Sport

Cawley refutes drug claims

AFP, Sydney

Australian tennis great Evonne Goolagong-Cawley has defended women's tennis against drug allegations.

Australian Sports Drug Agency chief executive John Mendoza said last week performance-enhancing substances were rife in women's international tennis and authorities were living in a "fool's paradise" if they did not recognise the problem.

Australia's Fed Cup captain Goolagong-Cawley, a winner of seven Grand Slam titles, said all women players, including Australians, were being unfairly tarnished by the drug claims.

"They have no evidence," she said on Thursday from Wollongong where her national team faces the Netherlands this weekend.

"We have a great record. That's more or less saying that Australian women are on drugs which is a little unfair really

"Really, it's not good for women's tennis at all particularly here in Australia and we've got a great record.'

Goolagong-Cawley said there had long been powerful players in the game, particularly since the 1960s with compatriot and former rival Margaret Court one of the first players to train in the avm.

"In every generation you're going to have some players that seem stronger." she said

"It's the norm nowadays. With the amount of tournaments they play today you've got to be strong and have that strength to keep going

"And with the more powerful racquets now the balls are coming off faster so you have to be quicker and stronger to get there and be able to do something about it.'

A lesson

FROM PAGE 13 with central defender Edmilson's back volley or bi-cycle kick (whatever you call it) against Costa Rica. Rivaldo's dummy to set up Ronaldo for his second goal of the final or Rivaldo's own masterpiece--- a high ball controlled on the chest, then turning 180 degrees to fire a blistering volley into the net against Belgium were all education for the rest of the world.

It would be great if the BTV authorities re-telecast in full all seven World Cup matches of Brazil at a convenient time so that school goers and office bearers don't miss

BANGLADESH a la SENEGALL

If Bruno Metsu can transform an unknown quantity like Senegal into world-beaters, isn't it only logical to hope that a competent coach could someday turn the fortunes of Bangladesh's football also? The Ministry of Sports should appoint an efficient foreign coach, preferably

Tennis

AFP, Stuttgart

Gustavo Kuerten's return to claycourt tennis was delayed yet again on Wednesday after a third straight day of frustrating rain all but wrecked the programme at the 500.000-dollar ATP tournament here

> With little option but to soldier on and hope for a break in the miserable weather, officials were forced to call off play in mid-afternoon as the heavens opened again. Only ten of 16 first-round

matches have been completed with only three second-round line-ups decided following this week's torrential rain. The Centre Court of the

Weissenhof club was flooded shortly after top seed Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic completed a comeback against Spanish qualifier Ruben Hidalgo 3-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Novak reached semi-finals at the Australian Open and the Rome Masters and stands tenth in the Champions points race but is still seeking his first title of the season.

Less than five minutes after the seed's first-round win, the rain which had already interrupted play in late morning, returned to lay siege to the venue for the rest of the day. Officials wearily called for

another 1000 start Thursday with only vague hopes that the situation would improve Kuerten, the three-time French

Open winner, has not played a match in more than a month after losing in the fourth round at Roland Garros to eventual champion Albert Costa of Spain

Golf

Halfway to history and knee-high in

the Scottish rough after his opening

That was Tiger Woods' shock

introduction to Muirfield in the British

Open here on Thursday as he

unleashed his bid for the third leg of

what would be an historic Grand

AFP, Scotland

tee-shot.

Slam.

Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil in action against Stefan Koubek of Australia at the The 25-year-old Brazilian took ATP tournament yesterday. time off over the summer to rest

after his hip surgery of February, skipping the brief grasscourt sea-

Woods in the rough

of fairway is the priority.

course such a tough test.

Playing with rising English star

number one.

nerve-settling par.

the US Open in June.

vear

Justin Rose and pugnacious

Shigeki Maruyama of Japan,

Woods took out a two-iron on the

difficult 448-yards, par-four opener

where accuracy on to a narrow strip

ball on his first attempt to get going,

the 26-year-old Woods then blasted

his second way right into the thick

stuff that makes the East Lothian

crowds lining the first fairway and a

That brought a gasp from the

But after stepping away from the

Stuttgart, where he has won two titles, is his last stop on clay before the North American hardcourt season which starts next week in Los Angeles

Kuerten is set to play his opening match against Austria's Stefan Koubek who he beat in their only previous meeting at the Masters in Cincinnati two years ago

Eighth seed Tommy Robredo of Spain ousted Czech journeyman Bohdan Ulihrach 6-4, 6-2 before the day's first rain interruption, which lasted for less than two hours.

Fourth-seeded Moroccan Younes El Aynaoui completed a contest began on Tuesday, finishing the job on Spain's David Sanchez 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 while German Alexander Popp put out Czech qualifier Jan Hernych, 6-0, 6-2.

Rain rules at Stuttgart Row over Rios biography AFP, Santiago

Former world number one Marcelo Rios is unhappy with his recentlypublished biography concerning details of his former bachelor life style

AFP. Karach

debt and falling foreign investment

and planning, dissent among sport-

ing bodies also hampers the stan-

dard of sport in the mainly Muslim

team could only be finalised after

disputes between the country's two

rival sports bodies, the Pakistan

Sports Board (PSB) and its rival

Pakistan Olympic Association

officials while six other members in

the 75-member contingent are from

POA and we have nothing to do with

them," said PSB Director Brigadier

General Pervez Musharraf seized

The best medal bets lie in field

The rest are likely to finish as

"This is the irony of this country,

power in a military coup in 1999.

also-rans, boxing officials said.

hockey and boxing.

"We have 45 athletes and 24

(POA), were ironed out.

SaulatAbbas.

swimming.

The Commonwealth Games

South Asian nation of 145 million.

On top of poor national funding

sport has taken a back seat.

Chile's Rios, who was briefly the world's top tennis player in 1998 before an extended decline, was particularly upset about one chapter in the book entitled "Marcelo Rios: en la gloria y el revés" (Marcelo Rios: The pain and the glory).

The book, written by journalists Maria Olivia Browne and Carolina Garcia Huidobro and published earlier this week, focuses on his previous single lifestyle though he is now married to Giuliana Sotela.

Rios told a national television station he was upset the authors did not keep to an agreement that certain passages would be cut out at his request.

Browne said the book was never meant to be an authorized biography. "Rios was able to change some of his own comments, but not those of people we interviewed ourselves," she said

Trinidad grabs 100m jr title

AFP, Kingston

PHOTO: AFP

Trinidad's Darrel Brown took the world junior 100m title here Wednesday in the fastest time ever at the championships of 10.09sec -10 years after compatriot Ato Boldon won gold. The 17-year-old 'Trinidad

Express' led home a 1-2 for Trinidad and Tobago - Marc Burns taking silver - to give the Caribbean islands genuine hope that with Boldon's days at the top which brought him four Olympic medals and a 200m world title seemingly coming to an

really care who finished first or second."

American Willie Hordge took bronze. Victory here and at the US PGA

any case I enjoy running under those conditions," Brown said. Commonwealth Games later this Olympic champion and former world recordholder Donovan Bailey, who presented them with their medals

Navy aquatic

FROM PAGE 13 Besides, Frigate Squadron,

Woods recovered well from his Patrolcraft Squadron and Haji No where to run, no where to hide Manchester boxing is allowed only three spots." compete for exposure. said Professor Anwar Chowdhury,

Alvarez Ulacia.

the head of Pakistan's Amateur Boxing Federation. "Why we send athletes in sports

who can never even dream of win-Pakistan's sportsmen and women ning a medal is inexplicable." are pessimistic about their medal lamented Chowdhury, who has also hopes at the upcoming XVII led the International Amateur Commonwealth Games, complain-Boxing Association for the past 20 ing their government is so bogged down in battling terrorism, heavy

Pakistan's only Commonwealth Games medal was won in Kuala quality and training, and in a conser-Lumpur in 1998 - by boxer Syed vative society like ours to compete Asaher Ali when he clinched silver. at Commonwealth level is a one Heavyweight Shaukat Ali Chatta

time chance," Perveen said. Pakistan once shone at squash and featherweight Haider Shah were medal winners in Asian tournabut it now lags behind in the internaments. They have been well tional arena. groomed by Cuban coach Renaldo

nity of a lifetime.

Its quartet, led by Mansoor Zaman, will need to raise heaven Three Olympic and four world and earth to win a medal. Pakistan's sole lady player in

Three of Pakistan's six shooters

(both skeet) could spring a surprise

these athletes had to provide written

guarantees to their mostly military

personnel-run associations that

they would pay a fine of one million

rupees (16,950 dollars) if they use

"This was mandatory. The gov-

The parents and sponsors of all

"It's tough at this level and we

know our limitations. For me, just to

compete at this level is a big

achievement," said sprinter Ali Yasir

Rai, who will compete in the 100

and shot-putter Zeenat Perveen, the

Manchester games are an opportu-

For hurdler Shabana Khattak

"Womens' sports lack basic

metres and 200 metres.

titles in field hockey rank Pakistan high in the sport, yet failure to qualify squash will be British-based Karla for the semi-finals in the last Khan, the granddaughter of former Commonwealth Games has left the British Open champion Azam Khan. "I am gearing up for the games and will do my best to win a medal,"

in the shooting event.

While hockey is Pakistan's said Khan, who holds a world ranknational sport, it is overshadowed by cricket which is hugely popular due ing of 58. to its star value and the national team's searing successes. Zahid Ali Khokar (pistol), Ahmed Sultan and Amin Karamat Masud

"We have a tough competition at Pakistan will compete in 13 hand in the games and will have to sports at the Games starting in Manchester next week, including do our best to grab a medal," said field hockey, boxing, squash, track hockey coach Tahir Zaman. "We rely heavily on penalty and field events, shooting and

team with little to boast about.

corner expert Sohail Abbas, however the return of center forward But it had to garner special permission to participate, because Kamran Ashraf makes the forward their country has been suspended line more balanced." Australia and England will be from the Commonwealth since

the Games to defect. Pakistan hockey's two main rivals in ernment had to take this decision Manchester, Zaman said. Pakistan, having finished fifth at after numerous cases of defections

the World Cup in March this year, is in the past earned a bad name for placed in group "B" alongside hosts the country," Abbas said. England, Canada and Wales, The five men and two female

athletes heading over for track and field events know they will merely

> by defeating eighth seeded Vacek 6-0, 6-2. Massu, ranked 61, won in 62 minutes. Vacek did not prove to be

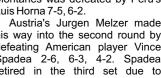
much of an opponent with only 40 percent of his first serve in. Seventh-seeded Spaniard Montanes was defeated by Peru's

Austria's Jurgen Melzer made his way into the second round by defeating American player Vince Spadea 2-6, 6-3, 4-2. Spadea retired in the third set due to exhaustion.

appeared in last week's Davis Cup tie against Germany. Another Chilean, Nicolas Massu, made it to the second round

After Hanescu made a break, leading 3-0 in the second set, Rios started showing signs of nervousness throwing his racket all over the place.

Rios, the fans' favourite star at the start, began to complain about Luis Horna 7-5, 6-2. the old balls only when he saw that his ball was out. With the crowd



shake of the head from the world the 1-2 for our country and we didn't Woods then hacked his second out 70 yards from the pin, but a Brown was the quickest of the beautiful chip and putt brought him a Tennis two out of the blocks and though Burns fought back it was not enough The American came to Scotland to stop his powerfully built teamwith 50 percent of the job done, AFP, Umag mate keeping his nose in front. having won the Masters in April and

"I didn't feel the pressure but in in Minnesota in August would make him the first player in history to win all four Majors in the same calendar

The third day of the 400,000-dollar ATP tournament in Umag saw all three seeds - Spain's Albert Montanes, Chile's Marcelo Rios and Czech Jan Vacek - dropping out from the first round Wednesday.

that so many officials are going to the games while the medal-sport Top trio tumble

end they have a ready made successor "I've fulfilled my contract which was to win here," Brown said. "I

always thought that we would get

Brown and Burns - who are both due to run in the relay team at the month - certainly impressed 1996

Third seeded Chilean Rios, 29ranked, was defeated by rank outsider Romania's Victor Hanescu 6-0.6-4

Athletics

The Dominican Republic's 400m

hurdles world champion Felix

Sanchez has been in unstoppable

form this season in the Golden

League meets but here Friday he

will be hoping he keeps on track for

The 24-year-old, who sports a

a share of the 50kg gold bar bonus.

Superman tattoo on his left shoul-

der, is one of just five athletes left in

with a chance of sharing in the prize

should they remain unbeaten in all

The American-born son of

Dominican parents is probably

competing in the most competitive

event around at the moment with

two of Friday's opponents,

American James Carter and Briton

Chris Rawlinson, chasing him hard

However Sanchez, who was a

top class baseball prospect till badly

injuring his arm, believes he has

power on his side to keep his dream

in Rome and Paris respectively.

AFP, Monaco

seven meetings.

The 210-ranked Hanescu, a rare sight at ATP events, took the first set in only 16 minutes.

be put down to the fact that since Rios, who won here in 2000, was April and his injury he has only

brushed aside in humiliating fashion. He played badly with the percentage of his first serve at only 56 percent, and making six double faults.

from Brazil and develop the latent Bangladesh talent.

FIFA SHOULD ACT

FIFA should ensure that club competitions and league matches held in Europe finish at least one month before the World Cup kicks off. The lacklustre performance of many star names was one of the main reasons why some major teams were knocked out of the World Cup. The busy European season was blamed for the burnout of top players and teams.

FIFA should also consider holding the World Cup tournament after every three years, instead of the present four because many stars and superstars lose form in four years. Besides, it is an agonising wait for us viewers and fans!

There could also be a fourth referee like the third umpire in cricket, who could give a final decision examining video replays in difficult and controversial situations. -- Dr K.M. Saiful Islam is a profes-

sor, University of Dhaka



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Tiger Woods negotiating the rough at the British Open yesterday.

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PV RWRDL HWTHNU? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DURING A GAME, DON'T SIT IN THE BLEACHERS, OTHERWISE YOUR CLOTHES MAY BECOME WHITE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals A 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

shaky start and had birdle putts of under 15 feet at the next three holes, but came up inches short each time.

He has already held all four

trophies at the same time winning

the US and British Opens and the

US PGA in 2000 and following up

deemed that the fabulous feat

must be achieved in the same

year before immortality can be

But the golfing greats have

with the 2001 Masters.

bestowed.

But on the par-five fifth, he finally struck hitting a three-iron second to 40 feet and then getting down in two for a birdie.

Alongside him, Rose, who is being touted as the next Nick Faldo, looked impressive with birdies at the second and third to join the early pace-setters on the leaderboard.

Woods, whose sole British Open victory to date came at St Andrews in 2000, has made it clear that he regards seaside, links golf as the ultimate test of his skills but he was found wanting again at the 468-yard, par-four sixth.

A solidly struck second to the centre of the green set up an outside birdie chance, but the American overhit his first putt and grimaced as his effort back lipped out from five feet for a bogey.

Another missed birdie putt from 12 feet on the par-three seventh had Woods shaking his head again, but he was still on level par, three shots off the early pace-setters out on the course.

And he ducked under par for the first time on the day at the 508 yard par-five ninth

Striking to within 30 feet from 257 yards out with his second Woods watched his eagle putt slip one foot past before sinking a birdie putt for a one-under par 35 at the turn.

Hackett sets new mark

AFP, Sydney

PHOTO: AFP

Australian Grant Hackett broke the world 400 metres freestyle shortcourse record with a time of three minutes 34.58 seconds at a grand prix swimming meet here on Thursday.

Hackett bettered his previous world record of 3:35.01 set at the world shortcourse championships in Hong Kong in April 1999.

It was the reigning Olympic 1500m longcourse champion's 11th individual world record.

Hackett leaves with the Australian swim team on Friday for an eight-day camp in Germany before competing in the Commonwealth Games in Manchester later this month.

Moshin trailed with 107, 37 and 32. BNS Issa Khan also won the water-polo event defeating BNS Titumir 3-1 in the final.

Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Igbal Mujtaba witnessed the final day's action and later gave away the trophies.

Schaffter's FROM PAGE 13

given as an excuse by a professional team.

Sanath Jayasuriya's Sri Lanka lost 2-0 in a three-Test series and won just one of six league matches in a three-nation one-day series won by India.

The manager denied there were any differences in the team, saving ace off-spinner Muthaiah Muralitharan had played of his own accord.

"Murali played on his own and reports that he played under pres-sure is not true", Schaffter said.

Muralitharan, who has 420 wickets in 75 Test matches, missed the first Test at Lord's due to a shoulder injury. The prolific spinner played the

next two Tests at Edgbaston and Old Trafford before being ruled out for the one-day series.



Star footballer of yesteryear Kabir Ahmed picks the first prize winner coupon of the fourth round of Prothom Alo-Standard Chartered World Cup Quiz during the draw at the National Press Club Auditorium yesterday. Also seen are (L-R) Abdur Rahim, another star player of the 50s, SAA Moshrur, head of corporate and institution of the Standard Chartered Bank, and SA Sultan, president of Bangladesh Football Federation.

Sanchez sees golden route

starting to cheer for Hanescu he

made another break and won the

Rios's bad performance could

match

"The way I feel at the moment it's going to take a superhuman effort to get past me," he said. "Of course I am mindful of being over-confident but I don't think I will fall into that

"I am just enjoying myself and when I see Angelo Taylor (the Olympic champion) struggling it only serves as a reminder that you are a champion on only one day and the next you are fighting to preserve that status.'

The other four athleties in contention for the gold bar payout are Moroccan master Hicham El Guerroui, American stars Marion Jones and Gail Devers and Mexican 400m runner Ana Guevara.

While Guevara looks to have the simplest task given the absence of Olympic champion Cathy Freeman and Briton Katherine Merry, the other trio all have rivals capable of upsetting their plans.

Kenyan Bernard Lagat will be out to best El Guerrouj for the first time after crushing defeats in Paris and in last year's world championships but the manner in which the three-time

PHOTO: COURTESY

world titleholder is running at the moment it would be a major surprise if he did not move on to the Zurich meeting next month unbeaten.

Jones skipped Stockholm earlier in the week to concentrate on maintaining her unbeaten Golden League record in which she will face Jamaica's Olympic bronze 100m medallist Tayna (eds correct) Lawrence and veteran compatriot Chrvste Gaines.

However her conqueror from last year's world championships Zhanna Pintusevich-Block will again give the Golden League a miss - just as she will the European Championships - despite her success in Stockholm earlier this week.

The ageless Devers looks as good at 35 as when she won her first 100m flat Olympic title in 1992 and thus far hasn't been troubled by the woman who edged her for the world title last year Anjanette Kirkland.

However Devers has seen enough in her glorious career which has failed to yield a 100m hurdles Olympic title to realise that defeat can come at the strangest times. "Having stumbled at the last hurdle in the 1992 Olympic final when within sight of the double I am prepared for anything and Anianette knows I am not unbeatable," she said.

The men's sprint will see Maurice Greene bid to win his third in a row, though the bonus chance disappeared when he was beaten by Dwain Chambers in the Oslo opener

However his arch-rival Tim Montgomery got back on the winning trail in Stockholm on Tuesday and will be desperate to land a blow on the Kansas Comet, who edged him out of the world title last year.

2005 ICC Trophy

FROM PAGE 13

Namibia qualified with top seeds Scotland just missing out.

The venues for the tournament will be decided by the ICU's executive committee.

It is believed the decision will be taken before the end of the year to allow at least two years planning.

Ireland have been involved in the three ICC Trophy tournaments which are held every four years.