## **AIUB** atop table

BSS. Dhaka

Hosts American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) were leading the medals table of the AIUB First Inter-Private University Games with 12 medals, including five after the second day of the Games yes-

The IUB are in second position with five medals, including three gold, while UAP remain third winning five medals with two gold.

Following are the results of

some events on day two: KABADI: AIUB clinched the gold defeating MIU 66-37 in the final while DIU grabbed the bronze.

HANDBALL: NSU trounced DIUK 28-3 while AIUB defeated IIUC 5-2 to brighten their gold medal hopes in the event. They will meet in the deciding match today.

TABLE TENNIS: Huang Sifeng of North South University won gold in the women's singles defeating Ashraf Asfia of AIUB 21-6, 21-2.

BASKETBALL: AUB defeated AIUB 83-51 while NSU beat IIUC 69-46 to enter the final at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium. The final takes place today.

The two-day Games concludes today with a spectacular closing ceremony at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman is expected to attend the ceremony as the chief

Eleven non-government universities took part in 11 disciplines.

Fed Cup final

# Slovakia draw level

**REUTERS,** Maspalomas

Daniela Hantuchova showed the form that has rocketed her into the world's top 10 this year to beat Magui Serna and pull Slovakia level with Spain in the Fed Cup final.

Conchita Martinez had earlier defeated Janette Husarova 6-4, 7-6 to give the hosts, chasing a sixth Fed Cup victory, a flying start. But Hantuchova then outclassed Serna 6-2, 6-1 to leave the best-of-five final poised at 1-1.

Hantuchova, the event's highestranked player at number eight, was close to her imperious best as she outplayed Serna, a late replacement for Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario who pulled out of the opening day's singles because of a thigh injury.

"It didn't matter to me who I was playing because I just play my own game," Hantuchova said. "Of course I had to change tactics a little. Magui has a good 'lefty' serve but I was really pleased with the way

# Ganguly delighted

FROM PAGE 13 cap it off with a win," he said.

"But it was a 50-60 per cent improvement in our performances. We have been struggling to get three figure scores but (Shivnarine) Chanderpaul, (Wavell) Hinds and (Marlon) Samuels came through. "For once, we put India under

pressure," added Hooper. Hooper conceded Sunday that Tendulkar and Laxman had taken the third and final Test away from his

"The morning session today was very important. But Sachin and Laxman played very well to deny us a win," said Hooper. "Tendulkar is a world-class player and we have to

admit that. Hooper said his team's batting had been a high point in the third

"We batted well here, which we couldn't do in the last two Tests. But our fielding was as poor as in previous matches," said Hooper.

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# Jason nearly fit

Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

Australian paceman Jason Gillespie is searching for a lengthy hit-out in the nets on Tuesday before declaring himself ready to take on England in the first Ashes Test at the Gabba on Thursday.

Gillespie joined the Test squad nere on Sunday with an encouraging fitness report on the injured calf muscle, which kept him out of Australia's last two Test victories over Pakistan in Sharjah last month.

He bowled 10 overs for South Australia in their one-day loss to New South Wales at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday but wants a workout in the Brisbane humidity to satisfy medical staff he is fit for a five-day Test.

"My calf pulled up a little bit stiff but that was to be expected. It didn't pull up sore where I actually strained it and I'm happy with that," Gillespie said on Sunday.

"I'm sore all over from not a lot of bowling in the last few weeks but I'm feeling very confident (of playing).

"But I want to have a really good bowl on Tuesday after a light bowl tomorrow (Monday) and see how I

If Gillespie is passed fit, Australian selectors must decide between Brett Lee and Andrew Bichel for the third and final fast bowling place.

Captain Steve Waugh wasn't willing to split the pair on Sunday even though Bichel enters the series with far better statistics than



**JASON GILLESPIE** 

Lee in the last two seasons. 'You have to remember that (Lee's) had a serious injury - he's had a shoulder reconstruction. It takes time to get over something like that and sometimes we just expect people to pick up where they left,"

"It's going to be a tough decision

"Brett bowled really well in the second innings in Sharjah. He bowled a good line, and Andy was great in both Test matches.

"He's found a yard in pace since last year and he looks the complete Test bowler and I think he really believes he's a Test bowler

"But (Gillespie) has got to make sure he's 100 per cent right first." Waugh was a spectator at Allan Border Field where England's Test attack was being thrashed by

Queensland on a flat wicket in a

three-day tour match. "You don't want to read too much into these games because they're not a good indication of what might happen in the first Test," Waugh

"From our point of view, it's pretty good, but England has had the chance to work a few things out in the field

"They can take some positives from what's going on. It's not a complete loss "I played in that 1986-87 (Ashes)

series that we lost and I don't remember England's form being that crash-hot before the series.

"You don't want to peak in these games, you want to work things out and get little bits and pieces right."



Kent, with two wickets, was the

most successful and economical

bowler conceding 32 runs off 15

Scoreboard at close of play on the

second day of the four-day cricket

tour match between the Rest of

South Africa and Sri Lanka at the

Total: (For 5 wkts in 96 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-84, 3-85, 4-137,

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Arnold Ibw b Kruger

Sangakkara run out

Tillekaratne not out

Fernando not out

Extras: (b-4, nb-4)

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Joubert

De Lange

Henderson

**SCOREBOARD** 

Action from the kabadi match between AIUB and NSU yesterday.

Lankans down

## MSC complete **Elements slow**

League titles. It was Mohammedan's eighth triumph in the

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman witnessed the final as chief guest and handed over a cheque of Taka three lakh to the winners. Runners-up Muktijoddha received Taka two lakh.

Mohammedan forward Rokonuzzaman Kanchan, who scored six goals in the tournament, was declared player-of-thetournament.

Red card: Salisu (MSC) Yellow cards: Joy (MSC) and Abdullah (Muktijoddha Sangsad). **TEAMS** 

Mohammedan SC: Bijan, Jewel Rana, Riadh, Mahmudul Hasan, Monwar (Sentu), Joy, Kanchan (Pappu), Faisal (Nakib), Turabikov, Salisu and Farhad.

Muktijoddha Sangsad: Biplab, Hasan Al-Mamun, Rajani, Papel, Lajuk, Abdullah (Belal), Rakib, Asif, Arman, Sunday (Mehdi) and Alfaz (Haris). Referee: Maruf Sikder

Sunday: QUEENSLAND: First innings Maher c Butcher b Caddick Nash c Trescothick b Caddick 18 Love Ibw b Hoggard Law cand b Flintoff Symonds c Stewart b Flintoff 47 Carseldine c Flintoff b Giles

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Vaughan not out Hoggard not out Extras (lb5, nb5) 106

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# Snooker crown

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goes to Zia

Zia-ur-Rahman Azad of Winia Snooker Parlour won the snooker title in the Gulshan Club President Gold Cup Billiards and Snooker Tournament on Saturday.

In the final he edged past Dhaka Club's M Yasir Farooque by six frames to five.

The final of the billiards competition will be held today.

### Nat'l youth v'ball Comilla clinch title

BSS. Dhaka

Comilla clinched the title of the Silver Line Group National Youth Volleyball Championship defeating Jessore 3-1 at the Volleyball Stadium yesterdav. Earlier, Satkhira beat Rajshahi 3-

2 to grab the third spot. Ten district teams took part in the

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman distributed prizes as chief quest

# **Burger baffles** Kenya

AFP. Nairobi

Jan Berry-Burger hit a century to lead Namibia to a four-wicket upset win over Kenya in the first of four one-day matches here on Saturday.

Chasing Kenya's 271 for six in 50 overs, Namibia, reached the target with two balls to spare.

Burger's 110 runs laid the foundation for the stunning victory, a morale boost for the Namibians, who will make its debut in the 2003 Cricket World Cup in South Africa.

Burger cracked 10 fours in his impressive display before he was bowled by Tony Suji in the 45th over.

Kenyan captain Steve Tikolo top scored for his side with 88. The two teams play each other on Sunday.

# Spirited Eng

shots square of the wicket in a sign they can challenge the Australian

#### **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the three-day cricket tour match between Queensland and England at Allan Border Field on

Fall of wickets: 1-60, 2-65, 3-193, 4-298, 5-423, 6-431, 7-515, 8-570, 9-570, 10-582. 0 М R W

Butcher **ENGLAND:** First innings 10 Total (For one wkt in 20 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-100 W



matches and gave Venus a scare at

# Hewitt, Safin showdown



**REUTERS**, Paris

Top seed Lleyton Hewitt survived a battering from Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan before securing a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 victory to book his place in

the Paris Masters final. The 21-year-old Australian will face Marat Safin on Sunday after the Russian beat Spain's Carlos Moya 7-5, 7-6.

Hewitt looked to be heading for a straightforward win as errors flowed off Paradorn's racket in the opening set. But the 23-year-old Thai, with nine successive victories under his belt, hit back with some sensational tennis to level the match.

The momentum appeared to have swung completely in Paradorn's favour at 3-3 in the decider when Hewitt stood at 0-40.



# PENPIX OF FINALISTS

REUTERS, Paris

Top seed Lleyton Hewitt of Australia is to meet Russian Marat Safin in the Paris ATP Masters Series final

Following are short biographies of the two finalists. (prefix number denotes seedina).

1-Lleyton Hewitt (U.S.) Age: 21

Lives: Adelaide, Australia Plays: Right-handed, double-handed backhand

Grand Slam titles: Two (US Open 2001 - Wimbledon - 2002)

Record at Paris Masters: 1999-third round, 2001-second round After a disappointing start to the season when he was forced to miss his

home grand slam because of chicken pox, Hewitt is on course to end the year as world number one for the second time after becoming the youngest man to achieve the feat in 2001. He made up for missing the Australian Open by winning Wimbledon in

July and has collected three other titles this season at San Jose, the Masters Series at Indian Wells and Queen's Club. Since winning Wimbledon, he has been in the final of the Masters Series

in Cincinnati and the semi-final of the U.S. Open where he was defeated by A virus has kept him quiet during the indoor season but he has returned with a vengeance in Paris.

ROAD TO FINAL First round: Bye

Second round: beat Jarkko Nieminen (Finland) 6-2, 6-4. Third round: beat Yevgeny Kafelnikov (Russia) 6-2, 7-6. Quarterfinal: beat Roger Federer (Switzerland) 6-4, 6-4 Semifinal: beat Paradorn Srichaphan (Thailand) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3

3-Marat Safin (Russia)

**Age**: 22 Lives: Monte Carlo

Plays: Right-handed, double-handed backhand

Grand Slam titles: 1 (US Open 2000) **Record at Paris Masters**: 1999-final, 2000-winner, 2001-third round Since capturing his first grand slam title by thrashing Pete Sampras at Flushing Meadow in 2000, the giant Russian has surprisingly failed to add a

Was odds on to win the Australian Open in January but played poorly in

losing to Sweden's Thomas Johansson in the final. Reached the semi-final at Roland Garros, where he lost to Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero, and the final in the Hamburg Masters Series and has been instrumental in Russia's surge to the Davis Cup final.

Suffered a disappointing indoor season until Paris but appears to have rediscovered his form just in time to break his 2002 title duck.

ROAD TO FINAL First round: Bye

Second round: beat David Nalbandian (Argentina) 6-3, 6-2. Third round: beat Sjeng Schalken (Netherlands) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. Quarter-final: beat Nicolas Escude (France) 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. **Semi-final**: beat Carlos Moya (France) 7-5, 7-6. **HEAD-TO-HEADS** 

1999-Davis Cup, Australia (grass) Hewitt 7-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. 1999-Stuttgart indoor (hard) Safin 7-6, 3-6, 6-2. 2000-Tennis Masters Cup, Portugal (hard) Safin 6-4, 6-4. 2001-World Team Cup, Germany (clay) Hewitt 6-3, 6-4. 2002-Miami Masters Series, (hard) Hewitt 2-6, 6-2, 7-6. 2002-Hamburg Masters Series (clay) Safin 6-3, 6-1.

# Hewitt made him pay in the next

Paradorn saved two match points with backhand winners but floated another backhand long on the third to hand Hewitt victory in just

under two hours. "I wasn't surprised at how well he played," said Hewitt. "He's had a great second half of the year and is full of confidence. I felt I didn't hit the ball as well as I can but I just

toughed it out. "He could smell the break when I was down 0-40 at 3-3 in the third, but after I got through that game I knew he would be a bit down.

"I just had to hold my serve as much as possible and take my chances when I could."

Paradorn, who has jumped more than 100 places in the rankings this year and will be around the 15 mark on next week's ATP list, said he was just one point away from pulling on the lucky red shirt he saves for "finishing off" matches.

"If I had got that break to lead 4-3 I would have put on the shirt," he said. "I'm still happy with the way I played even though lost, it was just a couple of points that decided it in the

"Semi-finals here at my first attempt, that's great for me. Next year I'll come back and try and do

Earlier, on centre court Safin reached his third Paris Masters final in four years with a comfortable victory over Moya who failed to repeat the form that toppled Andre Agassi and defending champion Sebastien Grosjean.

Safin, in outstanding form this week, believes he is playing better now than when he crushed Pete Sampras in the 2000 US Open final. "I'm playing much better, I'm

feeling good and have got my confidence back," said the 22-year-old who is still looking for his first title of the year after failing at the final hurdle in the Australian Open and Hamburg Masters.

"Now I hope I can play like this for another few weeks, for the Davis Cup final and (the Masters Cup) in Shanghai." The third seed was always in

control against the 10th-seeded Spaniard who looked jaded after his earlier exploits. Safin missed a chance to break Moya's serve in the eighth game of

the first set and squandered two set points two games later. There was no escape for Moya as he served at 5-6, however, as Safin clinched the set in 45 minutes

with a drop volley. The pattern was repeated in the second set as Mova was made to work hard to hold serve, while never remotely threatening the Russian's

booming delivery. Moya did well to push Safin into a tiebreak. But when he failed to put away an easy smash. Safin pounced to arrow a forehand down the line for victory.

## Booters camp

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letter on Thursday and we are definitely going to take the chance to play some practice matches," said

Roy also revealed that the BFF will start the under-14 camp from November 7 for AFC football festival

the US Open before succumbing in

Lindsay Davenport, an ankle

injury permitting, will also be hungry

to cap her impressive comeback

with her first tournament win of the

out of last year's final, handing

Serena the title, giving her further

highly unusual position of being

unseeded for the event in which

players are ranked according to

to highlight the form players, but it

has not worked in the case of a

slumping Jennifer Capriati.

last eight of the US Open.

Conchita Martinez.

Such a rating system is designed

In normal circumstances the

world number three would be con-

sidered a strong contender for the

title, but the Australian Open cham-

pion has won just one match since

losing to Amelie Mauresmo in the

0-6 3-6 thrashing by veteran

The run reached its nadir with a

their performances over the year.

motivation to go one better.

The American was forced to pull

But Davenport finds herself in the

#### Injured Sachin FROM PAGE 13

one-dayers against the hosts, the series commencing at Jamshedpur on November 6.

**TEAM** 

Yadav.

Saurav Ganguly (capt), Virender Sehwag, Dinesh Mongia, Rahul Dravid, Venkatsai Laxman, Yuvrai Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Javagal Srinath, Ashish Nehra, Sanjay Bangar, Ajit Agarkar, Jai Prakash

# Perfection thy name is Serena

three sets.



**BBC ONLINE, London** 

Serena Williams will get the opportunity to cement her position as the world's best player in the WTA endof-season championships.

The younger Williams sister has won eight of the 12 events she has entered this year, including three **Grand Slams** 

Her achievements have taken her to the world number one position and put her older sibling, and her only rival. Venus firmly in the shade. Serena now heads to Los

Angeles, the new venue for the

WTA's flagship event, along with 15 of the world's best - including a fullyrested Venus. The injury-troubled 22-year-old has not played since losing to Magdalena Maleeva at the Kremlin

Cup in September and will be keen

to end her year on a more positive

Rubin has troubled both Williams sisters this year

Venus has lost the last three Grand Slam finals to Serena and her tally of six titles is unlikely to make up for the disappointment of ending the year without a Major.

on a fourth all-Williams final in Los Angeles, there are several players who could upset the family monop-Chanda Rubin is the only player

to beat Serena in her last 37

But though the smart money is

Italy's Silvia Farina Elia will have high hopes of causing the first upset of the tournament when she takes on Capriati in the first round.

Russia's Elena Dementieva was

the last qualifier for the event, other-

wise she might have been heading

to the Volvo Women's Open

Top seed Nadia Petrova will be bidding to take advantage of the absence of the world's top 16 in Thailand to capture her first title.

#### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer **ACROSS 38** Eye DOWN 20 Diving 1 Sci-fi shade? 1 Ordered 22 Off-white 40 "OK --villain 2 Crazy 5 Bridge-23 Concept me' one table coup 41 Comedian 3 Burden 24 Jungfrau, 9 Pleasure e.g. **43** WKRP 25 Spelldown 12 Top-notch 13 Greek 5 Deadly 26 Goat-hair employee 47 Census vowel 14"The datum 6 Gehrig or 27 Un-48 Welfare Daba Gossett tethered 29 10th Honey 7 8-Down, queue 51 Prickly moon' for ex. anniver 15 Dunk 8 Gardner sary them hero 17 Intimidate 52 McNally's 9 Johnny 30 Smeltery 18 Follows partner Carson's input 19 "The Old 53 Black, in prede-35 Mai — Bucket follower verse cessor 21 "Gracious!" 54 Bishop's 10 Reed 37 Aglet 22 Beefcake 39 Striped **CRYPTOQUIP** 55 Includes poster 11 Indicate 24 Elemen-56 Hamilton 40 Founda DSZF-DPZF tary knowlbills 16 "Yo!" RBSNRZWOX 41 Pokes edge WP GSTJRMHBR 27 Govern-42 Chills and Solution time: 25 mins. fever ment agt. O P W WMRX 28 Green 43 Pops

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NEVER ASK SKELETONS TO DO ANYTHING DANGEROUS OR DARING. THEY HAVE NO GUTS AT ALL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals T

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.

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Cricket

Sri Lanka added a further 89 runs to

their overnight score of 226 for four,

before bad weather ended play with

the score on 315 for five at the

Lenasia Stadium south of

When the weather had the final

say with two sessions left to play,

Hashan Tillekaratne, 71, and

Hasantha Fernando, 47, had struck

up a partnership of 74 for the sixth

tour, was particularly harsh on

quickie Garnett Kruger smashing him

for 16 runs including one almighty six,

he launched over square-leg onto the

Overnight batsmen Mahela

Jayawardene and Tillekaratne on 66

and 40 respectively added 15 runs

before Jayawardene - 76 off 165 balls

that included 11 fours - edged a rising

delivery from Jon Kent into the hands

Before that the pair had knocked

Rookie Fernando, making his first

Johannesburg on Saturday.

AFP, Lenasia

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of second slip.

up 104 for the fifth wicket.

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