Pabna cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT. Pabna

Ranasa Club and Ekota Sporting Club won their matches in the Pepsi First Division Cricket League yes-

In the first match, Ranasa defeated Akok Sangha by six wickets at the Pabna Stadium.

Batting first, Akok made 153 runs

all out in 40 overs. In reply, Ranasa reached the target of 254 runs for four in 30.4

In the second match, Ekota beat Jugantar by 12 runs at the Pabna

Edward College ground. Ekota batted first and scored 209

runs for five in stipulated 35 runs. In reply, Jugantar collected 197

runs for eight wickets in 35 overs. NBL v'ball

UNB, Dhaka

East End Club defeated Shantibagh Club by 25-14, 18-25, 25-16, 25-23 points in the NBL First Division Volleyball League at the Volleyball Stadium yesterday.

In the day's second division match, Sicily Club beat Avijatrik Club by 15-25, 25-21, 25-16, 23-25,

Beware pitch invaders

REUTERS, London

Spectators invading cricket pitches this season face prosecution and fines of up to 1,000 pounds after serious crowd trouble last year, an England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) official has said.

ECB events manager Warren Deutrom told Reuters police commanders at all venues would be instructed to enforce the Public Order Act providing for prosecution

"We want the police to act and the Crown prosecutor to prosecute,

Two matches in last season's triangular series between England, Australia and Pakistan ended in chaos after pitch invasions.

On Monday Indian cricket authorities called for increased security for this year's series between England, Sri Lanka and

Deutrom said the decision to enforce existing legislation followed talks between the ECB, the government and the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO). He said a campaign called "Keep

off the field" would be launched with posters warning would-be pitch invaders of the consequences of their actions.

The same message would be delivered before matches on the public address system and the television replay screen.

Longer-term measures will include a co-ordinated security policy for all venues and eliminating walkways or any other potential

gathering points. were already in England looking at security measures for this year's four-Test series. England also play a

three-Test series against Sri Lanka. Board of Control for Cricket in India secretary Niranjan Shah said on Monday the board was concerned because of last year's crowd trouble and security threats to captain Souray Ganguly and leading batsman Sachin Tendulkar.

What to watch

STAR Sports Primera Liga Valencia vs Espanyol Taped Version at 8:30 am Ipswich Town vs Man United Taped Version at 1:00 pm Sportsline Tonight

English Premier Football League Sport News Live at 8:00 pm

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Hussain wants less

Captain pulls for Foster

Cricket

AFP, London

England captain Nasser Hussain called Monday for a reduced international schedule in order to make matches more meaningful for players and prevent them suffering from burn-out.

"There is a feeling around the game that we do want a little bit less cricket to make it more important," said Hussain, 34.

"There is so much cricket, a onedayer here, a one-dayer there on the other side of the world, Test matches, triangular series, we don't know who is playing who now.

"You could be playing the ninth game of a 12-match series.'

England's own upcoming programme demonstrates just how nectic things have become for the game's top players Essex batsman Hussain will lead

England into seven home Test matches against Sri Lanka and India starting next month, with a triangular one-day series involving all three nations in-between. Almost immediately after the domestic campaign has been

completed, there is the ICC Knockout tournament in Colombo followed by an Ashes series in Australia with the World Cup in South Africa rounding off an actionpacked 10 months.

The central contract system, based on the Australian model, is designed to ensure that players are fresh for England matches with national coach Duncan Fletcher deciding when they can play for their

For this season 11 central contracts have been awarded and there is provision for one more

But Hussain and Fletcher have



NASSER HUSSAIN

repeatedly called for more central contracts in a bid to give the England hierarchy greater flexibility.

However, Hussain admitted that pace bowlers such as Matthew Hoggard and Andrew Flintoff, who are contracted, could still have their careers shortened by a combination of too many matches and ruthless captains.

"For young bowlers like Hoggard and Flintoff, particularly with captains like me, the extra cricket could

"I bowled them into the ground last winter because you want to win every game," he said.

"When you are out there you are not thinking about four years' time, you just want to win the game.

"With captains like me around it will wear them down and careers will shorten. I don't know if it is good or bad for the game, better people than me will have to work that out."

Meanwhile, Hussain indicated Monday that veteran wicketkeeper Alec Stewart would be remaining in the international wilderness for some time to come.

Stewart, 39, opted out of England's tour to India and was then left out by the selectors for the subsequent tour of New Zealand.

While 22-year-old James Foster, one of 11 England players who, unlike Stewart, were awarded a central contract, took up the gloves the Surrey star stayed at home for an operation on his elbows.

But he has started this season in fine form with two 90s in county championship matches.

Foster, an Essex teammate of Hussain's, had an error-strewn tour behind the stumps but the England captain said: "We have got to give him (Foster) a go. He's the future. "Obviously Alec's name will

come up from time to time, he's a world-class cricketer.

"But there's no point in us going round in circles. Mistakes are made by every young player that comes into international cricket, Graham Thorpe and Marcus Trescothick are the only two that have come in and been major successes straight-

A pacy prospect

Cricket

REUTERS, Melbourne

Shoaib Akhtar and Brett Lee, the world's two fastest bowlers, will go head-to-head in a three-match oneday international series in Australia

Their confrontation has been spiced up by Shoaib bowling a delivery recorded unofficially at 100.04 mph (161kph), initially announced as the first ball to break the 100 barrier. "It's great that a person has

finally clocked that 160 and I'm just really excited for him and really proud of him," Lee told reporters in Sydney on Tuesday.

"It's a bit like that four-minute mile thing and for a person to actually finally achieve it is fantastic."

Shoaib, 26, produced the deliverv during the third one-day international against New Zealand at Lahore on Saturday.

The International Cricket Council (ICC), however, said it would remain unofficial since it did not have a policy on the speed record. The delivery was recorded on a sponsor's speed gun after the gun operated by the host broadcasting company broke down.

Debate will continue over the title of the world's fastest bowler.

The standard was set by Australia's Jeff Thomson back in 1976 when he was timed at 99.8

mph during a special net session. Lee, however, also has a claim on the record.

His manager Neil Maxwell has been sent a copy of a video of the first Test of the 2000-01 series between Australia and West Indies in Brisbane which, according to an Australian Associated Press report, shows Lee dismissing Courtney Walsh with a delivery timed at 161.8

Lee declined to comment on his delivery because the Australian did not want to detract from his friend Shoaib's achievement, AAP

But he did say on Tuesday that he would like to see a standard speed camera used at international



SHOAIB AKHTAR

matches

"It will be ideal if they could use the one speed gun, of course, and that's why I'm looking forward to the Super Challenge this season," Lee said.

"I mean Shoaib is coming out, it's going to be that same speed gun

those quick bowlers who will be playing. "If they can standardise the one speed gun it'd be a lot better." Maxwell has written to ICC

so it's going to be really good for

general manager Dave Richardson about the possibility of a standard measuring device.

The first two day-night matches between Australia and Pakistan will be played indoors at Melbourne's Docklands Stadium on June 12 and 15. The third match will be played outdoors in Brisbane on June 19.



BRETT LEE

wanted to prepare pacy batting pitches for the matches in Melbourne.

"I mean, both guys are bowling 100 miles an hour plus so there's going to be some pace around, for sure." Ware told reporters.

Test time in Pakistan

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need to stamp their mark." Fleming was concerned about the heat, though, with temperatures rising to 38 Celsius and even hotter weather forecast.

"We have to manage," Fleming said. "But it is getting hotter and hotter as compared to the conditions during the one-day matches when the weather was pleasant. I believe the heat is going to be one of the factors in the outcome of the

Younis said even his team was not used to such conditions.

"We have played in tough conditions but it's very hot and is something we haven't experienced before. But that's part of the learning experience as nowadays cricket is being played round the calendar.

"Naturally in these conditions, there is more injury risk but that's

CRYPTOQUIP

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PCM-PMR M Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE ROOKIE BLINKEI HIS EYES ALL DAY LONG. HE DESPERATELY NEEDED BATTING PRACTICE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals T 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.

Both captains delayed announc-

part of the package.'

ing their teams, but with the wicket expected to be flat and the conditions difficult, both are likely to bank on spinners.

Pakistan are expected to leave out pacemen Wasim Akram and Mohammad Sami, who took a hattrick on his last Test here, and field spinners Saglain Mushtag and recalled Danish Kaneria, with openers Shahid Afridi and Shoaib Malik available to help out the specialist slow bowlers.

New Zealand are set to name wrist-spinner Brooke Walker along with Vettori, with Daryl Tuffey and Chris Martin sharing the new ball.

The match will be of particular importance to West Indian umpire Steve Bucknor who will be standing in his 66th Test and will thus equal Englishman Dickie Bird's record for the highest number of Tests officiated

SQUADS

PAKISTAN (from): Shahid Afridi, Shoaib Malik, Imran Nazir, Younis Khan, Yousuf Youhana, Inzamamul Haq, Misbahul Haq, Abdul Razzaq, Rashid Latif, Waqar Younis (captain), Wasim Akram, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Sami, Danish Kaneria, Saglain Mushtag

NEW ZEALAND (from): Stephen Fleming (captain), Matthew Sinclair, Matthew Horne, Mark Richardson, Craig McMillan, Chris Harris, Lou Vincent, Daniel Vettori, Daryl Tuffey, Robbie Hart, Andre Adams, Ian Butler, Chris Martin, Scott Styris, Brooke Walker, Chris

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Rudi Koertzen (South Africa)

Boys baffle

SPORTS REPORTER

PWD

Bangladesh Boys Club trounced PWD Sporting Club by seven wickets in a First Division cricket league match held at the Khan Shaheb Osman Ali Cricket Stadium in Fatullah vesterday

Opener Shakil Haider scored 54 as the Gopibagh based club, chasing 143 in 50 overs, reached 144 in 28.5 oversfor the loss of only three wickets. Shakil's runs came off 79 balls

with five boundaries. Middle order

Rubel (37) and Rashed (28 n.o.) were the other two notable scorers for Bangladesh Boys. .Scores in Brief PWD SC: 143 all out in 49.2 overs (Joy 29, Deepak 17, Monju

15, Mustakim 3-25) Bangladesh Boys: 144 for 3 in

28.5 overs (Shakil 54, Ruben 37, Rashed 28 n.o.) Result: Bangladesh Boys won by

Robbers hurt Akhtar's ma

AFP, Rawalpindi

Pakistan cricket star Shoaib Akhtar said he was upset on the eve of the first Test against New Zealand because his mother had been hurt in a robbery attempt at their home.

He said his mother was hurt when five armed men burst into his house Monday night.

"I am sad and annoyed because my mother was hurt in the incident. I would not have bothered about any financial loss had my mother not been hurt," Akhtar told this news Akhtar was on a high after cross-

ing the 100-miles-per-hour (160kilometres-per-hour) barrier with a delivery during the third and final one-day international against New Zealand in Lahore on Saturday. Police said five men armed with

pistols barged into Akhtar's house in

a suburban area of Rawalnindi and

injured Akhtar's mother, Hameeda Akhtar. "I love my mother and anything that happens to her hurts me no end," said Akhtar, 26, who left the team hotel in Lahore on Tuesday to

be with his family. "One of my three brothers, Obaid, rescued my mother and caught one man despite threats from the other four men," Akhtar

"It's deplorable that players like me are not safe, not to mention the

Tight security for Sachin. Sourav

AFP. New Delhi

An unprecedented security blanket will be thrown around superstar Sachin Tendulkar and the rest of the Indian cricket team during their upcoming tour of England, officials

said on Tuesday.

Fears of crowd trouble in the unfenced English grounds and alleged threats by Muslim militants to kidnap Tendulkar and captain Sourav Ganguly have forced Indian cricket officials to seek tight security for the team during the 11-week tour.

"Nothing is the same after September 11, so we have to take precautions," Niranjan Shah, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), told this news agency.
"The English tradition of allowing

fans to invade the ground after play has caused concern to all, not only the Indians. We do not want to take any chances." Crowd invasions during the World Cup in England in 1999

Waugh to call for tougher action by authorities, saying the lives of cricketers were threatened. Similar trouble erupted during last vear's one-day series among Australia, Pakistan and hosts

England.

prompted Australian captain Steve

Two matches between England and Pakistan ended in chaos after pitch invasions by Pakistani fans, and Waugh led his team off the field against Pakistan after a firework exploded near fast bowler Brett

The final between Australia and Pakistan at Lord's was also marred when a beer can thrown from the crowd during the presentation ceremony struck Australian batsman Michael Bevan on the cheek. The BCCI has sent two senior officials, joint secretary Jyoti Bajpai

and media manager Amrit Mathur,

to London to consult the England Cricket Board and the Indian high commission (embassy) on security arrangements for the team. Indian security forces have provided special protection for Tendulkar and Ganguly since last October after threats were received

against both cricketers by Muslim

militants. India, who are scheduled to play four Tests against England and a triangular one-day series also featuring Sri Lanka, are due to arrive in London on June 18.

The tri-series will be played between June 27 and July 13, followed by the Test matches at Lord's, Trent Bridge, Headingly and

First Division Cricket Boys baffle It's not topless Anna!



REUTERS. New York

Topless photos of Anna Kournikova appearing in the June issue of Penthouse magazine which hits the news stands today are fake, representatives of the Russian tennis player say. Kournikova's agent David

Schwab told Reuters on Monday that the pictures, which are part of a 10-page spread, were not of his client, as Penthouse says, and said the Russian player would file a lawsuit against the magazine. "The photographs are so dissimi-

lar to Miss Kournikova that anyone who knows her, when they see the photos, will immediately know that the magazine did it on purpose to exploit her and make some additional money," said Schwab.

"We asked and they (Penthouse) never sent us any photos.

"The publisher was out promoting the fact they had Miss

Kournikova in their magazine, we asked to see a copy of the photos and we never received them.

photographer came to Penthouse with these pictures. "I don't personally have any knowledge of Miss Kournikova's

how much it paid for the pictures,

which were obtained from a free-

"All I can tell you is that right now

Penthouse is confident that these

pictures are genuine," said

Penthouse spokesman Michael

Moi. "My understanding is that the

lance photographer.

lawyers contacting the magazine." Schwab says Kournikova's lawyers sent a letter to Penthouse last Friday and were in the process of filing a lawsuit. He would not say how much the 20-year-old Russian who is playing in Bol, Croatia, this week, is seeking in damages.

While Kournikova remains one of the world's most photographed and recognisable celebrities, earning millions of dollars in endorsements and sponsorship, she has yet to make her mark on the tennis court and has played more than 100 tournaments without winning a

Round 2, Draw in Khulna

Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

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Information The Baily Star Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2002 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in Japan & South Korea from May 31 to June 30.

Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of RANGS TOSHIBA as per Participants of all the SIX rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger

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4 Sylhet	24 May	6 June	7 June
5 Chittagong	7 June	20 June	21 June
6 Dhaka	21 June	28 June	29 June

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