# SPÖRT

### **BSFNA cricket**

**RU CORRESPONDENT** 

Al-Rashid Cricket Academy defeated Padma Garden by four wickets in the quarterfinals of the Bangladesh Sports Foundation of North America (BSFNA) cricket tournament at Rajshahi College playground yesterday.

Wining the toss, Al-Rashid Cricket Academy put Padma Garden into bat and they made 134 all out in 44 overs.

Al-Rashid academy reached their target (135-6 in 38 overs)

### **SCORES IN BRIEF**

AL RASHID CRICKET ACADEMY: (Farhad not out 61, Soton 13, Raju 4/21, Hasu 3/17).

PADMA GARDEN: (Nayon 23, Mashum 18, Apu 18, Mashum 3/36, Shohag 1/19).

### B'baria cricket

**OUR CORRESPONDENT** 

Akota Cricket Club and Digonto Cricket Club won their respective matches in Shaheed Freedom Fighter Rongu Mia Cup Cricket Tournament-2004 at Shahjadapur Junior High School playground here yesterday

In the first match, Akota Cricket Club defeated Durber Cricket Club

Winning the toss, Akota Cricket Club decided to bat first and they made 125 all out. Rajon top scored

Durber Cricket Club replied with 105. Rajon was declared manof-the-match.

Digonto defeated Agradut by 10

Digonto Cricket Club, electing to bat, scored 109 with Tapon

Agradut Cricket Club were dismissed for 99.

### TV trouble

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"All options, including an ordinance are open," it quoted an unnamed government official as

English-language daily The Hindu carried a similar report.

"The government is apparently toying with the idea of promulgating an ordinance to mandate that events of national importance also be given to the public broadcaster as is the law in many countries," the paper said.

Defiance of such a presidential ordinance could lead to a ban on Ten Sports from beaming sports programmes in the plum market of cricket-mad India.

Cable operators beam paid channels such as Ten Sports here

## Kirsten takes charge

Cricket

AFP, Hamilton

South Africa batsman Gary Kirsten cut loose to score a superb century and put the Proteas in a strong position against New Zealand at stumps on the second day of the first Test Thursday.

Shortly before tea South Africa were bowled out for 459 after starting the day on 279 for four, Kirsten top-

New Zealand were 102 for two in reply at close, with opener Michael Papps notching a debut half-century off 114 balls including 11 fours.

Kirsten's century, the 21st of his career, came after 277 minutes off 192 balls, with 14 fours. He survived a scare just before reaching his century when Chris Cairns dropped a relaStephen Fleming suffered the embarrassment of dropping relaively simple catches.

**SCOREBOARD** 

Smith c Oram b Vettori

Gibbs c Styris b Vettori

Kallis c Tuffey b Oram

Adams b Oram

Pollock run out

Ntini run out

Nel not out

**Bowler** 

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Kirsten c Papps b Vettori

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Boucher lbw b Styris

Rudolph c McCullum b Styris

Extras: (b-1, lb-5, w-1, nb-12)

Total: (All out in 139.2 overs) 459

Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-79, 3-211, 4-

271.5-281.6-305.7-364.8-379.9-415

26

27 7 76

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**NEW ZEALAND**: First innings

Total: (For 2 wkts in 38 overs) 102

To bat: McMillan, Cairns,

McCullum, Oram, Tuffey, Wiseman,

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Richardson lbwb Pollock

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-75

Fleming lbw b Adams

Extras: (lb-1, nb-4)

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Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first Test between New Zealand and South Africa Thursday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

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Early in New Zealand's innings apps, who was hit on the helmet by Pollock on the next ball was dropped when Smith fumbled several times at

Pollock was rewarded in the next over when he got Mark Richardson's wicketlbwforfour.

The state of the badly rain-damaged pitch has been of major interest during the Test and during the final session of the day it appeared to be breaking up to the concern of New Zealand.

Umpire Russell Tiffin of Zimbabwe issued an official warning to strike bowler Andre Nels not to run

As Nels had only bowled two balls at that point Smith raced in to protest



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South Africa's Gary Kirsten square drives one on way to scoring 137 on the second day of the first Test against New Zealand in Hamilton yesterday.

tively simple catch.

After reaching the 100 mark, Kirsten raced on, hitting New Zealand spinner Daniel Vettori for two fours and a six off one over.

Vettori's revenge came in the next over though when Kirsten on 137 gave a careless top edge to Papps.

Earlier drama came when both Shaun Pollock (10) and Makhaya Ntini (21) were run out. Pollock's came in the first over after lunch and saw him seem to start his run twice off Kirsten's drive, which plainly had

Rival captains Graeme Smith and

Tiffin was not impressed and pointedly wrote a name in the notebook. It appeared to upset Nels who lost his line and saw a series of fours hit off his deliveries soon after. As he changed to going around the wicket it was plain he was struggling to avoid attracting more attention from

South Africa's big blow came in the last half hour when Fleming was trapped lbw 27 off a ball by Paul Adams, with New Zealand two for 75.

Nauman c Kartik b Sehwag

Extras: (b-4,lb-9,nb-17,w-12) 42

Total: (For4wktsin46overs) 336

Fall of wickets: 1-127, 2-220, 3-252, 4-

Did not bat: Akmal, Khalil, Zia, Arafat,

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Result: Pakistan A won by six wickets.

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A confident looking Papps and Scott Styris, 16 not out, settled the innings ahead of stumps.

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### **AP,** Lahore

India's cricket captain Sourav Ganguly may be a superstar in his homeland, but when he comes to Pakistan, he's treated like a Roman

Roman emperor!

Indian journalists meeting Ganguly at his team's hotel in Lahore on Wednesday night, after the squad arrived for India's first full tour of Pakistan in 14 years, were asked to provide a taste test to the Test skipper's tea and cookies, according to one reporter.

Ganguly was said to be shocked that blanket security surrounding the 15-man squad extends to checking whether his food might be poi-

"Could any of you please taste the cookies and tea before we serve them to Ganguly?" the waiter said, accord ing to a reporter from Ganguly's home city of Calcutta.

The reporter, who did not want to be named, said Thursday he agreed to the request as Ganguly is a friend.

In addition to such precautions by staff at the plush Pearl Continental Hotel, security officials had also blocked the waiter before he could take order from Ganguly. The waiter was allowed to take the order after the skipper gave his approval.

### 8 Bangladeshis earn full points

SPORTS REPORTER

Eight Bangladeshi players earned maximum points after the second round of the Parsvnath International Rating Chess Tournamen in New Delhi yesterday.

They are: FM Sk Nasir Ahmed Abdul Maleq, Md Javed, IM Enamul Hossain Rajib, IM Abdullah Al Rakib, FM Abu Sufian Shakil, Sawkat Hossain Pollab and Debaraj Chatterjee

They are followed by FM Khan Aminul, Mehdi Hasan, Monjur Alam, IWM Rani Hamid, Arman Monir, Masuda Begum, Md Ali Afroza Khanam Baably and Ronodev Dasgupta who all have one point.

### Tennis Ds put Australia atop

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The pair were finally separated when Martyn popped up a bat-pad catch to substitute fielder Kaushal Lokuarachchi midway through the final session.

Lehmann was then caught and bowled by Muralitharan to spark a late innings collapse, four wickets falling for eight runs as Australia searched for quickruns. Australia had resumed on 193 for two. Muralitharan took five for 153 runs from 56 overs to finish with 10

wickets in a match for the 13th time in his career and match Warne's Test Sri Lanka's highest successful run chase was in a five-wicket win against Zimbabwe in 1997-98 when

Sanath Jayasuriya was not able to open the Sri Lanka innings after splitting the webbing on his right hand as he fielded a drive off his own bowling just before lunch. The injury

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the first Test between Australia and Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium on Thursday: AUSTRALIA: First innings 220 (D Lehmann 63, D Martyn 42, M Hayden 41; M Muralitharan 6-59, K

Dharmasena 2-52) SRI LANKA: First innings 381 (T Dilshan 104, M Jayawardene 68, M Atapattu 47; S Warne 5-116, M AUSTRALIA: Second innings (over-

Langer lbw b Jayasuriya Hayden c J'dene b M'tharan 130 Ponting run out Martyn c sub (L'chchi) b M'tharan 110 Lehmann cand b M'tharan 129 Symonds st S'kara b M'tharan 24 Gilchrist lbw b Chandana Warnest S'kara b M'tharan 0

Kasprowicz not out Extras: (b-15, lb-28, nb-2) Total: (For 8 wkts declin 152 overs) 512 Fall of wickets: 1-91, 2-175, 3-245, 4-451, 5-480, 6-498, 7-498, 8-498 O M R W 3 67 Vaas 27 D'sena 24 1 100

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Sangakkara not out Total: (For no loss in 3 overs)			3 3	
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Gillespie	1	0		
1	0			

Rajshahi City Corporation, Nitol Niloy Group, Mercantile Bank, Prime Bank, Aman Trading Rajshahi Chamber of Commerce and Industries

He said that ticket prices were fixed as follows: VIP sofa at Tk 1,000 each, VIP chair at Tk 200, VIP chair-2 at Tk 100, gallery at Tk 50. Gallery tickets will be between Tk 40 and Tk 20 for the semifinal and final

To promote the meet a colourful cultural function featuring noted singers Andrew Kishore, Shakila Zafar and Mamtaz has been arranged at the Raishahi Stadium today.

he and his Indian counterpart have

stressed that any match between the arch-rivals is like any other

March 22, 1985, Sharjah, UAE The Rothmans Cup match on neutral territory in Shariah ended in a sensational 38-run win for India. India successfully defended

April 18, 1986, Sharjah, UAE

Needing four to win off the last ball, Javed Miandad hit a six over mid-wicket off Indian seamer Chetan Sharma to pull off a onewicket win for Pakistan. Chasing the Indian target of 246, Miandad held the innings together to remain unbeaten on 116.

October 25, 1991, Sharjah, UAE Pakistan's Aaquib Javed claimed 7-37, including a hat-trick of leg-

befores to remove Ravi Shastri, Mohammad Azharuddin and Sachin Tendulkar, to help his team win by 72 runs in the Champions Trophy. India, who were forced to bat in near darkness, did not play in

March 9, 1996, Bangalore, India Venkatesh Prasad and Anil Kumble took three wickets apiece to help India win the World Cup quarter-final by 39 runs. India made 287-8 with Navjot Sidhu making 93 and Ajay Jadeja 45 off 25

Sharjah for two years in protest.

balls. Pakistan stumbled after a rollicking start to finish on 248-9. Pakistani captain Wasim Akram, who pulled out of the match at the last moment due to a shoulder injury, received death threats after the loss and his Lahore home was

### January 18, 1998, Dhaka, Ban-

India chased a then world record of 315 runs to win the best-of-three Independence Cup final. Centuries from Saeed Anwar and Ijaz Ahmed in Pakistan's innings were followed by Sourav Ganguly's 124 as India won in near darkness through a last-over boundary by Hrishikesh Kanitkar.

### March 1, 2003, Centurion, South Africa

shot of the World Cup.

## Hewitt happy for Rusedski

Tennis

AFP, Indian Wells

Former world No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt said Wednesday he was pleased that a tribunal cleared Greg Rusedski of a doping offence but added he doesn't believe tennis is 100 per cent clean

"I'm relieved for him, Australia's Hewitt said of Rusedski. "He's had a tough time the last

Hewitt, who begins his defence this week of his Indian Wells ATP Masters Series title, said he thought the sport was largely, although not entirely, free of doping, "I would like to think tennis is

pretty much clean most of the time

but obviously there is a problem there somewhere," he said. "I know I am 100 percent clean. "Still you come out of some matches with guys who look stronger in the fifth set than the first set

and you have to wonder about In a statement on Wednesday, the ATP's anti-doping tribunal said it ruled "unanimously and unequivocally that Rusedski was

not guilty of a doping offence. Rusedski was cleared despite testing positive for the anabolic steroid in Indianapolis last sum-

The Canadian-born Brit immediately protested his innocence and appealed the results at an Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) hearing in his home city of Montreal last month.

"He had a pretty strong case," said Hewitt. "He pled his innocence and caught a lot of flak for it." Hewitt said he was tested for drugs 15 to 16 times last year. There are others on the tour who get tested up to two dozen times a year,

"They are pinpointing some guys more than others," he said.

Had he failed to win his case, Rusedski faced the possibility of a two-year ban and a premature end

to his career. "I can't say why this is happening week after week. It is worrying to the players. It can ruin your career and Rusedski was just in that situation," said Hewitt.

Rusedski's defence centred around the case of Czech player Bohdan Ulihrach, who was cleared of a similar offence last year.

Ulihrach, and six other innamed players, were exonerated when the ATP admitted their trainers may have been responsie for handing out contaminated

"electrolyte" supplements.

... whether the ATP has to stand up and be counted more or what. We have to be able to trust our ATP trainers," said Hewitt.

Hewitt said he had previously tablets before the kerfuffle began.

"The players can't be expected to drink just water when they are out there. When you are playing in a five-set match you need something to keep your energy up and straight water is not going to do

that," he said. Belgian tennis star Kim Clijsters said players need to watch what goes into their bodies.

"It has happened to a few of the guys. You have to be smart and ask questions of a lot of people," said Cliisters.



**LLEYTON HEWITT** 

## Terrific teens

**AFP,** Indian Wells Sesil Karatancheva and Alisa Kleybanova may be the youngest players in the Indian Wells tournament draw, but that didn't stop them from making their WTA Tour

debuts successful ones. The two 14-year-olds recorded three-set victories over their more experienced opponents on Wednesday, advancing to the second round of the 2.1 million dollar WTA event.

"I am so excited this is something I really wanted to do," said Karatancheva, of Bulgaria.

Karatancheva, who is just 14 vears, seven months, beat American Alexandra Stevenson 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 in an evening match at the main 16.100-seat stadium.

"When I found out I was playing Alexandra Stevenson I was really nervous. Then when I got out on there and saw all the seats I thought 'MvGod'

"I feel like I want to do something special, something that has never been done before. I want to be the first to do something (in tennis).

With that, wild card entry Karatancheva then predicted she would win the Indian Wells event.

A bold statement, maybe, but it is that same confidence that has allowed her to break into the top rung of ladies professional tennis at an age when most teenagers are still dreaming of driving a car.

right and never wrong. My dad and have big battles over that. I do what want. I need to change that abou myself," said Karatancheva.

"I'm a Leo, and so I'm always

Told Jennifer Capriati made the final of a WTA tournament at age 13, Karatancheva said, "I'm going to

Russian teen Kleybanova rallied to beat Jelena Kostanic of Croatia 2-6, 6-0, 7-5. Kleybanova advances to play

10th seed Anna Smashnova-Pistolesi in the second round. Karatancheva moves on to face Spanish 17th seed Magui Serna.

### M'singh cricket OUR CORRESPONDENT

Asit Memorial Club defeated County Club by two wickets in the Navana Premier Division Cricket League at the Circuit House ground yesterday

**SCORES IN BRIEF** 

**COUNTY CLUB**: 152/9 (42 overs): Anas 30, Saiful 22, Chandan 14, Uttam 2/16 and Suman 2/34. **ASIT MEMORIAL**: 156/8 (41.3 overs): Ashraf 42, Minto 33, Adl 36, Bulbul 3/33 and Saiful 2/29.

Result: Asit Memorial won by two wickets.

Satkhira cricket

**OUR CORRESPONDENT** 

Gana Mukhi Sangha recorded a three-wicket victory over Young Aryans Club in the Satkhira District First Division Cricket League yes-

At the Satkhira Government College ground, winning the toss Young Aryans Club batted first and collected 172 before being all in 47 overs. In reply, Gana Mukhi Sangha scored 173 for seven in 44.5

overs.

## India get A Pak taste

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Extras: (lb-4,nb-12,w-13)

Total: (For6wktsin50overs) 335

Fall of wickets: 1-149, 2-172, 3-182, 4-

Did not bat: Kartik, Balaji, Zaheer, Patel

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interest. Worry is not the right adjective, but we must have better all-round performance in the one-dayers, Wrightsaid.

India clearly looked incapable of containing the batsmen in the absence

of three strike bowlers, Anil Kumble, Ajit Agarkar and Harbhajan Singh. Leg-spinner Kumble and seamer Agarkar, who were forced to miss the first part of the tour due to injuries, are

expected to be available for the Test series starting on March 28. Off-spinner Harbhajan is out of the entire tour following surgery on his bowling hand during the recent tour of

**SCOREBOARD** 

Scoreboard in the one-day warm-up match between Pakistan A and India on Thursday:

INDIA SehwagcBazidbAbbas TendulkarbAbbas

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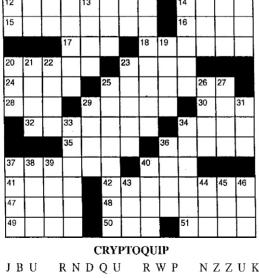
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TFUIU NZ GNNA: "EFIU OEWGFEO PND!"

The Cryptoquio 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.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals T

### M'tharan Dilshan J'suriya Chandana **SRILANKA**: Second innings Atapattu not out

### Independence

He added that the entire tournament was budgeted at Tk 25 lakh, of which Tk 13 lakh would come from sponsors including Corporation, Sapura Silk and

### It's not only cricket!

Inzamam has since lost weight and is now the captain of Pakistan. Both

Now is their chance prove it.

**MEMORABLE MATCHES** 

a paltry 125 as Pakistan stumbled

The last time India and Pakistan played each other turned out to be one of the best matches in World Cup history. A century by Saeed Anwar gave Pakistan a competitive total of 273-7 in 50 overs, but Sachin Tendulkar led India to victory by the 46th over with a scintillating 98 that included a six over point off Shoaib Akhtar. It is regarded as the most memorable