SPORT

The Daily Star

The spoils were shared between

and Sampdoria, both games ending

1-1, but Inter Milan slipped up 2-1

against Udinese, Inter coach

The sides were all square until

seven minutes into the second half

when Giampiero Pinzi unleashed a

They doubled their advantage 14

Alberto Zaccheroni's former club.

Manikganj cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Sewta Uday Sena defeated Biltu Club by 91 runs in the Language Martyr Rafique Memorial Cricket Tournament at the Shaheed Mirajtapan Stadium in Manikganj yesterday

Sewta Uday batted first and made 209 before being all out in 37.3 overs.

Sohag top-scored with 47 while Rasel took two wickets Biltu were bundled out for 118 in

37.5 overs with Sonet making 25. Obaydur did the damage bagging five wickets. Obaydur was later adjudged man-of-the-match.

Active Chess

SPORTS REPORTER

The Active Chess Tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF), will start on February 19 at the BCF auditorium at 4pm.

Interested players can enlist their names after paying 50 taka before tomorrow's deadline.

The open tournament will be held on Swiss-League and cash prizes will be given to the winners.

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Anwar 3.1 1 10 0	bride Gudpati Raghava Sailaja during their wedding ceremony in Hyderabad on
Manjural 21.5 6 44 3	February 15. The new couple was to hold a reception yesterday which was to be attended by the player's teammates and other dignitaries.
Result: Bangladesh won by 29	attended by the player 5 teaninates and other digititaties.

Kiwis target Pollock has been used, but it has been

the first place'," Lewis said.

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looks a lot more solid than

batting would revolve around trying

to upset the opposition's best

uses line and length, and on a good

wicket if we can break him up then we

go quite a long way to breaking up their

patterns." Fleming said of the former

captain, poised five short of becoming

"If we can interrupt (South African

the first South African to take 300 one-

captain) Graeme Smith's routine with

his bowlers, then we'll have a better

day international wickets.

chance of beating them."

'This one's quite solid. When you

Fleming said New Zealand's

"Pollock has slowed his pace, he

stadium Saturday.

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bowler. Pollock.

Cricket

AFP, Christchurch New Zealand's batsmen are target-

ing South African bowler Shaun Pollock in Tuesday's second oneday international staged on a pitch famous for producing run-feasts. Black Caps skipper Stephen Fleming says his side will mount a full-scale assault on the Proteas' Pollock as the New Zealanders seek to level the six-match series

after going 1-0 down last week. Tuesday's match is to be played on a 'drop-in' pitch at the Jade Stadium, and groundsman Chris Lewis is confident the wicket will be another belter.

The previous match on the pitch was the Test against England when Nathan Astle slammed a world record 222 off 168 balls on the final day, after a Graham Thorpe double century and an Andrew Flintoff century.

Before that, the same drop-in pitch was used for a Test against Pakistan which saw double centuries from Mathew Sinclair and Yousuf Youhana and even a century from renowned Pakistan batting bunny Saglain Mushtag.

It hasn't been required in recent one-dayers where the natural pitch

top order will represent a turnaround called upon as the Super 12 rugby from the series opener when the competition opens in the same Black Caps were always battling after being 79 for four.

"We need to keep using it A bonus came New Zealand's because otherwise people would way with in-form South Africa batssay, 'why have you developed it in man Smith leaving training early to visit a doctor after picking up the flu South African coach Eric Simons in recent days. was impressed on first viewing and

He did not front the pre-match hinted he would like to continue his media conference but Simons was not overly concerned. "The one in Auckland, when you

"He's a bit bunged up in his throat and chest. He's been on antibiotics but he'll be all right," Simons said.

"He batted well in the nets and I'm sure he'll be fine. We'll check him in the morning."

TEAMS

NEW ZEALAND (from): Stephen Fleming (captain), Michael Papps, Hamish Marshall, Scott Styris, Craig McMillan, Chris Cairns, Jacob Oram, Brendon McCullum, Daniel Vettori, Kyle Mills, Daryl Tuffey, Michael Mason

SOUTH AFRICA (from): Graeme Smith (captain), Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Boeta Dippenaar, Jacques Rudolph, Mark Boucher, Shaun Pollock, Lance Klusener, Robin Peterson, Makhaya Ntini, Andre Nel, Nicky Boje, Albie Morkel, Ashwell Prince.

Gaining some dominance in the

Dev goes to **Bollywood!**

AFP, Bombay

India's former ace Test cricketer Kanil Dev. credited with taking 432 wickets in the international arena. will star in a Bollywood big screen sports movie as himself

by Bollywood star Sohail Khan, who fails to make it big because of the politics involved in boxing.

Fed up, he quits the game to become a television sports journalist who is tasked with interviewing various sports personalities, including Kapil Dev.

The cricketer appeared before the cameras at the weekend for the first session of shooting for the 1.1-milliondollar movie, entitled "Aryan".

"Bollywood has not given much attention to making films on sports and I am happy this is a small beginning," Dev said as he emerged Sunday from Riverdale studio in central Bombay.

"I love sports and anybody who tries to make a film on sport I am always ready to support. I am happy to be a part of this film," he said

meeting yesterday. But he ruled out reports that they had withheld his BFF membership. Babu was declared persona nor grata by the league committee for the

BFF names

FROM PAGE 13

Serie A

Football

AC Milan maintained their five-point

despite being held to a 1-1 draw by

lowly Lecce on Sunday but reigning

champions Juventus took advantage

golden opportunity to close the gap

when they were held to a surprise 0-

Juventus however seized their

chance to inject new life into their bid

to retain their Serie A crown as they

beat Reggina 1-0 with a second-half

goal from Enzo Maresca to within

ceded by a minute's silence for

Marco Pantani, the 1998 tour de

France champion and a passionate

Anxious to move on after their

humiliating midweek Cup thrashing

found themselves behind after

The Uruguayan was brought

down on the edge of the box by

Alessandro Nesta and from the

resulting free kick produced one of

his trademark efforts which left Dida

Milan, who were seeking their

with no chance.

Cricket

The AC Milan match was pre-

Second-placed Roma wasted a

to get back into the title race.

0 draw at bottom club Ancona.

six points of AC Milan.

AFP, Rome

remainder of the Western Union Senior Division League matches after he attacked an assistant referee during a game against Sheikh Russell The BEE executive committee

meeting also decided to set up another committee to run women's football with BFF vice-president Siraiul Islam Bachchu as chairman and Kamrunnahar Dana secretary.

Premier Div FROM PAGE 13

Mohammedan Sporting Club renew their traditional rivalry for the second timeat the same venue at 5pm. Abahani won the first meeting 2-1. Abahani are third with 21 points from eleven games while Moha-

Biddyaniketon

mnmedan have only 14 points.

FROM PAGE 13 Milan fan who died of a suspected handed Natun Jurian KM heart attack alone in a hotel room in Mainuddin High School a thumping Rimini on Saturday. 120-run defeat.

On the other hand Sabuj by Lazio the European champions Biddyapith defeated Sheikhdi Abdullah Mullah High School by 47 runs at the Uttara Police Lines Lecce's Javier Ernesto Chevanton struck for the 11th time this season. around.

SCORES IN BRIEF

BIDDYANIKETON: 174/10 in 32.2 overs (Sujon 70 n.o, Tanjin 22, Faisal 3-14 Tanveer 3-36) RAYARBAZAR HIGH: 122/10 in 29.4 overs (Shamim 28, Wahidul 24. Jewel 4-22. Tapan 2-12)

Result: Biddyaniketon won by 52

overs (Noor Hossain 40, Raquibul 34, Igbal 18; Mahmud 3-40, Ashig 2-WILLES LITTLÉ FLOWER: 180/4 in 30.4 overs (Mehrab 65, Mustafiz

SHEIKHDI ABDULLAH HIGH: 157/10 in 32 overs (Rubel 33; Nabab 3-23. Litu 2-25) Result: Sabuj Biddyapith won by

Australians in a triangular series final in 1999 before reasserting their home supremacy with a seven-wicket win over Ricky Ponting's team in the 2003

Australia have always struggled to

Champions Trophy semifinal. "The heat and slow pitches are a

ninth straight Serie A win, had to wait Bologna and Modena, and Brescia

until the second half to draw level. Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti brought on Jon Dahl Tomasson after the break and it proved a wise decision as it was Tomasson who held up the ball for Andriv lead over Roma at the top of Serie A Shevchenko to volley in from just outside the box.

Juve stay focused

Jorge Bolano.

"It was a tough match against a powerful drive from 30 metres out to side that are difficult to play with give Udinese a well deserved lead. some very quick players up front," said Shevchenko, who has found minutes later when after some neat memories of Lecce's Stadia Via del passing Dino Fava tapped in from Mare as it was here in 1999 that he six yards. scored his first Italian league goal.

Lecce may be fourth from the

foot of the table but this will have

boosted their chances of avoiding

relegation coming after they had put

up a similarly defiant showing to

hold reigning champions Juventus

Inter halved the deficit with a goal Milan though almost bagged all from Argentine Julio Cruz but it was the points at the end but Nesta's not enough to save the day. header was cleared off the line by

That defeat left Inter in fifth, three points behind fourth-placed Lazio who on Saturday humbled relegation threatened Empoli 3-0 with the goals coming from former Manchester United defender Jaap Stam, Fernando Couto and Luciano Zauri. In Saturday's other game Chievo

to an identical scoreline last month. beat Perugia 2-0. Roma, runaway winners over Juventus last week, failed to make [OP SI) any inroads on the league leaders after bottom of the table Ancona, helped by some crucial saves from Italian football league table on their keeper Mancon, held them to a Sunday after late match between Juventus and Reggina (played, won,

0-0 draw. With David Trezeguet absent with injury, Juventus turned to their midfield for the scrappy goal that beat Reggina in Turin. Emanuele Belardi smothered Marco Di Vaio's shot, but the ball fell to Maresca whose effort went in off the upright.

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soil and in front of our own crowd will

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any other team in the world," said

Atapattu, who led his team to victories

n the West Indies and then at home

We should try and give them a hard

time. It is not that we are going to lose

all five matches to them, but we can try

'That has been their success story

Atapattu said his team would play

"Australia is more attacking than

be our greatest strength."

against England last year.

dable opponents.

Atapattu alerts Aussies

factor that would be a matter of concern," Atapattu told the Daily News ahead of the five-match limited-overs series beginning with a day-night game at Dambulla on Friday.

"I am sure the climatic conditions are going to surprise them. ... whether we like it or not, we get turning tracks during this time of the year." Most parts of the country are

currently gripped with drought, with temperatures between 30 and 35 degree celsius and humidity sometimes unbearable Atapattu said his team was geared

out things and match them at their own up for the Australian challenge as game "There is less pressure on us to win against Australia because everybody victory over the world champions would be a great achievement.

knows how good they are." Australia begin the tour with a one-

day practice game on Tuesday. They will also play three Test matches after the one-day series

Warne, CA deny claim

FROM PAGE 13 only 29 but West Indies still managed a challenging total thanks to opener Xavier Marshall who scored 83.

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Morgan c Maraj b Khan 95 wickets. 13 Riddles c Sebastian b Simmonds 12

Result: Australia won by six Man-of-the-match: Theo Doropoulos (Aus) Toss: Australia

Sri Lanka stunned Steve Waugh's "Beating Australia is the ultimate in cricket," said the 33-year-old.

'There is no greater challenge than taking on Australia. Everyone is keen to get on the park. Playing on home

corruption unit. The magazine made no connection between Warne and the alleged

viewed by members of the anti-

surfaced out of India overnight, and at this stage, Cricket Australia does not consider these current allegations credible to warrant any formal

Result: Willis Little Flower won AFP, Colombo by six wickets. AK HIGH SCHOOL: 236/9 in 35 Sri Lanka's one-day captain Marvan overs (Shahin 61, Shaon 88; Rashed 2-12, Shahin 2-37) Atapattu on Monday sounded a warning to Australia, saying the world champions will find it difficult to cope NATUN JURIAN: 116/10 in 26.3 overs (Saiful 38, Ramzan 16; Jewel with turning tracks and hot weather. 4-11, Masum 2-29) Result: AK High School won by do justice to their stature in Sri Lanka 120 runs. where they have so far won just three SABUJ BIDDYAPITH: 204/8 in 35 of their 14 one-dayers, including overs (Russell 28, Mufazzal 26; defeats in the last two big matches. Nurullah 3-39)

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he Indian team for the tour will be finalised later this month

Cricket

est leg-spinner Shane Warne and ricket Australia (CA) on Monday lismissed a claim that he was seen the company of an Indian gambler uring Australia's 1999 World Cup ampaign in England.

Warne, 34, described as "total ubbish" allegations that he and Vest Indies captain Brian Lara were een emerging from a London estaurant with Delhi-based gamler Ratan Mehta.

India's Outlook magazine has eported the International Cricket ouncil's anti-corruption unit susects Mehta of fixing a match etween India and Pakistan during he 1999 World Cup, which India on by 47 runs.

The magazine reports that larne and Lara were allegedly een in Mehta's company by an nidentified Delhi-based businessnan, who has since been inter-

match-fixing Warne, who is almost a week back from a 12-month drug suspension and is bidding to be selected in Australia's Test team to play a series in Sri Lanka next month, has denied dining or meeting with Mehta

"This story is total rubbish and completely untrue," Warne said in a statement released here on Monday.

"The only time I have had dinner with Brian Lara in London was at the Pizza Pomodero with his manager. David Manassi, and my good friend, (soccer player) Dwight Yorke.

"As far as Ratan Mehta is concerned, I have never even heard of him before." Cricket Australia (CA) said it

would not launch an investigation into the new claims and had no plans to speak with Warne.

"Shane Warne has emphatically denied the reports which have

Clijsters clinches Paris Open

AFP, Paris

Kim Clijsters underlined her World No 2 ranking with a straight sets 6-2, 6-1 win over unseeded Mary Pierce of France in a one-sided final of the WTA Paris Open here on Sunday.

It was a morale-booster for the 20-year-old Belgian who lost in the Australian Open final to compatriot Justine Henin-Hardenne in her last tournament and who has been carrying a niggling left ankle injury.

For Pierce, just reaching the final was a consolation as she attempts a comeback at the age of 29 after taking several months off to recover from injuries and regain full fitness.

But the former Australian and French Open champion will have learned how much ground she has yet to make up if she is to realistically challenge the younger players like Clijsters at the top of the world rankings.

"I knew that Mary had played a lot of sets this week and that she could be in difficulty if I moved her around," Clijsters said

"I've always played well in Paris and I hope this can set me up well for when I come back to Paris for Roland Garros in May."

Clijsters had three break points against Pierce in the fourth game of the first set, but some big serves got the French player, who has slumped to 37th in the world rankings, out of trouble to level at 2-2.



Belgium's Kim Clijsters holds the winner's trophy after beating France's Mary Pierce in the Paris Open final on February 15.

investigation," CA acting chief executive officer David Fouvy said in a statement.

"Cricket Australia is fully committed to ensuring cricket remains free from corruption.

"If we are presented with any credible allegations of misconduct against Australian players or officials, these will be fully investigated."

In Colombo, Australian captain Ricky Ponting said the controversy would have no impact on the team if Warne joined them in Sri Lanka

> "I don't think it has any impact on the team because Warney's thrown it out straight away as a load of rubbish and Cricket Australia has done the same thing, they've decided they're not going to have any investigation into it," Ponting told Australian Associated Press.

"I think it's been handled pretty well so far and that's about where it'll stay