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# SPORT

here, was competing in his seventh

career semi-final at this tournament.

But the seven-time Grand Slam

winner appeared sluggish following

his three-set quarter-final battle on

Friday night against Thomas

Ágassi recorded 19 unforced

He has four titles this year. He

and Los Angeles hardcourt events

and the TMS - Rome claycourt

ATP final since the opening week of

the year, when he was the runner-up

gunning for his first tour title.

Australian Open in January.

The 23-year-old Srichaphan is

Rios also was a semi-finalist at

Always a strong hardcourt

Miami in April at the NASDAQ 100

player, the Chilean also reached the

quarter-finals in Sydney and the

take the rap. But he won't let me

Fair play to him. No whingeing. No

screaming. No 'I didn't say that; he

made it up'. But I was paraphras-

of Keane's book revealed former

teammate Eric Cantona was given

the team's full support after his

Keane said Cantona's kick at a

"Fair play to Eric. I might have

Meanwhile the latest instalment

Srichaphan advanced to his first

tournament.

Open.

ina.'

at Chennai, India.

### **Div II chess** on Aug 30 SPORTS REPORTER

The Second Division Chess League starts on August 30 at the National Sports Council auditorium. Interested teams have been

asked to complete entry formalities on or before August 28. Top two teams will qualify for next year's First Division from the nine round Swiss-League competi-

# Cute handball

### UNB, Dhaka

Arambagh KS defeated Dhaka Wanderers Club 14-6 in the Cute Premier Division Handball League at the court next to the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Arambagh KS led the first half 6-3. Sajal scored six and Likhon five goals for the winners while Faruqul Islam netted six for the losers.

The day's other match between Menjis KC and Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club ended in a 23-23 draw at the same venue.

Menjis dominated the first half 13-11.

Hanif made team highest 12 for Menjis while Koko Wai 13 for Mariner

**TODAY'S MATCHES** Bangladesh Police vs Narinda

Progoti Boys.

### Rusedski rallies Cricket FROM PAGE 13

Frenchman Sebastien Grosiean.

**REUTERS**, Tangiers Haas said that it was different against Rusedski. Sri Lanka captain Sanath

After a set and a half in which he broke in the second game of the first set and raced to 2-1 in the second with two love games, his physical problems returned.

"I started to feel my arm and elbow tiring a little bit." said the 24year-old. "That was even more as his team limped to a total of 242 frustrating than the loss. I had no all out, before medium pacer Pulasthi Gunaratne claimed four pain on Friday and then it came back

wickets for 44 runs to bundle Pakistan out for just 203 in reply. "I can't focus on what I want to do.'

comfortably placed at the top of the Haas said his game slowly triangular standings with nine points collapsed. "I started losing my from three games. The final group timing, my arm didn't give me the match sees Sri Lanka square up to strength I needed. I'm doing a lot for South Africa on Monday. it every day and it's not getting

# **BFF's EGM**

### FROM PAGE 13 September to allow the national

coach George Kottan to start camp for the Asian Games

Hi-tech coaching Bangladesh, who are scheduled to play their opening group C match against India on September 27 in Cricket Asiad, are likely to go to Bangkok to play four practice matches before they Korea for the Games.

BBC, London Sultan also condemned the latest 'human-trafficking' scandal in Few areas of cricket have advanced connection with Chittagong coaching Abahani's current tour of England. He said no one would go unpunished if found guilty by the threemember BFF probe committee headed by its member Kazi Usha Mishu."The committee is trying hard to complete their report by Wednesday as we want to discuss the matter in our EC meeting on the following day," he said.

**Cricket** 

BBC, London

Duncan Fletcher says that he would like to remain as England coach for another three years. savs that he would like to remain as England coach for another three

vears. There had been speculation that the former Zimbabwe captain, 53, would step down from the post when his current contract runs out in September 2003.

But he said that he would like to finish the job, and sign another twovear deal "At this stage I'd really like to

FACTBOX 1999/2000: England lost in SA2-1 2000: Eng beat Zim 1-0 at home 2000: Eng beat WI 3-1 at home 2000/01: Eng won in Pak 1-0 2000/01: Eng won in SL 2-1 2001: Eng drew with Pak 1-1 at

home 2001: Englost to Aus 4-1 at home 2001/02: Englost in Ind 1-0 2001/02: Eng drew in NZ 1-1

2002: Eng beat SL 2-0 at home

Morocco Cup tri-series.

Jayasuriya had fought an almost

The result leaves Sri Lanka

Ione battle for his 97 off just 94 balls



**Duncan staying on** 

Sunday.

around as well.

carry on," he told the Mail on

have now, our bases are covered

"With the group of players we

and there is a lot of young talent place in the ICC Test Championship, England will have to successfully "As long as we don't start messnegotiate home-and-away ties with South Africa and West Indies. And they may have to do so

February.

without their inspirational captain if Nasser Hussain goes through with his threat to retire after the World Cup. Since joining the side at the end

series, and that is before the World

Cup, beginning in South Africa in

If they are to move up from fifth

of the 1999 season, Fletcher has formed a formidable team with Hussain, both on and off the pitch. A 4-1 Ashes thrashing at home last summer was the low point in an

otherwise successful spell for the pair, including away series victories in Pakistan and Sri Lanka. But Fletcher will have a chance to

remedy that when Australia tour again in the summer of 2005. The side that is 1-0 up against India with two Tests to play is a stark

contrast to the one that had just slumped to bottom of the Test table when he took over. "For me it is like building a

house," Fletcher added. "When I arrived there weren'

even foundations let alone walls. "Now I genuinely believe that we

SRI LANKA: 242 all out in 49.5

Anwar c Jayawardene b Gunaratne

Youhana c Sangakkara b Gunaratne 80

Afridi c Chandana b Gunaratne 26

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Razzag Ibw b Muralitharan

Latif c Sangakkara b Vaas

Waqar Ibw b Fernando

Extras: (lb-3, nb-6, w-3)

Total: (All out in 43.4 overs)

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Bowler

Gunaratne

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Chandana

Jayasuriya

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Tendulkar.

Muralitharan

Vaas

# ₋ankans outclass Pakistan

DUNCAN FLETCHER

in for an exciting two or three years."

the next year, with a gruelling sched-

ule beginning with the ICC

Champions Trophy one-day tourna-

ment in Sri Lanka.

England face a tough test over

crafted a far more sedate 43 during a fourth wicket stand of 111 that repaired some early damage and effectively won the match.

Russel Arnold worked hard during an innings of 34 from 51 balls as Waqar Younis (3-43), Abdur Jayasuriya made a brilliant 97 Razzaq (2-37) and particularly before leading his bowlers to an Wasim Akram (2-29) maintained a emphatic 39-run victory over tight grip on the closing overs when Pakistan in the fourth match of the Sri Lanka seemed destined for a score of at least 260.

Yousuf Youhana, like Jayasuriya, fought an often lonely battle at the top of the order compiling a polished 80 from 91 balls but he received even less support than Jayasuriya with just two fellow batsmen reaching the 20s. Shahid Afridi belted three sixes during a cameo of 26 from 16 balls and Abdur Razzag had 25 to his

name when Muttiah Muralitharan trapped him lbw with a fizzing off break

"However, in New Zealand, we

saw a very sophisticated and more

portable software package called

Ecricket, which provides a feed of

the play into a TV screen incorpo-

#### Jayasuriya was typically explo-SCORE BOARD

sive blasting 12 fours and a six to Scoreboard of the Morocco Cup most parts of the ground while his one-day international between Sri most important assistance came Lanka and Pakistan on Saturday from Mahela Jayawardene who

A five-Test Ashes tour to Australia also involves a triangular one-day are close to putting on the roof."

overs (Jayasuriya 97)

Nazir b Gunaratne

PAKISTAN

The third-wicket pair had added only six runs when Bangar departed to leave India on 237 for three. Then 237 for three became 241

> another llott lbw victim. Venkatsai Laxman made a brisk

bowled by slow left-armer Tim

finished with four for 67. Harbhajan Singh then smashed four fours and a six - driven off llott to

Ajay Ratra was 17 not out.

business as usual Bangladesh Biman registered their second successive win in the AB Bank Metropolis Table Tennis Super League beating Brothers Union Club 3-0 at the NSC Wooden Floor mind. I try to tell the truth and that is Gymnasium yesterday. Hamlet defeated Badal 21-11, about the headlines, I suggest you

21-12, Mahbub beat Ripon 21-12, 21-14 and Goutam beat Shahed 21 15, 21-11 to earn the straight win for

3-1 in another super-league match with Munna beating Tuhin 21-13, 25-23, Munir losing to Baban 21-23, 19-21, Mona gettig walkover and Munna beating Baban 21-13, 20-22, 21-13.

spat with Republic of Ireland man-In the First Division Super ager Mick McCarthy. over the summer will help get him through another Premiership campaign

"I feel better for the rest both

lead Agassi finally managed to break Blake's serve in the eighth game of the second set and pulled within 4-5. But Blake converted his first match

**Blake baffles Agassi** 

Blake will attempt to capture his Enqvist. first ATP crown on Sunday. He has reached two finals this year, losing errors as his all-time mark here fell at Memphis and Newport. to 38-9.

Agassi, a five-time champion won the Scottsdale, TMS - Miami

JAMES BLAKE

Keane taking it easy

will see the benefit later on in the year."

However the volatile Irishman is facing a potentially troubled time off the field. Haaland - who has not completed a full match since Keane's tackle on him last season is intent on going ahead with his legal case.

The Norwegian said on Friday he infamous kung-fu kick at Crystal was taking Keane and Manchester Palace in 1995 left the Frenchman nited to court after Keane admitted with an eight-month ban. in his long-awaited autobiography fan at Selhurst Park was "out of 'Keane - the Autobiography' that his order" but understandable in the tackle was meant to avenge the circumstances. Manchester City player who had accused Keane of feigning injury

done the same myself," said Keane during another incident in The News of the World serialisa-"I waited until five minutes before the end." Keane stated in his book.

Keane claims to have a clear

conscience - although attempts

were made late Saturday to diffuse

the situation as the ghost writer

responsible for penning his autobi-

ography claimed he used "artistic

licence" and "paraphrased" Keane's

football book, that it would be no

problem," journalist and former

footballer Eamon Dunphy told The

Haaland, I am as much responsible

"There is artistic licence. I shoul

for that, as a writer, rather than Rov.

"But there is the passage about

"We thought it would be a nice

room.

he has a case.

opinions

Observer.

"Of course, when I got home and "I hit him hard. The ball was there saw the television pictures I could (I think). I didn't even wait for the see it was a nasty incident. referee to show the red card. I turned and walked to the dressing

"Out of order, too. But my attitude didn't change. My heart went out to him and all the lads felt the same. "We didn't pat him on the back

Although it is thought that Haaland was carrying an injury into and say well done - but Eric was a the Manchester duel and his current good lad and we weren't going to knee problems, which may force turn on him now." him to retire, are actually related to his left leg, rather than the right one which Keane struck, he still believes

No fault of FROM PAGE 13

second division of the English county championship, Russell did not concede a single bye in the visitors' huge total of 746 for nine declared.

His effort surpassed the previous first-class record of Tamil Nadu keeper Reuben Paul who did not concede a bye during the Karnataka innings of 716 at Bhadravasti, India, during the 1996-97 season.

Russell, 39, also holds the world record for most dismissals in a Test with 11 catches against South Africa at Johannesburg in 1995-96

Khelaghar SKS beat Orka Club 3-0. In the women's league, Biman Red defeated Swamibagh Gilrs 3-0, Biman Green beat Swamibagh Girls

"Technology was peripheral no" coid down to an innate sense of tactics. 3-0 and Khelaghar SKS 3-0, Ajax shrewd observations and sticking to SC beat Surf Knitting 3-0 and Azimpur Young Star beat Ajax SC 3a strategy.

Not all coaching strategies rely

on such hi-tech tactics, a good

example being England's recent

successes against Sachin

## India draw tour game

AFP, Chelmsford

India turned the final day of their four-day tour match against Essex here Saturday into a practice session for the third Test against England.

Tennis

American James Blake recorded

the biggest victory of his career to

reach the final of the 800.000 dollar

25 winners and stunned compatriot

and top seed Andre Agassi 6-3, 6-4

in just over an hour to advance to the

Srichaphan of Thailand in Sunday's

final. The 14th seed rallied past fifth

seed Marcelo Rios of Chile 3-6, 6-2.

6-2 to move into the final at the

William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis

Surprisingly, Blake overpowered

Then, he broke Agassi's serve in

Agassi. Blake dropped just three

points on his serve en route to taking

the first and third games of the

second set and jumped out to a 4-0

Manchester United midfielder Roy

Keane has shrugged off the latest

criticism from the serialisation of his

autobiography which has left him

facing a potentially damaging court

up a yellow card in United's 1-0 win

over league new boys West

Bromich Albion in their Premiership

following newspaper revelations

that he intended to hurt Manchester

City's Norwegian midfielder Alf Inge

Haaland last year, Keane insists it is

"It wasn't hard to concentrate.

"I have a perfectly clear frame of

It has been a troubled year so far

Keane first hit the headlines

during the World Cup in Japan and

South Korea when he was sent

home following a well-publicised

Now Keane believes his rest

for the man feted for his aggressive,

no-nonsense style of play at both

club and international level.

what I have done. I am not bothered

opener on Saturday.

not one bit." said Keane.

read the book."

The 31-year-old Irishman picked

Despite being in the media glare

**Football** 

AFP, London

case

title match of the hardcourt event.

The 22-vear-old Blake registered

Blake will take on Paradorn

ATP event here on Saturday.

AFP, Washington

Centre.

the opening set.

Ahead of renewing hostilities with Nasser Hussain's side at Headingley on Thursday, India captain Sourav Ganguly saw his team have the better of a draw against the England skipper's county. That result seemed the most

likely outcome after India, resuming on 231 for two, batted for a further 28 overs Saturday before Ganguly declared on 327 for six. That left Essex needing a huge 565 for victory.

Second time around they did not collapse against the off-spin of Harbhajan Singh (seven for 83 in the first innings) making 186 for three after 56 overs before Ganguly and Essex captain Ronnie Irani decided enough was enough.

Virender Sehwag took two for 52 with his gentle off-breaks, Richard Clinton (53) and Ray Bopara (47 not out) the main Essex scorers

Opening batsman Sanjay Bangar added just a single to his overnight score before falling lbw to former England left-arm paceman Mark llott for 74 off 178 balls, striking nine boundaries.

for four with Wasim Jaffer (four)

42 off 79 balls including one six and five fours before he was caught and

Phillips - to leave India 280 for five. Ganguly (six) did not last long. caught and bowled by llott, who

Inzimam c Jayawardene b Vaas 5 Younis Khan c Vaas b Chandana 15 25 Akram c Javawardene b Vaas 19 long-on - to finish unbeaten on 29 from 21 balls, while wicket-keeper

### 5 0 12 AB Bank TT 203 Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-18; 3-29; 4-

UNB, Dhaka

w 3 4

0 Result: Sri Lanka won by 39 runs. Man-of-the-match: Sanath Biman.

Inter Sports beat Armanitola JS

League matches, Mariner Youngs Club beat Cynthia SC 3-0, Ajax SC beat Swamibagh TTS 3-0 and

Ws burn S Africa

Scoreboard of the Pakistan innings

in the Morocco Cup one-day interna-

tional against South Africa on

Boucher b Mahmood

FROM PAGE 13

Sunday

57

four runs an ove

**SOUTH AFRICA** 

Gibbs c Latif b Akram

Smith Ibw b Akram

Dippenaar run out

Klusener not out

Boje b Akram

Pollock not out

Extras: (lb-2, w-4, nb-7)

Total: (All out for eight

wickets in 50 overs)

Ontong c and b

Rhodes c Latif b Mahmood

Kallis b Wagar

SCOREBOARD

### Like father

FROM PAGE 13 knew I had to go for it."

Ali has improved her record to 12-0 with nine knockouts, and has no plans to stop just yet.

"I'm just going to keep fighting, pick it up and go after the girls that have belts." said Ali

Sharing the top of the bill was the fight between Armenia's William Abelvan and Panama's Orlando Soto for the NABO featherweight title

Abelvan stopped Soto in the 10th round for a 20-4-1 record.

CROSSWORD

28 Accom

30 Aries

plished

led into my laptop as much in recent years as the art of "I record this onto my hard drive

It was not so long ago the height of tactical invention was 20 laps of the boundary rope and 30 minutes

in the nets And some recent England team officials seemed to reckon a hearty rendition of a patriotic ditty, before bounding onto the pitch with a few

Gazza-esque war cries was sufficient to flav hapless foreign foe. In April came the appointment of Malcolm Ashton as England team

analvst. Impressed by advances in software and video technology,

coach Duncan Fletcher had asked Ashton to undertake a detailed assessment of player performance during last winter's tours in India and New Zealand.

Impressed by the results, the job quickly became full time. "We'd previously used the Cricstat monitoring system", Ashton

said. "It allows you to log every ball for later use in a coaching and tactical

and afterwards we can isolate each delivery, freeze the play and slow it down as far as 1/16th speed. "The system generates its own scorecard, so finding a particular delivery or passage of play is easy. Duncan and Nasser can then

environment.

identify specific areas of a player's game to work on." Steve Harmison's technique has

been analysed Each player's performance can then be stored on a CD

> Ashton explained: "After the Trent Bridge Test, we sent copies to Michael Vaughan, Craig White and Mark Butcher as well as our two debutants, Robert Key and Steve Harmison.

"The software allows us to draw angles, so we can assess arm movement or the position of the feet.

"For instance, with Steve Harmison, we've been analysing where he places his feet during the delivery stride, with the aim of correcting any faults and making

him more efficient."

The use of software packages is becoming commonplace on the county circuit too.

Warwickshire skipper Michael Powell finds such systems invalu-

"They've made a massive difference," he said.

It makes captaincy much easier by backing up, or even correcting, my own intuitive analysis

"It's a very unforgiving system in that it allows you to scrutinise a player's faults, leaving them nowhere to hide

"Nonetheless, as with any coaching programme, it's up to each individual as to how they respond to the information it provides.

# Asghar pledges

FROM PAGE 13

was little chance of an ad-hoc committee being formed to run two committees as the court had suspended the directors' activities for a certain period.

When his attention was drawn to the matter, the BCB president said he would soon meet with a lawyer to discuss the problem and if needed. he would go to court for permission to form an interim committee.

"I will do everything as per court's order," he said.

discuss the matter with any Board directors. But he assured that only 'real organisers' would be nominated for the interim committee.



Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-8, 3-10, 4-29, 5-49, 6-127, 7-167, 8-171 Bowling: ОМ Akram 10 2 31 0 48 Wagar 10 0 33 Mahmood 9 Razzaq 10 0

39 0 10 0 28 Afridi Malik 0 15 0 Umpires: Daryl Harper (Aus) and Third umpire: Srinivas



Munna of Inter Sports in action against Baban of Armanitola JS during the AB Bank Metropolis Table Tennis Super League match at the NSC Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday.

present a different challenge

deficit to capture The Players

Championship a year later. In the

Rvder Cup, he came from four holes

down with seven to play to halve the

match and deliver victory for the

holes in vicious winds at Hazeltine,

Leonard turned a one-stroke deficit

into a surprising three-stroke advan-

round of golf," Leonard said after a

3-under 69 in which he didn't miss a

shot over the final four holes. "It

takes that to win a major champion-

lead -- three strokes over the happy-

go-lucky Rich Beem, four over high-

fivin' Fred Funk, and five shots over

Tiger Woods, who has never won a

majors, however, Woods might be

at times he does," Leonard said.

`He hasn't done it this week, and if I

Leonard was the only player to

go out and do my job, then he won't

break 70 on a day in which the gusts

Winged Foot. Leonard won his only

major earlier that year at Royal

Having won seven of the last 12

'Does he intimidate me? Sure,

maior from behind.

the biggest threat.

tomorrow, either

This time, he'll need it to protect a

On Saturday, over the final six

Golf

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# Justin charges in front

position now

The last five players who have been in the lead going into the final round of the PGA Championship wound up with the Wanamaker Trophy.

Justin Leonard has built a reputation 'I don't have any expectations of of gritty comebacks in major tournawinning," Beem said after two ments under the toughest condibogeys on his final five holes left him tions. The PGA Championship will with a 72. "It takes something special to win a major, and I don't A five-stroke rally on the final day know if I've got it. It's going to be won him the '97 British Open at really tough to catch him." Royal Troon. He made up the same

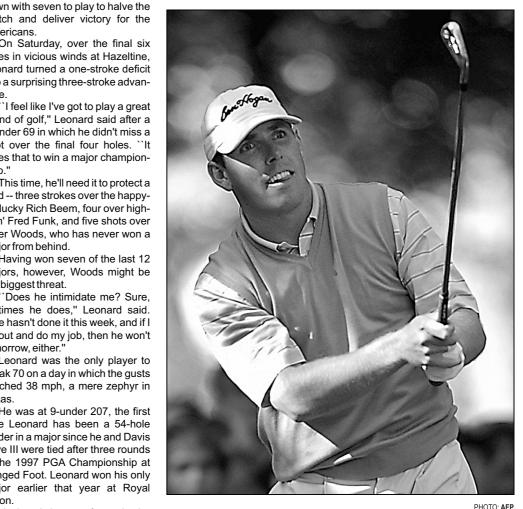
Of greater concern was Woods. Is five strokes a safe margin? ``I'd like to say that, but I came

back from five shots to win a major championship," Leonard said. ``It's safe depending on how I play. But if I struggle or stumble, guys are going to feel like they've got a chance."

Leonard will be paired with Beem, who is playing only his fourth major

Funk (73) and Woods (72) will be in front of them.

At stake for Woods is a chance to become the first player to win all three U.S. majors in the same year -- the American Slam. Woods already won the Masters and U.S. Open.



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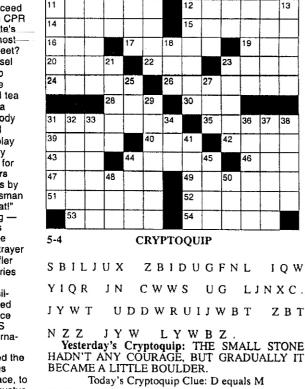
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purpose

truck

By Eugene Sheffer



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 apostophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

reached 38 mph, a mere zephyr in Texas He was at 9-under 207, the first time Leonard has been a 54-hole leader in a major since he and Davis Love III were tied after three rounds in the 1997 PGA Championship at

Troon

He hasn't been a factor in the maiors since then, but he's in perfect

American Justin Leonard watches his tee shot during the third round of PGA Championship in Minnesota on August 17.