Rajshahi cricket

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

United Sporting Club beat Mahuabagan Club by 35 runs in the Rajshahi First Division Cricket League at RMC hostel ground yester-day.

Winning toss, United made 123 in 32.2 overs. In reply, Mahuabagan were shot out for 88 in 30 overs.

Cute handball

SPORTS REPORTER

League match at the Outer Stadium

handball court yesterday. Mariners led the first half 16-13

in the first match Faruque scored eight and Mamun seven for the winners while

In the second match, Narinda Progoti came from behind to earn 35-32 victory over Bangladesh

Police dominated the first half 20-16.

Akram was top scorer for Narinda with 11 goals while Nurul Islam and Priti Mohan netted eight goals each for Police.

BD A shame

Research Laboratory (KRL) in their last match starting on January 18.

SCORES IN BRIEF

BANGLADESH A: First innings 118 Monjurul Islam 5 n.o, Ashraful Haq 1, Imran Ali 3-16, John 6-44)

BANGLADESH A: Second innings 30 all out in 14.4 overs (Rashedul 6, Moniruzzaman 1, Nasiruddin 3, Tushar 2, Halim 1, Mazharul 0, Anwar 0, Muntasir 0, Alamgir 0, Monjurul 1, Ashraful 0, Zia 7-7, John

Styris, Craig McMillan, Chris Cairns, Jacob Oram, Brendon McCullum, Kyle Mills, Daniel Vettori, Daryl Tuffey, Andre

Razzaq, Moin Khan, Azhar Mahmood, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Sami, Shabbir Ahmed, Younis Khan, Danish Kaneria, Umar Gul.

Media Cup

UNB, Dhaka

tion time and in the extra session at the Outer Stadium handball court

beating Janakantha by 3-1 goals.

Hammam and general secretary Dato' Peter Velappan, now in the capital to attend the Vision Asia conference

on soccer, were present at the day's trophies.

present as chief guest while State Minister for Youth and Sports M Fazlur Rahman as special guest.

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Injury-hit Aussie Open

Tennis

REUTERS, Sydney

The Australian Open women's competition has been ravaged by injury before a ball is hit with the withdrawal of most of the leading

Last year's winner Serena Williams and twice champion Jennifer Capriati have pulled out. Kim Clijsters is likely to join them after aggravating an ankle prob-

If the Belgian withdraws as expected, three of the top six women in the world will be missing when the grand slam tournament starts at Melbourne Park on

Monica Seles, a four-times winner of the championship, is also out while 1995 champion Mary Pierce announced she was not travelling to Australia because of a lack of fitness.

DHAKA: First innings 326 all out in

Al-Shahriar 44: Rezaul 6-60)

Imtiaz c Al-Shahriar b Ashraful

Mabud c Sajjad b Ashraful

Mowla c Sajjad b Sanwar

Rezaul c Sajjad b Neeyamur

Jakwan c Sunny b Jahangir

Total: (All out in 134 overs)

236, 7-240, 8-253, 9-314

DHAKA: Second innings

Total: (For 2 wkts in 7.3 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-40

Jahangir c Ejaz b Moula Sunny run out

Neeyamui

Mahbubul

Al-Shahria

Kadir not out

Extras: (w-1)

Bowler

Rezaul

Imtiaz

Mahabub

Ashraful

Sunny

Abbas c Al-Shahriar b Jahangir

Extras: (b-16, lb-16, nb-4, w-9)

Fall of wkts: 1-4, 2-8, 3-12, 4-93, 5-102, 6-

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Parvez b Ashraful

Rana lbw b Ashraful

Ejaz b Neevamur

Nasirul c Sunny b Neeyamur

117.3 overs (Sanwar 117, Neeyamur 55,

SYLHET: Second innings (overnight

Tournament organisers are also

waiting to hear whether world number 15 Jelena Dokic is planning to compete. She pulled out of two warm-up events for "personal reasons" but still has not decided whether she will go to Melbourne

"The draw is on Thursday and we still haven't got a final answer," Tennis Australia president Geoff

Tournament organisers are putting on a brave face with officials trying to add some spice to the draw by giving Venus Williams a preferential seeding after the vithdrawal of her sister Serena.

Venus, ranked 11th in the world, has already been promoted to third seed beȟind Justine Henin-Hardenne and Clijsters and could move up to second if Clijsters fails to recover in time.

The Australian Open has traditionally chosen its seeds according to their world rankings but tournament director Paul McNamee explained they were making an

BARISAL: First innings 239 all out in 115

overs (Jamal 54, Towhid 49, Imran 41;

CHITTAGONG: Second innings 136 all

out in 47.1 overs (Minhazul 59, Mukter

38; Anis 4-26, Arman 2-32, Mustadir 2-

BARISAL: Second innings (overnight 21

Ahsanullah 5-55, Sabbir 4-82)

for 1 in 13 overs)

Imran lbw b Sabbir

 $Jamal\,c\,\&\,b\,Sabbir$

Mustadir not out

Arman not out

Debrobata

Ahsanullah

Faisal

Masum

Shahin c & b Sabbir

Proseniit c & b Sabbir

Salauddin lbw b Debobroto

Nayan c Minhazul b Arafat

Towhid c Faisal b Arafat

Extras: (b-6, lb-5, nb-1)

Total: (For 7 wkts in 85.2 overs)

Result: Barisal won by 3 wickets.

KHULNA V RAISHAHI

(Barisal) and Sabbir Khan

Venue: Shamsul Huda Stadium in

KHULNA: First innings 220 all out in

108.1 overs (Shafiul 28, Raju 34, Raj 83,

Aminul 2-34, Shahiada 2-26, Saifullah 3-

Fall of wkts: 1-15, 2-27, 3-27, 4-67, 5-162,

35.2 11

Ctg, Khulna stunned

A former world number one.

Venus has not played a competitive match since losing to Serena in last year's Wimbledon final but won an exhibition tournament in Hong Kong at the weekend.

"Whilst it's obviously disappointing to hear that Serena hasn't recovered in time to defend her title, it's great to see that Venus is back playing competitive tennis after her own long-term injury with an impressive victory in Hong Kong," McNamee said.

Serena caught organisers by surprise when she announced at the weekend she had withdrawn because of complications with a knee problem that was operated on

Capriati, Australian Open champion in 2001 and 2002, succumbed to a back problem, while the French Tennis Federation released a statement saying Pierce was struggling for fitness.

Their withdrawals leave Lindsay Davenport as the only player left in the field who has previously won

118 overs (Nuruzzaman 68, Anisur 64

KHULNA: Second innings (Overnight

Hasanuzzaman 62; Razzak 6-70)

97-5 in 39 overs)

Saijadul lbw b Shahjada

Raju c Anisur b Saifullah

Hasibul c Anisur b Saifullah

Salauddin c Imran b Saifullah

Shafiul b Shahjada

Police attack condemned SPORTS REPORTER

Former players and sports organisers yesterday condemned the police attack on Abahani fans and officials on Monday after the Abahani-Muktijoddha match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

Abahani manager Monem Munna and club coordinator Dewan Shafiul Arefin Tutul received injuries as police baton-charged unruly supporters.

In separate protest letters, the ex-booters and organisers demanded proper investigation of the incident and punishment for those responsible for the untoward

U-13 cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Kalabagan Cricket Academy defeated Ankur by 78 runs in the Helvetia fifth under-13 cricket tournament at the Kalabagan sports ground

Batting first Kalabagan CA scored 167 for 5. Jasim made high-

In reply, Ankur were all out for 89 runs. Raka was top scorer with

Totti, Nedved

Serie A's finest

Roma captain Francesco Totti and Juventus midfielder Pavel Nedved shared the award for best Serie A footballer in 2003 after they received an equal number of votes from their fellow professionals.

The trophy was presented to the two players at the Italian Oscars ceremony, which took place in Milan late Monday.

Totti, 27, also won the award for best Italian player, while Czech Republic international Nedved was also voted best foreign player.

Reigning Italian champions Juventus scooped two more awards with Marcello Lippi named as best coach and Gianluigi Buffon as best goalkeeper.

AC Milan defender Alessandro Nesta was voted best defender, while Roma's 21 year-old striker Antonio Cassano, who recently made his first full international appearance for Italy, lifted the best young player award.

Pierluigi Collina, who took charge of the 2002 World Cup final, won the best referee award.

Real show in Dark Continent

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid's quest for global recognition will take them to Iohannesburg on March 2 -- for a friendly against a South African XI which could earn the club 12 mil-Having captured England skip-

per David Beckham last July from Manchester United, Keal set off foi Asia where they raked in upwards of 10 million dollars from a tour of Japan, China and Thailand. Now, despite the fact the

Spanish league title holders and nine-times European champions will be half-way through a two-leg Champions League tie with old foes Bayern Munich as the season reaches the boil, Real are preparing to jet off half way round the world once again.

According to El Mundo daily, Real will waive one million euros of their 10 milion euro (12.5 million dollar) fee and donate it to humanitarian organisations while using their appearance to boost South Africa's bid to host the 2010 World

But for the players the trip is yet one more game in a jam-packed programme which could see them olay 17 matches in January and February On February 24, Real take on

Bayern in Germany before hosting Celta Vigo in the league five days

Two days after that they head for Johannesburg where they will stay overnight, play the gala match and head straight home afterwards for a March 6 meeting at Santander.

Three days later Real welcome Bayern to the Santiago Bernabeu stadium for a Champions League return leg which could make or Even the summer will bring no

relief -- save from Madrid's sweltering sunshine -- as the squad fly back to Asia for two exhibition matches -one of them in Seoul -- and two more in the United States, the only market the club has vet to crack. Those games, in Los Angeles and

New York, could reap Real another seven million euros (8.5 million dollars) according to Spanish

Int'l junior

In the girls' doubles, Huaien and Chien, Lin Yu and Lee Ya, Malieva and Kim, Weiping and Kenykey of Taipei, Huaien and Yuan, Pnchart and Ratchya of South Korea, Dilyaia and Tjasa of Russia and Asha and Shwetha of India all advanced.

India's Sato and Singai, Roy and Dutta, Bae and Seo, Sandrin and Reddy, K Shingh and Jeevan, won in the boys' doubles event.



Juan Sebastian Veron's luxurious house (L) in west London. (R) Veron with wife Maria.

Burglary at Veron's villa

Football

Chelsea star Juan Sebastian Veron has brought in private security guards after an intruder threatened the Argentine player's children during a robbery at his house.

The footballer was forced to hand over jewellery worth 60,000 pounds after the masked attacker held a machete to his throat and told him: "I'll kill your kids if you

Now the 28-year-old star's 2.5 million pound home in west London is being protected round the clock by private security The 80,000-pounds-a-week

bed when a man clambered in through a window. He then brandished the machete at Veron and his family

footballer and his family were in

running off. A family friend visiting from Argentina, who would only give his name as Andres, was one of 11 people in the house.

and ransacked the house before

"He got in through the window and searched through everything downstairs. Then he went upstairs and got into one bedroom at a time to speak to us, threaten us," he told the London Evening Standard.

Wayne Harley, a 35-year-old builder, was arrested on Sunday and charged with aggravated

Veron was one of the first players to be bought by Chelsea's Russian billionaire owner Roman Abramovich when he was purchased for 15 million pounds (28 million dollars) from Manchester

The raid on Veron is the latest of several in which soccer stars have been targeted.

A masked gang broke into Arsenal striker Nwankwo Kanu's

home in 2002 and held the Nigerian's brother at gunpoint until he handed over the keys to his 45,000 pound Mercedes.

"Soccer stars and managers are the new rich," said a police national intelligence officer.

"They earn massive salaries and live in nice areas and they have become the obvious target for

The most high-profile case involved an alleged kidnap attempt at the home of David Beckham and nis wife Victoria who now spend thousands of pounds on security.

Premiership clubs do not think it is their responsibility to protect players when they are at home. "They earn a lot of money. They

employ agents, management advisers, financial and tax advisers We presume part of the advice they are given by these people covers security," a club director said.

Davids delighted

Football

AFP, Barcelona

Edgar Davids was presented to the media by Barcelona Monday after the struggling Spanish giants agreed to take the Dutch international midfielder on loan from Juventus for the rest of the sea-

The Surinam-born player passed a medical and then declared himself delighted with a move that sees him end a six-year stay at the Italian champions.

"I am happy to play for Barcelona, who are a great club," said Davids, whose contract includes an option for Barcelona to buy him at the end of the loan Davids, nicknamed The

Pitbull for his tenacious tackling, is expected to make his debut in the second leg of the Spanish Cur last 16 match against Levante on Wednesday

said in December that the 30year-old was the man he wanted to help get his team back on track.

Fellow Dutchman and Barcelona coach Frank Rijkaard

At the Nou Camp, Davids will link up with Brazilian World Cupwinning midfielder Ronaldinho as well as a large Dutch contingent of players, including Philip

Cocu, Michael Reiziger, Marc

Overmars and Patrick Kluivert, his teammate at Ajax when they won the 1995 European Cup. Barcelona are struggling in seventh spot in the Spanish

Davids, who wears protective glasses during games after undergoing operations for glaucoma, joined Juventus in December



EDGAR DAVIDS

1997 from Serie A rivals AC Milan and helped them to the Italian title the following year. He won another two league

titles with Juve in 2002 and 2003 and was a key figure in their Champions League campaign last season when they reached the final only to be beaten on penalties in the final by Milan.

Zidane's no-show at dope trial

AFP, Turin

Real Madrid star Zinedine Zidane failed to show up in court here on Monday where he had been called to testify at the Juventus doping

over charges relating to the doping of players from the club over a fouryear period in the 1990s. Real Madrid sent a letter to

Two Juve officials are on trial

Judge Guiseppe Casalbore explaining the former Juventus midfielder's absence, saying the player had "professional obliga-

The Spanish club are preparing for an important cup match this

via a telephone conference call or by videoconference from Spain. The prosecution alleges that

Antonio Giraudo and club doctor Riccardo Agricola supplied pharmaceutical products to several of the club's players between July 1994 and September 1998.

It is charged that, while the drugs in question were legal, they had been used in such a manner that essentially produced the same

Over that period, Juventus won three Italian league titles and the

Football

Never mind Old Trafford, Highbury or White Hart Lane

This season's battle to win - and Premiership could be fought on the sun-baked grounds of Tunisia just as much as it will be at those famous

nent's brightest talent for the next month, the shockwaves are already eing felt as the club v country debate gets another familiar airing. However, this time round it's more intense thanks to a new FIFA ruling which allows players with dual

nationality to switch allegiance as

nome nations at senior level. Spurs boss David Pleat is ncensed at Frederic Kanoute's decision to play for Mali even though he had represented France at Under 21 level.

Pleat has insisted he was not ware of the player's Mali links when he signed him for 3.5 million pounds (6.3 million dollars) from West Ham. "We did not sign him as a Mali

"It's like buying an intimidating player who misses 12 games a year

because he keeps getting sent off. You would think twice about signing Arsenal had tried to delay Kanu's leparture to the Nigerian squad with

Bolton Wanderers, too, were keen

to hang onto Nigerian skipper Jay-Jay Okocha for as long as possible

United have not escaped the net with

However, Old Trafford breathed a sigh of relief when Quinton Fortune was left out of the South African

"I want Kanu to go to the African Nations' Cup finals as I respect the fact that he plays for his country, but I

from international football but the Nigerian's mind was made up even though it rules him out of League Cup semi-final against Aston Villa. "I should be there for the team but

I will be there spiritually," Okocha

get the publicity it should." The debate over player availability even drew in FIFA chief Sepp

"It cannot be acceptable to recruit such stars and then demand that they show disrespect to their countries if a tournament clashes with Premiership matches - particularly if

In comparison to France, English clubs have got offlightly.

could be deprived of five players Algerian goalkeeper Mohamed Benhamou, Moroccan defender alal El-Karkouri, midfielders Modeste Mbami of Cameroon and Selim Benachour of Tunisia as well as Nigerian striker Bartholomew

"It will leave us with 15 pros in the championship and two goalkeepers," said PSG coach Vahid ers," said PSG coach Halihodzic. "I could have problems putting 16 names on the match

But not all of Africa's top players have been seduced.

Inter Milan's 19-year-old Nigerian striker Obafemi Martins prefers to stay in Italy.

"Going to the Nations Cup would be harmful to my career and I only want to think about my club.'

MU to increase Saha offer

AFP, London

Manchester United are expected to make an improved offer for Fulham's Louis Saha after the London club turned down an 8 million pound (14.5 million dollar) bid last week.

The Sun newspaper reports that

United manager Alex Ferguson will go back with a renewed bid. "Negotiations are very hard. A new bid is coming, superior to the previous one and I believe the

Saha's agent Branko Stoic says

transfer will go ahead during this week," he said. Fulham reacted to United's initial bid by putting a 13 million nound (23.5 million dollar) price

tag on the 14-goal French striker. Saha was furious when Fulham turned down the first bid.

The 25-year-old cost Fulham 2.1 million pounds when he was bought from French side Metz in

2000. He has two and a half years left on his contract at Fulham.

Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club beat Victoria Sporting Club 27-18 in the Cute Premier Division Handball

Sujon netted six goals for the losers.

tional Airlines (PIA) by an innings and five runs. Bangladesh A will take on Khan

all out in 46 overs (Rashedul Hag 15, Moniruzzaman 19, Nasiruddin 41, Tushar Imran 0, Halim Shah 0, Mazharul Haq 16, Anwar Hossain 0, Fahim Muntasir 0, Alamgir Kabir 0,

PAKISTAN CUSTOMS: First innings 189 all out in 45 overs (Kashif Siddique 6, Bilal 18, Naseem Khan 69, Anwar Bashir 13, Junaid Zia 22, Monjurul 2-46, Alamgir 3-58,

Pressure on Pakistan

FROM PAGE 13

PAKISTAN (from): Inzamamul Haq (captain), Imran Farhat, Yasir Hameed, Salim Elahi, Yousuf Youhana, Shoaib Malik, Abdul

Jugantor lift

ended in a goalless draw in regula-

vesterday Earlier, fortnightly sports magazine "Kriralok" finished third

closing function to distribute Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Sadek Hossain was

0.3 Result: Match drawn CHITTAGONG V BARISAL

Dainik Jugantor clinched the 3rd Meril Media Cup football title beating The Independent by 5-4 n tiebreaker as the final

Asian Football Confederation AFC) president Mohammed Bin

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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TEAMS

BROTHERS UNION: Biplob, Titu, Nazrul, Sujon, Parvez Babu, Arman, Alfaz, Okelo (Francis), Victor, Iqbal and Liton (Rikto).

SHEIKH RUSSELL KC: Biplob,

Narayan, Rezaul, Mithu, Kamal, Burdip Mohammad (Apu), Osman, Asif (Jalal), Fabio, Milan and

Referee: Ramkrishna Ghosh

over Badda Jagarani Sangsad.

Victoria have seven points from

as many matches while Badda

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CRYPTOQUIP

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WRENCH CONNECTION."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NEW FILM CONCERNING ILLEGAL IMPORT OF CARPENTERS' TOOLS: "THE

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals T The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

Mahwire, Stuart Matskikenyeri, another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe Ray Price, Vusimuzi Sibinda, Tatenda Taibu, Mark Vermeulen. give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Bashir lbw b Imran Monriul c Mortuza b Saifullah Razzak c Aminul b Saifullah Al-Amin not out Shahriar lbw b Aminul Russell c Anisur b Saifullah Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-2) Total: (All out in 75.5 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-30, 2-35, 3-35, 4-51, 5-97 6-114, 7-133, 8-144, 9-145 Aminul Saifullah 32.5 10 16 Murad RAJSHAHI: second innings Rafigul c Hasibul b Razzak Sharma b Razzak Murad not out Mortuza st. Hasibul b Razzak Shahjada b Bashir Nuruzzaman not out Total: (For 4 wkts in 25.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-47, 3-67, 4-68 Shahriai Monirul

Result: Raishahi won by 6 wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Abdur Razzak **RAJSHAHI**: First innings 297 all out in POINTS TABLE (4-DAY)

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Sylhet	5	2	0	1	1	1	18
Rajshahi	5	1	0	1	1	2	12
Barisal	5	1	1	1	0	2	12
Chittagong	5	1	1	0	1	2	10
Khulna	5	1	2	0	0	2	10

BU alone atop

Titu, Nazrul, Sujon and Parvez Babu calmly negotiated their Referee Ramkrishna Ghosh cautioned Biplab, Titu, Parvez Babu and Liton of Brothers and Kamal and Rashidi of Sheikh

CHITTAGONG: First innings 300 all ou

in 100.2 overs (Minhazul 36, Sabbir 100,

Ahsanullah 36, Yasin 30 n.o., Debrobata

24. Anisur 2-30. Tarigul 3-75. Mustadir

Earlier, in the day's first match, Victoria Sporting Club registered their second win with a 2-1 victory Idris and Rintu scored one goal each for the winners in the 53rd and 73rd minutes while substitute Pikul reduced the margin for Badda in the 86th minute.

WI's first FROM PAGE 13 Toyana c Mohammed b Drakes A Morkel c C'paul b Drakes 34 O'Connor c Mohammed b Gayle Flusk c Baugh b Collymore M Morkel run out (Gayle) 3 Malao not out Extras: (b-4, lb-7, nb-2) 13 Total: (All out in 82.5 overs) 251 Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-28, 3-71, 4-137, 5-Rowler O M Sanford 3 32 15 59 Rampaul 1 37 Drakes 16.5 4 Collymore 16 3 46 0 34 Mohammed 0 Sarwan 0

remained stuck to their previous collection of four points.

There will be no Premier Division matches today. It will resume tomorrow at the same venue with Arambagh facing Wanderers in the first match at 2:30 pm followed by the highly anticipated class habet was an experience.

pated clash between Mohammedan Sporting Club and

Muktijoddha Sangsad at 4:30 pm.

Zim keep faith FROM PAGE 13

Result: West Indies won by 33 runs.

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"We've also got to lift our fielding, the mis-fields cost us 18 runs the other night and in the end that was TEAMS

INDIA: Saurav Ganguly (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid, VVS Laxman, Yuvraj Singh, Ajit Agarkar,

Anil Kumble, Irfan Pathan, Lakshmipathi Balaji, Murali Kartik, Hemang Badani (12th man to be ZIMBABWE (from): Heath Streak (captain), Andy Blignaut, Stuart Carlisle, Dion Ebrahim, Sean Ervine, Grant Flower, Travis Friend, Douglas Hondo, Blessing

Taipei's Lim Hyung and Lee, Bangladesh's Hossain and Roy

Even champions Manchester

Diemba.

try's soccer chiefs

English grounds. With the African Nations Cup about to claim some of the conti-

long as they haven't played for their

player, fully aware that he was going to the African Nations Cup," said of his 12-goal top scorer.

the Gunners, struck by injuries, entering a crucial part of their title

Cameroon calling up Eric Djemba squad after falling out with his coun-

wanted it to be as late as possible. said Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger. Bolton boss Sam Allardyce even tried to persuade Okocha to retire

"The African Nations Cup is massive for us and it doesn't really

they are part of the international co ordinated calendar," he said.

Title chasers Paris St Germain

However the club said Zidane would be available to give evidence Iuventus managing director

effects as illicit substances.

Club first or Africa?