

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 Krira 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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"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 again 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 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 capitol. 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.



Chief of Army Staff and president of the Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) Lt Gen Harun-Ar-Rashid (3rd from R) inaugurates the Independence Day Golf Tournament at the KGC on Thursday.

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 Dhamondi Club ground, Green Leaf beat Dhamondi Progati Sangha by eight wickets.

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

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.

However, he got off to a slow start against Bouter, 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, Bouter 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

REUTERS, Karachi

On the women's side, the top

Todd tames a toughie

Tennis

AFP, Key Biscayne

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

Briton Greg Rusedski easily dispatched Armenian 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."

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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 Dyberg.

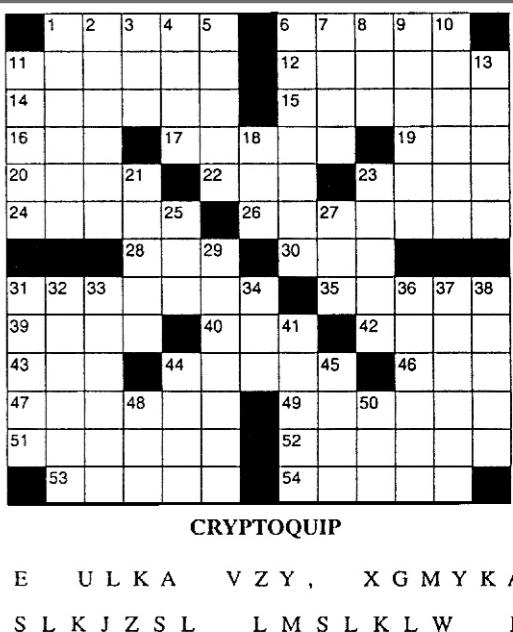
Switzerland's Martina Hingis, two-time champion and third seed, will meet Taiwan's Janet Lee.

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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The players are: Pappu, Jashim Mehedhi, Faisal (Mohammedan), Titu, Amirul (Abahani), Dalim, Saiful (Brothers), Sohail (Muslim Institute), Kawsar, Shohagh, Tareq, Arman (Victoria), Siraj (BKSP), Sohail (Fakirpool), Belal, Rony (Rahmatganji), Tareq (Mirpur Chalantika), Shamsher, Haris, Zia (Muktijoddha), Shawkat Khan, Kollo (Farashganji), Hadiuzzaman (PWD), Hossain, Parevez, Noyon (Dhammandi), Kochi, Uaijal (Badda Jagaran), Jahid (Prantik), Shakil (Shantinagar) and Amzad (Arambagh).



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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: E 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

BTV

9:00 a.m. Opening
9:05 Patriotic songs
9:10 News in Bangla
9:15 Religious program
9:35 Cartoon
10:00 The News
10:05 Sports
10:30 Drama
11:00 News headline in Bangla
11:30 Moner kotha
11:55 Protideen
12:30 Closing
3:00 p.m. Opening
3:10 News headline in Bangla
3:15 Patriotic songs
3:20 Bangla feature film
5:00 News headline in Bangla
6:00 News in Bangla
6:20 Cartoon
6:35 Chittagong center BTV
7:00 News headline in English
7:05 Malancha
7:30 Drama serial: Sukher tori
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Drama serial
9:00 News headline in Bangla
9:05 Magazine
10:00 News at ten
10:25 Replay's believe it or not!
11:20 World Music Album
11:30 News (Bangla/English)
11:45 Close

EKUSHEY TV

2:00pmEkushey Headlines
2:05 Potrikay Weekend
2:15 E Shoptaer Bishsho
2:35 Classic Cartoons
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Bangla Film: Hangor Nodi
Graded
5:30 Gillette Sports
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 WWF Smackdown
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Mukto Khobor
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Char Chakay Chepe
8:30 Murchona
9:00 Shukrobar Natok: Kabbo
10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Surma Parer Gaan
11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
11:30 Ei Shoptho
12:00 Ekushey Headlines

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Morning
7:30 a.m. Opening
7:40 Joto pod totot
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9:10 Drama serial: Joar bhatra
9:40 Drama serial: Bhalo mondo manushera
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Evening
5:30 p.m. Opening
5:40 Multijuddho amar honkar
6:10 Music Plus
6:50 Kothay kothay
7:15 News
8:00 Drama serial: Joar bhatra
8:30 Telequiz
8:45 Magazine: Flop show
9:00 News
9:30 Telequiz
9:45 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
10:00 Film show: Raven
10:30 News
11:00 Bangla feature film: Boro bhalo lok chilo

ATN BANGLA
5:30 Islamic Prog
7:00 Sundor Jeeboner Janee
7:35 Musical prog. "Deser Gan"
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Common Wealth of Bangladesh
9:00 Drama serial: Jeyona Feray
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 : Priyojon
6:07 Children prog. : Cholo Gan Gai
6:45 Viewers opinion prog. : Motamot

STAR GOLD
7:30amPyar Ka Mandir (Mithun, Raj Kiran)
10:30 Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Toofan Aur Deeyaa (Rajendra Kumar, Nanda)
3:00 Bollywood News
3:30 Phool Bane Angaare (Raj Kumar, Mala Sinha)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Shaandar Shukraawar Vardi (Sunny Deol, Jackie Shroff)
11:00 Bollywood News
11:30 Himalaya Super Action Filmlein Akhri Baazi (Shatrughan Sinha, Moushmi Chatterji)
10:30 Nash Bridges
11:30 Bugs

STAR WORLD
6:00 Sanskruti
6:30 Star Geetmala Show
8:00 MacGyver
9:00 Roswell
10:00 Angel
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 Happy Days
6:30 3rd Rock From The Sun

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10:00 Happy Days
11:00 Main
11:30 Meri Saahil
12:00 The Bold & The Beautiful
2:00 Hollywood Squares
2:30 Happy Days
3:00 Baywatch
4:00 The Simpsons
4:30 3rd Rock From The Sun

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6:00 Bugs
7:00 Friends
9:30 Worlds Wildest Police Videos
10:30 Nash Bridges
11:30 Bugs

STAR NEWS
6:30amNews Hour
7:30 Breakfast News English
8:00 Breakfast News Hindi
8:30 Breakfast News English
9:00 Breakfast News Hindi
10:00 Marupadum Avai
11:00 Best Of Nayyandi Durbar
11:30 Vijay Sethigal
12:00pmStar Hits

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