Taekwondo meet

Ansars grabs most gold

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Ansars established their supremacy in the First Federation Cup Taekwondo Championship by winning highest 12 gold. The three-day meet concluded at the NSC Gymnasium yesterday.

Ansars swept all the eight gold up for grabs in the women's section and shared half of it with Bangladesh Army in the men's category. Army captured four gold and six bronze.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman gave away prizes among the winners. The sports boss also distributed certificates to 38 successful trainees from across the country.

President of Bangladesh Taekwondo Federation Mohammad Ziaul Huq was also present.

Progoti title goes to MSC

CU CORRESPONDENT

Mohammedan Sporting Club won the Progoti Insurance CJKS First Division Chess title yesterday.

Mohammedan finished with highest 26 points. Chittagong City Corporation XI claimed the second spot with 23.5 points.

Friends Club finished third with 19 points. President of Bangladesh Chess Federation Sujauddin Ahmed gave away prizes among the winners after the weeklong meet concluded on Friday. Fourteen teams took part in the League

Sanowara soccer from today

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Sanowara Diplomat Milk Powder Kishore Football Tournament 2002 will begin at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong at 3 pm today.

The Chhatragram Jela Krira Sangstha (CJKS) organises the nine-team tournament in association with the Sanowara Diplomat Milk Powder Limited.

Noted sports organiser, columnist Nurul Islam will inaugurate the tournament as chief guest.

The teams are: Agrabad Nawjawan Green, Abahani Krira Chakra Junior, BCIC Krira Chakra junior, Muktijuddha Krira Chakra (Red), Sitakundha Upazila Krira Sangstha, Satabdhi Ghoasthi, Kollol Sangstha Green, Customs Excise & Vat Club junior, and Madarbari Uddoyan Sangha.

Ashraful axed

paceman Anwar Hossain in place of

off-spinner Fahim, whose inclusion and omission is shrouded in mystery. Fahim was not considered in the first match against Australia that Bangladesh lost by nine wickets at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground on September 19. **SQUAD**

Khaled Mashud (captain), Habibul Bashar, Al-Shahriar, Tushar Imran, Khaled Mahmud, Monjurul islam, Talha Jubair, Mohammed Rafique, Taposh Baishya, Javed Omar Belim, Hannan Sarker, Sanwar Hossain, Rofigul Islam and Anwar Hossain Monir

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Ponting counting on Warne



REUTERS, Colombo

Australia captain Ricky Ponting is confident leg-spinner Shane Warne can be a major factor in the latter stages of the Champions Trophy despite having a quiet tournament

Warne is Australia's leading wicket-taker in one-day cricket with 284 victims but bowled only two balls as Australia routed New Zealand by 164 runs on Sunday and took one for 33 in the nine-wicket win over Bangladesh on Thursday.

"Shane has got a huge part to play," Ponting told the news agency on Friday before the team departed for a weekend break in the Maldive islands ahead of their semi-final date with Sri Lanka on September

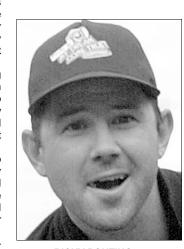
"We won't be playing the semifinals at the SSC (Sinhalese Sports Club), we'll be playing at the Premadasa Stadium and that has turned a bit more and been slower and lower.

"Shane being the world-class bowler he is, I'm sure he'll play a big part as the tournament goes on, as he did in the World Cup in 1999.

"When the big games came around he really put his hand up and was a match-winner for us on a

number of occasions and I expect the same from him here as the tournament goes on," he added.

So far it has been Australia's fast bowlers who have been the matchwinners, with Glenn McGrath taking



RICKY PONTING

five for 37 against New Zealand and Jason Gillespie collecting three for 20 against Bangladesh.

But with Ponting conscious of the way the pitches are likely to play in the latter stages of the tournament, he also looked to use the Bangladesh match to give Warne and left-arm spinner Darren

"I tried to give them as much bowling as I could," he said. 'They've not done as much as they might have over the past two weeks in matches, especially Warney, but he got ten overs in and that is encouraging."

Ponting also did not rule out playing off-spinning squad member Nathan Hauritz at some stage.

"Three spinners could be a possibility later on the way the pitches at Premadasa have turned," he said. "And Nathan's working hard in the nets as have Shane and Darren so it would be a shame if he didn't get a chance to play." For now though Ponting is putt-

ing all thoughts of the semi-final to the back of his mind after an intense month of cricket in Kenya and Sri "It will definitely help to put the

bats down and not worry about getting up and going to training for a few days," said Ponting.

"We always tend to play well with a rest and a break and this breaks the monotony of playing and training every day so it should do us good. "We've got a nice trip planned

we'll get away for a few days then come back to prepare as best we can for the big semi-final coming

scheduled to return to Colombo on

Afridi (3-18) and Younis (2-14)

here in the first week of October and

the last two at Sharjah in the United

seven one-day internationals

played by his team, made a 50-ball

4 with one six and two boundaries.

batsman played the shot of the

innings, powerfully swinging Afridi

over the roof of a mid-wicket stand

stand for the fifth wicket with left-

handed Troost after Younis had

reduced the European team to 23-4.

Scoreboard of the Champions

Trophy one-day cricket match

between Pakistan and the

Netherlands at the Sinhalese Sports

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-15, 3-23, 4-

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Umpires: Dave Orchard (Rsa)

Match-referee: Clive Lloyd (WIs)

Sunday's match: India v England

TV umpire: Daryl Harper (Aus)

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Club ground here on Saturday:

Van Bunge c Misbah b Akhtar

Zuiderent c Khan b Younis

SCOREBOARD

NETHERLANDS

Kloppenburg run out

De Leede Ibw b Afridi

Jan Mol b Younis

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Jan Esmeijer Ibw b Afridi

Leede was involved in a 55-run

The 34-year-old middle-order

Arab Emirates

The opening Test will be played

Leede, who has figured in all the

Pakistan punish Dutch



AFP, Colombo

Shahid Afridi smashed the secondfastest half-century in one-day internationals for the second time as Pakistan crushed an inexperienced Netherlands by nine wickets in an inconsequential match of the Champions Trophy tournament here on Saturday.

The 22-year-old aggressive batsman hammered an 18-ball 55 to help his team surpass the Netherlands' modest total of 136 with 33.4 overs at the Sinhalese Sports Club around.

Sri Lanka have already qualified for the semi-finals from the threeteam group after beating Pakistan and the Netherlands. They will take on Australia in the penultimate round on September 27.

Afridi, who completed his fifty with a six, had also taken the same number of balls to reach his halfcentury against Sri Lanka at Nairobi

Australian Simon O'Donnell is the other batsman to score a halfcentury off 18 deliveries, against Sri Lanka at Sharjah in 1990.

Sri Lankan Sanath Javasuriva holds the world record for the fastest half-century in one-day internationals, having achieved the feat off just 17 balls against Pakistan at

Afridi struck six sixes, including four in off-spinner Adeel Raja's over, and four boundaries to upstage opener Imran Nazir who contributed a 40-ball 59 with 11 fours. The Dutch, playing only their

seventh one-day international, had the satisfaction of lasting the entire 50 overs after electing to bat against Extras top-scored with 33 in the

Dutch total as only skipper Roland Lefebvre (32 not out), Tim de Leede (24), Luuk van Troost (16) and Reinout Scholte (11) reached double-figures. The Netherlands did not have

bowlers to put pressure on the seasoned Pakistani batsmen as Nazir went for big shots early in the innings, hitting seamer Edgar Schiferli for three fours in the open-There was no stopping the 20-

vear-old opener, who raced to his half-century off just 36 balls with nine boundaries before pulling medium-pacer Feiko Kloppenburg to Bas Zuiderent at mid-wicket. Earlier, Pakistani fast bowler

Wagar Younis missed a hat-trick as Pakistan restricted their opponents. Younis dismissed Zuiderent and Henk-Jan Mol off successive deliveries in his fifth over before being denied a hat-trick by Troost with a

Pakistan gained valuable practice ahead of their three-Test series

defensive push to mid-off



Pakistan captain Waqar Younis sends down another fiery delivery in the ICC Champions Trophy match against Holland.

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Scoreboard of Kenya during their Africa and Kenya in the Champions Trophy cricket tournament at the Premadasa Stadium here on Friday: Obuya c Benkenstein b Ntini 16 Shah c Kallis b Pollock 3 Patel c Pollock b Dawson Tikolo c Smith b Ontong Odumbe c sub (Donald) b Nitini 0 Odovo c Gibbs b Ontona Obuya Ibw b Benkenstein Obuya st Boucher b Ontong Suji b Benkenstein Kamande not out M Suji c Klusener b Benkenstein 2 Extras: (b1, lb2, nb3, w12) Total: (all out in 46.5 overs)

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Man-of-the-match: Herschelle Gibbs (Rsa) Umpires: Daryl Harper (Aus) and Srinivas Venkataraghavan (Ind) TV umpire: David Shepherd (Eng) Match-referee: Gundappa

The Australian players are Visvanath (Ind)

Meghna Soccer

Brothers rule

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Brothers Union advanced into the quarterfinals of the Meghna Cement 14th DSA Cup Football Tournament with a 3-1 win against Mongla Port Club here at the Khulna Stadium on

Brothers led the first half 2-0. Wasim gave Brothers a 17th minute lead before Rikto doubled the margin six minutes later.

Mongla showed signs of a comeback when their forward scored 12 minutes after the break. But Brothers sealed the fate of the match with Manzoor blasting home

Essex win FROM PAGE 13

one of them to knock Middlesex off

Essex began the day on 129 for two, needing another 211 runs to reach their target of 340, and Will Jefferson's unbeaten 165 ensured the celebrations could begin shortly after lunch.

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have to bat to potential to win. "We need to bat well. We didn't in the last and Kaif and Rahul (Dray took us out of jail," he told reporters. India were reeling at 87-5 against

Zimbabwe with Ganguly and Tendulkar falling cheaply before Kaif and Dravid, who hit 71, joined together to lift their team to 288. Ganguly said opener Marcus

Trescothick, who hit 119 against Zimbabwe, was a big threat.

He also said spinners Kumble and Harbhajan needed to improve after managing just one wicket between them against Zimbabwe.

TEAMS

INDIA (probable): Saurav Ganguly (captain), Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Vangipurappu Laxman, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan, Ashish Nehra.

ENGLAND (from): Nasser Hussain (captain), Marcus Trescothick, Nick Knight, Ronnie Irani, Ian Blackwell, Owais Shah, Alec Stewart, Dominic Cork, Andy Caddick, Matthew Hoggard, Jeremy Snape, Ashley

Umpires: Steve Bucknor and Russel Tiffin Third umpire: Rudi Koertzen

Match referee: Wasim Raia

STANDINGS League standings in the Champions

Australia

Trophy one-day cricket tournament here after Saturday's match (played, won, lost, tied/no result, points): GROUPA W L Ρ

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New Zealand	1	0	1	0
Bangladesh	1	0	1	0
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England	1	1	0	4
India	1	1	0	4
Zimbabwe	2	0	2	0
GROUP C				
South Africa	2	2	0	8
West Indies	2	1	1	4
Kenya	2	0	2	0
GROUP D				

*South Africa, Australia and Sri Lanka have qualified for the semi-

Australia rejoin elite

India shut out

DAYIS CUP

AFP, Adelaide

Australia will remain in next year's Davis Cup World Group tennis after Todd Woodbridge and Lleyton Hewitt won the doubles to lock up a 3-0 win over India in the qualifying tie at Memorial Drive here on Saturday.

Woodbridge and Hewitt clinched the tie with a 6-3, 7-6 (7/5), 6-1 win over the Indian combination of Leander Paes and Vishal Uppal in 94 minutes.

It was Australia's eighth win in 11 Davis Cup ties with India and guarantees them a place in next year's World Group draw to be made on October 3. India will remain in the

Asia-Oceania Zone next year. "We started terrific today, we got on top of them quickly," said Woodbridge, who moved to 19-6 in career Davis Cup doubles.

"I had a particular lull in the beginning of the second set and throughout the second I missed a couple of balls that I normally would not have missed.

"But we won the tight second set and then we ran away with it.

"In clutch times you know that

the doubles court as well.

"It's that pressure that you build and I think we can do it better." Hewitt, playing in only his third Davis Cup doubles match, said he

would seek to play more with Woodbridge in doubles on the world But he said it would have to fit in

around Woodbridge's commitments with Swede Jonas Bjorkman, his doubles partner at the four grand slam tournaments. "I feel we played pretty well

today," said Hewitt. "It's always tough playing together for the first time, but we play a similar kind of game, so we're always going to get good opportunities to break serve. "We have to work harder to hold

serve, but we didn't drop serve today and we only faced two break points in the whole match, so that's a huge bonus. India were banking on the expe-

rience of three-time grand slam doubles champion Paes to keep the tie alive into Sunday's reverse In the absence of the injured

Mahesh Bhupathi, Paes was paired with Uppal, ranked 703 in doubles and playing only his second match in the Davis Cup. Their chance went when Uppal

double-faulted to gift the second-set tiebreaker to Australia The Australians raced through

the final set in 21 minutes to wrap up the match and the tie "We didn't have enough firepower today to break them," said

Paes, who admitted he had pulled

up sore following Friday's singles

"We set ourselves up in the second set to the stage where we could have got another set under our belts in this tie, 4-5, 0-30 and then the tiebreak

"But we just didn't have that firepower to actually break them, no one big shot or setting up the return and that's where the levels showed.

"When Australia were under pressure they were able to pull out the goods and when we had an opportunity to win a set we couldn't

Australia, 27-times winners of the Davis Cup, were forced into this weekend's play-off after losing their opening round tie against Argentina last February just two months after

France, Russia on course

Lleyton's going to make some sort

of ball back over the net, even if they

hit an unbelievable shot, he's going

to make them hit one more and

DAVIS CUP

It followed world No.1 Hewitt's 6-

1, 7-6, 6-1 win over Harsh Mankad

and Wayne Arthurs' 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-

4 victory against Paes in Friday's

opening singles rubbers.

Holders France and Russia both took huge strides towards a Davis Cup final showdown after they dominated the opening day of their semifinals on Friday.

In Paris, Arnaud Clement and Sebastien Grosjean put France firmly in the driving seat against the United States on the slow, red clay of Roland Garros with wins over Andy Roddick and James Blake.

Meanwhile, indoors on the carpet surface of Moscow's Luzhniki Sports Palace, Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Marat Safin gave Russia a commanding 2-0 advantage against Argentina.

Clement swatted Roddick 4-6, 7-

6, 7-6, 6-1 in 3hr 14min to hand the American his first ever Davis Cup loss before Grosjean followed up with an impressive 6-4, 6-1, 6-7, 7-5

his first in four Davis Cup singles

losing a Davis Cup match is heartbreaking," he said. In 102 years of Davis Cup the Americans have only ever come back from two rubbers down once --

in 1934 against Australia -- and the

French now have one foot in the final

they would host. Grosjean, who beat Blake here at this year's French Open, shrugged off a third-set tiebreak hiccup of three

missed match points to get back on

track in a pulsating fourth set, winning with a service volley.

who led France to victory in last season's final over Australia in Melbourne. Roddick's 47 unforced errors told

This is the ideal scenario."

their own story and he was crestfallen afterwards

four," said the American. Meanwhile. Olympic champion Kafelnikov came back from 2-5 down

"I feel like a huge burden is now



World number one Serena Williams continued her awesome form of 2002 by easily beating Amy Frazier on Saturday to set up a final clash against Kim Clijsters at the Princess Cup tennis tournament.

winning her third straight Grand Slam title at the US Open this month, Williams has showed few signs of a let-down and she easily fended off her compatriot's semifinal challenge with a 7-6, 6-3 vic-

She will meet Belgium's Cliisters who ended second seed Jelena Dokic's title defence in a battle of the 19-year-olds with a 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 win. Williams was happy to make it through to the final, but was still not completely satisfied with her game.

"I think she (Frazier) gave me a really good match. Amy was once a top 10 player. I think she is still right up there," said Williams. "(But) obviously I made a lot of

errors today, I didn't play my return that well.' Cliisters started her match with a double fault and lost the opening game to love. She hit three more double faults in the fifth game to go down 1-4 before pulling off two breaks in the sixth and 10th to level

But Clijsters again doublefaulted twice in the following game to give a triple break chance to Dokic, who eventually won the game after a deuce and went on to take the set.

the first set at 5-all.

At 1-1 in the second set, an

irritated Clijsters hit the ball into spectators' seats and received a

public, I was so angry with the way I was serving. I was getting so frustrated, and that's why I was making a lot more mistakes," Clijsters said

"It's not nice to do it, but definitely it helped me. It helps to put all the anger in one thing and it goes well afterwards. I started playing a little

umped ahead 3-0 in the final set.

Her 10th double fault at 30-40 in the fifth game allowed Dokic to break back and then level the final set at 3-3. But Dokic then virtually threw away the match with a double fault of her own at 30-40 in the eighth game.

Clijsters calmly served out the

match, winning the final game to

love to stretch her record against

Dokic to four wins against two Dokic was left to rue her mistakes at crucial times, particularly

"I let her off a little bit, and that's only she needed. In a close match like this, you can't do mistakes like

that and I did," she said.



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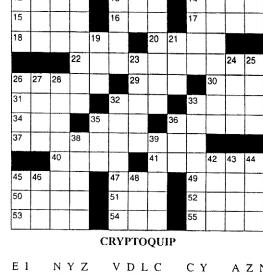
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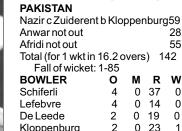
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and Rudi Koertzen (Rsa)

Bovina in

Tour crown at Warsaw in May and is coming off an impressive run at the US Open. The 19-year-old Russian ousted world No. 4 Jelena Dokic in the second round en route to her first Grand Slam quarterfinal, where she stretched Lindsay Davenport to three sets. She will face countrywoman and

Rodionova defeated her doubles

main draw event, reached her first

career WTA semi-final.

last four

AFP, Quebec City

Seventh seed Elena Bovina moved closer to her second title of the year Friday with a 6-2, 6-0 rout of Germany's Angelika Roesch in the quarterfinals of the 170,000-dollar Bell Challenge.

Bovina captured her first WTA

Sri Lanka 0 old Russian, playing only her fifth

that's what I have been good at on

India's Leander Paes claps after he and teammate Vishal Uppal lost their

Davis Cup doubles match against Lleyton Hewitt and Todd Woodbridge

win over Blake in 3hr 03min Blake was shattered at his loss.

"This is the most disappointed I've ever been in my whole life -

at the end of November against either Russia or Argentina which

beamed French skipper Guy Forget,

"A couple of points here and there decided the difference between me winning in straight sets and losing in

in the final set to defeat Argentina's Gaston Gaudio 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 2-6, 8-6 in 4hr 07min after Safin had pulled off a hard-fought 6-7, 7-5, 7-5, 6-1 win

over Juan Ignacio Chela. off the team," said Kafelnikov.

Serena versus

code violation, but from that moment, she moved into top gear. "I think when I hit the ball into the

of her outburst. In her first tournament since

With the two women hitting hard from the baseline, Clijsters broke Dokic twice in the fourth and eighth games to even the match and

double faults on break points.