Tamarine enters final

AFP, Busan

Thailand's top-seeded Tamarine Tanasugarn expects her toughest challenge yet when she faces second seed Iroda Tulyaganova of Uzbekistan here Thursday in the Asian Games women's tennis final.

Tamarine, 27th in the WTA rankings, defeated Japan's Shinobu Asagoe 6-3, 6-2 while 40th-ranked Tulyaganova rallied to defeat South Korea's Cho Yoon-Jeong 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, in semi-final matches here Wednesday.

Tulyaganova's trickier and deliberate pace should be a test for Tamarine, who has lived up to gold

medal expectations thus far. "It's not going to be an easy match for me." Tamarine said. "She's a very tough gal, especially on these slow courts. She hits a lot of spins and high balls.

"I'm just going to concentrate on my game. If I get a gold medal I will be very happy. I would be very proud for myself and my country.'

MCG renovation concerns ACB

AFP, Melbourne

The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) is concerned about a clash between the Ashes Test series with England and redevelopment at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

Ground capacity will be reduced by about 20,000 this southern hemisphere summer to about 75,000 with the demolition of the Ponsford Stand.

The December 15 one-dayer between Australia and England and the opening day of the Boxing Day fourth Test are two dates expected to attract a capacity crowd if the weather is favourable

"That's a concern for us because I think the last time England played here in a one-day match we had 85,000 or something like that," ACB chief executive James Sutherland said here on Thursday.

"That's certainly a concern that (ground capacity) will drop off, but the opportunities are there and people will have to get in early.

"At the end of the day, the facility will be a fantastic one for cricket."

While Sutherland added the ground had attracted 70,000-plus crowd "only three or four times in recent times". he conceded those matches usually involved England.

ASIAN GAMES MEDALS TABLE

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Nasser spurs mates on

Cricket

AFP, London

England captain Nasser Hussain has set the tone for the upcoming Ashes series by warning his players they must be psychologically ready to beat Australia instead of settling for just competing with them.

Hussain's squad head for Australia next week looking to end a run of seven successive defeats in Test series against their oldest opponents.

And despite a revival in their fortunes under their Indian-born skipper, few pundits give them much chance of pulling off their first Ashes series win since 1986-87, when Mike Gatting's side triumphed Down

The fiercely competitive Hussain however is not one to let history overwhelm him. "Things like that are there to be broken." he said.

"When we went off to the subcontinent facts like that were thrown at our team and we turned that

Hussain's own commitment to the cause has been underlined by his decision to fly his pregnant wife Karen out to Australia rather than have to interrupt the tour for the birth of his second child.

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India's Leander Paes and Mahesh

Bhupathi struggled but advanced to

Friday's Asian Games men's dou-

bles final while Bhupathi and

Manisha Malhotra could also bring

India mixed doubles gold. Top

seeds Paes and Bhupathi, three-

time Grand Slam doubles champi-

ons who reunited for their homeland

after splitting up six months ago,

outlasted South Korea's Kim Dong-

Hyun and Kwon Oh-Hee 6-3, 4-6, 6-

Hussain, his wife and their 16month-old son Jacob were due to fly out on Thursday, six days earlier than the rest of the squad because Karen would not be able to fly much one is ready for it.

first two Tests.

knee injury.

cent cricket.

Hussain's optimism has been

The Yorkshire fast bowler has not

tempered by Darren Gough's reve-

lation that he might not be fit for the

played Test cricket for over a year

and has undergone three opera-

tions in the past seven months as he

Hussain, while understanding of

"When the side was selected, we

"He needs rehab like every fast

bids to regain fitness following a

Gough's situation, said his com-

ments were not what he wanted to

knew Darren wouldn't be getting off

the flight and straight into 100 per-

bowler coming back from major

injury. Obviously, it's disappointing

to hear him - and it might have been

Darren being a pessmsist because

he's had a rough year - ruling him-

self out of the first two Test matches.

believing that the purpose of them

being out there is to be fit and play-

ing for England, not a 'wait and see'

Gough has not played Test

cricket since August 2001 and made

only a single first-class appearance

Taiwan's Janet Lee and Lu Yen-

Because two bronzes are

awarded in each Asiad tennis event,

India is assured of two bronzes and

no worse than two silvers, although

Bhupathi and Paes are solid favour-

March, shared the US Open dou-

bles crown last month with new

partner Max Mirnyi of Belarus. Their

reunion was purely to bring India

Paes)," Bhupathi said. "We always

enjoy playing for India."

asking these questions."

game to claim the match.

them in the final set.'

PHOTO: AFP

"It's always fun (playing with

But the subject is clearly a tender

one. Asked if he would consider

extending the reunion with Paes to

ATP events, Bhupathi replied,

"Right now we're focused on the

gold medal. There's no point in

trouble in the present without look-

ing to the future. The Koreans nearly

ended the Indians' golden quest,

breaking Bhuapthi's serve on the

way to a 3-0 lead in the second set.

level the third set after falling behind

a break early. But Bhuapthi and

Paes broke Kim's serve in the final

hit a lot of balls," Paes said. "We got

it back and made it very tough for

we finally made the shots and

started putting them away,

"They make a lot of returns. They

They got a few lucky balls, but

Kim and Kwon fought back to

Paes and Bhupathi had enough

Bhupathi, who split with Paes in

for Yorkshire last season

"I want each individual player

hear in the build-up to the Ashes

The new baby is due on November 20, the day before the second Test starts in Adelaide.

Hussain said England had to go into this tour with a new attitude.

"The old days of going out to compete are gone. We've got to get on with it and look at ways of beating them rather than telling everyone how good they are.

"There are field settings and tactics you can beat Australia with. It's up to me as captain and Duncan Fletcher as a coach to work that out as soon as possible," the 34-yearold said.

Hussain said it was vital he set the right tone from the outset.

"I've got to try to captain in a positive, aggressive sort of manner. Rather than go out and say you (Australia) are great, whatever you want is fine by us and we worship you lot. "Everyone knows Australia are a

great side. But I don't see why you should be intimidated by them. "They play really tough but you

get a great deal of enjoyment from doing well against them.

The one thing that is intimidating is their style of cricket. I hope every-

"We came here to win gold,"

The final obstacle in their golden

quest will be South Koreans Lee

Hyung-Taik and Chung Hee-Seok,

who denied an all-India final by

beating Mustafa Ghouse and Vishal

by having both mixed doubles finals

nated Uzbekistan's Oleg Ogorodov

6-4, 2-6, 6-3 but Paes and Sania

India's bid to assure a gold medal

Bhupathi and Malhorta elimi-

Bhupathi said. "It's an ongoing

pressure. It's a matter of fighting

Leander, Mahesh toil

back and fighting together."

Uppal 6-4, 6-4.

pairs also failed.

Khulna football

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Udayan Sangha defeated Challengers' Soccer Club 1-0 in National Bank Second Division Football League at the Khulna Circuit House Maiden yesterday.

In the other match of the day, Young Muslim Sporting Club also earned full points beating Sher-e-Bangla Smriti Sangha at the same

Record Rahul

FROM PAGE 13

Laxman (45). Laxman fell at the stroke of tea, stumped by Ridley Jacobs off legspinner Mahendra Nagamootoo.

Nagamootoo triggered a lateorder collapse after Dravid's departure, dismissing Anil Kumble and Zaheer Khan off consecutive balls as India lost three wickets for one

The West Indies' successes, however, came too late to put pressure on India as Dravid had already served his team with a commendable knock.

Javagal Srinath (31), returning to Test cricket after announcing his retirement in June, then chanced his arm as he struck one six and three fours during a 49-run stand for the last wicket with Parthiv Patel (21 not

Dillon was the most impressive bowler, finishing with 3-54. Nagamootoo (3-132) and paceman Cameron Cuffy (2-88) also chipped

Dravid thwarted the West Indies after the tourists had struck back with the second new ball, claimed in the first over of the morning.

Dillon and Cuffy dismissed Tendulkar and Ganguly in the space of 15 runs in the opening six overs

Tendulkar disappointed a large number of fans when he fell at his overnight score of 35 in the day's third over, edging Dillon to Jacobs after sharing a 68-run stand for the third wicket with Dravid.

India suffered another blow when Ganguly was trapped legbefore for four by Cuffy.

The reliable Dravid then made the West Indies struggle for wickets for more than a session as he pulled his team out of trouble with Laxman

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first Test between India and the West Indies at the Wankhede Stadium on Thursday: INDIA: First innings (overnight 278-

Bangar c Sarwan b Dillon Sehwag c Jacobs b Dillon Dravid retd hurt Tendulkar c Jacobs b Dillon Ganguly lbw b Cuffy 4 Laxman st Jacobs b Nagamotoo45 Patel not out Harbhajan c Jacobs b Cuffy Kumble c Hooper b Nagamootoo 0 Zaheer Ibw b Nagamootoo Srinath c Jacobs b Hooper 31 Extras: (lb-7, nb-9, w-3) Total: (All out in 163.4 overs) 457

Fall of wickets: 1-201, 2-213, 3-281, 4-296, 5-401, 6-407, 7-408, 8-M

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Dillon	31.2	9	54	3		
Collins	28	7	76	0		
Cuffy	28.4	6	88	2		
N'mootoo	47	12	132	3		
Hooper	11.4	3	40	1		
Hinds	4	0	11	0		
R Hinds	10	0	40	0		
Gayle	2	1	3	0		
Sarwan	1	0	6	0		
WEST INDIES: First innings						
Gayle Ibw b Zaheer 7						
W Hinds c sub (Das) b Harbhajan1						
Sarwan not or	ut		-	20		
Dillon not out				4		

Extra: (nb-1) 1 Total: (For 2 wkts in 14 overs) 33 Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-27 To bat: Carl Hooper, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Ridley Jacobs, Ryan Hinds, Pedro Collins, Mahendra

Nagamootoo, Cameron Cuffy O M R W Bowler 12 Srinath 10 Zaheer 1 Kumble Umpires: David Shepherd (England) and Asoka de Silva (Sr

Inter-services v'ball Army's

Bangladesh Army won the title of the Inter-services volleyball championship at the Jessore Cantonment Wednesday.

They defeated Bangladesh Navy in straight 3-0 sets in the final, an ISPR press release said.

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury witnessed the final as the chief guest and distributed



Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Hasan Mashhud Chowdhurv hands over the Inter-services volleyball championship trophy to the captain of the



RELIEVED: Makhlild al-Otaibi (L) of Saudi Arabia prays after winning the men's 5,000m final in Busan yesterday.

Saha shows the way

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AFP, Busan

Tiny Saraswati Saha starred on India's golden day in track and field Thursday as she streaked to the women's 200m title following the shock withdrawal of Susanthike Jayasinghe through injury.

It was the first of three victories for Indian athletes.

Javasinghe pulled out at the last minute after continuing to feel the effects of a hamstring injury suffered in Wednesday's heats, leaving the way open for Saha to claim the biggest victory of her fledging

The injury, likely to keep her out of competition for six weeks, was a devastating blow for Sri Lanka's Olympic bronze and World Championship silver medallist who was desperate to win the 200m after claiming the 100m gold.

But it was a gift for Saha, at her first Asian Games, and she made the most of Jayasinghe's absence to take the women's 200m in a modest

THE TABLE AND

faced the Asian sprint star, Saha believes she would still have won if they raced each other.

"Susanthika is very strong and it would have been good to go against her," said the 23-year-old. "I came here to beat her so it is

disappointing that she didn't race but I expected gold whether she had been here or not." Saha, from the small Indian

village of Tripura, which has no athletics facilities, has already earmarked how her 40,000-dollar windfall will be spent. "I'll spend the money on more

training so maybe I can improve, she smiled Her win added to a growing gold medal haul in the Indian trophy

competition, better food and better

cabinet in the track and field compe-With 31 of 45 events completed

China have won eight, India six and Saudi Arabia five while Shingo Suetsuau restored some honour for Japan when he picked up their second gold with an emphatic win in the men's 200m gold in 20.38sec.

"My priority was to win gold, and to be able to succeed in that makes me very happy," said the 22-yearold student who had originally

Abdul Zakaria, the 10,000m bronze medallist, getting up for second ahead of a rapidly tiring Khamis Abdulla of Qatar who won the 3,000m steeplechase on Wednesday. Al-Otaibi produced a dazzling burst of speed to clear away over the last 200m and said he had more in reserve if needed.

targeted becoming the first Asian to

year, but it didn't happen. Now, I

want to do it next year at the World

Championships," he said after

effortlessly racing clear of Gennady

largest crowd seen at the athletics

so far, Makhlid al-Otaibi completed

a remarkable double to win the

men's 5,000m, just four days after

champion here. He's the star of the

programm" Saudi athletics boss,

Prince Nawaf bin Mohammad, said

of the previously unknown al-Otaihi

he needs to compete at the highest

also double medallists with Kuwait's

"We will offer him all the facilities

The minor placings in race were

"We have a future Olympic

On a chilly day and in front of the

Chernovol of Kazakhstan.

taking the 10,000m gold.

"I wanted to go under 20sec this

go under 20sec.

"I was hoping for a faster pace. I did not want to take the initiative but I

knew I had more endurance than the others," he said. Of nine finals Thursday, India won three, China two, and the

other's were shared by Japan, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Sri The acclaimed Damayanthi

Darsha of Sri Lanka won the women's 400m, brushing aside the expected challenge of India's K.N. Beenamol, the 800m champion.

But Jaswant Singh continued India's glory when she won the women's discus with a Games record mark of 64.55m and Sunita Rani set a new record in the women's 1,500m final of 4:06.03sec.

Lee Jin-Taek of South Korea took gold in the men's high jump which saw a three-way tie for second between Cui Kai and Wang Zhouzhou of China and South Korean Kim Tae-Hoi tied.

China's two gold medals came from 19-vear-old Qi Haifeng in the decathlon and Peng Yun in the women's 100m hurdles.

Bangladesh worse

India's Saraswati Saha celebrates after winning the Asian Games women's

SK Telecom

bowlers, Tapash Baisya, debutant

200m final vesterday.

Anwar Hossain and Talha Jubair, all caused problems for the South African top order batsmen early on, gaining some movement through the air and off a pitch which had some uneven bounce.

They let themselves down, by conceding too many wides and noballs. There were 30 extras in the South African total. Herschelle Gibbs, who made

116, 116 retired hurt, 153 and 97 not out in his previous four international innings, was out for 15 and Graeme Smith struggled to 21. Martin van Jaarsveld, playing his

second match for South Africa but batting for the first time, hit an impressive 42 off 33 balls, with nine fours, before newcomer Ashwell Prince and veteran Jonty Rhodes took South Africa to victory with 24.2 overs to spare

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard in the third and final one-day international between South Africa at De Beers Diamond Oval here on Wednesday: BANGLADESH

Omar c Boucher b Elworthy

Rafiqul c Van Jaarsveld b Elworthy0 Bashar c Rhodes b Ntini Sanwar Ibw b Pollock 23 Imran Ibw b Pollock 0 Kapali Ibw b Peterson 20 Mashud c and b Pollock 23 Mahmud b Peterson

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Baisya c Gibbs b Pollock Anwar not out Jubair b Van Jaarsveld Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-1, w-10) 13

83, 5-93, 6-113, 7-150, 8-150, 9-151 O M R W Bowler Elworthy 8 1 25 8 25 3 24 Pollock 9 0 36 10 39 Peterson 1 Van Jaarsveld 0.1 0 0 **SOUTH AFRICA**

Total: (All out in 43.1 overs) 151

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-15, 3-83, 4-

Smith c Hossain b Jubair Gibbs b Baisya Van Jaarsveld c Omar b Jubair 42 Prince not out Rhodes not out Extras: (lb-8, nb-12, w-10) Total: (For 3 wkts in 25.4 overs)152 Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-73, 3-103

Did not bat: M Boucher, R Peterson, S Elworthy, A Donald, M

M R 0 33 0 Baisva Anwar 0 45 Jubair 1 41 0 17 Mahmud 3.4 0 8 Result: South Africa won by 7 wickets and take the series 3-0.

Man-of-the-match: Shaun Pollock. Man-of-the-series: Herschelle

Gibbs.

reasons why!

40,000 dollar

AFP, Busan

India's athletes have shone at the Asian Games track and field and 40,000 dollars is one reason why. The lump sum is given to every

Indian gold winner by the government in New Delhi, according to the sizable Indian media contingent in

With many of the stars who have seized gold coming from poor rural villages, a victory here is like winning the lottery with the stack of money amounting to several years wages "Most girls are from rural back-

grounds, from small villages where sport is the only form of entertainment," said Renu Kohli, coach of Sunita Rani, who won the 1,500m Thursday in a new Asian Games record time of 4:06.03. "The financial rewards for win-

real secret of India's success here is simple -- hard work. "Our success here is not surpris-

ning gold are a big incentive but the

ing to us. We have expected it 100 percent. "Before there was no decent

system in place for athletes in India but in the past few years it has improved a lot and it is paying India has so far won six gold,

three silver and three bronze on the track and field here, which included the women's 1,500m, discus and 200m titles Thursday.

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Hosts' heart broken

India's Leander Paes returns a shot at the net during his Asian Games men's

Lee Dong-Gook, who had scored in all of Korea's matches at the Asian Games, came on to replace Kim Eun-Jung after 60 minutes. Lee had a glorious chance to

seal victory in the final minute but he pulled his shot from six yards out across the face of the goal. The striker had another opportunity in the first half of extra-time, his

from captain Lee Young-Pyo flashing wide pf the left upright. A great ball from Lee Chun-Soo found Lee Dong-Gook in the penalty area with just five minutes of extra time remaining but his shot shaved

header from a well-flighted cross

JAPAN-THAILAND

Earlier a performance based on dogged defence, swift passing and a spectacular second goal by Keita Suzuki proved enough for the young

Japanese coach Masakuni Yamamoto said he told his side to soak up the early pressure and hit back at the Thais when the opportu-

"We knew they would come at us from the start and I told them not to panic and try and keep the score at

"It was important for the team to keep their shape because Thailand are a very quick side," added the coach who honed his skills working with Frenchman Philippe Troussier when he took the senior side to the

second round of the World Cup. "We have made history by reaching the final of the Asian Games for the first time and we are very happy

and proud.' Thailand, semi-finalists on home soil four years ago, squandered several early chances and they

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JUG QLL-QLL Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE I'M A LUMBERJACK, I MUST ADMIT I PARTICULARLY

SUGP L

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals B 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 apostro give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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were made to pay for their recklessness after 23 minutes when Shohei Ikeda scored from close range. Yuichi Nemoto's corner was headed back across goal by Hikaru

Mita and as the Thai defence made a terrible mess of trying to clear. Shimizu S-Pulse defender Ikeda drove home with his left foot. The second goal arrived just two minutes into the second half and it

will go down as one of the best of the tournament. As the Thai defence back-tracked, Urawa Reds midfielder Keita Suzuki unleashed a 30-yard right-foot drive which left Kittisak

Rawangpa no chance despite a desperate dive. Satoshi Nakayama added the third, and his fourth of the tournament, when he slotted in a cross from Hayuma Tanaka with six min-

Thailand coach Peter Withe said the scoreline flattered the Japanese and claimed his side were unlucky to lose by three goals.

"I don't think there was a threegoal difference tonight because we dominated the first half." he said. "But they had one shot on goal and scored from it. Then they defended really well and limited our

Army team after the final at Jessore Cantonment on Wednesday.