Sport

Int'l jr. tennis

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

South Korea, Taipei, India and Thailand dominated the second day's qualifying matches of the International Junior Tennis Championship at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex yesterday.

Yoon Sin Ko, Hyung Soo Yun, Im Juyeong and Soo Ho Lee of South Korea, Yu Huan Cheng and Ching Yu Lee of Taipei, Pecrapacj Tupwong of Thailand and Bhisnu Rajam of India won the boys' sin-

Yu Lin Tai, Jing Chi Lin and Ling Yu Ting of Taipei and Mada Nala Niro of India won the girls' singles. They will play the main draw matches today.

Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Friends Sporting Club defeated Shiroil Cricket Club by 82 runs in the First Division Cricket League match at the RMC Hostel ground yesterday.

Batting first Friends Sporting Club made 143 runs all out in 43.2 AFP, Newcastle overs.

In reply, Shiroil Club were all out for 62 runs in 20.2 overs. Rose scored highest 31, Babu 24

while Raifel took three wickets , Rose and Mamun shared four wickets each for Friends. Lifa made 24 runs while Mintu

took three wickets, Sagar and Rakin took two wickets each for Shiroil.

Satkhira cricket **OUR CORRESPONDENT**

Rasulpur Krira Sangstha clinched the Satkhira First Division Cricket League title defeating arch-rivals Town Sporting Club by 17 run at the Satkhira Government College ground last Thursday.

Rasulpur Krira Sangstha, put into bat, scored 176 in the stipu-lated 35 overs with Tarik topscoring with 30.

In reply, Town Sporting scored 159-8 with Idris making highest 31. Man-of-the-match Jani of

Rasulpur was the chief destroyer with five for 30.

A team keep FROM PAGE 13

Mosaddeq 1-26, Jamal Uddin 1-21, Humayun 2-32) BANGLADESH A: 137 all out in 47.3

overs (Anwar Hossain 23, Nasir Uddin Farooq 16, Alamgir Kabir 19, Monjurul 13 n.o., Junayad Zia 4-34, Kamran 2-32, Siddiqi 1-11, Imran Ali2-13).



Shamima Akter Liza (R) makes a move against Shabana Parveen Nipa during their seventh round engagement of the National Women's Chess Championship at the NSC yesterday.

World No.1 Justine Henin-

Hardenne says she is in better shape than she was 12 months ago

as she embarks on the 2004 tennis

The 21-year-old Belgian is

comfortable in her new role as the

women's leading player, but says

Henin-Hardenne capitalised on

the largely inactive seasons of

Serena and Venus Williams to

eight tournament successes.

shape now than 12 months ago.

got underway on Sunday.

conditions

Towhid not out

the real battle has only just begun.

Tennis

AFP, Sydney

season.

Woes mount for Waugh

Simon Katich blazed on with another century as New South Wales worked themselves into a winning position against Victoria in their Sheffield Shield match here on Sunday.

Katich stole the show with a scintillating 126 off 159 balls as NSW reached 396 and Victoria were 3 without loss at stumps on the third day, chasing an unlikely

455 runs for victory on Monday's final day. Former Test skipper Steve Waugh was involved up in another mid-pitch bungle with Dominic

Thornely facing Victorian captain Cameron White on 99. Waugh set off for a quick single which Thornely showed no interest in. Waugh turned on his heels and bolted back to the bowlers' end but a direct hit from David Hussey

 $caught him \, short \, of the \, crease.$ Waugh disagreed with the umpire's decision, hesitating before returning to the pavilion for 31, shaking his head as boos rung around the ground.

Katich has 772 runs from five Shield games at an average of 111.28. He has 405 runs from five Tests at 67.5 highlighted by last week's maiden ton against India.

Thornely safely reached his maiden first-class century: a composed innings of 143 in more than

Hungry Henin Australian Open starting on January 19.

"They are two of the best players in the world and we want all the players in the great tournaments. s going to be great having Venus back because we want a high level of competition," she said.

PHOTO: STAR

"I think when Serena comes back on tour she's going to come back maybe stronger than she was It's hard to say what is going to happen, but I'm sure she'll have great motivation when she's play

Henin-Hardenne said her three-week break from the game had allowed her time to take in the



"I feel 2003 is over. It gave me a lot of experience for sure, winning two grand slams and becoming No.1 in the world was just a thing that I couldn't imagine," she said.

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Rani still leader

UNB, Dhaka

International Women's Master BBC ONLINE, undated Rani Hamid of Biman maintained her solo lead in the IGLOO 25th National Women Chess Paceman Simon Jones is ready to Championship with maximum force his way back into the England Begum of Barisal in the seventh round at the Chess Federation hall Jones has not played for England since suffering a knee injury in the first Ashes Test 14 room yesterday.

Defending champion Shabana Parveen Nipa of Titas was in the second position with 5.5 points.

Nazrana Khan Eva, Shamiha Sharmin Shimmi and Dilara Jahan Nupur were sharing the third position with 4.5 points each at the end of seventh round.

In the round, Zakia Sultana of Ansars beat Shimmi, Eva beat Kishwara Shajrin Evana, Nupur beat Afroza Khanam Bably and Nipa drew with Shamima Akter Liza.

Points after the round: 7 Rani Hamid; 5.5 Nipa; 4.5 Shimmi, Eva, Dilara; 4 Zakia, Liza; 3.5 Masuda; 1 Tanima, Evana, Bably and .5 Moni The eighth round games start at 3pm today at the same venue.

Jugantor meet Independent

SPORTS REPORTER

The daily Jugantor and The Independent yesterday moved into the final of the third Meril Media Cup Football Tournament. The final will be played tomorrow morning at the outer stadium

handball court. In the first semifinal Jugantor

defeated reigning champions Kriralok 3-1 in the tie-breaker while Independent earned an easy 3-0 victory over Janakantha in the other semi

Serena to miss **Aussie Open**

AFP, Washington

Serena Williams won't defend her Australian Open title, saying she needs more time to get back to "championship form" after knee surgery five months ago.

Williams has not competed since winning the Wimbledon crown last July. She had surgery to repair a partial tear in her left quadriceps tendon on August 1.

"After conferring with my trainers and coaches, we really don't think that I've had sufficient time to prepare and train for it," Williams said on Friday.

"My knee feels great, but my rehabilitation took a little longer than I expected. I'm on the courts daily, and look forward to coming back to championship form.

The 22-year-old Williams went 38-3 last year, winning four tournaments.

She started the year by capturing her fourth straight Grand Slam crown at Melbourne, becoming the

Brad blows Zimbabwe up FROM PAGE 13 three caught and bowled dismissals, which reflected the slow nature

But he told Radio Five Live's

Sportsweek programme he is at peak fitness ahead of the tour to

Jones said: "I'm feeling really good at the moment. My fitness is

good, I'm feeling strong and my bowling action has come along really well."

Selectors left a place open for the Glamorgan speedster when they named the England squad last

They want him to prove his

fitness on the England Academy's tour to India in February before

West Indies in March and April.

Cricket

months ago.

week

of the pitch. Grant Flower got rid of Damien Martyn and Michael Bevan in seven balls, both batsmen mistiming their shots as the ball took longer than expected to reach the bat

Ian Harvey, who dashed 22 runs

off 17 balls to help Australia post a the pace of wicket until Symonds decent total, went the same way when he was caught and bowled by Ervine, who finished with 3-53.

SIMON JONES

"I've worked really hard at the Academy," Jones said.

Jones ready for action

Jones has spent the past two-and-a-half months with the

Academy strengthening his knee and working on his fitness.

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including him.

The sluggishness of the pitch was reflected in the fact Australia compiled just 13 fours and two sixes in its innings, with the bulk of the runs coming from ones and

on Wednesday in the next match of No batsman fully adjusted to the month-long series.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the triangular one-day international series match Sunday: AUSTRALIA between Australia and Zimbabwe at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Gilchrist c Taibu b Blignaut 34 Hayden b Streak 14

The Daily Star

"The past 14 months has been a big test and I'm glad it's in the past

"It was so hard thinking I might not play again and it's nice to know I'm in with a chance of playing for England again.

as I could but there is always the

able to impress selectors in India, but admitted he would take

back in. I played three games last season and got through them well," he said.

"I'll ease myself back in India, play three or four games and try to prove myself to get into the England squad.

"To get rewarded with a place in the West Indies is a hell of a thought for me."

Caribbean gets under way in Jamaica on 11 April.

(42 off 82 balls) and Clarke (40 off

57) came together in a partnership

Both played impeccably until

Zimbabwe play India in Hobart

the heat went on to score runs and

both departed as soon as they

started playing attacking shots.

of 66 for the sixth wicket.

England's first Test in the

doubt in the back of your mind."

things easy early on.

"All I could do is work as hard

Jones is confident he will be

"I've been told to ease myself

Ponting c Carlisle	eb Blign	aut		21			
Martyn c and b Flower							
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Bevan c and b Flo	wer			3			
Clarke c Sibanda	b Ervine	;		40			
Harvey c and b Er	vine			22			
Bichel not out				11			
Gillespie not out				1			
Extras: (lb-4, w-6,	nb-6)			16			
Total: (For 8 wkts	in 50 ov	ers)	2	25			
Fall of wickets: 1-	42, 2-73	, 3-77	, 4-11	2, 5-			
118, 6-184, 7-192,	8-222						
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Ervine	10	0	53	3			
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three hours

FROM PAGE 13 SCORECARDS

Scoreboard on the second day of the three four-day Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League matches at different venues across the country vesterday:

Venue: Comilla Stadium CHITTAGONG: First innings (overnight 232-8Anisul c Shahin b Anisur

Masum run out Faisal b Anisur

CHITTAGONG V BARISAL

Salauddin c Mukter b Sabbir Shahin c Sabbir b Faisal Arman not out 16 Extras: (lb-4, nb-1)

Mustadir c Minhazul b A'ullah 12 Extras: (b-3, lb-10, nb-2, w-2) 27 Total: (All out in 108.1 overs) 4 Fall of wkts: 1-29, 2-40, 3-43, 4-81, 5-109, 11 6-110, 7-138, 8-146, 9-211 Bowler 9 5 Aminul

Shahiada

the Sydney International, which 'The heat is not my big friend but I am prepared to play in these JUSTINE HENIN-HARDENNE Henin-Hardenne spoke of her full extent of her 2003 success. excitement in renewing her rivalry this year with the Williams sisters. While Serena continues her recovery from knee surgery, Venus will be back for this month's

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Mehrab c Nasirul				6	Yasin not out
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Sanwarnotout				104	Extras: (b-7, lb-8, v
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Neeyamur batting	z			9	Anisur
Extras: (b-10, lb-4	, nb-5, v	v-13)		32	
Total: (For 6 wkts i	n 90 ov	ers)	2	54	Salauddin
Fall of wickets: 1-	44, 2-5	1, 3-6	6, 4-6	6, 5-	Jamal
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q 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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DESCRIBED AS A "SESAME TREAT"?

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Samuels over? FROM PAGE 13

nervous about it."

Dr Mansingh has been treating Samuels' knee since he was a teenager, and believes that without surgery, it will not put up with the high demands of international cricket.

"I'm willing to discuss the timing but prolonging the surgery isn't in Marlon's interest."

Samuels, 23, is set to travel to New York this week for an appointment with orthopaedic specialist Dr Answorth Allen.

Germans keep

FROM PAGE 13

including a South Korean disallowed goal, Germany took control NGBH LDHG after Bjoern Michel scored from a penalty corner in the 27th minute.

The Koreans equalised following a spell of pressure after the break through Song Seung Tae in the 52nd minute when Kim Jung Chul picked him out in a crowded semi-circle. Saturday's Cryptoquip: MIGHT A BROWNED HAMBURGER BUN TOPPED WITH SEEDS BE

However, Germany got a controversial winner 15 minutes later after umpire Stewart Dearing opted not to penalize German forward Christoph Bechmann for shielding the ball with his body from Korean keeper Ko Dong Sik, which allowed him to squeeze in his shot.

fifth woman all-time to hold all four titles at once. Williams won her first 21

matches of 2003 and was ranked No. 1 before her injury.

Easterns repulse

AFP, Benoni

Albie Morkel defied food poisoning that hit both sides to lead an Easterns counter-attack against the West Indies on the second day of their tour cricket match at Willowmoore Park on Saturday. Morkel, batting at number eight, hit up a career-best 132 to help Easterns recover from a precarious 81 for six to eventually be dismissed for 313.

vesterday.

At stumps, the West Indies had extended their initial lead of 21 to 48, ending the day on 27 without loss

Bridegroom Nel in Protea squad

REUTERS, Johannesburg

South Africa have named an unchanged squad of 13 for the fourth Test against the West Indies starting in Centurion on Friday.

It includes fast bowler Andre Nel, who has put back his wedding next Saturday by two hours so he can get to the ceremony after the close of play.

South Africa, who have an unassailable 2-0 lead after three matches of the four-Test rubber, have not changed their squad since after the first Test.

Selection convenor Omar Henry said on Saturday: "We are aware of certain areas that need attention and feel that the positive, confident environment of this squad will benefit those needing to work on their games."

SOUAD: Graeme Smith (captain), Paul Adams, Mark Boucher, Herschelle Gibbs, Andrew Hall, Jacques Kallis, Gary Kirsten, Neil McKenzie, Makhaya Ntini, Andre Nel, Shaun Pollock, Jacques Rudolph, Martin van Jaarsveld.



Australian captain Ricky Ponting is lifted by paceman Brad Williams after

taking the catch to dismiss Zimbabwe batsman Andy Blignaut to give

Williams a five-wicket haul during their one-day tri-series match at SCG

Blignaut c Pontin	g b Willi	ams		4			
Price b Gillespie		0					
Hondo not out		1					
Extras: (b-1, lb-6,	w-12)			19			
Total: (All out in 3	Total: (All out in 37.3 overs)						
Fall of wickets: 1	-2, 2-13	, 3-13	3, 4-14	4, 5-			
17, 6-90, 7-119, 8-122, 9-124							
Bowler	0	Μ	R	W			
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STANDINGS							
Bichel	6	2	24	0			
Harvey	4	0	14	0			
Symonds	6	1	24	2			
Clarke	5	0	14	1			
Result: Austral	ia won	hv9	9 run	s.			

Man-of-the-match: Brad Williams. Toss: Australia.