

Players and officials of Partex and BEXIMCO Pharma teams pose before the start of their eight-a-side cricket final at the DOHS Cricket Club ground yesterday. The eight-day carnival was organised by the DOHS Cricket Club to celebrate its promotion to the First Division League.

Khulna soccer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rafique Smrity Sangsad drew with Biddyut Kendra Youngmen's Club 2-2 in the National Bank Second Division Football League at the local stadium vesterday.

In other match of the day between Brothers Union and Challengers Soccer Club ended in a goalless draw.

TODAY'S MATCHES: Sumon Smrity Sangsad v Dumuria Tarun Sangha and Muslim Sporting Club v Balaka Sporting Club.

Dhaka clinch women's v'ball title3

OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

Dhaka District became champions in the Dhaka Divisional Women's volleyball competition beating Rajbari 2-0 at the local stadium

Div I handball

BSS. Dhaka

Dhanmondi Club overwhelmed Prime Sporting Club 20-8 in the Bata First Division Handball League at the court next to the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday

The winners led the first half 11-2. Bhratritta Samaj Kalyan Sangha drew 18-18 with Satirtha Club in

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taincy from Heath Streak, who suffered a shoulder injury in a motor accident in Colombo, Sri Lanka, last month. Streak will not be fit to play until January next year.

order batsman, has previously captained Zimbabwe but resigned following a series of poor results three years ago.

Zimbabwe squad: Alistair Campbell (capt), Andy Flower (vicecapt), Guy Whittall, Mark Vermeulin, Grant Flower, Tatenda Taibu, Blessing Mahwire, Campbell McMillan, Hamilton Masakadza, Andy Blignaut, Douglas Hondo, Mluleki Nkala, Dion Ebrahim, Stewart Matsikenyeri, Sean Ervine, Richard Sims, Gavin Ewing, Raymond Price, Travis Friend.

Aussies top one-day chart

Cricket

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Thursday named Australia as the world's best one-day side as they unveiled a new rankings system for the limited-overs game.

The world champions head the inaugural list, which is comprised of all ten Test nations and Kenya. followed by South Africa and Sri Lanka. Pakistan, India and England complete the top six.

The new ranking system has been devised by statistician and scorer David Kendix with a view to providing a context for every oneday game played, eliminating the so-called 'dead rubbers' where an individual match has no bearing on the outcome of a series or competi-

Speaking at Lord's, ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed outlined the premise behind the first official ODI team rankings and the intention of the game's governing body that every single one-day match is of some significance.

"One-day International cricket is a hugely important and successful part of the international game and official recognition of outstanding team performance is long overdue,

"Now the result of every one of the 120 or so matches that will be played between the 11 ODI countries over the next 12 months will count towards a country's rating.

"This will add a new dimension to the playing side of the game and contribute towards a greater spectator interest," he added.

The system has been designed to stand alongside the existing Test rankings, but places greater emphasis on current form, taking into account all ODI matches played over the previous 2-3 years, with the oldest results being constantly replaced by the newest every 12

The inaugural table reflects all ODI matches played since 1st August 2000. All ODIs played until next August (2003) will then be added to the table, so that by then the rankings will based on the maximum three years of results.

At this point, the first year's results will be dropped from the rankings so that only the last two years are represented. By this method it is possible that rankings could change overnight without any matches being played. The key principles in determining a side's ranking are the relative strength of opposition - there is greater reward for beating a higher ranked side -

and the equal weighting given to all matches, irrespective of significance, venue or the margin of victory

Therefore a side's movement up or down the table is dependent entirely on the quality of the opposition. Beating a superior side is worth more points than beating a lower ranked side, while losing to a country higher in the ranking incurs a lesser penalty than defeat against a supposedly weaker side.

A side's ranking, in simple terms, is simply an average worked out by dividing the points scored by the number of matches played.

The number of points scored is reached by a mathematical formula based on the result of the match and the ranking difference between the two sides. The rankings table will be updated after every match played around the world and posted on the ICC website (www.icc.cricket.org) to allow fans to track their side's

One feature of the website will be a 'Predictor' function which allows users to input future results and view the resulting changes in the A trophy is being constructed

which will be held by the leaders as long as they top the table

Proteas feel blue

UCB, govt in row over race quotas

Cricket

AFP, Cape Town Barely three months before South Campbell, a left-handed top Africa hosts the 2003 Cricket World Cup, the country's government and cricket board were at loggerheads on Thursday over the board's scrap-

> ping of race quotas. Sports Minister Ngconde Balfour released a report which recommended that quotas, setting out the minimum number of black players to be included in provincial and national teams, be reinstated.

The board, which scrapped quotas in July because it believed racial transformation in cricket was an established fact, rejected the report and released minutes of a

meeting with Balfour in which the minister made inflammatory com-

Balfour was quoted in the minutes as saying he went to cricket to watch black players like Makhaya Ntini and Paul Adams.

ments about the sport.

(white) players like Mark Boucher and Jacques Kallis. "Who is Jacques Kallis? Jacques

Kallis means nothing to me," he said, adding that black people wanted black people on the field.

At a press conference at which he released the report on Thursday. he responded by saying he sup-

Ministerial spokesman Graham Abrahams stopped further questions about the minutes because he said the ministry had not seen a copy of them.

Percy Sonn, president of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, who released the minutes. which were taken at a meeting on July 10, three days after the board decided to scrap quotas, said the UCB stood by its decision that the UCB rejected the terms of reference and the composition of the commission set up by the minister

Balfour accused Sonn of being "a law unto himself" and said the commission had found there had not been enough consultation within cricket before the decision was taken to scrap quotas.

The commission, headed by East London lawyer John Smith. recommended that the decision taken by the UCB "requires urgent and fundamental reconsideration" before the World Cup, which starts on February 8.

It recommended that quotas be reinstated with increased "transformation targets"

The report also said it was appropriate that government "play a leading role in the transformation of all spheres of society", which should include the setting up of a process to arrive at a national transformation charter for sport.

Balfour said he backed the recommendations of the commission but said the government would not enforce them. "It's a recommendation, not an order," he said.

Balfour said he did not believe "there is that big a gap between government and the UCB" and he would be happy to sit with the UCB and discuss the report. He did not believe the report or the row would adversely affect preparations for the World Cup

"When the World Cup opens the president and the cabinet will be there supporting the World Cup and supporting the South African team.'

Services Cup

SPORTS REPORTER

golf held

Nasir Mohammad Khan and Rani Padamsee clinched the men's and ladies' trophies in the Services Cup Tournament that ended at the Kurmitola Golf Club on Friday.

The two-day event was teed-off by KGC president and Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury on Thursday morning. He also gave away prizes at the

club in the evening OTHER RESULTS

Senior Winner: M H Samad, Junior Winner: Taosif Siddique, Winner Army: Brig Gen Shahedul Islam Mondol, Winner Navy: Rear Admiral Shah Igbal Mujtaba, Winner Air Force: Air Vice Marshal Fakhrul Azam, Winner (handicap 0-12): Farruque Ahmed, Winner (handicap 13-18) I K Hwang, Winner (handicap 19-24) Gp Capt M Aminul Haque, Runner-up: K J Yoon, Front Nine: Brig Gen Md Nurul Bashir, Back Nine: Razzak Sattar, Nearest to pin: Brig Gen MA Malek, Longest Drive: S Liaquat Ali, Winner (9 hole): Col Md Mujibul

Gough's war

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playing the best side in the world, that's an obvious statement again, but we all have a dream of winning the Ashes, whether it be this time, the next time or the one after."

Gough said England wasn't baulking at Australia's ominous form against Pakistan in Colombo and Shariah last month

"We beat Pakistan in Pakistan, which not many sides have done, and we beat Sri Lanka in Sri Lanka not many sides have done that either," Gough said.

"We've got a good side, and we believe we've got a realistic chance. If we bat like we did in the summer, and we bowl like we did in the subcontinent, we can beat anyone. The Aussies know that."

England will probably turn to

Andrew Caddick, Matthew Hoggard, Jones and left-arm spinner Ashley Giles to form its attack in the first Test while they wait for news The powerful Lancashire all-

rounder would need to play against Queensland to be considered for the Gabba Test Jones has played only one Test

but he was impressive earlier this week, claiming five wickets against Western Australia at the WACA

Knee test

FROM PAGE 13 "Every different ground and venue has a different surface and we get used to playing on them so it's not

that much of a deal," Vaughan said. "We're pretty confident because we gained some momentum (against Western Australia) last week and we have to continue it here but we realise we're up against a good team.'

Australian Test players Matthew Havden and Andrew Bichel were unavailable for Queensland, with the national squad assembling in Brisbane on Sunday.

Experienced wicketkeeper Wade Seccombe, who was an Ashes tourist last year, is expected to play despite receiving four stitches above his left eve during a fielding accident on Friday.

Queensland: Jimmy Maher (capt), Brendan Nash, Martin Love, Stuart Law, Andrew Symonds, Lee Carseldine, Wade Seccombe, Ashley Noffke, Nathan Hauritz, Michael Kasprowicz, Joe Dawes, Damien MacKenzie (likely 12th

England (likely): Nasser Hussain (capt), Marcus Trescothick, Michael Vaughan, Mark Butcher, Robert Key, Alec Stewart, Andrew Flintoff, Ashley Giles, Matthew Hoggard Simon Jones, Andrew Caddick Stephen Harmison (12th man to be

What to watch

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Bulgaria.

Third Test, Day Four Day Four, Highlights Same Day Delay at 8:30 pm Gillette World Sports Special Int'l Sports News Taped Version at 10:30 pm Sportsline Tonight Sport News Live at 8:00 pm India vs West Indies Third Test. Day Two Highlights Same Day Delay at 8:30 pm

Men lose

FROM PAGE 13 Hungary. The positions of Zhu Chen and Xu Yuhua left much to be

desired, but the duo scored 1.5 points, thanks to their tenacity. China ended the round with 13 points, just like France and Romania. France was a big 2.5-0.5 winner over the Czech Republic

while Romania whipped Yugoslavia, 2.5-0.5. Germany is solo at 12.5 points after disposing of ambitious Vietnam, which played without first board Hoang Tranh Than, With 12 points are USA, Kazakhstan and

UEFA Cup

First blood Larsson's

Football

AFP, Paris

Celtic's Swedish international Henrik Larsson settled the Battle of Britain UEFA Cup second round, first leg clash against Blackburn Rovers in Glasgow on Thursday.

Outplayed for much of the match, Celtic snatched the winner five minutes from the end of regulation time after substitute John Hartson rose above the Blackburn defence to head powerfully towards goal.

Blackburn's American international goalkeeper Brad Friedel produced his second brilliant instinctive save of the evening to keep Hartson's effort up but Larsson swept the ball home from close range to secure a famous victory for Martin O'Neill's side. It was the Swede's 176th goal in 222 games for Celtic and his 19th in 16 appearances this season.

Celtic goalkeeper Rab Douglas admitted that Blackburn had reason to be disappointed with the out-

"We didn't play that well in the first half, but got back in it in the second and got a cheeky wee goal at the end.

"It gives us a good start to go

down to Blackburn with.' A late winner from Harry Kewell earned Leeds a 1-0 victory over Israeli side Hapoel Tel Aviv at Elland

Australian striker Kewell found the net in the 82nd minute to give Terry Venables' side victory and end a streak of six matches without a win for the Yorkshiremen.

"It was very tough," Kewell admitted. "They came here to do a ioh - but there were a lot of chances and thankfully one went in. "We have been going through

some hard times, but we worked hard and it was a great relief for the whole team.' Fellow English Premiership side Fulham put in one of the most impressive wins of the day defeating Dynamo Zagreb 3-0 in Croatia to

take a huge stride towards the third The match turned in the 33th minute when Zagreb midfielder Kristijan Polovanec was sent-off for a foul on striker Luis Boa Morte and the Londoners took full advantage with Boa Morte opening the scoring

In the 60th minute, Japan's Junichi Inamoto made a precise pass to Frenchman Steve Marlet who scored the second with Barry Hayles adding the third in the 78th

three minutes later.

The historic first European club match between a Turkish and a Greek side was overshadowed by violence.

Fenerbahce and Panathinaikos drew 1-1 in Istanbul but leading government ministers from both nations were hit by missiles thrown from the crowd while there were also a large number of injuries when police intervened to break up fight-

ing between the two sets of fans Reports suggested that around 1.500 Greek fans were responsible for the assault on the officials. whose number included Greek foreign minister Georgios Papandreou and his Turkish counterpart Sukru Sina Gurel as well as Greek minister of culture Evangelos Venizelos and sports minister

Georgios Lianis. Elsewhere, a 10th minute goal from Stefano Fiore gave Lazio a slender 1-0 first leg win against Red Star Belgrade of Yugoslavia in Rome in a game watched by just

A late goal from Adrian Mutu secured a 2-1 win for Parma at home to Wisla Krakow of Poland where only 6,000 spectators managed to rouse themselves.



Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury (4th from R) poses with the golfers of the two-day Services Cup Tournament, which began on Thursday at the Kurmitola Golf Club. Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba (4th from L) and Air Vice Marshal Fakhrul Azam (3rd from R) were also present on the occasion.

EURO FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following are the fixtures of the major European Leagues:

Saturday: Torino v Brescia, Udinese v Bologna Sunday: AC Milan v Reggina, Atalanta v Piacenza, Como v Inter Milan

Empoli v Lazio, Modena v Juventus, Parma v Chievo, Roma v Perugia. PREMIERSHIP All fixtures (1500 GMT kick off unless stated)

Saturday: Birmingham v Bolton, Liverpool v West Ham, Manchester

United v Southampton, West Brom v Man City. Sunday: Blackburn v Aston Villa, Charlton v Sunderland (1605 GMT), Fulham v Arsenal (1400 GMT), Leeds v Everton, Tottenham v Chelsea (1400 GMT).

Monday: Newcastle v Middlesbrough (2000 GMT). PRIMERALIGA

Saturday (kick off GMT): Atletico v Rayo Vallecano (1600), Valladolid

v Real Mallorca (1600), Deportivo v Real Madrid (1930) Sunday: Espanyol v Valencia (1500), Osasuna v Recreativo Huelva (1500) Villarreal v Real Sociedad (1500) Betis v Malaga (1500) Athletic Bilbao v Celta Vigo (1500), Alaves v Sevilla (1700), Racing Santander v

Barcelona (1830) FRENCH FIRST DIVISION

Saturday: Lyon v Nice; Lens v Auxerre; Sochaux v Strasbourg; Marseille v Montpellier; Monaco v Le Havre; Bastia v Lille; Troyes v Guingamp: Rennes y Aiaccio

Sunday: Sedan v Paris Saint Germain: Nantes v Bordeaux BUNDÉSLIGA Saturday: Energie Cottbus v Schalke 04, Nuremberg v Borussia

Monchengladbach, 1860 Munich v Arminia Bielefeld, Hannover 96 v VfL Wolfsburg, Hansa Rostock v Kaiserslautern, Bayer Leverkusen v VfB Stuttgart, Borussia Dortmund v SV Hamburg. Sunday: Werder Bremen v Bayern Munich, VfL Bochum v Hertha Berlin

Hewitt, Agassi in qtrs



AFP,Paris

Top seed Lleyton Hewitt and second seed Andre Agassi stepped up their duel for the year-end number one ranking and also reached the Paris Masters Series quarterfinals on Thursday

Hewitt beat Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-2, 7-6 while Agassi ended Swede Thomas Johansson's lingering hopes of travelling to the season-ending Masters Cup in Shanghai with a 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 tri-

Australian Open champion Johansson, hoping to edge out French Open winner Albert Costa to take the place in Shanghai reserved for the highest-ranked Grand Slam winner, bagged the opening set tiebreak But Agassi roared back to take

their career series to 5-0 and set up a match with Carlos Mova of Spain conqueror of French seventh seed Sebastien Grosiean, who squandered six match points in a souldestroying 3-6, 7-6, 6-1 defeat

match-up at Roland Garros three vears ago. Agassi, in the twilight of his

Agassi beat Moya in their only

career at 32, said he was still loving the challenge of chasing Hewitt, while admitting to a tinge in his left

leg.
"At this stage of my career it's challenging to be out there competing against these guys. I think it's an incredible achievement for anybody to be number one at any stage of their career - for me to be in position is an incredible feeling," said the Las Vegan, whose win sends Costa to Shanghai.

Swiss eighth seed Roger Federer also secured his ticket for China - and a quarter-final here with Hewitt - by defeating German ninth seed Tommy Haas 6-2, 7-6.

Haas' loss handed Spaniard Juan Carlos Ferrero qualification for Shanghai, joining Hewitt, Agassi, Marat Safin, Federer and Costa.

Safin, champion here two years ago, beat Dutchman Sjeng Schalken 7-5, 7-5.

But British sixth seed Tim Henman is out of Masters Cup contention after going down 6-4, 6-2 to Nicolas Escude of France, who now meets Safin.

Korea snatch **AFC U-20** crown

AFP, Doha

A stunning Jung Jo-Gook goldengoal winner seven minutes into extra-time saw South Korea crowned Asian Under-20 champions after defeating Japan 1-0 in the

FA chief quits

final here on Thursday night.

AFP, London

The English Football Association were on Friday looking for a new applicant to replace former chief executive Adam Crozier who resigned in the wake of Premier League plans to gain more influence

Shiv again

FROM PAGE 13 Chris Gayle (88) and skipper Carl Hooper (19) fell in the morning

Left-arm seamer Ashish Nehra and Kumble shared the early wickets to raise India's hopes of seizing the initiative after the tourists

resumed at 189-3 **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the third and final cricket Test between India and the West Indies at the Eden Gardens here on Friday: INDIA: First innings 358 (S Bangar

77: M Dillon 3-82) WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 189-3)

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Hinds c Ganguly b Harbhaian

Sarwan st Patel b Harbhaian Dillon b Harbhaian Chanderpaul not out 136 19 Hooper c Patel b Nehra Samuels not out Extras: (lb-6, nb-6) Total: (For 5 wkts in 157 overs) 446 Fall of wickets: 1-172, 2-186, 3-186,

Bowler 19 3 62 Srinath 9 Nehra 23 66 Harbhajan 52 15 101 Kumble 8 150 Bangar 3 14 0 Tendulkar 33 Sehwag 0 14 Toss: India

Umpires: David Shepherd (Eng) and Asoka de Silva (Sri)

TV umpire: Avi Jayaprakash (Ind) Match-referee: Mike Proctor

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NA MRQU, KU NIVCL LN ZKRM ENWUZ." WDNF: "ZIEU VRHU." Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IT'S ONLY LOGICAL THAT HIGH JUMPERS SHOULD DO A MUCH

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals P The Cryotoguip 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.

He said he did not go to watch

ported all members of the South African team but that he had been particularly excited in a Test match at Newlands last season when Ntini and Adams were bowling in tandem

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BETTER JOB DURING LEAP YEAR.