

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

Former Test skipper Steve Waugh was involved up in another mid-pitch bungle with Dominic Thornely facing Victorian captain Cameron White on 99.

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. It's going to be great having Venus back because we want a high level of competition,' she said.

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 season.



JUSTINE HENIN-HARDENNE

She said had spent her time away from the courts in the brief off-season improving her agility, movement and strength and ominously claimed to be in better shape now than 12 months ago.

'I feel prepared for this season. I feel ready and hungry for victories and I'm very happy to be back on tour,' she said as she prepared for her first tournament of the year at the Sydney International, which got underway on Sunday.

A team keep

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Mosaddeq 1-26, Jamal Uddin 1-21, Humayun 2-32
BANGLADESH: 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 Ali 2-13).

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.

Sanwar slams Sylhet

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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 yesterday:

Table with columns: CHITTAGONG V BARISAL, Venue: Comilla Stadium, CHITTAGONG: First innings (overnight 232-8), DHAKA V SYLHET, Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, SYLHET: First innings 247 all out in 88.4 overs, DHAKA: First innings, Al-Shahriar c Parvez b Rezaul 44, Mehraz c Nasirul b Rezaul 6, Elias c and b Parvez 2, Sanwar not out 104, Sajjad c Nasirul b Rezaul 0, Jahangir b Rezaul 57, Kadir lbw b Rezaul 0, Neeayam batting 9, Extras: (b-10, lb-4, nb-5, w-13) 32, Total: (For 6 wickets in 90 overs) 254, Fall of wickets: 1-44, 2-51, 3-66, 4-66, 5-208, 6-208, Bowler O M R W, Jakwan 15 1 73 0, Rezaul 16 6 37 5, Parvez 23 7 33 1, Rana 20 3 52 0, Nabil 13 2 43 0, Mabud 1 0 2 0

Table with columns: Mustadir c Minhazul b A'ullah 12, Towhid not out 27, Salauddin c Mukter b Sabbir 4, Shahin c Sabbir b Faisal 11, Arman not out 9, Extras: (lb-4, nb-1) 5, Total: (For 7 wickets in 82 overs) 186, Fall of wickets: 1-88, 2-102, 3-102, 4-131, 5-132, 6-141, 7-160, Bowler O M R W, Debrobata 11 3 25 0, Sabbir 29 12 65 2, Ahsanullah 27 10 49 4, Yasin 11 2 30 0, Faisal 3 0 12 1, Masum 1 0 2 0

Table with columns: KHULNA V RAJSHAHI, Venue: Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore, KHULNA: First innings (overnight 164-8), Bowler O M R W, Russel 10 3 20 0, Al-Amin 4 1 17 0, Shaiful 8 2 15 1, Raj 23 6 30 2, Bashir 14 2 48 0, Shahriar 10 1 35 0

Rani still leader

UNB, Dhaka
International Women's Master Rani Hamid of Biman maintained her solo lead in the IGLOO 25th National Women Chess Championship with maximum seven points beating Masuda Begum of Barisal in the seventh round at the Chess Federation hall room yesterday.

Jones ready for action

including him.
Jones has spent the past two-and-a-half months with the Academy strengthening his knee and working on his fitness.
Paceman Simon Jones is ready to force his way back into the England side.



SIMON JONES

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

'The past 14 months has been a big test and I'm glad it's in the past now.
'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.
'All I could do is work as hard as I could but there is always the doubt in the back of your mind.
Jones is confident he will be able to impress selectors in India, but admitted he would take things easy early on.
'I've been told to ease myself 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.
England's first Test in the Caribbean gets under way in Jamaica on 11 April.

Jugantor meet Independent

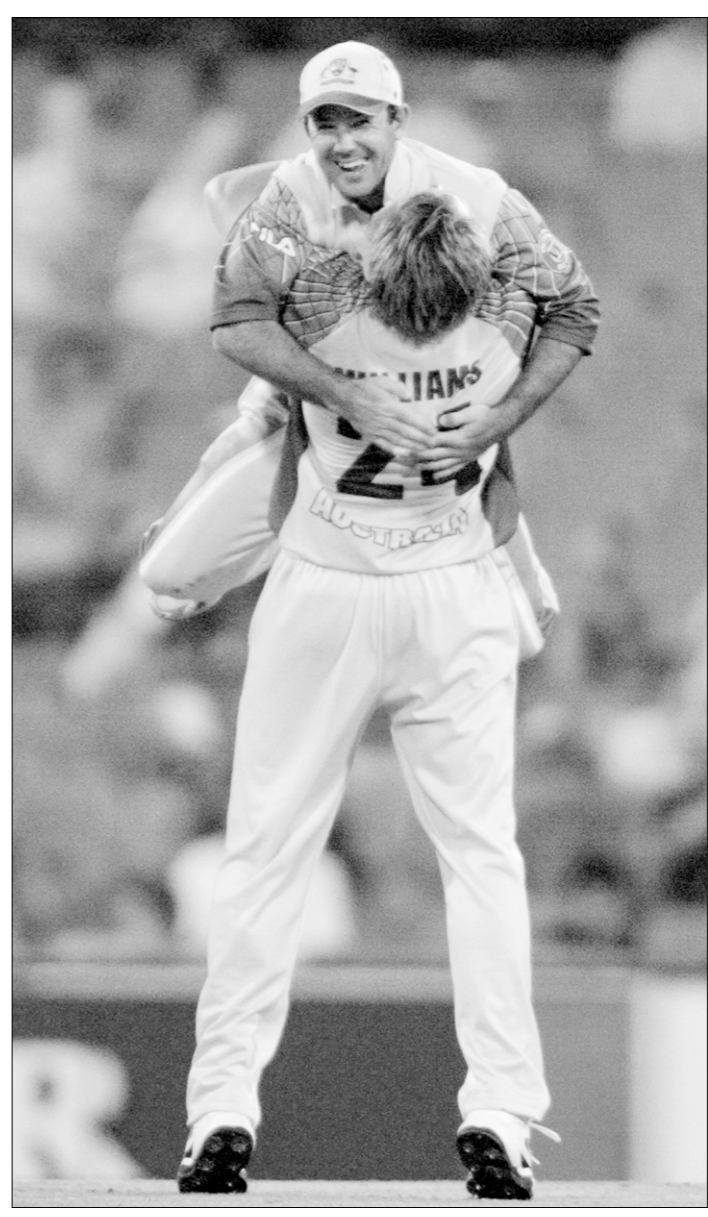
SPORTS REPORTER
The daily Jugantor and The Independent yesterday moved into the final of the third Meril Media Cup Football Tournament.
The final will be played tomorrow morning at the outer stadium handball court.

Brad blows Zimbabwe up

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three caught and bowled dismissals, which reflected the slow nature 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.

off 17 balls to help Australia post a decent total, went the same way when he was caught and bowled by Ervine, who finished with 3-53.
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 twos.
No batsman fully adjusted to

the pace of wicket until Symonds (42 off 82 balls) and Clarke (40 off 57) came together in a partnership of 66 for the sixth wicket.
Both played impeccably until the heat went on to score runs and both departed as soon as they started playing attacking shots.
Zimbabwe play India in Hobart on Wednesday in the next match of the month-long series.



Australian captain Ricky Ponting is lifted by paceman Brad Williams after taking the catch to dismiss Zimbabwe batsman Andy Blythe to give Williams a five-wicket haul during their one-day tri-series match at SCG yesterday.

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 Blythe 34, Hayden b Streak 14, Ponting c Carlisle b Blythe 21, Martyn c and b Flower 21, Symonds c Hondo b Ervine 42, Bevan c and b Flower 3, Clarke c Sibanda b Ervine 40, Harvey c and b Ervine 22, Bichel not out 11, Gillespie not out 1, Extras: (lb-4, w-6, nb-6) 16, Total: (For 8 wickets in 50 overs) 225, Fall of wickets: 1-42, 2-73, 3-77, 4-112, 5-118, 6-184, 7-192, 8-222, Did not bat: Williams, Bowler O M R W, Streak 10 2 36 1, Hondo 5 1 35 0, Ervine 10 0 53 3, Blythe 5 0 21 2, Price 10 0 34 0, Flower 10 0 42 2, ZIMBABWE, Sibanda c Williams b Gillespie 7, Carlisle c Hayden b Williams 1, Vermeulen b Williams 5, Flower lbw b Williams 0, Matsikenyeri c Gilchrist b Williams 0, Taibu c Gilchrist b Symonds 29, Streak c Gilchrist b Clarke 46, Ervine c Ponting b Symonds 14, Blythe c Ponting b Williams 4, Price b Gillespie 0, Hondo not out 1, Extras: (b-1, lb-6, w-12) 19, Total: (All out in 37.3 overs) 126, Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-13, 3-13, 4-14, 5-17, 6-90, 7-119, 8-122, 9-124, Bowler O M R W, Gillespie 8 0 21 2

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 37 Half of DOWN 17 Tarzan's son, 1 Wash, some 1 "— Dick", neighbor jokes 2 Royal 19 Pairs, 5 Pince— 39 Be Norse name, glasses regretful 3 Cleo's name, 8 Test 41 Entreat 3 Prince in tube 42 Prince in a can? 4 Hand-beaten drum, 12 Medley 45 Dormant drum, 13 Anger 49 Big name in rubber instrument (Ital.) 51 October Germanic legend, 15 Soothing stone 52 Shrek is one 6 Historic period, 16 Bitterness one 7 London-er's, 18 Actress 53 Larry's letters, 20 Silent movie's music- 8 Prized secretaries? lack maker? 9 Burr, 21 They fly by night 55 Patrilineal clan 10 Like peas in —, 23 "Certain-ly!" 57 Faxed fellows, 24 Criticize harshly SOLUTION TIME: 24 mins., 28 Prima donna 58 Faxed fellows, 31 Praise in verse 59 Faxed fellows, 32 Fry 60 Faxed fellows, 34 Two (Sp.) 61 Faxed fellows, 35 Slinthey squeeze-ors

Cryptogram puzzle grid with letters B Z R J N N D N G B H L D H G, L V A N F H D S A R V S X Y Q Q F, S Y Q Q B N Z V H V X R N R, Z D A H R N G V J S R V N G. Saturday's Cryptogram: MIGHT A BROWNED HAMBURGER BUN TOPPED WITH SEEDS BE DESCRIBED AS A "SESAME TREAT"? Today's Cryptogram Clue: Q equals L.

Samuels over?

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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

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including a South Korean disallowed goal. Germany took control 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.
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.

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."
SQUAD: 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.