BOA's no

request to include Jui and Surjo in the team. We can not risk sending them and as there is the possibility that they might come back home without even competing as only those who have attended the Paris Meet can take part in the heats.
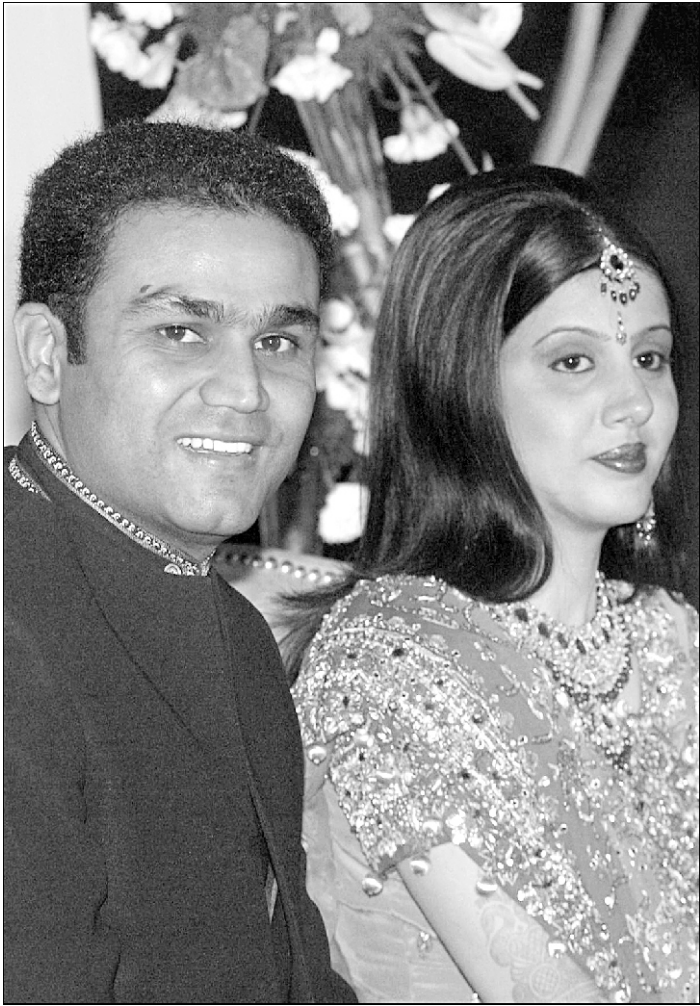
'As Shamsunnahar Chumki and Shamsuddin had ran at the World Meet, they will go to Athens," BOA secretary general Zafar Imam told Daily Star last night.

The other members of the Bangladesh contingent are swimmers Rubel Rana, who won the 100m backstroke gold medal at the 9th SAF Games in Islamabad earlier this month, and Dolly Akhter and Commonwealth Games gold medalist in shooting Asif Hossain Khan, the 17-year-old who also clinched a gold at the recently concluded Islamabad SAF Games.

"We are still trying to include female shooter in the squad. We have received only one wildcard entry for Asif. There will be no more but if we can convince the organising committee into giving us another wildcard, we will take Suraia Akhter with us," Zafar added.

BJMC sprinter Shamsuddin, who won gold medal at the national championships last year, failed to qualify for the finals at this year's meet.

On the other hand, Chumki, who holds the national record for both the 200 and 100m sprints, was dethroned by 16-year-old Ishrat Jahan Iva last week in the nationals.

NEW OPENING PAIR! Indian opening batsman Virender Sehwag (L) poses with wife Aarti Ahlawat at their wedding reception in New Delhi on April 24.

PHOTO: AFP

2nd ODI rained off

Cricket

AFP, Port of Spain

Rain forced the abandonment of the second one-day match between West Indies and England after 16 overs on Saturday.

West Indies were 57 for two with Ramnaresh Sarwan not out on 11 and Ricardo Powell not out on eight when the rain that has been lashing the twin-island state of Trinidad and Tobago for the last few days arrived.

Prior to the match, Bryan Davis, the former West Indies batsman, who supervises pitch preparation at the Queen's Park Oval, was concerned that more rain would leave the outfield in an unplayable condition.

Several parts of the outfield were underwater when umpires Darrell Hair of Australia and Billy Doctrove of Dominica made the decision to call off play for the day around 1700 GMT.

Damp conditions delayed the start by an hour when the umpires concerned about the bowlers' run-up at the Queen's Park Cricket Club End.

They inspected around 1:30 p.m. and were satisfied that the conditions had improved enough. The overs were reduced with each side allotted a maximum of 46.

Steve Harmison, whose stock has risen on this visit to the Caribbean, exploited the conditions to maximum effect and made the breakthrough when West Indies left-hander Shivnarine Chanderpaul, opening the innings, was caught behind for three with the last ball of the eighth over.

James Anderson, the forgotten man of England cricket in recent weeks, struck with his third ball when Chris Gayle was caught at point for 20 in the 11th over before the rain came.

Both sides made one change to their lineups for this match.

For West Indies, captain Brian Lara was passed fit from a finger injury that prevented him from playing in the first ODI and replaced Sylvester Joseph.

For England, James Anderson replaced fellow fast bowler James Kirtley.

England lead the seven-match one-day series 1-0, after winning the opening game last Sunday at Georgetown by two wickets with three balls to spare.

The third match of the series will be contested on Sunday.

England won the preceding Test series 3-0.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the rained-off second one-day international between West Indies and England at Queen's Park Oval on Saturday:

WEST INDIES

Gayle c Collingwood b Anderson		20
Chanderpaul c Read b Harmison		3
Powell not out		11
Sarwan not out		11
Extras: (lb-6, w-9)		15
Total: (For 2 wkts in 16 overs)		57

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-34

Did not bat: Lara, Smith, Bravo, Jacobs, Rampaul, Dillon, Collymore

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gough	5	0	20	0
Harmison	7	1	16	1
Anderson	3	0	13	1
Flintoff	1	0	2	0

ENGLAND: Trescothick, Vaughan, Strauss, Flintoff, Collingwood, Blackwell, Clarke, Read, Gough, Harmison, Anderson

Result: No decision -- rain.

Left-arm spinners spit venom

spinner Sanwar trapped a dangerous Sabbir leg before in his first over.

The departure of Sabbir, who hit two boundaries, sparked Bashundhara's collapse with Rubel enjoying a field day operating as the sixth bowler.

The Dhaka university student, who played for Premier League side Brothers Union last year, first dismissed in-form Faisal Hossain (1) before having the wicket of big Akram Khan (6), Enamul Haque (13) and Naimur Rahman (2) to destroy the much-vaunted middle-order.

Bashundhara still had a chance with Al-Shahriar smashing the ball to all parts of the park however it was Biman's national all-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman who had the last laugh when he won a crucial lbw decision against the one-down batsman.

Shahriar hit five fours and pulled left-armer Ilias Sunny for two sixes.

It was Biman's second win after their six-wicket thrashing of Gazi Tank at Fatullah Stadium on Saturday.

GRAMEENPHONE V ISPAHANI

Khaled Mahmud's GrameenPhone cruised to their second win after Bashir caught Ispahani in his spinning web.

Sent into bat, Ispahani were bundled out for 116 in 35.5 overs with Bashir claiming 5-11. Bashir ripped through the middle-order after left-arm paceman Monjurul Islam and another left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak, one of the two uncapped players picked for the West Indies tour, began the carnage.

GrameenPhone raced to victory 117-2 in 31.4 overs with opener Anisul Hakim hitting an unbeaten 62, his back-to-back fifty. He struck eight boundaries in his 101-ball knock.

BCB DEV SQUAD V BADC

The under-17 boys of the BCB Development Squad, who are making a guest appearance in the competition, continued to impress.

They thrived on a half-century by captain Kamrul Islam to score 219-9 in 50 overs.

Kamrul hit 68 off 100 balls with six fours and a six while opener Ashraful Islam contributed 40 off 51 balls.

Sakib Al Hasan captured four wickets for 26 in eight overs and Sajidul Islam claimed 3-19 in 6.5 overs as BADC were bundled out for 174 in 34.5 overs.

SCORES IN BRIEF

Biman v Bashundhara

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

BIMAN: 237-9 in 50 overs (Sanwar 61, Humayun 30, Mushfiq 26, Rubel 21 not out, Russel 21, Sajjad 19, Jahangir 13, Sunny 13, extras 29, Enamul Haque 2-46, Shahjada 1-33, Shabbir 1-37, Saifullah Khan 1-53, Naimur 1-44).

BASHUNDHARA: 172-10 in 42 overs (Sabbir 42, Al-Shahriar 67, Hasibul 15, Enamul 13, extras 13, Rubel 6-31, Mushfiq 2-35, Sanwar 1-22, Russel 1-27).

Result: Biman won by 65 runs.

Grameen v Ispahani

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

ISPAHANI: 116-10 in 35.5 overs (Masumudowllah 32, Murad 19, Ahad 13, Bashir 5-11, Anwar Munir 2-22, Razzak 2-35, Monjurul 1-20).

GRAMEENPHONE: 117-2 in 31.4 overs (Anisul 62 not out, Kapali 37, Shahriar 12, Shamsul 1-19, Saiful Islam 1-23).

Result: GrameenPhone won by eight wickets.

BCB Dev v BADC

BCB DEV: 219-9 in 50 overs (Kamrul 68, Ashraful 40, Sonnet 29, Rahman 12, Emon Das 12 not out, Sakib 11, Farhad 10, Waliullah 3-45, Shahriar 1-28, Aminul 2-26, Ashrik 1-31, Ismail 1-36)

BADC: 174-10 in 34.5 overs (Musharraf 32, Proshenjit 30, Rashedul 23, Arman 23, Ismail 11, Sakib 4-26, Sajidul 3-19, Mahfuz 1-23, Kamrul 1-17)

Result: BCB Dev Squad won by seven runs.

Big win for Friends

CU CORRESPONDENT

Friends Club recorded a massive eight-wicket victory over Satabdi Gosthi in the CJKS-Ispahani Premier Division Cricket League at the MA Aziz Stadium on Saturday.

Batting first Satabdi Gosthi were dismissed for league's lowest total so far -- 123 in 28.5 overs. Rubel Biswas made highest 44 while skipper Arif added 36.

Friends Club's Saifullah Magsi grabbed four wickets giving away only 24 runs in 5.5 overs.

In reply, Friends Club reached 125-2 in 23.2 overs and Magsi starred again with 65.

BBC pool, snooker

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Billiard Club (BBC) pool and snooker competition was held at the club's premises in the port city on Friday.

BBC chairman Mir Kashim Chowdhury presided over the inaugural session, which was also attended by BBC managing director CM Shahidul Alam and last year's pool champion Faridul Islam.

Schuettler blows Moya away

REUTERS, Monaco

German fourth seed Rainer Schuettler ousted Spain's Carlos Moya 7-6, 6-4 to reach the final of the clay-court Monte Carlo Masters on Saturday.

Schuettler will face last year's runner-up, Argentine third seed Guillermo Coria, in the final on Sunday, the German's 28th birthday.

Clay specialist Coria beat Russian Marat Safin 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 in Saturday's other semifinal.

Schuettler kept his head in the first set tiebreak against 1998 champion Moya, taking it 7-5, and the 2003 Australian Open finalist maintained his grip in the second set to seal victory in one hour 43 minutes.

Zim hit rock

Extras:			(w-
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Total: (For 1 wkt in 9.2 overs)			40

Fall of wicket: 1-23

Did not bat: Atapattu, Fernando, Dilshan, Sangakkara, Herath, Vaas, Jayasuriya, Maharoof

Bowler	O	M		W
Hondo	4	1		23
11	1			4
P'gara	4.2	0		
29				0

Result: Sri Lanka beat Zimbabwe by 9 wickets and lead the 5-match series 3-0.

EMOTIONAL RIDE: Former Austrian Formula One driver Gerhard Berger sits in the Lotus, which late Brazilian Ayrton Senna drove, flanked by his sister Viviane Senna during a ceremony marking the tenth death anniversary of Senna before the San Marino Grand Prix in Italy yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Remembering Senna

AFP, Imola

Gerhard Berger completed an emotional three laps of the Imola circuit here on Sunday to mark the 10th anniversary of the deaths of Ayrton Senna and Roland Ratzenberger.

Berger completed three laps of the track in the Lotus Senna, one of his closest friends in Formula One, drove to pole for the San Marino Grand Prix here in 1985.

Berger flew the Brazilian flag with Senna's picture on it from the airbox of the Lotus, and also wore a badge of fellow Austrian Ratzenberger's helmet on his overalls.

"That was very emotional for different reasons," Berger said.

"Of course to remember Ayrton, of course to remember Roland. I think it is a great way to remember my colleagues.

Senna's sister Viviane, who runs the Ayrton Senna Foundation in Brazil, was present at the finish line along with the three-time world champion's nephew Bruno.

Fed Cup

Clijsters hits form

Tennis

AFP, Paris

World number two Kim Clijsters made a winning return for Belgium in the Fed Cup against Croatia though both Japan and Australia had trouble, dropping 2-0 behind in their away matches.

Belgium's Clijsters, out for five weeks with an injured left wrist, celebrated her comeback with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-1 win over Jelena Kostanic in this World Group first round match.

"I'm very happy," Clijsters said after the match.

"I knew my rhythm was off so I was not surprised I struggled. After more than a month away, it's impossible to come straight back and perform at the same level."

Clijsters ran away with the first set 6-1 though struggled in the second set and Kostanic shot to a 3-0 lead. The Belgium levelled at 4-4 but could not stop Kostanic winning it 6-4.

In the end, the final set became a mere formality for Clijsters as she romped through the third set 6-1.

Croatia's Karolina Sprem easily overcame Kirsten Flipkens 6-4, 6-0 in the second singles with Sunday play including a doubles and a further two singles matches.

Australia found there was no Fed Cup miracle as they slipped 2-0 down to Russia.

Anastasia Myskina gave Russia a 1-0 lead with a straight sets 6-4, 6-1 victory over Samantha Stosur.

Stosur rallied from a break down to level at 4-4 in the opening set, but the Russian number one was too powerful for the 20-year-old from Brisbane running out a comfortable winner.

In the second rubber, Australia number one Alicia Molik battled hard for nearly two hours against Svetlana Kuznetsova. But after rallying strongly in the second set she eventually went down 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Australia need to win both the reverse singles on Sunday as well as the doubles to go through to the next round.

Japan were really up against it at the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club.

Ai Sugiyama was beaten 6-3, 6-4 by Gisela Dulko and Akiko Morigami went down 6-4, 6-0 to Paolo Suarez leaving them a lot to do in Sunday's further three rubbers.

At Portoroz, Slovenia were 1-1 with the United States after the first day with Venus Williams beating Katarina Srebotnik 6-1, 6-2 and Slovenia levelling through a 7-5, 7-5 victory by Tina Pisnik over Lisa Raymond.

In other matches, France led Germany 2-0 at Amiens, Italy led Czech Republic by the same score at Lecce, Austria were also 2-0 in front at Sankt Polten, and Switzerland and Spain were all square at 1-1 in La Manga.

Schumacher in control

BBC ONLINE, Imola

Michael Schumacher cruised to his fourth consecutive victory at the San Marino Grand Prix after brushing off Jenson Button's challenge.

Button led for nine laps after starting the race from pole position, but the Ferrari was much faster and the Englishman had to settle for second.

Juan Pablo Montoya was a distant third for Williams, ahead of the Renaults of Fernando Alonso and Jarno Trulli.

David Coulthard was 13th after damaging his front wing at the first corner.

Coulthard's teammate Kimi Raikkonen, who started from the back of the grid following an engine failure in qualifying, scored his first point of the season.

The Finn inherited eight place when Takuma Sato's BAR-Honda retired with engine failure with four laps to go. It was the first time Raikkonen had finished a race in 2004.

Alonso made up three places in the closing stages to grab his fourth place.

The Renault passed both Trulli and Rubens Barrichello's Ferrari with some strong driving around his stop, and then passed Ralf Schumacher in a controversial move on lap 50.

The Spaniard made a late dive inside the Williams at Tosa and the two cars collided, pushing Schumacher into a spin.

Aussies 4-nations champs

Hockey

AFP, Sydney

Australia won the men's field hockey Four-Nations Challenge here Sunday with a 7-1 win over Malaysia, repeating its win in the Four-Nations Challenge in Canberra last week against the same teams.

South Africa upset India, winning 1-0, to take third place.

Adam Commens and Jamie Dwyer scored doubles for Australia, Troy Elder converted a penalty corner and Andrew Smith and Michael Brennan added field goals in the one-sided match.

Long periods of play had 21 players inside Malaysia's defensive half as Malaysia played a half-court defence.

Malaysia broke out three times and earned two penalty corners with Kuhan Shanmuganathan firing wide and into Australia's goalkeeper successively.

The third breakout landed Malaysia its only goal from a free hit by Kuhan just outside the circle, deflected high into goal by Boon Huat Chua in the first minute of the second half.

Barry Dancer, Australia's coach, commended the quality of his team's performance on Sunday.

"There was more cohesion and more consistent control today which is what we have been aiming for since we started playing in Canberra," Dancer said.

He said he believed the quality of the play has made it harder for him to select his Olympic squad in June.

"The performances in the eight matches (in Canberra and Sydney) have made it more difficult. The squad is a more even squad after this fortnight," Dancer said.

"We put 70 minutes together today and have overcome some difficulties in our build-up play," Dancer added.

INDIA-SOUTH AFRICA

In the play-off for third and fourth places, South Africa upset India to win 1-0.

South Africa played a tight marking game and concentrated for a full 70 minutes to deny India any goals.

Greg Nicol converted one of South Africa's seven penalty corners to score the only goal of the match.

India's coach, Rajinder Singh, acknowledged the defence of South Africa as a critical factor in the match.

"Our forward line could not score goals because of the tight man-to-man marking of South Africa's defence and we scored very few field goals in the tournament. Also, we missed three short corners today," Rajinder said.

Eves' soccer

yesterday for the smooth running of four camps which start next month in four zones.

The training camps will be held in Dhaka, Rajshahi, Rangamati and at the Ansar Academy in Gazipur.

BFF general secretary Anwarul Haque Helal informed that the AFC would provide with a fund of 10,000 dollars to develop the game for women.

"If we can continue these programmes successfully, the AFC will increase the amount to 25,000 dollars next year," Helal said.

Although there will be four camps, but the BFF will be giving more focus on the tribal players who are naturally tougher than the rest.
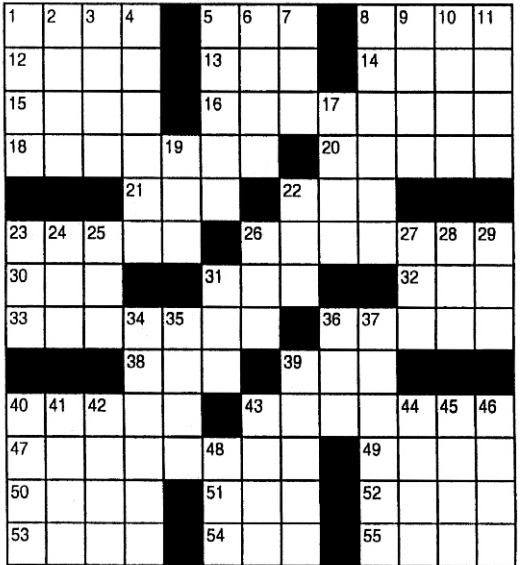

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5 Piercing tool
8 Huguenot descendant
12 Physical
13 Macabre author
14 Gymnast Korbut
15 Otherwise
16 Request with a list of signatures
18 Long-winged seabirds
20 Specter
21 Texture
22 One of Marilyn's husbands
23 Change
26 Turn to stone
30 Zodiac symbol
31 Bran source
32 Sandra or Ruby
33 Loud fireworks
36 Unhappy look
38 Sinister
39 Compete
40 Oriental
43 Zoo activity
47 Argue over trifles
49 Sarah McLachlan song
50 Post-Christmas event
51 Carte lead-in
52 Retained
53 Right angles
54 Two, in Tijuana
55 Relaxation

DOWN
1 4WD vehicle
2 Wheelbase terminus
3 History
4 Come out
5 Put to use
6 Travails
7 Permit
8 Annoy
9 Hodgepodge
10 Hollywood clashers
11 Dennis Miller specialty
17 "— Rhythm"
19 Listening device
22 Lustrous black
23 Jungfrau, e.g.
24 Antietam general
25 Fan of Barney, probably
26 — de deux
27 Altar affirmative
28 A mere handful
29 Eccentric
34 Lessens
35 Hindu princess
36 Suitable
37 Sound-stage do-over
39 Las —
40 Basilica feature
41 Close up tight
42 "— have to do"
43 Ralph Lauren trademark
44 Thought
45 Pinches
46 Total receipts
48 Mania

Solution time: 21 mins.

CRYPTOQUIP

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"H I W W O A R N O R P N Z R Z J !"

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I RECKON A BEE HELPING OUT ANOTHER BEE COULD BE CONSIDERED A BACKUP STINGER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals T

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.

India's Arjun Halappa takes evasive action as South African Iain Evans strikes the ball during the play-off match at the Four-Nations Challenge Men's Hockey Tournament in Sydney yesterday. India lost 1-0.

PHOTO: AFP