Deeka 2:00 Ajeeb Dastanaan 2:30 Star Bestseller 3:00 Film Toppers 3:30 Kashmakash 4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheili 4:30 Kalash 5:00 Meri Saheli 5:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet 6:00 Small Wonder | 6:30 Fox Kids 7:10 Aaj Ki Baat 7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet 7:30 Gharwali Uparwali 7:55 Film Toppers 8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain 8:30 Kya Masti Kya Khum 9:30 Khullja Sim Sim 10:30 Ssshhh... 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