Cricket

for Test matches.

International Cricket Council (ICC)

chief executive Malcolm Speed

announced plans Sunday for a new

world one-day championship along

the lines of the one currently in place

Speed speaking ahead of next

week's ICC executive board meet-

ing at Lord's said: "We will put in

place a similar thing for one-day

Test Championship, where all major

cricket nations play each other

home and away during a five-year

has seen nations reluctant to tour

there with New Zealand leaving

before their scheduled second Test

when a bomb exploded near their

Sri Lanka were struggling to save

the third and final Test against

England here at Old Trafford on

finish on the fourth day Sri Lanka,

already 1-0 down in the series, were

63 for one in their second innings still

196 runs behind England's first

largely down to fast bowler Alex

Tudor's four-wicket haul -- a return

all the more impressive as senior

quick Andrew Caddick was off the

him off it needed one of us to step up

"Andy's a great bowler and with

With Darren Gough out of this

fellow young England quicks

At stumps on Sunday Russel

Hewitt too hot

match because of a knee injury, the

24-year-old Tudor also paid tribute

Andrew Flintoff and Matthew

Australian top seed Lleyton Hewitt

defeated Britain's Tim Henman 4-6.

6-1. 6-4 to clinch the 800.000-dollar

Queen's Club title here on Sunday and join John McEnroe as the only

other three-time winner on the West

from 1979-81 with Hewitt following

the American legend into the record

books beating Henman in just over

two hours in a re-run of last year's

final at the pre-Wimbledon tune-up

Hewitt, the world number one,

Their last meeting prior to

improved to 5-0 career record over

Henman, a three-time Wimbledon

Sunday's cloud-shrouded affair was

the final on hardcourts at Indian

Wells. California, where the 21-year-

old Aussie carved up his opponent 6-

semi-final to Pete Sampras and has

now won 15 matches in a row at the

event -- with only three dropped sets.

better," said Hewitt, whose best

Wimbledon showing has been the

so the more matches you get, the

better off you will be. I'm feeling

pretty good at the moment, and this

is one of my favourite weeks of the

Henman started with determina-

The pair traded breaks in the first

Hewitt lost serve a second time in

tion as he claimed the opening set in

two games, with Hewitt rallying after

losing his serve to love in the opener

the ninth game after going to three

deuces before dropping to 4-5.

Henman collected the set on his

to quickly notch break-back.

Hewitt last lost here in a 1999

"It's been getting better and

"It's a short grass court season,

McEnroe claimed his hat-trick

field all day with a left side strain.

to the plate," said Tudor.

Tennis

London grass.

tournament.

semifinalist.

fourth round.

vear."

54 minutes

That they were following on was

When bad light forced an early

The political situation in Pakistan

period was facing problems.

Cricket

AFP, Manchester

But he admitted that the current

Interviewed on BBC Radio,

Speed for ODI C'ship

Continuing tensions between

India and Pakistan have also led to

cancelled series between those

MALCOLM SPEED

Championship is in danger of grind-

Sangakkara nine and only a superb

rearguard action or, more likely.

further bad weather will save the

Sri Lanka captain Sanath

Jayasuriya, back opening in place of

the injured Marvan Atapattu (sus-

pected broken finger), made 29 from

26 balls before he was dismissed by

Hoggard, playing on as he

attempted a cover drive to leave Sri

Lanka 44 for one as they followed

tourists were bowled out for 253 in

their first innings still 60 runs short of

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth

day of the third Test between

England and Sri Lanka at Old

Butcher 123, A Stewart 123, M

Trescothick 81: M Muralitharan 3-

Sangakkara c Thorpe b Hoggard40

1-5, but couldn't hold off the Hewitt

charge, netting a return to square the

his attacking shots doing immediate

damage as he took the title on the

first of his three match point

"I had chances late in the first set,

Hewitt toook control in the third,

ENGLAND: First innings 512 (M

the follow-on target of 313.

SCOREBOARD

Trafford on Sunday:

Atapattu retired hurt

match at a set each.

137. D Fernando 3-154)

SRI LANKA: First innings

Arnold c Vaughan b Tudor

Jayawardene c and b Tudor

Earlier, on the stroke of tea, the

tourists from defeat on Monday.

ing to a halt if series are cancelled."

Tudor troubles SL

And Speed admitted: "The Test

to bring the target down to 20 from

Chanderpaul then reappeared at

12 balls

the ongoing row about player con-

tracts ahead of next year's World

Some players' representatives

Asked if a strike was a realistic

"We are having a lot of discus-

And Speed insisted that one of

have said they would not advise

their members to sign contracts as

they stand because their rights are

possibility. Speed replied: "Certainly

not. I'm sure we can deal with the

sions with FIFA (world football's

governing body) who have a lot of

the major concerns of world cricket

in recent years -- the possibility for

corruption at neutral venues -- was

being addressed thanks to the work

of former London police chief Paul

neutral venues thanks to Lord

"We are on top of corruption at

Condon's anti-corruption unit.

De Silva c Hussain b Flintoff

Tillekeratne c Flintoff b Giles

Upashantha c Stewart b Tudor

Muralitharan c Stewart b Tudor

Total: (For 9 wkts in 92.3 overs)253

Fall of wickets: 1-107, 2-142, 3-149

4-171, 5-219, 6-227, 7-228, 8-240,

SRI LANKA: Second innings

Total: (For 1wkt in 16.3 overs)

Jayasuriya b Hoggard

Sangakkara not out

Fall of wickets: 1-44

Bowler

Flintoff

Giles

Tudor

other team.

62

Hoggard

Extras: (lb-1, nb-1)

20

17

38

27

32 2

0

0.3

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West

Indies) and David Orchard (South

tained after the final by a tie-break

celebrity exhibition with Prime

Minister Tony Blair partnering Pat

Cash, with Ilie Nastase and impres-

sionist Alistair McGowan on the

but complete amateur, like me gets

to play with two tennis legends like

"It's not every day an enthusiast.

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Jayasuriya Ibw b Hoggard

Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-20)

Vaas Ibw b Hoggard

Fernando not out

Bowler

Caddick

Hoggard

Condon," said Speed.

Cup in South Africa.

problems that exist now.

experience in this area.

not protected.

Aussies aim to be less aggressive

AFP, Brisbane

Australia's one-day cricketers will temper their renowned attacking philosophy with a more conservative approach as they prepare for their World Cup title defence in South Africa next year, the team's coach said Monday

Coach John Buchanan today at a press conference said Australia was adopting a more defensive bowling policy, placing more pressure on quick but explosive Brett Lee to improve his control.

The move has coincided with Ricky Ponting's elevation to the captaincy at the expense of sacked skipper Steve Waugh, who moulded Australia into the most attacking team in international cricket.

Buchanan said the world champions were trying to find the best approach to one-day cricket as the World Cup looms in nine months' time. "All we're trying to do is see how best to deal with an opposition batting team and make sure our bowlers can best deliver the tactics we need," Buchanan said.

"It's something that we're trying to formulate and it comes down to good control.'

Australia face Pakistan in the third and final match of a one-day series at the Gabba Ground on Wednesday. The teams are currently level 1-1 in

Halle crown Kafelnikov's

AFP, Halle

Russian top seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov came from a set down to defeat Germany's Nicolas Kiefer 2-6. 6-4. 6-4 and clinch the 800.000dollar Halle ATP grass-court tournament for the third time on Sunday.

The winner of the title in 1997 and 1998 and a semi-finalist in 2001. Kafelnikov was outplayed by his opponent in the first set but he eventually found his range in the second set to take the match into a decider

The Russian broke to lead 3-1 while Kiefer squandered two chances to break back in the sixth before Kafelnikov wrapped up the title in one hour and 53 minutes.

"It was a good decision to play in Halle," said Kafelnikov after winning the 25th singles crown of his career, but his first since taking the Moscow tournament in October 2001 where

The German can at least go on to Wimbledon on a high note having strung together his best run of form having won more matches in a week in Halle than he had managed all

He had lost in the first round of ten consecutive tournaments before



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Live at 10:30 pm World Cup Today Live at 11:00 pm



The Paily Star Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm June 21, 2002 and draw

shortly afterwards

. Bangladesh A beat USA by how many wickets in the Malaysia Cricket Challenge final. 5-wkts 7-wkts 3-wkts

Aminul Rajib Reefat

3. Who won the First Division

Class..... Roll No.....

School Address

Phone: (If any)

cricket title?

second opportunity, with a backhand volley winner. But the tide turned quickly in the 2. Who clinched the Open FIDE Rating chess title?

embattled Brit.

taking it to 4-0 on two breaks of the Henman earned a token game for

second, with the aggressive Hewitt

match, I hope to carry this form into The capacity crowd was enter-

trophy at Queen's Club in London on June 16.

but I couldn't get the break back." Pat Cash and Ilie Nastase," said said Hewitt. "It's great to hold up this Lawn Tennis Association chief trophy again. To win it three times is executive John Crowther: "It was "I just about feel at home here. I've been getting better with each

A proud Lleyton Hewitt of Australia holds the Stella Artois Championship

great to see the Prime Minister enjoying his tennis so much and encouraging others to play the sport

Mariner maul Usha

SPORTS REPORTER

Mariner Young's Club joined Mohammedan Sporting Club atop the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League after a convincing 6-2 win over Usha Krira Chakra in their penultimate return leg clash at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium vesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-1. Razzak, Yamin Bhatty, Yamin Miah, Shahin, Moksed and Kutubiddin Yen scored one goal each for Mariner while Tutul Kumar Nag and Habul reduced the margin

Mariner's 14th win in 17 matches raised their tally to 44 points equal with Mohammedan who have a

match in hand. On the other hand, the defeat did not have any bearing for Usha as far as their position in the table as they remained fourth with 31 points from 17 matches, 12 points ahead of fifth-placed Bangladesh Sporting Club and Ajax Sporting Club.

In the other match of the day, Ajax registered a 2-0 win over Sonali Bank in their last match.

Biaka Lusai and Proshanto Kumar struck one each. Aiax finished the league in mid-table having earned 19 points from 18 matches.

It was the bankers' eighth defeat against three wins and six draws that kept them third from bottom with 15 points from 17 matches

Booters' transfer over

SPORTS REPORTER

The four-day inter-club booters' transfer for the Premier and First Division Football Leagues concluded at the Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee office at the Bangabandhu National Stadium

The day's only transfer of note was the departure of national midfielder Parvez Babu from Brothers Union to Abahani Krira Chakra. He replaces mercurial midfielder Arman Mia who along with six other national stars joined Muktijoddha Sangsad on the opening

A total of 302 footballers issued tokens out of which 253 changed clubs this vear. The football season is scheduled

to kick off with the Premier League in

Pakistan wishes to play with India

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistani Asian Cricket Council (ACC) secretary Zakir Hussain Syed told AFP on Sunday that he hoped the recent easing of military tensions between Pakistan and India will help reopen cricket links between the two countries.

"We are getting better signals as far as the tension between Pakistan and India are concerned and this gives us hope that cricket relations will be revived in the near future," said Syed.

India has severed sporting links with Pakistan over the disputed state of Kashmir, where New Delhi accuses Islamabad of sponsoring an Islamic insurgency. The two national teams last met on the cricket pitch during the Asia Cup in Dhaka two years ago.

One million troops are currently massed on the India-Pakistan borders but the threat of war has faded somewhat in recent days.

Syed also said Pakistan will transfer ACC leadership to Bangladesh during an annual general meeting in London later this month

"After completing the term of two years Pakistan will hand over the powers to Bangladesh in the ACC meeting in London on June 30," Syed told AFP. "Cricket has progressed by leaps

and bounds in the region during our term and with a permanent headquarters in Malaysia and new vistas opened it will go a long way in the continent in future." Syed said the current ACC presi-

dent, Pakistan's Lieutenant General Tauqir Zia, would not go to the London meeting because he is busy with his military duties.

Vice-president Tunko Imran will go in his place, he said, adding that Bangladesh's Mohammad Ali Asgher will take over as ACC presi-

hand to control crowds, but they far outnumbered the fans that descended on the landmark Angel monument where the mood was

We lacked decision, it was a bad game," said Alfredo Sanchez, a 27vear-old accountant.

near the Angel monument. The in the World Cup, several thousand congestion.

Green Delta hockey Mariner maul WI win in controversy

Cricket

AFP, Kingstown

The West Indies clinched a dramatic four-wicket last ball thriller victory against New Zealand on Sunday, but Kiwi skipper Stephen Fleming blasted "incompetent" match officials for robbing his team of victory.

New Zealand scored a huge 291 for eight at the picturesque Arnos Vale Ground on this small Caribbean island where interna-

Dillon, suffering from a strained back, the West Indies attack lacked bite and the pick of the bowlers was

opening batsman Chris Gayle, who

took four for 54 and scored 67 to win

man-of-the-match and man-of-the-

their usual flambovant start, scoring

60 from the first 10 overs before

Chanderpaul was struck on the

forearm by a 90 miles per hour

Chanderpaul left the field for X-

rays and Brian Lara took his place.

The left-handed Trinidadian and

Gayle put on 67 before Gayle was

eventually caught going for another

big shot from the bowling of spinner

Daniel Vettori. Lara survived two

confident leg before appeals, going

Lara handed Chris Harris a

simple caught and bowled three

runs short of his half-century and

skipper Carl Hooper came in, add-

ing a lusty 45 in 38 balls before 21-

year-old Ramnaresh Sarwan

scored 52, taking the West Indies to

overs. New Zealand grabbed more

wickets and the pendulum swung

Still needing 32 from the last four

on to score 47 from 65 balls.

within 31 runs of victory.

Shane Bond delivery.

Set 291, the West Indies made

second highest total to win a match. New Zealand, 2-0 down in the series at one stage, clawed their way back into the series in Trinidad on Wednesday and looked to have set a winning total on Sunday when Fleming (65), Craig McMillan (83) and Lou Vincent (55) clubbed a weakened West Indies bowling attack to all corners of the ground overlooking the Caribbean Sea.

the crease: "The doctor said it's a bruised bone but he's asked for a second opinion. I couldn't hold the bat when I went off." he said after the Needing 15 from the last over, Fleming was forced to bowl medium pacer Daryl Tuffey, who had already Without pace bowler Mervyn been hit for 33 runs from four overs. Hitchcock had bowled nine overs for 55 although the scoreboard ndicated he had bowled ten. Chanderpaul grasped the opportunity, smashing three consecutive fours from friendly half volleys. With the scores tied on the last ball. Fleming brought his field up and Chanderpaul casually flicked

crowd of thousands of supporters rushing onto the field, to win the match and the series. **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the fifth and final oneday international between New Zealand and the West Indies at Arnos Vale Ground on Sunday: **NEW ZEALAND**

Tuffev's loose final delivery into the

Fleming b Collins Astle c Jacons b Collins Nevin c Hooper b Gayle McMillan c and b Hooper Vincent b Gavle Styris c Chanderpaul b Gayle Harris not out Vettori b Hooper Bond c Collins b Gayle Tuffey not out Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-9, w-7) 251, 5-254, 6-273, 7-280, 8-285

45 10 23 10

Hooper Chanderpaul not out Lara c and b Harris Jacobs c McMillan b Styris Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) 292

Fall of wickets: 1-127, 2-163, 3-219 4-235, 5-260, 6-274 **Bowler** 10 3 41 0 48 0 55 Hitchcock 10 43 46 Vettori Harris 0 46

four wickets and take the series Man-of-the-match and man-of-

the-series: Chris Gayle.

ball, which must remain a world

It seemed to work as pro-Chirac

parties regained control of the

egislative from the centre-left in a

World Cup successes and

Senegal's thrilling run in the

failures have been reverberating around the world on a daily basis.

World Cup quarter-finals has been

greeted with glee throughout the

African continent, Belgium's eter-nally quarrelsome French and

Dutch speakers have been brought

closer together and there have been

violent riots on the streets of

There remains the issue of which

of co-hosts Japan and South Korea

will go furthest in the tournament.

Elimination for both in the semi-

finals would diplomatically be the

standard." he said.

Politics can wait

West Indies' Shivnarine Chanderpaul (L) and Wavell Hinds set off for a single

during the final one-day international against New Zealand on June 16.

tional cricket is played rarely, but

Shivnarine Chanderpaul rushed

back from hospital to pad up again.

scoring the winning run from the last

a 3-1 win in the five-match series.

The victory gave the West Indies

An angry Fleming said after the

match: "There were a whole lot of

problems with the scoreboard

throughout the day. Both umpires

admitted pretty much that they

made a mistake and it's just basic

incompetence, which the match

The manually-updated score-

board had struggled throughout the

day to keep pace with the high-

scoring match and indicated that

one-day specialist bowler Paul

Hitchcock -- bowling despite a

stress fracture of his left fibula -- had

completed his full quota of 10 overs.

on the scoreboards or the umpires

to keep count of their bowlers' overs,

but captains sometimes keep their

the gloss off a thrilling match, in

which the West Indies scored their

Team captains usually rely either

Fleming's angry reaction took

referee agrees with."

"I said before the game that I would have settled for a good performance, but as time went on in the game it was touch and go as we played better and better," was his post-match analysis after the Spain

have won it, especially when they went down to 10 men. But penalties are penalties. They are dodgy."

Gerhard Schroeder who missed the first half of Germany's match against Cameroon to meet with the

too with German chancellor

Football is the order of the day

was desperate for a right-wing But following the coup de grace against Denmark, Chirac sent out a rallying call to the team, which could

have doubled as a personal state-"You must now get past this

Looking ahead

Moscow.

FROM PAGE 13

in Japan. If Brazil do make it past Belgium, fans like Araujo could help the team

give England supporters, the most numerous and vocal here apart from the Japanese hosts, a good run for their money. The area around Shizuoka, the

Lucio Lopez Nascimento, a 30-

"I'll have to watch it on TV," he

Boon or bane?

FROM PAGE 13

the Cup when any mistake could be fatal," he said. "And defensively,

first stage. We mustn't repeat them "It will be very important for our team not to leave the strikers too far

from the defence. The team needs to be more compact. "It will be very difficult and the

experience of Roberto Carlos, Cafu, Ronaldo and Rivaldo, the only ones who have been through this before,

Mexican misery FROM PAGE 13 historic love-hate relationship with Mexican coach Javier Aguirre via a satellite linkup with a local TV station, said he was proud of the

performance 'We fought to win ... but at times it is just not to be. The Americans played their game and they came up with the chances, which did not come our way." Fox said.

'It was their turn and we should not feel any less for it. I feel we showed we are well prepared, we have a good team and better times will come, they will come."

The Mexico-U.S. game was considered the biggest grudge match of the second round, due to

long-standing political rivalry and a

between the neighbours.
Thousands of Mexicans packed bars and restaurants in the Mexican

capital to watch the game. But the mood turned sour in the eighth minute of the match as U.S. striker Brian McBride scored. That mood turned to despair

when U.S. midfielder Landon Donovan headed home a cross in the 65th minute. Some fans, their faces showing their dejection, started to drift home from bars with 10 minutes of the game still remain-"We just could not get going, we

had the ball all the time, but did not do anything with it," said Claudia

Reyna -- along with a group of friends sporting the national green shirts their faces also painted -headed for the main Reforma boulevard after the defeat, chanting and waving huge flags. Around 300 die-hard fans gath-

Reyna, a 22-year-old law student.

ered at the Angel of Independence column in the city centre, the traditional spot to celebrate victories of the national squad. When Mexico drew with Italy last week to clinch a second round spot

fans skipped worked and school to The Mexico City government had 4,000 police and security guards on

largely muted.

Witnesses said fans even ignored the U.S. Embassy, located

heavily barricaded embassy, which in the past has been the focal point of Mexican ire against the United States, will remain closed on Monday to help prevent traffic

"Spain are a very good team and to take them that close and almost win, I think the Irish can be really, really proud of themselves. I felt desperately sorry for them losing like that," he said.

minister Bertie Ahern has not missed a bit as Mick McCarthy's men battled their way through to the last 16 and at times he has sounded

visiting Sultan of Brunei.

econa rouna game against Paraguay, getting up early, going out to buy bread rolls for a family breakfast to avoid any last-minute distractions. "Then we will get into the mood in

front of television. We'll tremble and cross our fingers," he said on his Schroeder trembled and crossed

effectively as the Germans went through 1-0 with a late goal and next play Mexico or the United States on

Presumably he will be backing Blair for a light agenda in Seville.

The first round elimination of champions France came at an awkward moment for President Jacques Chirac falling in between two rounds of voting in the French parliamentary election where he

ment of Gaullist intentions to voters.

and strong. If we do our defending

properly we will do very well against

Smiling Uncle Sam FROM PAGE 13 and strong. Brian McBride, he's big

in the world in our opening game and were the only team to get a point off (co-hosts South) Korea. "We have had some impressive

results in this World Cup, I wouldn't

Looking ahead to the quarterfinals clash between the United States and Germany on Friday, he "We've got a very difficult oppo-

call that lucky.'

nent in Germany on Friday but I think when Friday comes round our team will be ready to play. "I think our fitness paid off (today) and that's certainly going to be important against the Germans,

impressive. "On paper it looks to be no match. However we don't play this game on paper," he said. U.S. goalkeeper Brad Friedel,

whose physical presence is very

who had another outstanding game, also talked about the physical threat posed by Germany, but said the Americans were a match for them in that department. "They're big, like about my size.

But we're not terribly small. Tony Sanneh, Eddie Pope, Gregg Berhalter who played today, he's big

"We will not be satisfied unless we either win or get knocked out fair and square and know that we've poured our blood out on the field. That's what all the boys are like." "Sometimes in games in the past

other things have let us down, but the effort and the heart has never ever been lacking in American plavers. Arena, commenting on changes in his starting team, said: "We needed some fresh legs in there

He said Mexico and the United States knew each other well. "It's a rivalry. We know each other and there's been a lot of bad blood over the years but when the game's over we're friends again."

He said the CONCACAF region,

which includes both Mexico and the United States, was not given proper credit for its abilities. "In all honesty, I think our region is very under-rated around the

"No one believed in our team except our team." he added.

Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs) 291 Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-92, 3-112, 4

Bowler Cuffy Collins Collymore Gayle R Hinds WEST INDIES Gayle c Harris b Vettori

Hooper c Fleming b Hitchcock Sarwan c Tuffey b Bond W Hinds not out R Hinds b Bond Extras: (b-7, lb-6, w-8, nb-6)

Result: West won the match by

The football-mad Irish prime

more like a coach than a premier.

"In extra time I thought we should

Araujo, one of the thousands of native Brazilians who live and work

quarterfinal venue, has a big Brazilian population who will be desperate to see the game. Whether they can get tickets is another matter.

ear-old who lives not far from Shizuoka, spent around 800 dollars on a ticket and transport costs for the Kobe game and says going to the England match would break the bank for him.

Brazil made a lot of mistakes in the

will be very important."