

## CJKS cricket

CU CORRESPONDENT

Satadal Club recorded a 45-run victory over City Corporation Ekadosh Junior in the CJKS-Ispahani Premier Division Cricket League at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

Put into bat, Satadal scored 233 for four in 48 overs. Shohel M Khan made highest 88 while Surajit Pal also contributed 61. Zia Uddin of City Corporation Ekadosh Junior grabbed two wickets.

In reply, City Corporation found the 118 before being all out in 44.5overs. Javed Hashmi was the top scorer with 53 while Azim Uddin added 38.

Mahfuz of Satadal Club snatched four wickets for 43 while Tyebo took three wickets giving away 31 runs.

On Wednesday, Rising Star Club recorded a 28-run victory over Shaheed Shahjahan Sangha.

Rising Star batting first and scored 235 before being all out in 49.5 overs. Shaheed Shahjahan were dismissed for 197 in 47.4 overs.

### FIRST DIVISION

Also on Wednesday, Mohammedan Sporting Club Blues recorded a 113-run victory over Seba Nekaton at Dampara Police Lines ground.

Batting first, Mohammedan Sporting Club Blues scored 198 all out in 46.4 overs.

Seba Nekaton fell apart in their chase making 85 in 30.1 overs.

## B'baria cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Dauria Cricket Club and Mohammedan Sporting Club won their respective matches in Shaheed Freedom Fighter Rango Mia Cup cricket tournament at the Shahjadapur Junior High School playground in Brahmanbaria yesterday.

Dauria Cricket Club defeated Niamatpur Cricket Club by 13 runs. Winning the toss, Dauria batted first and made 114 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs. Rakesh top-scored with 52.

In reply, Niamatpur were dismissed for 101 in 40.4 overs.

Mohammedan won a low-scoring game against Shapla Cricket Club by 26 runs.

Mohammedan Sporting Club batted first and managed just 86 in 29.1 overs. Shapla responded with 60 in 25.3 overs.

## ZCU soup up selectors



REUTERS/AFP, undated

The Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) has dropped three selectors and named two new ones in a sign that the impasse with 13 senior players who have threatened to resign may be moving towards resolution.

Mpumelelo Mbangwa, a former Test medium pace bowler who has since embarked on a career as a television commentator, and Richie Kaschula, an ex-spin bowler who played first-class cricket in the 1970s, have been brought on to the panel.

The new four-man committee will be convened by Steven Mangongo and also includes Max Ebrahim, Mbangwa and Kaschula. Ali Shah, Jon Brent and coach Geoff Marsh have lost their places on the panel.

The committee's first duty will be to pick a squad to play Sri Lanka in the opening one-day international in Bulawayo on Tuesday. The squad is due to be named later on Thursday.

The 13 players have threatened to quit over what they describe as an "unprofessional manner of selection" that allows "interference of a non-sporting agenda". They have also alleged "racial and ethnic discrimination in the selection of the

national team".

Heath Streak's tenure as captain ended when he raised similar concerns with the ZCU.

Streak wanted the panel reduced from five to four selectors, for them not to have conflicting interests and to possess at least first-class playing or coaching experience.

Negotiations between the players and the ZCU are continuing and the squad to play Sri Lanka may provide an important indication of how far the parties are from settling their differences.

Meanwhile, Zimbabwe's rebel Test cricketers have decided against making themselves available for the one-day internationals against Sri Lanka next week.

The Zimbabwe selection panel will have to choose an entirely black team of novices, which is to be announced at a news conference later Thursday.

The rebels held a last minute meeting earlier Thursday to consider the ZCU's offer of a new selection panel and a method of dealing with grievances and problems in the future.

The 12 white players have been demanding the ZCU directors reinstate captain Heath Streak who was sacked when he called for two selectors without first-class experience to stand down.

## Nat'l jr chess

SPORTS REPORTER

The 25th national junior chess championships (U-20) got underway at the Bangladesh Chess Federation conference room yesterday.

In all 91 chess players including 13 rated players are participating in the competition. On the opening day, 42 players won their respective matches. Among them were defending champions Ali, Parag, Sagar, Robin and Mostafa.

## Nat'l athletics from today

SPORTS REPORTER

The 29th national athletics championships will begin at the Sher-e Bangla Mirpur National Stadium today. Dhaka City Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka will declare the two-day meet open at 3 pm.

About 450 athletes featuring 45 teams are expected to compete in 36 events including 14 for women.

## Learn for Lara: Atapattu

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan captain Marvan Atapattu has told his Zimbabwe-bound batsmen to draw inspiration from world record-smashing West Indian Brian Lara in order to play a long innings.

"When you get runs, get the maximum. Lara's innings is a classic example which can help us improve our game," Atapattu told reporters Thursday before his team's departure for Zimbabwe for five one-dayers and two Test matches.

The first one-dayer begins at Bulawayo on April 20.

### ONE-DAYSQUAD

Marvan Atapattu (captain), Mahela Jayawardene (vice-captain), Sanath Jayasuriya, Kumar Sangakkara, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Russel Arnold, Saman Jayantha, Thilina Kandamby, Chaminda Vaas, Nuwan Zoysa, Dilhara Fernando, Nuwan Kulasekara, Farveez Maharoof, Muttiah Muralitharan, Upul Chandana, Rangana Herath.

## Baishakhi kabadi

SPORTS REPORTER

Haider Ali High School became champions in the Baishakhi Kabadi Mela on Wednesday beating Shaheed Nabi High School 75-67 in the final at outer stadium kabadi court.

In the semifinals, Shaheed Nabi ousted Nawabpur Government High School while Haider Ali eliminated Dolairpar High School.

Ten teams took part in the event organised by the Bangladesh Kabadi Federation to mark Bangla New Year.

## It doesn't

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At Rawalpindi, the scenes were more encouraging but the stands

on the first two days were, at best, only a third full.

India won the first Test by an innings and 52 runs but Pakistan hit back with an emphatic nine-wicket victory in the second and the attitude on the field, however, has been of "no quarter given and none asked for".

"If I wasn't playing the matches, I wouldn't have missed them for anything in the world," said one Indian player.

"The Tests have been intense, charged and have produced some great cricket. If you don't come to the ground, it's simply your loss."

## Pakistan plan

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each country, and a tour to India

by Pakistan in 2005.

PCB chief executive Rameez Raja said the main obstacle to the six-match 'Friendship' series was finding time to fit it into a busy international schedule.

Both sides are due to take part in a triangular tournament, also involving Australia, in Holland in August, which will act as a warm-up for the ICC Champions Trophy.

## Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Moyenuddin Smriti Sangsad defeated Young Eleven Star by 77 runs in the inaugural match of a cricket tournament organised by Magura District Sports Association at the district stadium yesterday.

Moyenuddin Smriti batted first and scored 155-9 in the stipulated 25 overs. Young Eleven were shot out for 78 in 23.3 overs.

Magura DSA vice-president Aminul Islam Chandu Mia inaugurated the tournament. Twelve teams are taking part.

## BBC pool, snooker

CU CORRESPONDENT

The first ever Bangladesh Billiard Centre pool and snooker championship begins at the BBC at GEC intersection in the port city on April 23.

Interested players have been advised to complete entry formalities by April 20. The winners will get an opportunity to take part in the national pool championship.

## Sher-e-Bangla soccer restarts on April 20

SPORTS REPORTER

The qualifying rounds of the Sher-e Bangla Cup national football championships will kick off on April 28 in ten zones.

The ten group winners will join defending champions Noakhali District Sports Association and hosts Natore in the 12-team finals in Natore from May 10. A regular event organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation however has not been held for the past three years.

All 64 districts and the services and university teams will take part in the qualifiers.

The first competitions will be held in Cox's Bazar, Comilla, Gazipur, Gopalganj, Bhola, Chuadanga, Jaipurhat, Nilphamari and Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamlapur.

## Inzy puts

<b>FROM PAGE 13</b>	
Laxman b Akhtar	71
Ganguly run out	77
Yuvraj lbw b Sami	47
Pathan c Akbar b Kaneria	15
Kumble st Akmal b Kaneria	9
Balaji c sub (Malik) b Farhat	11
Nehra not out	1
Extras: (b-11, lb-12, w-6)	29
Total: (All out in 177.2 overs)	600
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-129, 3-130, 4-261, 5-392, 6-490, 7-537, 8-572, 9-593	

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Akhtar	21.2	7	47	3
Akbar	40.4	3	162	1
Kaneria	62	5	178	2
Sami	40	11	116	1
Farhat	12.2	1	69	2
Hameed	1	0	5	0
(Akhtar bowled two balls of his 22nd over before being injured. Akbar completed the over)				
<b>PAKISTAN:</b> Second innings				
Farhat c Sehwaq b Balaji				3
Umar lbw b Pathan				13
Hameed not out				8
Akmal not out				10
Extras: (b-5, lb-7, nb-2, w-1)				15
Total: (For 2 wkts in 15 overs)				49
Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-34				
To bat: Inzamam, Youhana, Kamal, Sami, Akhtar, Akbar, Kaneria				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Pathan	7	5	7	1
Balaji	7	1	30	1
Kumble	1	1	0	0



PHOTO: AFP  
Olympic champion and 2003 London Marathon winner Gezahegne Abera of Ethiopia ( L ), world marathon champion Jaouad Gharib of Morocco (C), and the second fastest Marathon runner of all-time Sammy Korir jog near Tower Bridge on April 14. The London Marathon takes place on Sunday.

## Roddick, Haas in qtrs



AFP, Houston

American Andy Roddick breezed past Robert Kendrick on Wednesday, advancing to the quarter-finals of the US Men's Clay Court Championship with a 6-2, 6-3 victory.

The top seed, Roddick opened the tournament Tuesday with a straight-sets win over Denmark's Kenneth Carlsen.

It was his first ATP Tour match on clay this season following 33 -- including Davis Cup action -- on hard courts.

Roddick set up a quarterfinal meeting with eighth seed Jurgen Melzer of Austria as he seeks his third title of the season, which would tie him with Roger Federer and Dominik Hrbaty for the tour lead.

Kendrick advanced to the semifinals in San Jose earlier this year,

only to lose to Roddick, who ended up winning his first title of 2004.

Also winning Wednesday was veteran American Todd Martin, who outlasted Franco Squillari of Argentina, 7-6, 7-6.

Martin made the quarterfinals for the first time this year. Last season, he advanced to one and finished with a 16-11 match record.

Seventh seed Luis Horna of Peru and Melzer also won Wednesday.

Horna rallied for a 0-6, 6-1, 6-3 triumph over French qualifier Stephane Robert and Melzer bounced Tomas Behrend of Germany, 6-2, 6-4.

There also were a pair of first-round matches. Sixth-seeded American Robby Ginepri fell to Germany's Tommy Haas, 7-6, 6-4 and No. 5 Andrei Pavel of Romania defeated Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador, 6-4, 6-3.

## Chepchumba's target

AFP, London

Two-time winner Joyce Chepchumba of Kenya believes Sunday's London Marathon will be won in a very fast time despite the absence of world record-holder Paula Radcliffe.

The Briton will not be defending the title she won for a second successive year 12 months ago in a world record 2hr 15min 25sec.

But Chepchumba still feels the race will be won in a sub-2:20.00 time for the third consecutive year.

"I'm pretty certain no-one is going to run 2:15 -- Paula did that with pacemakers," the Kenyan said. "She might not be running on Sunday and I understand her reasons. But there are still 10 of the best marathon runners in the world taking part."

"Her time has been an inspiration to all women marathon runners. We know we must go faster ourselves now."

## Vaughan saves England

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With Lara off the field throughout the afternoon period, Ramnaresh Sarwan was called upon to deputise and he employed the slow bowlers for most of session. This included himself and he made the breakthrough when Vaughan was caught behind playing defensively forward to a leg break.

Vaughan and Butcher added 92 for the second wicket.

Butcher and Hussain have proven to be thorns in the West Indies side before in this series and again pricked them.

They continued to bat England into a position of safety and took the visitors to 345 for two at tea with another half-century stand.

After the break, West Indies made their last push for victory. Three wickets fell for 42 runs to leave England 408 for five.

Butcher was caught at slip for 61 off Ryan Hinds playing a slog sweep. Hussain was bowled behind his legs by Hinds for 56, and Andrew Flintoff, the first innings century-maker, was caught at mid wicket off Sarwan for 14.

But there was never going to be

any doubts about the result that denied Lara the end to a memorable match in which he reclaimed the world record for an individual Test score with his sensational 400.

The West Indies captain scored an unprecedented, undefeated quadruple that earned him the man-of-the-match award and England fast bowler Steve Harmison, who ended the series with 23 wickets at 14.86 apiece, was named man-of-the-series.

The two teams now change personnel and prepare for a seven-match, one-day International series that commences at Georgetown on Sunday.

The series continues with matches at Port of Spain (April 24 and 25), St. George's (April 28), Castries (May 1 and 2), and Bridgetown (May 5).

### SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fifth day of the fourth and final Test between West Indies and England at the Antigua Recreation Ground on Wednesday:

**WEST INDIES:** First innings 751 for five declared (Lara 400 not out, Jacobs 107 not out; Batty 2-185)

**ENGLAND:** First innings 285 (Flintoff 102 not out; Collins 4-76)

**ENGLAND:** Second innings (over-night 145-0)

Trescothick c Sarwan b Edwards88  
Vaughan c Jacobs b Sarwan 140  
Butcher c Gayle b Hinds 61  
Hussain b Hinds 56  
Thorpe not out 23  
Flintoff c Lara b Sarwan 14  
G Jones not out 10  
Extras: (b-4, lb-7, w-3, nb-16) 30  
Total: (For 5 wkts in 137 overs)422  
Fall of wickets: 1-182, 2-274, 3-366, 4-387, 5-408

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Best	16	1	57	0
Edwards	20	2	81	1
Collymore	18	3	58	0
Powell	8	0	36	0
Hinds	38	8	83	2
Gayle	17	6	36	0
Sarwan	12	2	26	2
Collins	8	2	34	0

**Result: West Indies drew with England and England clinch the 4-Test series 3-0.**

**Man-of-the-match: Brian Lara.**

**Man-of-the-series: Steve Harmison.**

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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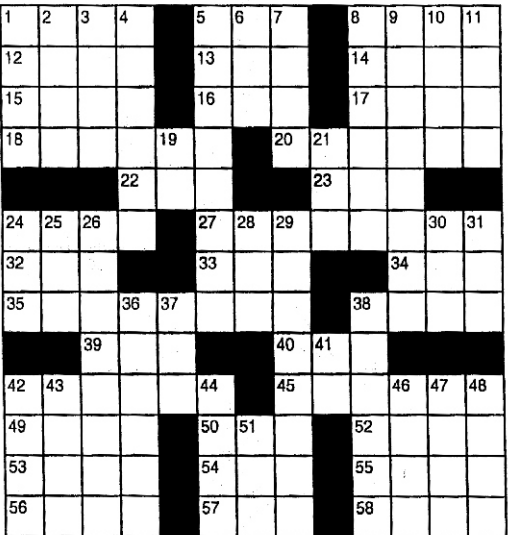
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### CRYPTOQUIP

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**Yesterday's Cryptogram:** WHEN A ROBBER SEES TWO THINGS HE'D LIKE TO STEAL, I GUESS HE DOES A DOUBLE TAKE.

Today's Cryptogram Clue: R equals O

The Cryptogram 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.

## Capriati, Davenport thru'



AFP, Charleston

Jennifer Capriati and Lindsay Davenport both found themselves running around against 19-year-olds Wednesday. They also found themselves in the third round of the 1.3 million dollar WTA Family Circle Cup.

The Americans were two of seven seeds to win at the Family Circle Tennis Centre, where the claycourt season resumes en route to Roland Garros.

Capriati struggled early before cruising to a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Russian Lina Krasnoroutskaya. Davenport also had her problems before defeating Jelena Jankovic of Serbia and Montenegro 7-5, 6-3.

"I was just pretty aggressive and pretty focused the whole match and really played well," Capriati said.

"Even when she was running me around, I was able to get back her shots and then took the opportunity, so overall I think it went really well."

Davenport wasn't expecting such a tough first-round match.

"I thought she played very, very well," Davenport said.

"I thought a lot of the errors I made I was forced into them because she got so many balls back

-- and at the same time was pretty aggressive herself -- and felt like I had to do a lot of running out there."

Capriati ran herself into a third-round encounter with Petra Mandula of Hungary as she seeks her second Family Circle Cup title. She won in 2001, 11 years after losing to Martina Navratilova in the final.

A 14-time winner on the WTA Tour, Capriati is competing in just her fourth event of the year, although she has practiced a lot in the past couple of weeks.

"Not only just drilling but played a lot of points and just to really get into that mind-set so I wouldn't feel like I really haven't played or don't have the feel of playing points," she explained.

Seeking her third title of the season, Davenport improved her 2004 record on clay to 7-0. She never has reached the final at one of the three Tier 1 claycourt events -- Charleston, Berlin and Rome.

The other seeds to advance to the third round were No. 6 Elena Dementieva of Russia, eighth-seeded Russian Nadia Petrova, No. 13 Anna Smashnova-Pistoletti of Israel and No. 16 Conchita Martinez of Spain.