

Sport

The Paily Star

However, all the old doubts

resurfaced when Harmison was

forced out of the first leg of

England's winter programme in

Bangladesh with a back problem

while his self-confessed struggles

with homesickness did little to

ler," he said in January. "I always

seem to struggle at the start of any

tour with homesickness. I strug-

gled in Australia last winter and it

affected my performance on the

"I admit I'm not a good travel-

persuade the doubters.

Parsvnath chess

SPORTS REPORTE

Fide Master Khandakar Amirul Islam earned 5.5 points after the seventh round of the second Parsvnath international rating chess tournament in New Delhi yesterday.

FM Abu Sufian Shakil and Mohammad Javed have both collected five points each. IM Tuesday. Abdullah-al-Rakib, Arman Monir and Debaraj Chatterjee had 4.5 points.

IM Enamul Hossain Rajib, IWM Rani Hamid, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, Shawkat Hossain Pollab, Mehdi Hasan Parag, Abdul Maleq and Monjur Alam were on four points respectively.

7TH ROUND RESULTS

Amirul beat IM Saravanan, Shakil beat Gajendra, Debaraj beat Arindam, Arman beat Umar, Rakib drew with Preetham, Javed lost against Gokhale, Rajib lost to Praven, Nasir lost to IM Neelotpal, Maleq lost to GM Humpy, Rani lost to Srinivasa, Pollab lost to Deepan and Moniur lost to Visweswararn.

BSFNA cricket

RU CORRESPONDENT

Al- Rashid Cricket Club defeated Royal Racho Cricket Club by nine wickets to advance to the final of the Bangladesh Sports Foundation of North America (BSFNA) cricket tournament at the Rajshahi college playground yesterday.

Winning the toss, Royal Racho Cricket Club decided to bat and made 80 before being bowled out in 28 overs.

In reply, Al-Rashid Cricket Club reached the target scoring 81-1 in 18 overs.

India's Sourav FROM PAGE 13

Ramesh Powar.

PAKISTAN (from): Inzamamul Haq (captain), Yousuf Youhana, Shahid Afridi, Imran Farhat, Yasir Hameed, Younis Khan, Misbahul Haq, Shoaib Malik, Abdul Razzaq, Moin Khan, Rana Naveedul Hassan, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Sami, Saqlain Mushtaq, Rao Iftikhar, Shabbir Ahmed.

Umpires: Simon Taufel (Australia) and Asad Rauf (Pakistan)

Rafique ducks FROM PAGE 13

tired and we are all very upset over the circumstances that prompted his early return. So I request you to said Raf

Cricket

AFP, Kandy

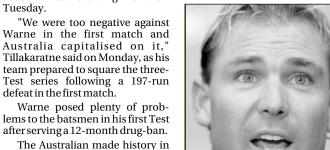
defeat in the first match.

ing track.

off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan to keep pressure on a strong Australian batting line-up. Muralitharan, himself just four

Warne the only worry

wickets short of 500, was down with Sri Lankan skipper Hashan a stomach upset on Sunday but Tillakaratne has told his team to had now recovered to play on his bat positively against Australian home ground. leg-spin wizard Shane Warne in the "He will be okay for the match. second Test starting here on



SHANE WARNE

throughout the night.

side for further rest.

of the first match.

Muralitharan sat out nets on

After Monday morning's prac-

Veteran opener Sanath

hand injury sustained while

Australian captain Ricky

Jayasuriya has also recovered from

bowling during the second innings

Ponting said his team was keen to

wrap up the series with a victory

Sunday afternoon and then suf-

fered from stomach cramps

tice session was washed out,

Muralitharan returned to his bed-

None of the Sri Lankan batsmen could read Warne's shrewd varia-He complained of stomach upset tions in the second innings as the hosts were shot out for 154, chasing last night, but it is not a major a target of 352. concern now," said Tillakaratne.

Warne will again be Australia's trump card as they hope to clinch a Test series in the sub-continent after two unsuccessful attempts. They lost in Sri Lanka in 1999 and then in India two years later.

the opening Test at Galle on Friday

when he became the first spinner

to capture 500 wickets during his

match-haul of 10 scalps on a turn-

"No doubt, Warne is a worldclass spinner, but I think we defended against him too much. We allowed him to bowl so many dot balls. We hope to play him better this time," said Tillakaratne. The Sri Lankan captain said his

team would have to play more competitive cricket against a formidable Australian squad. "The first Test is history now.

lost. I want my team not to lose

control in such tight situations.

Hopefully the difference will be

Miandad was himself regarded as one of the best finishers in the

game, once scoring a six off the

final delivery at Sharjah in 1986 to

In Karachi, Pakistan needed 17

off the last two overs but lost the

seventh wicket of Shoaib Malik in

the penultimate over to a brilliant

catch at long-on by Mohammad

"One-day matches are like that,

When Indian paceman Ashish

Nehra bowled the last ball of the

you take one good catch or commit a mistake while batting and the game is over for you," Miandad

beat India in a one-day final.

there.

Kaif.

said.

'Keep on fighting'

We have to rectify our mistakes and "It'll be nice to win here," he play really good cricket. We can do said. "Our object is to win each Test it as we have the home advantage.

out in the deep

be if he had had the strike.

on Tuesday," he said.

decide," he said.

problem in Karachi was the 38

extras his team conceded, includ-

ing 20 no-balls and 10 wides which

some people will say we are one batsman short, but let the captain

here.

The hosts will once again rely on and we were in pretty good touch in the first match.

Ponting said his team's batting approach would be the same, but there could be changes in bowling depending on the weather. "The batsmen have to attack as

well as defend in these conditions and I think we have adapted to the conditions very well," he said. Australia, who went into the first

Test with two specialist spinners and as many fast bowlers, might be tempted to play three pacemen in view of the overcast conditions.

"It's hard to say now (of the team's composition). It depends on how the weather stays and how the pitch looks like in the morn ing," said Ponting.

Australia have unhappy memories of this ground, suffering their lone defeat here before losing the three-Test series 1-0 in 1999 under Steve Waugh's captaincy.

Waugh and fast bowler Jason Gillespie were involved in a nasty on-field collision. Waugh fractured his nose, while Gillespie broke his leg and did not play cricket for nearly a year.

TEAMS

AUSTRALIA (from): Ricky Ponting (captain), Justin Langer, Matthew Hayden, Damien Martyn, Darren Lehmann, Andrew Symonds, Simon Katich, Adam Gilchrist Shane Warne, Jason Gillespie, Michael Kasprowicz, Stuart MacGill, Shaun Tait, Brad

Williams, Wade Seccombe. SRI LANKA (from): Hashan Tillakaratne (captain), Marvan Atapattu, Sanath Jayasuriya, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Tillakaratne Dilshan. Thilan Samaraweera, Chaminda Vaas, Upul Chandana, Rangana Herath, Muttiah Muralitharan, Nuwan Zoysa, Avishka Gunawardene, Kaushal Lokuarachchi, Nuwan Kulasekara.

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second Test, which starts in Trinidad on Friday.

"You can't get a six off the last ball every time," Miandad said when asked what the result would "All in all, I think it was a good first three days," he said. "Then it He conceded Pakistan's major came down to who batted better in the second innings and (Steve) Harmison and (Matthew) Hoggard bowled really well.'

gave India five bonus overs to bat. Lara, who batted on Sunday "I have worked on this aspect with heavy strapping on the little and the difference will be noticed finger on his right hand that he Miandad said he had left the dislocated in the field on the secdecision whether to include a sixth ond day, said he expected to be bowler up to captain Inzamamu fully fit for the second Test. "If we include a sixth bowler

Fast bowler Fidel Edwards, who strained his side during the Kingston match, will be monitored by the West Indies medical staff in Pakistan is likely to include the hope he can play in Trinidad.

Magura soccer | Seven-up Harmison

Cricket

but on Sunday he put those night-

mares behind him as he took seven

wickets for 12 runs as West Indies

crashed to a Test low 47 all out and

England clinched the first Test by

Fast bowler Harmison's haul,

the best Test return at Jamaica's

Sabina Park, was the cornerstone

of England's win in the opening

looked a long way-off when the

Durham quick's professional

world collapsed around him in

Perth in November 2002 during the

Harmison, 25, repeatedly lost

It would have been embarrass-

ing enough for a club cricketer; for

a man touted as England's great

fast bowling hope it was pitiful with

figures of one for 86 only hinting at

Many wondered if Harmison,

whose tour of Australia began with

seven successive wides in the

opening match, would recover and

Harmison's misery.

But his astonishing analysis

game of the four-match series.

AFP, London

10 wickets.

time.

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Zia Smriti Sangsad, Sunrise Sporting Club, Shafik Smriti Sangsad and Sreerampur Friends Club moved into the semifinals of the Econo First Division football league.

Zia Smriti Sangsad will take on Sunrise Sporting Club in the first semifinal today while Shafik Smriti Sangsad meet Sreerampur Friends Club in Wednesday's other semifinal at the Magura Stadium.

U-13 cricket

BSS, Dhaka Ananda Cricket Coaching Centre posted a four-wicket victory over Discovery in the second Azim Group U-13 cricket tournament at the Kalabagan Club ground yesterday.

third Test against Australia. Batting first, Discovery were all out for 160 with Rumi top-scoring his run-up as Australia made 456, a total that would help them retain with 48. Ananda Coaching Centre the Ashes in just 11 days' playing

reached the target scoring 161 for

Victoria set to be the victors

AFP, Melbourne

Victoria set Queensland a seemingly unassailable target of 576 on the fourth day of the Sheffield Shield cricket final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Monday.

Oueensland's spirits dipped further when Victorian fast bowler Michael Lewis removed key batsman Jimmy Maher (0) and Martin Love (14) in the last hour.

day, Queensland were 56 for two in

to win on Tuesday's final day.

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Since coming into being Sheikh Russell has been functioning at Chowdhury's business house in Mominbagh and trains in a rented place at Uttara. Chowdhury is a man on a mis-

sion to make Sheikh Russell a modern home of sport.

"We have a plan to mould it like a European club. We don't want to be confined anywhere in Dhaka. Our goal is to set up a base either in Gazipur or Ashulia so that the boys can avail round the year training facilities," said Alam, whose ultimate target is to deliver a professional football club.

He and left-hander Ryan Hinds

he admitted months afterwards: the home series against South "That was the first time in my life I Africa with a fifth Test win at The have thought 'Please don't throw Oval in September. me the ball, I don't want to bowl'."

But crucially for Harmison one man didn't lose faith in him the Just over a year ago Steve Harmison then England captain Nasser could barely complete his run-up Hussain.

"Nasser helped me through the crisis. His encouragement was priceless," said Harmison who was playing in only his 13th Test after making his debut against India in Nottingham in 2002.

"I was struggling but he refused to take me off. He just said: 'Keep going you'll get it back'."

field. Harmison's pace had been Rehabilitation work, including evident from the time he made his training with his local football Durham debut back in 1996. At well heroes at Newcastle United, over 6ft tall it was clear that his helped the native north-easterner ability to get steepling bounce was get ready for the Caribbean where going to give good batsmen some-England have not won a Test series thing to think about. in 36 years.

He also had a powerful ally in former England all-rounder Ian Early indications were promising but few could have predicted Botham who lost no opportunity to Sunday's fairytale figures.

"I would never have thought But, like just about every other this would happen when I woke up this morning, but I learnt from the English fast bowler of his generation, Harmison's career was first innings that my natural length was far too short," man-of-the-And, even when he was fit, his match Harmison said.

direction was often so wayward "I am speechless. I cannot say that it was wicketkeepers rather much about what happened." than batsmen who had most rea-

Portugal has signed the

Until the attacks in Madrid the

minister had said Portugal was

only studying the possibility of reim-

If Harmison can stay fit and maintain this kind of form -- two But there were encouraging

big 'ifs' -- England fans won't care if signs when, on a good batting pitch, he helped England square he never says another word.

The threat is serious

champion his case.

blighted by injury.

son to be fearful.

trading partner.

supporter of the US-led war against championship.

preventive measures during the upcoming events," President Jorge Sampaio said in an interview pub-Comercio do Porto.

posingthebordercontrols The Portuguese air force is to close the airspace over stadiums, and natrol the skies with F-16 fighter jets on match days, according to an air force source cited by weekly newspaper Expresso over the weekend.

The newspaper said the mea-sure was asked for by organisers

The second caller, who spoke in Portuguese with a foreign accent, said he wasanAlgerianwho had lived in Portugal fortenvears.

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of the question. Queensland need another 520 Russell, a vision

Euro 2004 At stumps on the penultimate

their second innings with Clinton Perren on 32 and Stuart Law eight not out and victory apparently out

AFP, Lisbon

As evidence mounted that Islamic militants were behind the deadly train bombs in Spain, neighbouring Portugal beefed up security amid growing fears that the European football finals which the country will host this June could be

a prime target for terrorists. Prime Minister Jose Manuel Durao Barroso made the decision to increase security following an emergency meeting held late on Sunday with the heads of Portugal's police and intelligence forces in Lisbon.

"While there is no specific threat directed against Portugal at this moment, the decision was made to reinforce preventive measures," a government source told the Lusa news agency.

The interior ministry said it had placed airports and embassies considered "sensitive" under tight

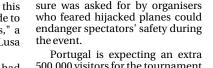
with Spain, which is its largest and other European nations during the championship, the largest sports event worldwide after the Portugal, like Spain, was a vocal Ólympics and the football World

Cup. Iraq and the bombings in Madrid have heightened fears that the country could also be a target of a Schengen agreement, which abol-ished border checks between 15 terrorist attack, especially when it hosts the 16-nation Euro 2004 European countries, but Lisbon can use a clause in the treaty which allows them to temporarily be "The lesson of Thursday is that reimposed under special circum-

Portugal needs to reinforce all of its lished Monday in daily newspaper

Concern over the risk of terrorist attacks increased on Monday after topselling daily newspaper Čorreio da Manha reported it had received two telephone calls from men claiming to be members of the al-Qaeda extremist group who said Portugal would be struck

before the European football finals begin. The paper said one of the callers, who spoke in Spanish, said at least two of the men who were responsible for the train bombings in Madrid were already in Portugal.



500,000 visitors for the tournament which will take place in eight cities from June 12 to July 4. The country

wife Shilpi when reporters wanted to meet the cricketer.

In the face of repeated requests, daughter Shila at first said that his father was asleep but finally informed that Rafique wasn't interested in talking to newsmen.

A BCB official on condition of anonymity said that they took him so that any misunderstanding could be avoided.

"He is an asset to the country. That's why we want to handle this issue with special care. That's why we took him to the management office. The BCB's disciplinary committee will meet him soon," he added.

The locals of Aganagar were adamant that their hero was a victim and didn't think much of what had come out in the papers.

"I talked to him after he came home and I'm convinced there are other stories. He was not interested to talk to journalists because the Board requested him not to say anything right at this moment. said a close associate of Rafique.

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Ferdous Ara Khanam, or popularly known as Aleya Ferdousi, receives the crest of the best woman sports organiser in Asia from International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge during a ceremony titled 'World Conference on Women and Sports' in Moroccan city of Marrakech on March 7.

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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.

England humble

FROM PAGE 13

men.

from the hard, true surface, Harmison made life very diffiadded 20 for the sixth wicket, but West Indies would lose their last five wickets cult for the West Indies batsfor two runs in the space of 24 balls. **SCOREBOARD**

He got support at the other end from Matthew Hoggard, who was getting the ball to swing both ways and kept up the pressure with tight bowling.

Chris Gayle trying to break free from the shackles placed on him early was brilliantly caught at third slip by a leaping Graham Thorpe off Harmison for nine top edging a cut.

West Indies vice-captain Ramnaresh Sarwan bagged a pair when he was adjudged lbw to Harmison for zero playing back and across to a ball moving back.

He might have been a little unfortunate to receive such a verdict from umpire Daryl Harper as the height might have been open to question.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul was promoted to four, no doubt to shield Lara and his dislocated little finger on the right hand, but he was bowled by Harmison for a duck playing on a back foot defensive shot to a short, rising delivery.

Lara was forced to make his entry at five and hardly had time to test his finger when he was caught at second slip off Hoggard for a duck also.

They still had not erased the first innings deficit of 28 when Hoggard held a firm return catch to send Devon Smith, the first innings century-maker, who had watched the carnage at the other end, on his way for 12 to leave West Indies on 21 for five.

As he is apt to do, Ridley Jacobs tried to hit West Indies out the hole with the top score of 15 and ensured that England would have to bat again when he drove Hoggard through midon for the second of his three boundaries.

Bowler 1.3 0 7 Best 0 0 Hinds 1 11 0 Result: England won by 10 wickets and take 1-0 lead in the 4-Test series. Man-of-the-match: Steve Harmison. Second Test: March 19-23, Trinidad.

WINDIES LOWS

REUTERS, Kingston

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	England	Kingston	2004
	Australia	Port of Spain	1999
	Pakistan	Faisalabad	1986
	England	Lord's	2000
	England	Leeds	2000

security and had boosted its intelligence gathering.

Immediately after the attacks in Madrid on Thursday which killed more than 200 people, Portugal strengthened its border controls

usually receives 1.4 million tourists in June.

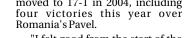
The paper said it immediately Interior Minister Antonio reported the calls, which it received on Figueiredo Lopes said on Friday Friday, to the interior ministry which Portugal would most likely reimis investigating their credibility. pose its border controls with Spain



Tennis

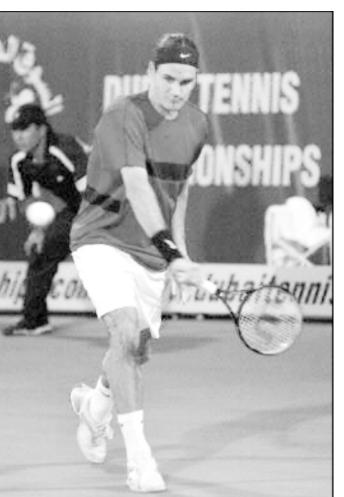
AFP, Indian Wells

Top-ranked Roger Federer, the reigning Australian Open and Wimbledon champion, cruised past Andrei Pavel 6-1, 6-1 at the ATP/WTA Masters Series tournament here on Sunday



match and as it went on I started to hit more freely," said Federer. "I feel much more confident when I walk on the court and the

more risks you take.' Two-time Indian Wells champion Lindsay Davenport, 19-year-



World No. 1 Roger Federer plays a backhand against Andrei Pavel at the Indian Wells Masters Series tournament on March 14.

old Russian sixth seed Vera Zvonareva and 19th seed Nathalie Dechy of France advanced in straight sets on the women's side of the draw.

American Laura Granville beat second seed Kim Clijsters in a walkover after Clijsters withdrew on Saturday with a wrist injury.

Federer moved on in the 4.9 million dollar hard-court tournament to face Chile's Fernando Gonzalez in the third round.

Federer hit five aces to Pavel's one and smashed 27 winners, 18 more than Pavel, who struggled with 18 unforced errors and made three double faults.

Federer, who received an opening-round bye in the 96-player field, expected a tougher match from Pavel. Earlier this year in Romania, they played a three-setter on clay in Davis Cup.

Top seed Federer now has a 7-1 career record against Pavel, dating to their first encounter in Hamburg, Germany four years ago.

"He knows more about my game," said Federer. "I wasn't expecting a match like today. Mentally he was not as strong as he normally is.

Indian Wells is not a tournament where Federer has had a lot of success. He was eliminated in the round of 16 last year.

"This was my first win on centre court here. So that's nice," he said.

Federer has been the hottest player on the ATP Tour in the past 12 months, winning seven titles.

He won the 2003 Wimbledon to become the first Swiss male to capture a Grand Slam title. He then beat Russia's Marat Safin in the 2004 Australian Open final for his second Grand Slam.

Since his Grand Slam titles, Federer's popularity has skyrocketted

"I have to mentally prepare now when I walk out of the house," he said

Andy Roddick left was prepared for his match on Sunday with fellow American Jan-Michael Gambill. The 21-year-old third seed blasted 21 aces in a 7-6 (7/3), 6-2 victory.

PHOTO AFP

Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the opening Test between West Indies and England at Sabina Park on Sunday WEST INDIES: First innings 311 (D Smith 108; M Hoggard 3-68)

ENGLAND: First innings 339 (M Butcher 58, N Hussain 58; T Best 3-57, FEdwards 3-72)

WEST INDIES: Second innings (overnight 8-0 9

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Gayle c Thorpe b Harmison Smith c and b Hoggard 12 Sarwan lbw b Harmison 0

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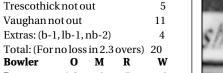
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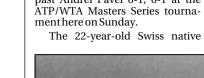
Extras: (lb-4, nb-1) Total: (All out in 25.3 overs) 47

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-13, 3-15, 4-16, 5 21, 6-41, 7-41, 8-43, 9-43 0 Μ R Bowler W

Hoggard 9 2 21 2 12 Harmison 12.3 8 7 Jones 4 1 10 ENGLAND: Second innings Trescothick not out

Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-2) Total: (For no loss in 2.3 overs) 20





moved to 17-1 in 2004, including "I felt good from the start of the

more confidence you have then the