

Sport

The Daily Star

Div I hockey **Azad blank Bachelors**

UNB, Dhaka

Azad Sporting Club made a flying start in the Green Delta Metropolis First Division Hockey League as they crushed Bachelors SC 7-0 in the opening match at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Skipper Russel Mahmud, who opened the account in the 19th minute from a penalty corner, scored two more goals in the 29th and 52nd minutes. Zahid, Asif, Iqbal and Nannu netted the remaining goals for the winners.

In the day's other match, Farashganj SC beat Shisu Kishore Sangha 2-0 at the same venue.

Arafat put Farashganj ahead in the 40th minute while Raju doubled the margin just one minute before the long whistle.

Eight teams Farashganj SC, Azad SC, Dhaka Wanderers Club, Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha, Barnak Samaj, Victoria SC, Bachelor SC and Shishu Kishore SC are taking part in the league.

Nat'l h'ball **Qualifiers from** tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

Pepsi 16th National Handball Championships begins in Dinajpur tomorrow.

A total of 32 men's teams and 36 women's teams would take part in

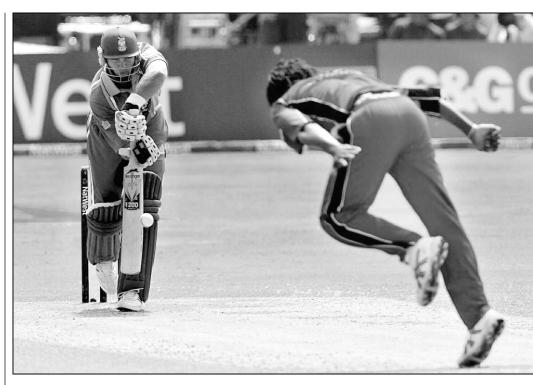
The Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF), the organisers of the meet, have estimated a budget of Taka 8.32 lakh for the championships. Sponsors Transcom Beverage Company Limited will provide Taka 6 lakh.

A press conference in this connection was held at the National Sports Council conference room vesterday.

Chaired by BHF president Lt Col (retd) MA Hamid, the briefing was attended by BHF general secretary Asaduzzaman Kohinoor and Golam Murshed, market development manager of Transcom Beverage Company.

BCB picks 23 for age-group camp

UNB, Dhaka



MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: South Africa's Jacques Kallis plays one defensively during his match-winning knock of 125 not out against Zimbabwe in the NatWest Series on June 29.

Kallis ton succeeds now

ping straight to Smith at mid-wicket, having faced 68 balls includ-

fashion, lofting Boje for another six,

and with 20 overs to go Zimbabwe

needed another 140 runs.

Friend continued in aggressive

But on 82 Friend was bowled by

ing five fours.

two for 29.

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Cricket

Jacques Kallis' second hundred in

two days was the cornerstone of

at this level, came just 24 hours after his 107 in South Africa's six wicket

defeat by England at The Oval on

At Canterbury, Kallis faced 147

In reply to South Africa's 272 for

Dion Ebrahim and Friend com-

Both men started cautiously

before hitting authoritative bound-

Friend, on 42, however, was dropped by South Africa captain Graeme Smith, running back from

mid-off, off the bowling of medium-

AFP, Canterbury

South Africa's 46-run win over The zonal qualifying rounds of the Zimbabwe in the triangular series one-day international here on Sunday. Kallis' one-day international best of 125 not out, his 10th hundred

the zonal rounds.

Saturday, the Proteas' first game of the tournament. balls including one six and 14 fours.

five, Zimbabwe could only manage 226 for nine, Travis Friend top scoring with 82. South Africa all-rounder Andrew Hall made a dashing 56 and then weighed in with three for 38 in his contribution to victory which means all three teams now have a

win apiece. piled a second-wicket stand of 109 in 132 balls, Zimbabwe's best for any wicket against South Africa in a one-day international.

Friend, whose fifty came off 60 balls, including five fours, then promptly lofted left-arm spinner NickyBoje for a straight six. The Development Committee of

aries.

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Friend b Hall

Hall had already justified his promotion up the order, after his eight-ball unbeaten 23 on Saturday, 212 by the way he partnered Kallis in a ourth-wicket stand of 91 in 88 balls. Bowler Pollock Hall faced just 51 balls including three sixes and three fours as he revived South Africa's innings. Ntini

1	Result: South runs.	Africa	won by	
3	Kallis	6	0	30
ş	Boje	7	0	30
L	Dawson	8	0	47
	Hall	9	0	38

Man-of-the-match: Jacques Kallis Toss: Zimbabwe

Nipa's 2nd gold

BSS, Dhaka

Nipa Bose claimed one more gold in the Special Olympic Games as she won the standing long-jump on the concluding day of the event in Dublin in Ireland on June 29.

She earlier won the 50-metre

It was a good outing for Bangladesh as they finished the Apr 18: First ODI, Guyana

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Brian exudes confidence Semifinalists Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

REUTERS, Kingston

per Brian Lara.

years ago.

Cricket

Inter-national announced

Ludgrove had planned to auc-tion the cap, which Bradman wore during his final Test series in

England in 1948, next month in

London, but private pre-auction offers were so great that it decided

on an immediate sale, it said

AFP, Melbourne

Monday.

of 92.

Africa when the Caribbean side

plays a four-Test series there at the

end of this year, according to skip-

"At the beginning of this year I would have said that we'd do well to win a Test match in South Africa,

The West Indies skipper said he was enjoying the role of nurturing new talent in his second stint as

captain, but acknowledged that he

was keen to wipe out the memory of

captaining a disastrous 5-0 series whitewash in South Africa four

World record

is The Don

series win over Sri Lanka.

ATN Bangla, Ajker Kagoj and Jugantor reached the semifinals of A fast-maturing West Indies team will be in a position to beat South the Pepsi Media Cup cricket tour-nament at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yester-

Media Cup

complete

ATN Bangla will take on Dainik Sangbad in the first semifinal while Ajker Kagoj meet Dainik Jugantor in the other semi.

Jugantor advanced into the last four with an exciting right-run victory over Channel-i. Making a guest appearance The Daily Star reporter Rabeed Imam once again played an important role in Jugantor's success in the high-scoringdrama scoring drama.

Rabeed scored highest 29 not out in Jugantor's impressive total of 107-3 in 6 overs. Channel-I, in reply, made 99 for 2 in 6 overs.

It was Rabeed's successive match-winning effort after his all-round show against Manobjami on Sunday.

ATN Bangla confirmed their semifinal berth with a massive 83-run victory over the New Nation in the day's first match. ATN Bangla scored mammoth 141 runs for 2 in stipulated 6 overs while the New Nation, in reply, made 58 for 3 in 6 overs.

Kabadi final today

UNB, Dhaka

An anonymous Australian buyer has paid a record 425,000 dollars (283,000 US) for the baggy green cap worn by Sir Donald Bradman Holders Bangladesh Rifles take on Bangladesh Army in the final of the 8th Premier Division Kabadi League at outer stadium kabadi when he ended his legendary Test career, auctioneers Ludgrove's court today

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman will distrib-ute prizes after the final. It was the highest price yet paid for a bit of memorabilia linked to Bradman, cricket's legendary batsman who died in 2001 at the age

England alter WI itinerary

REUTERS, London

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) on Monday announced that the fourth Test on England's tour of the West Indies next year will be played from April 10-14 instead of April 9-13.

REVISED ITINERARY

Mar 1-3:3-day match, Jamaica Mar 5-7: 3-day match, Jamaica Mar 11-15: First Test, Jamaica Mar 19-23: Second Test, Trinidad Mar 26-28: 3-day match, Barbados Apr 1-5: Third Test, Barbados Apr 10-14: Fourth Test, Antigua Apr 16: One-day match, Guyana

Warne returning!

Disgraced Test spin bowler Shane

Warne will make a comeback of

sorts next month when he joins

Channel Nine's commentary team

for Australia's cricket series against

Bangladesh, the network said on

It will be the 33-year-old leg-

spinner's first commentary role

the court and forcing her into an uncharacteristically high level of niorcea errors.

"That series sort of derailed Brian Lara and derailed West Indies cricket. If we can take out South ets in three Sri Lankan innings to prove that his labelling as a one-day specialist was, in the words of Lara Africa this time that will set us up for a mishap' The joker in the West Indies pack is Lawson, who took seven for 78 against Australia in a Test in May,

going down to Australia for our next series there. Then I'll be able to tell you how far we have come," he said. A rich array of young West Indies batting talent began emerging only to face official complaints about a suspect action. several years ago, and players such as Ramnaresh Sarwan, Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds and Marlon Samuels He is currently recovering from a back injury and undergoing reme-

have joined Chanderpaul in confirming their potential.

But it was the bowling depart-ment that was the decisive factor in the second Test against Sri Lanka, a low-scoring affair that was wrapped up before the end of the third day. but now I expect us to win the series," he said on Sunday, shortly after the West Indies clinched a 1-0 West Indies' seven-wicket win

"With (batsman Shivnarine) was due, in large measure, to the efforts of three fast bowlers who could boast just four previous Test games between them. Chanderpaul fit again, and hope-fully Jermain Lawson back and bowling at the speed he was before getting injured, I expect us to beat the South Africans," Lara declared.

five for 36.

ance.

"We've worked over the last Among them were Jerome Taylor, 19, who made his Test debut last week, and Fidel Eduards, 21, three months to get the right combi-nation and the right attitude. I'd say we now have the right 16 or 17 whose roughneck round-arm action and capacity to swing the ball earned him first innings figures of players to choose from to do well over the long term ... I'm really looking forward to the future," he

Even more impressive was Corey Collymore, who collected 14 wick-West Indies tour Zimbabwe and South Africa at the end of this year.

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Lara stressed that more experi

enced bowlers such as Vasbert Drakes and Mervyn Dillon still had

an important role to play in leading

new era was dawning for the team that had suffered home series defeats to South Africa, New Zealand and Australia in successive

However, he was adamant that a

CRICINFO, undated

Russel Endean, the former South African Test cricketer, died at his home in England on Saturday, aged

The unnamed buyer plans to bring the cap back from England and put it on display in Australia, Ludgrove's said. Endean, who was born on May 31, 1924, played in 28 Tests between August 1951, when he opened the Bradman wore the cap when he batting against England at The Oval and kept wicket for the one and only time, and March 1958.

ries and then when he made the most famous duck in cricketing history in his final Test appear-He made three centuries, with a highest score of 162 not out against Australia at Melbourne in 1952-53.

Bradman had given the cap to is English godson, who consigned That series was the zenith of his career. He scored 438 runs at 48.66 in the five Tests, to secure South Africa a The purchase ended a cam-2-2 share of the series. It was the first paign led by the News Limited newspaper group to raise public donations to secure the cap. time that South Africa had avoided defeat by Australia in eight rubbers.

Ludgrove's said the price paid for Bradman's last Test cap sur-passed the previous record paid for "Russel had such a huge heart," said Roy McLean, South Africa's attacking middle-order batsman, the cap worn by The Don during a 1948-1948 Indian series. and a teammate and friend of Endean's. Ludgrove's has never disclosed the amount paid for the earlier cap by a

"He was a complete cricketer and played an integral part in South African cricket in the fifties."

Serena & others dodge rain

next four games to complete her

Former champion Davenport

private buyer in February.

scored the last of his 29 Test centu-

it to Ludgrove's for sale.

FROM PAGE 13 be a trigger for Venus to step up a Venus being constrained by the gear again and she reeled off the abdominal muscle injury that contributed to her defeat by Zvonareva at the same stage in

Paris a month ago. Then, the young Russian was able to dictate the pace of the play, dragging Venus from one side of

wrapped up the first set in 29 min-

victory

Asagoe.

Asked about her clash with the elder of the Williams sisters, she said: "I'm going to just go out there and try to be aggressive, and try to serve well above all."

wept through with a crushing 6-4, Belgian second seed Clijsters 6-1 defeat of Japan's Shinobu left personal friendship to one side and bludgeoned doubles partner Ai Sugiyama of Japan 6-3, 6-2 in her Davenport broke serve in the fourth round match. opening game of the match and

Clijsters quickly settled into her

medium-pacer Hall having faced 93 balls including two sixes and five fours. At 146 for three in the 34th over Zimbabwe were unable to maintain their impetus. Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 226 Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-112, 3-146, 4-158, 5-170, 6-176, 7-178, 8-200, 9-O M R 10 1 35 10 1 44 Fast bowler Douglas Hondo, in for Gary Brent after missing Zimbabwe's four-wicket series opening win against England on Thursday with a knee injury, took One ball before the end of the innings Zimbabwe pace bowler Andy Blignaut was ordered out of **Umpires: Billy Bowden (New** Zealand) and Neil Mallender the attack by the umpires for bowl-(England) ing his second full toss above waste

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Ajker Kagoj defeated Dainik Janakantha by two wickets, scoring 88 runs for 2 in 6 overs in reply to 84

Bangladesh Cricket Board initially picked up 23 juvenile cricketers to conduct a series of training programmes and selection trials for the formation of a 13-year agegroup national squad.

The selected players are: Nasir Hossain, Ariful Haq, Shamiul Islam, Hamidul Islam, SM Imran, Mobassir Khan (Rajshahi), Shahed Mohammad, Al Imran, Sohel Rana, Nazmul Sakib (Khulna), Abdus Sajjad, IftekharShawon, Sony Shaha, Tybur Rahman, SM Mehdi Hasan (Dhaka Colts), Didar Hossain Imran, Shah M Takbir (Dhaka Metro Green), Zoheb Rassul, Salauddin Babu (Dhaka Metro Blues), Ashraful Islam, Mohammad Rion Rafsan Jamil (Barisal) and Ali Newaz (Sylhet).

The players have been asked to report to the Age-Group coach Nazmul Abedin on July 4 at 3 pm at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The training programmes will begin on July 5 at BKSP.

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ZIMBABWE

SCOREBOARD

meet with a haul of nine gold, seven silver and 11 bronze medals.

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C'more, then Lara-Sarwan

The result might have been different had not 27-year-old Kallis been given five lives during his

Final scoreboard in the NatWest

triangular series one-day interna-tional between South Africa and Zimbabwe Sunday:

SOUTH AFRICA: 272 for five (J Kallis

125 not out, A Hall 56, J Rudolph 56;

FROM PAGE 13

pacer Alan Dawson.

Hashan Tillakaratne for seven. Vaas counter-attacked, pulling Collymore for two successive fours to add 35 off 27 balls for the seventh wicket with Kumar Dharmasena.

The tail-enders' flourish did not last long as Collymore had both Dharmasena (20) and Vaas (21) caught by Lara in the slips in a space of five deliveries.

SCOREBOARD

By Eugene Sheffer

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Complete scoreboard on the third day of the second and final Test between the West Indies and Sri Lanka at the Sabina Park on Sunday: SRI LANKA: First innings 208 (K Sangakkara 75; FEdwards 5-36) WEST INDIES: First innings 191 (C Gayle 31, R Sarwan 31; P Nissanka 5-64, MMuralitharan 3-23) SRI LANKA: Second innings (over-

night129-5) Taylor Atapattuc Jacobs b Taylor Banks 28 WESTINDIES: Second innings JayasuriyalbwbCollymore 13 SangakkaracJacobsbCollymore12 GaylelbwbVaas JayawardenecJacobsbEdwards32 Hinds b Muralitharan Kaluwitharana b Taylor Sarwan c Jayasuriya b Vaas 23 Tillakaratne b Collymore Laranotout DharmasenacLarabCollymore20 Samuelsnotout Extras: (b-8, lb-3, nb-6, w-4) Vaasc Larab Collymore 21 ThusharacLarabCollymore 13 Total: (For 3 wkts in 42.4 overs) 212 Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-50, 3-211 MuralitharancSarwanbCollymore 6 Bowler Nissankanotout 0 Extras: (b-4, lb-6, nb-7, w-2) 19 Vaas Thushara 194 Nissanka O M R W 15 2 54 1

O M R W 12 2 54 5 0 23 1 64 8 Muralitharan 15.4 1 48 2 0 12 Dharmasena Result: West Indies won by seven wickets and take series 1-0.

since being suspended from cricket for a year last February for taking a 2 banned diuretic. 0 Nine is offering only a partial 0 broadcast of the two-Test, three

Monday.

one-day game series, saying it has 1 commitments to the football and 0 the world swimming championships in Barcelona.

AFP, Sydney

The first Test starts in Darwin on July 18.

Apr 24: Second ODI, Trinidad Apr 25: Third ODI, Trinidad

The pattern of Monday's opening set could not have been more Apr 28: Fourth ODI, Grenada different with Venus slipping into a May 1: Fifth ODI, St Lucia power-hitting groove that Zvonareva was simply unable to May2: Sixth ODI, St Lucia live with.

set.

The young Russian had been on court for a full 20 minutes before she claimed her first game and even then it was a lapse of concentration from her opponent, whose two unforced errors allowed her to claim the sixth game of the opening

utes under a brooding grey sky The fifth seed stepped up a gear

in the second, winning it in just 17 minutes before the rain, which had delayed the start of the match, started to fall again.

"We were really eager to get out there and get back in again, just in case its started raining," Davenport said afterwards.

Asagoe, who beat ninth seed Daniela Hantuchova in the second round last week, had no answer to the American's searing groundstrokes and failed to take a Zvonareva briefly looked like making a fight of it by breaking single point off Davenport's serve in the second set. Williams' serve to level things up at

"I think my serve is getting 2-2 in the third and then holding to better," said Davenport. "I've served well here and I haven't been Rather than the signal for a broken much in the last few fightback however that proved to matches.

rhythm after an hour's rain delay on court one and her crunching forehand proved too much for Sugiyama, the 13th seed.

The 20-year-old Belgian needed only 25 minutes to take the first set and took a minute less to wrap up the second, sealing her 49-minut victory with a simple forehand volley.

The 2001 Wimbledon quarterfinalist faces a last-eight meeting with Italy's Silvia Farina Elia or Argentine Paola Suarez. Clijsters win was her 50th sin-

gles victory of the year. The last player to reach their half-century so early in the season was Martin Navratilova in 1982.

She is due back on court later on Monday with Sugiyama in the third round of the women's doubles.

Total: (Allout in 54 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-43, 3-80, 4-118,5-118,6-138,7-173,8-176,9-184 Bowler Edwards Collymore 16 2 57 7 Man-of-the-match: Corey Collymore. Drakes 11 3 29 0

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I SAW A SMALL BOY WHO WANTED TO PAY AT THE COUNTER, BUT

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals L

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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HE CAME UP A LITTLE SHORT.

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France win Foe final

FROM PAGE 13

Henry, the new darling of the French terraces in Zidane's absence, had a low 16th minute shot scooped up safely by Idris Kameni.

The Arsenal star then crossed from the right to find Djibril Cisse who could have done better with an off-target header. Cisse was also out of luck with a half hour free kick attempt that went badly astray.

Deep into the first half Cameroon had the French defence well and truly on the rack yet hard as they tried they were unable to break Fabien Barthez.

The Manchester United stopper, back after being left out of the semi-final against Turkey, was in good form, fortunately for 'Les Bleus', with only his lightning reflexes foiling a close range shot from Mohamadou Idrissou.

With ten minutes of the first period left Barthez' athleticism kept out a climbing right footed shot from Pius Ndiefi, responsible for the decisive goal against Colombia

The second half was only minutes old when Chelsea defender William Gallas unleashed a 20m shot which fell safely into Kameni's hands

a relieved man in the 55th minute when Henry's angled shot dribbled past the left post, Henry allowing himself a wry smile at the unfairness of it all.

Winfried Schafer, brought on Samuel Eto'o 24 hours after the striker had scored twice in his club Real Mallorca's Spanish Cup triumph just a day earlier.

lock but his right toed attempt edged frustratingly the wrong side of the right post.

With 20 minutes remaining Barthez excelled when tipping a dangerous Modeste Mbami shot over his crossbar.

In the closing stages of normal time both sides had further chances without being able to translate them into an elusive goal, and then suitably Henry came up with the winner after connecting with his knee from a cross from Thuram.

And the Cameroon keeper was

Santini, made a number of

substitutions, replacing Sylvain Wiltord by his fellow Arsenal player Robert Pires, and Bayern Munich defender Willy Sagnol,

back from suspension, by Lilian Thuram. His Cameroon counterpart,

Eto'o almost broke the dead-



