

Schools b'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Maple Leaf International defeated Farid Uddin Siddiqi 49-46 in an exciting match of the Nilot-Niloy Boys' School basketball competition at the Dhanmondi basketball gymnasium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 24-19.

Rajib caged 29, Tanjim 8 for Maple Leaf while Atik scored 19 and Jamal 13 for the vanquish.

Earlier on Sunday, Maple Leaf lost to Saint Joseph High 48-58 and Mastermind beat Saint Jude's 45-37.

Mahaboob re-elected

SPORTS REPORTER

Syed Mahaboob was re-elected as general secretary of the Asian Confederation of Billiards Sports (ACBS) in the annual general meeting of the organisation at Jinagmen, China on April 30.

Mahaboob, the general secretary of the Bangladesh Billiard and Snooker Federation, was unanimously voted for a two-year second term.

Delegates from 23 member countries attended the 19th AGM. Sidhu Pulsirivong was elected president of the ACBS.

Clijsters prevails

AFP, Hamburg

Belgium's Kim Clijsters claimed a come-from-behind victory to upset world number one and defending champion Venus Williams in the final of the \$85,000-dollar WTA tournament here on Sunday.

The 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory earned the number two seed \$93,000 dollars and took just nine minutes under two hours.

What had started as a cakewalk for Williams transformed into a real battle, as Clijsters shook off her early lethargy and took advantage of an inconsistent performance from her American opponent.

Having initially been unsettled by Williams' powerful hitting, Clijsters began to offer some resistance after losing the first three games.

"In the first set I was making too many unforced errors, but on the other hand she was playing really well," said Clijsters.

"She was hitting all the lines and it was hard, but I told myself to keep hanging in there and to fight because you never know.

"She made a few unforced errors to let me into the second set and let me into the match.

"That's when I felt I was getting closer and I raised my level a little bit. I tried to make her run so I could open up the court a little. I was trying to be a little bit more aggressive on her second serve and hit closer to the lines, and it worked."

What to watch

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STAR Sports

Trans World Sport
Int'l Sports News
Taped Version at 11:30 am
West Indies vs India
Third Test, Day Five
Repeat at 1:30 pm
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
Repeat at 7:00 pm
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm

Akhter's action

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Zealand in Dunedin. The ICC had Akhtar's delivery checked by a university in Perth, Australia, which gave him the all-clear despite continued speculation.

Dunne retired last month after becoming the first umpire to stand in 100 one-day internationals. He umpired 30 Tests, and his retirement from the game was partly the result of missing selection for the ICC's new international umpire's panel.



Members of the Bangladesh Army team, who became champions in the Myanmar Olympic Committee President's Four-Nation Invitational Hockey Tournament, are seen with Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M Harun-Ar-Rashid (4th from L) and Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshel Fakhrul Azam (3rd from L) yesterday.

Nazar awaits the Aussies

Cricket

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan cricket coach Mudassar Nazar said Monday a home series win against New Zealand would mean a lot to his team but the ultimate target was to beat Australia.

"Winning a home series would mean a lot to us and would prove that we have made some progress but the yardstick for me would remain beating world champions Australia," Nazar told reporters.

"Pakistan's real test would come against Australia in the home series in October this year."

Pakistan seek their first home series win in five years as they take on a depleted New Zealand in the second and final Test at the National Stadium in Karachi on Wednesday.

Pakistan, spurred by an epic 329 by Inzamamul Haq, thrashed New Zealand by an innings and 324 runs in the first Test at Lahore to record their biggest win in Test cricket.

"We are still one Test away from (a series win) and need to keep up the good work because New Zealand can regroup and pose some problems," Nazar warned.

Pakistan have lost six of their last seven home series since 1995-96. Their last win at home came against the West Indies in 1997-98.

"When I took over last year I had said we should win at home first because our record abroad is better," said Nazar, who played 76 Tests for Pakistan as an opener.

He said nobody should demean Pakistan's win over an injury-hit New Zealand side.

"I know everyone has his opinion and people would demean our win.



MUDASSAR NAZAR

They said we beat a weak West Indian side two months back but look they are now beating India," he said.

"Our recent results show that we have made progress but due to the fact that we are an unpredictable side I need to keep the players

together. We have won more one-day matches than Australia and now only need to show more consistency."

Nazar said express pacer Shoaib Akhtar would undergo a fitness test before the match as his ankle is still swollen, while captain Waqar Younis has a stomach bug.

Akhtar, who was recorded bowling at 161kph in the final one-day in Lahore last month to become, unofficially, the only man to bowl at over 100 miles per hour, took a career best 6-11 in the first innings of the Lahore Test. But he did not bowl in the second innings due to injury.

Experienced pace bowler Wasim Akram, dropped in the first Test, and opener Saeed Anwar are likely to replace Akhtar and Shahid Afridi in the final eleven.

Anwar has not played international cricket since November last year after injuring his right wrist.

Fitness problems also continue to frustrate the New Zealanders, with all-rounder Andre Adams likely to return home after suffering a back injury.

New Zealand lost ace all-rounders Chris Cairns and Dion Nash and pacer Shane Bond through injuries before the tour, while dashing opener Nathan Astle had to return home after injuring his knee in the first one-day game.

Gilchrist's unique feat

Cricket

REUTERS, Melbourne

Australia wicketkeeper-batsman Adam Gilchrist has surged to the top of the world Test batting ratings after India's Sachin Tendulkar's slide two places to number three.

Gilchrist, who boasts six centu-

30, has a Test batting average of 60.00 and made 473 runs at an average of 157.67 including a double-century and a hundred in the three-Test series in South Africa which ended in March.

PricewaterhouseCoopers said in a statement that Gilchrist, with 881 points, was also the first Australian to head the rankings since captain Steve Waugh after his century in the

fifth Ashes Test in England in August last year.

Pakistan's Inzamamul Haq jumped five spots to number four behind Gilchrist, Brian Lara (West Indies) on 877 points and Tendulkar on 864.

Inzamam hit 329, the 10th highest score in Test history, against New Zealand in last week's first Test in Lahore.

Test ratings issued Monday (tabulate under player, points, average)				
BATSMEN				
Adam Gilchrist	Aus	881	60.00	
Brian Lara	Wis	877	50.17	
Sachin Tendulkar	Ind	864	57.91	
Inzamamul Haq	Pak	852	49.40	
Matthew Hayden	Aus	836	49.06	
Mahela Jayawardene	Sri	827	49.25	
Kumar Sangakkara	Sri	818	53.00	
Jacques Kallis	Rsa	783	47.27	
Andy Flower	Zim	776	52.30	
Herschelle Gibbs	Rsa	764	40.49	
BOWLERS				
Muttiah Muralitharan	Sri	918	23.38	
Glenn McGrath	Aus	908	21.91	
Shaun Pollock	Rsa	874	20.72	
Shane Warne	Aus	764	26.52	
Saqlain Mushtaq	Pak	710	28.52	
Darren Gough	Eng	702	27.57	
Waqar Younis	Pak	695	22.98	
Andrew Caddick	Eng	695	28.84	
Chaminda Vaas	Sri	682	28.68	
Chris Cairns	Nzl	680	28.80	

ADAM GILCHRIST
ries, becomes the first number seven batsman to lead the PricewaterhouseCoopers Test batting ratings. The latest ratings were issued on Monday.
Left-handed batsman Gilchrist,

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 23 mins.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: I BROUGHT SOME ROPE TO THE BASEBALL GAME IN CASE I NEEDED TO TIE UP THE SCORE.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: P equals D

The Cryptquip 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.

Batsmen are not Wright

AFP, Bridgetown

India coach John Wright conceded Sunday that poor shot-selection was one of the reasons for his team's defeat in the third Test against the West Indies at the Kensington Oval here.

The hosts posted an emphatic 10-wicket victory over the tourists on the fourth afternoon to square the five-match series 1-1.

"The biggest issue we have on the tour is shot-selection," said Wright. "That's something you've got to practice. Self-discipline is required in shots you play in the middle.

"It's really disappointing when you see batsmen repeating mistakes, but the first day was our nemesis.

Ganguly echoed Wright's sentiments, adding the lower-order batsmen should also contribute.

"You struggle when you get a few good deliveries on the first morning of the match and lose a couple of wickets. We didn't get enough contribution from the lower order, which is a problem area."

Ganguly denied India was a one-batsman team and always struggled whenever Tendulkar failed to score.

"It's not a one-man team," he said. "There're other guys around. Tendulkar has done great things for India. He can have a bad game. He's human after all, but I'm sure there's another hundred coming from him in Antigua."

West Indies coach Roger Harper praised his bowlers, particularly Mervyn Dillon, for scripting the victory.

"All credit to the bowlers, especially Dillon on the first morning of the match. He really tore the heart out of the Indian batting and turned the game for the West Indies."

Gaudio grabs Mallorca title

AFP, Mallorca

Argentine Gaston Gaudio bagged his second title in a week with victory over Jarkko Nieminen in the final of the \$381,000-dollar Mallorca ATP tournament here Sunday.

Gaudio, who won his first career title last Sunday in Barcelona, maintained his form on clay coming away 6-2, 6-3 winner against the number four seed from Finland who has still to win a title after three finals.

"I'm very happy with this new win in Spain," said the 23-year-old Argentine. "To tell the truth I feel really at home here. Everyone treated me really well, especially the crowd."

Gaudio, the eighth seed who took a wild card into the Mallorca Open, is now on a 13-match winning streak after capturing the Barcelona title just a week earlier to claim his first career ATP title.

"I'm a little bit surprised to have won two weeks in a row, but I'm really, really happy," said Gaudio, who goes into the Tennis Masters Roma as one of the main contenders.

Ranked 11th in the Champions Race Gaudio broke his 20-year-old opponent's serve in the opening match of each set.

Nieminen stuck to the back of the court and proved incapable of getting a break in the game.

Matured Beckham

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The English Football Association are wary of the hysterical reception that will be granted Beckham and Michael Owen from football fans in Japan.

Beckham said: "I've been to Japan once and, although it wasn't a nightmare, the fans were amazing...they are really fanatical.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life...I think the fans over there will treat England as their second favorite nation.

"I've matured off the pitch as well...but I've never done anything silly to affect my career off the pitch."

The 27-year-old is recovering from a broken metatarsal bone in his left foot sustained playing for United in the Champions League last month. "I feel upbeat about my chances of playing," he said.

He admits England, drawn alongside Sweden, Argentina and Nigeria, have the toughest first round group possible.

But he says England will be going to the finals to win the competition, and believes Sven-Goran Eriksson's side can go far -- along with Argentina.

"We have massive games in the first round," he said. "We have to be careful of Nigeria and Sweden's [Henrik] Larsson is a dangerous player."

"But once you get through a couple of rounds anything can happen."

"You need a bit of luck but we want to win it. You can't look at it any other way."

Asked who would qualify from group F alongside England, he said: "I'd like it to be Argentina for [United teammate Juan Sebastian] Veron."

"I'd like to meet Argentina again later in the tournament."

The finals start on May 31, with England playing their first match against Sweden on June 2.

Above knee, India gone!

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, New Delhi

A disgusted Indian media on Monday attributed the 10-wicket humiliation by the West Indies in the Barbados Test on knee problems -- the inability of the batsmen to counter balls bouncing above knee-level.

"Harsh but true, the defeat was caused by the old Indian failing to deal with the ball once it threatens to rise above the knee," the Hindu newspaper lamented.

"The meek surrender shall remain one of the dark spots of Indian cricket for long."

Having grown on slow, dead wickets at home where bowlers develop sore backs trying to make the ball rise at all, the Indian batsmen suffer nightmares when they encounter lively turfs abroad.

No wonder, India has not won a Test series outside the subconti-

nent in 16 years, the worst record by any team except newcomers Bangladesh.

That Sourav Ganguly's men will surrender the Barbados Test was evident on the first day itself when they were shot out for 102 after being sent to bat on a hard wicket that afforded some bounce to the West Indian bowlers.

The performance, described by legendary opener Sunil Gavaskar as "spineless", undid the good work of winning the previous Test at Port-of-Spain.

With the five-match series tied 1-1, there are fears that India's dismal away record could continue for some more time, especially if the wickets for the remaining two Tests at Antigua and Jamaica assist the fast bowlers.

"Don't be surprised if instructions have gone out to the curators at Antigua and Jamaica to prepare similar kind of pitches," Gavaskar wrote.

"The team management will

have to find the answers very quickly or it could well be another failed overseas venture for India."

Gavaskar also cautioned master batsman Sachin Tendulkar, who managed only 0, 0, 8 in the last three innings after equalling the great Don Bradman's record of 29 Test centuries in the first innings of the second Test.

Tendulkar has become more vulnerable to falling leg before because of a technical flaw that has crept into his batting, Gavaskar warned.

The leading India batsman has been dismissed lbw four times in five innings in the current Test series in West Indies.

"Tendulkar was trapped leg before wicket...what is of concern is that he is playing across the line so much," former India skipper Gavaskar wrote in a column in the Hindustan Times. "Even during the century innings, he was wrapped on the pads often and was lucky to get away with a couple of appeals."

Round 2, Draw in Khulna

Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

Information

- A. The Daily 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.
- B. There will be SIX rounds of competition.
- C. Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of RANGS TOSHIBA as per announcement.
- D. Participants of all the SIX rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.
- E. For each round, a set of questions including a photographic Quiz will be published in The Daily Star.
- F. Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Daily Star.
- G. Winners will have to collect their prizes from The Daily Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
- H. Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners

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Prize	Item	Model	Winner
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2nd	One 8.5 CFT Toshiba Refrigerator	GR R18BPT	YOU
3rd	One Toshiba Semi Auto Washing Machine 1/2	7000B1	YOU
4th	One Toshiba Rice Cooker 1.8Ltr.	RC 186KE	YOU
5th	One Toshiba Dry Iron	TA-A20C	and YOU
6th	A SPECIAL PRIZE WILL BE UP FOR GRABS FOR THE LOCALS WHO ATTEND A QUIZ DRAW. SPECIAL PRIZE WILL BE GIVEN IN EVERY ROUND. SO, WATCH OUT FOR THE DRAW IN YOUR AREA.		

QUIZ SCHEDULE

Round & Draw	Starts	Answers must reach by noon	Lucky Draw for prizes
1 Barisal	12 April	25 April	26 April
2 Khulna	26 April	9 May	10 May
3 Rajshahi	10 May	23 May	24 May
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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The Daily Star RANGS TOSHIBA World Cup Quiz, Round 2 Ends May 9, 2002

Tick (Ö) the correct answers

1. First World Cup was played in Argentina ☐ Uruguay ☐ Brazil ☐
2. Maradona scored his 'Hand of God' goal in 1984 ☐ 1986 ☐ 1990 ☐
3. Pele played his last World Cup in 1962 ☐ 1966 ☐ 1970 ☐
4. How many World Cups were held from 1938-1950 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐

5. Who is this?  Gullit ☐ Valderrama ☐ Higuita ☐

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Telephone (if any)Signature Date.....

Write with a ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters.

Cut along the dotted lines and mail to OR drop in the Quiz Box at The Daily Star

You may send as many entries as you like. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star World Cup Quiz 2"

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