

The Paily Star

Lord's turning back the clock

AFP, London

Lord's pavilion is to undergo an 8.2million-pound refurbishment to restore it to its 19th century glory.

The pavilion's exclusive Long Room, lined with portraits of former cricketers and which players still walk through on their way to the wicket, will also be part of the scheme.

"It's really the first top-to-bottom. comprehensive refurbishment in the building's 114-year history," Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) spokesman lain Wilton said on Thursday.

"In several respects the pavilion will be going back more to how it originally looked," Wilton said, adding that the decor and fireplaces in the Long Room would be restored.

The project, which will also include a new roof terrace, was approved by members of the MCC, the ground's owners. It will begin in September and is due to be finished for the start of the 2005 season, when Australia and Bangladesh are set to tour.

The pavilion is only open to MCC members. The ground is already home to a spectacular, pod-shaped media centre and this week installed a high-tech sight-screen.

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FROM PAGE 13 ENGLAND

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Sri Lanka 67

FROM PAGE 13 Sri Lanka reached 67 without loss after the hosts had made 199.

Tatendu Taibu took charge and at 19. became the voungest international skipper in the history of the game.



Bangladesh Chess Federation general secretary Syed Sujauddin (2nd from R) shares a light moment with GM Ziaur Rahman (R) during a press conference at the NSC conference room yesterday.

'Shoaib really injured'

he said.

made public so far

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals L

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.

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Durham coach Martyn Moxon.

Cricket

PTI, Islamabad

The controversy surrounding cricketer Shoaib Akhtar's injury may come to an end in the coming days with Pakistan Cricket Board chief executive Rameez Raja admitting that the fast bowler "is carrying an injury"

The latest indications came following Wednesday's reported 'peace deal' between Shoaib and PCB chairman Shaharvar Khan which said the 'Rawalpindi Express' may be let off with a mild reprimand or warning.

"There is no doubt that he (Shoaib) is carrying an injury. But the medical commission has given its report to the chairman after studying video-tapes of the players including Shoaib's batting and bowling

Raja said the PCB was not upset at the team losing the series to India but it cannot accept "the lack of effort shown by many of them in the Pindi Test". "We are not denying his

(Shoaib's) stature as a match winner. We are not questioning his cricketing skills. But one thing we want to make very clear to our players that while we can accept victory and defeat as part and parcel of the game, the sort of attitude and

him. But after Wednesday's meeting lack of effort shown on part of many of them during the final Test in Pindi with Shaharvar at Lahore he will not be tolerated by us or the declined to speak to the media. He, cricket loving people of this country," however, admitted that he was asked to remain silent by the Board. The PCB also acknowledged

Raja said Shoaib would be given the message that this was the last that the medical inquiry commission had submitted its report on chance for him to change his atti-Wednesday on Shoaib and four tude because the captain was the other cricketers -- Shabbir Ahmed, sole authority in the team and every Umar Gul, Moin Khan and Abdul right to feel dejected and let down if Razzak. But the report was not his senior players didn't show the required passion and purpose in their game

> "We could have settled for batting on more placid pitches against India and gone for draws. But we relied on our strength which is our fast bowling and it was disappointing for all of us the way they didn't come through on responsive pitches." he said

Raja said the Board was obviously concerned if Shoaib was carrying such an old injury or if other players were getting injured regularly. "We can understand Shoaib being concerned because he has a contract with English country Durham about which he has not spoken to us as yet," he said. Raia said the Board's credibility

However, the bone scan report suffered because it prepared fast on Shoaib leaked to the media said pitches for the India-Pakistan he has a stress fracture on one of his matches keeping Shoaib in mind. "Our credibility is being questioned The fast bowler had earlier after the way we lost the Rawalpindi planned to address a press conference and later approach Supreme Test to India because of the lethargic attitude of some players." Court against the PCB for defaming

Match-fixing query Odumbe assigns leading barrister

AFP, Nairobi

SPORT

Former Kenyan cricket captain Maurice Odumbe has named top criminal lawyer, Ishan Kapila, to represent him against accusations of match-fixing levelled by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

The inquiry, due to start in Nairobi on May 19, will be presided over by Zimbabwean judge Ahmed Ebrahim and will also involve the Kenya Cricket Association (KCA). Kapila, a Kenyan of Indian

descent, is a scion in the law firm headed by his father Achhrro Kapila, who represented Kenya's founding president, the late Jomo Kenyatta, in a pre-independence trial in 1953 by the British colonial government for involvement in the Mau Mau freedom novement

Kapila confirmed that he will represent the 34-year-old all-rounder. Odumbe is alleged to have received payments from at least one illegal Mumbai bookmaker in India in 2002 to solicit his hand in bribing teammates to under-perform in matches.

If found guilty, Odumbe, the coun-try's most outstanding cricket player, es a life ban

Mani blasts Blair

FROM PAGE 13 representing Zimbabwe to the UK. Given that this issue has been on his radar for more than 18 months it appears that his intransigence on Zimbabwe is now linked in some way to his overwhelming desire to secure the Olympics for London." If England pull out of the tour,

scheduled for later this year, the ECB could face a two million pound fine and a one-year suspension it they cancel the tour without the British government specifically telling them not to travel.

Sher-e-Bangla FROM PAGE 13

the winners

Rezaul Karim notched a treble at Bhola as Barguna trounced Madaripur 7-0 at the Bhola Stadium to set up a zonal semi clash against Barisal. Faruk fired twice, Bashir and Shah Alam one each for Barguna

An early second-half strike by Mahbub helped Bandarban edge Khagrachhari 1-0 at Cox's Bazar while a goal by Rubel helped Gaibandha record an identical win against Rangpur at Nilphamari to qualify for their respective zonal semifinals

the zonal semifinal. Pabna reduced the deficit through Robin.

Federer falters, Henman thru'

Tennis

AFP, Rome World number one Roger Federer

crashed out of the Rome Masters here on Wednesday after throwing away a healthy advantage to lose his second round match to clay

court specialist Albert Costa. Federer, the number one seed, took the first set but then saw all his efforts undone by a catalogue of unforced errors which gave Costa, the 2002 French Open champion, a

3-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory. All of the first three seeds have now fallen at the Foro Italico following the first round exits of American second seed Andy Roddick and German third seed Rainer Schuettler.

Costa, a runner-up in Rome six years ago, will now play unseeded Peruvian Luis Horna in the last 16. Horna upset Dutch 14th seed Martin Verkerk 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

British number four seed Tim Henman had a much easier time of it, breezing into the third round with an emphatic 6-1, 6-1 win over unseeded Czech Radek Stepanek.

Henman, a four-time Wimbledon semi-finalist, comes up against Argentine Mariano Zabaleta, who defeated last year's champion Felix

> Mantilla in straight sets. Henman wrapped up his match before torrential rain brought play to a halt with nine second round matches still to be completed.

After two and hours of showers tournament officials decided to call it a day and resume on Thursday.

Federer, playing his first clay court tournament of the year, put away only two of his 14 break points and said his failure to be more clinical cost him the match. "I missed my chances," said the

Open champion. and I started aggressively and made some great volleys

> "But I started to miss some easy returns in the second set and he came to terms with my game." Costa said he had to change his game plan to overcome the reigning Wimbledon champion.

"He was playing a lot harder than me in the first set and I didn't seem to

have much confidence," said the 28year-old Spaniard. "I knew that I would have to

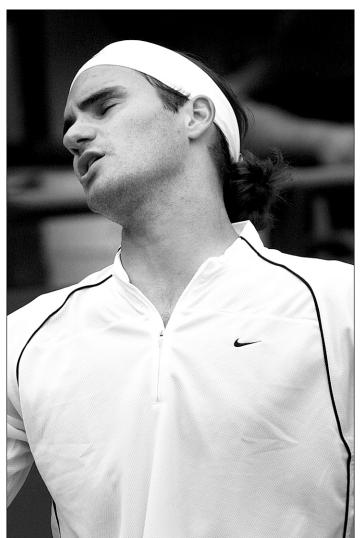
change a few things or I was going to lose, so I started to get more aggressive rather than sitting back on the baseline."

Henman, ranked seventh in the world, said his comfortable victory was one of his finest. "In terms of performance, it was

my most complete and most consis-

the first round, edged a three set tussle against Moroccan Hicham Arazi to set up a third round meeting against Nikolay Davydenko. Davydenko, from Russia, knocked out Chilean 13th seed

tent." he said. "There were so few unforced Fernando Gonzalez.



Swiss Roger Federer reacts after losing a point to Spaniard Albert Costa at

but moving it around to open up the

"I served well, wide to his weaker forehand, and I felt really, really

Nicolas Massu, the Chilean eighth seed, beat Georgian Irakli Labadze in straight sets and will play either injury-plagued Marat Safin, winner of the 2000 US Open, or Thai 10th seed Paradorn

Vincent Spadea of the United States, conqueror of Schuettler in attempts.

Earlier in the day, former world number one Lleyton Hewitt fought back from a set down to defeat Italian wild card Andreas Seppi 5-7, 7-5, 6-3 in their rain-delayed first round match.

The game was suspended late Tuesday with Seppi leading 7-5, 3-3 before heavy rain brought play to an end.

Seeded 15, Hewitt showed plenty of character to save his skin after being outplayed in the first set by the 20-year-old trying to win his first career ATP match in five

Clijsters survives a scare

"I wasn't playing my best tennis

Tennis

Swiss 22-year-old, the Australian "I knew it would be a tough match the Rome Masters Series on May 5. errors and I was getting the balance right of not just keeping the ball in,

court.

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In Joypurhat, Rajshahi defeated Pabna 3-1 with Alam, Tapash and Adnan being on the scoresheet for the winners, who face Naogaon in

Rajbari eliminated Shariatpur 2-

0 at Gopalganj with Swadhin and

AFP,Berlin

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return, and Marrero broke her to don't serve like I wish I could, but it was okay today and hopefully it will

Tigers fly

FROM PAGE 13

losing streak in the abridged version of the game. Bangladesh won the third ODI in Harare against a fullstrength Zimbabwe side when they toured in February-March.

The team is carrying two uncapped players in left-handed batsman Faisal Hossain, who has a bright chance to don the national cap in the first ODI, and left-arm spinner Abdur Razak

ODI SQUAD

Habibul Bashar (captain), Rajin Saleh, Shahriar Hossain, Javed Omar, Hannan Sarker, Mohammad Ashraful, Alok Kapali, Khaled Mahmud, Faisal Hossain, Khaled Mashud (wicketkeeper). Mushfigur Rahman, Mohammad Rafique, Abdur Razzak, Manjarul Islam, Tapas Baishva and Tareg Aziz. Officials: Dav Whatmore (coach),

Farugue Ahmed (tour operations manager).

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Cricket

AFP, Durham

South African opening batsman Herschelle Gibbs will not play for English county Durham this season after being told by South African cricket supremos to take a rest from all forms of cricket.

The United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa sent a statement to the county regarding Gibbs' inability to honour his contractual obligations -- he had already delayed his arrival following the tour of New Zealand at the end of March.

"Herschelle has been experiencing severe physical and mental fatique, such being the result of an extremely long and challenging international season," read the statement.

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"The UCB have recommended that Herschelle takes a break from all forms of cricket for the (South



Durham over the weekend and we national commitments that are due can now take time to consider all our to commence in two months with the options over the coming weeks. tour to Sri Lanka.' added the former Yorkshire and Fortunately for Durham they had England opening batsman. Moxon, though, was able to already called up Australian batsman Marcus North as temporary announce they had signed cover for the 30-year-old Gibbs,

Pakistani fast bowler Tahir Mughal who has scored 4693 runs in 59 as short-term cover due to a crip-Tests at an average of 49.40 with a pling injury crisis and the continued unavailability of key players. However he will remain better

scored his maiden century for

With Pakistani speedster Shoaib known for being implicated in the Akhtar not due to arrive until after Hansie Cronje match-fixing scandal the weekend and Stephen Harmison still in the Caribbean, and dropping a catch off Steve Waugh in the 1999 World Cup Moxon's bowling options have been semifinal which Australia edged limited by injuries. them out of and led Waugh to go up

Tahir Mughal impressed while playing for the Durham Academy to him and comment 'how does it last year and has a first class average of 21.22 in Pakistan. Tahir has "It is a blow to lose a player of Herschelle's ability especially impressed with the bat as well. without him playing a game," said boasting a century in a limited-overs game and 68 not out in first class "Fortunately, Marcus North is in cricket

"The decision to draft in a bowler at such short notice was not taken

lightly," commented Moxon. "But with worsening injury problems, we felt the need to strengthen the bowling attack until the arrival of Shoaib Akhtar"

Habib finding the mark either side of the break while Kushtia ousted Magura with a 2-1 win at Chuadanga. Rashed and Arman put Kushtia ahead before Sumon

scored for Magura. Rajbari and Kushtia both reached the last four in their respective qualifying zones.

Asim spins Aktel FROM PAGE 13 74 despite losing his partners rap-

idly. Uttam, who shared 58 runs with Golam Mawla for the first wicket, smashed a dozen boundaries in his 90- ball knock. Skipper Harunur Rashid, a former national cricketer, then contributed 33 from 55 balls to ease the chase.

Saikat and Rezaul Islam chipped in with two wickets each for BADC, who have yet to win a single match in the competition **SCORES IN BRIEF**

Aktel v BADC Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

BADC: 141-10 in 45.1 overs (Mosharraf 23, Prasenjit 31, Arman 38, Waliullah 10, Shahriar 12, Ziaur 1-32. Ashigur 2-21. Sharfuddowlah Saikat 1-32, Ashim 5-23, Mawla 1-

Aktel: 145-5 in 37.3 overs (Uttam 74, Mawla 14, Rashid 33, Saikat 2-38, Rezaul 2-26, Waliullah 1-14). Result: Aktel won by 5 wickets.

MURALI BOX

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FROM PAGE 13 1997: Takes 100th Test wicket

against New Zealand 1998: Takes 200th Test wicket against England.

Called again for throwing during one-day international in Adelaide, prompting the Sri Lanka team to leave the field in protest. Subsequent tests show that Muralitharan bowls with a bent elbow due to a congenital deformity but he conforms to the rules because he does not straighten his arm during delivery.

1999: Named as one of Wisden's five cricketers of the year. First county cricket appearance for Lancashire

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A FORECAST CALLS FOR A DOWNPOUR, I SUPPOSE ONE COULD 2000: Takes 300th Test wicket against South Africa.

2002: Becomes the youngest and quickest player to reach 400 Test wickets, reaching the mark in Sri Lanka's third Test against Zimbabwe, only the 72nd Test of his career

2004: Becomes only the third man after Courtney Walsh and Shane Warne to take 500 Test wickets in Sri Lanka's second Test

April, reported for a suspect action by match referee Chris Broad after home Test series v Australia. Broad says he is only worried about legality of special Muralitharan delivery which turns away from

May 6 -- takes six for 45 off 24.2 overs on first day of first Test v Zimbabwe, bowling Douglas Hondo for his sixth wicket to match former West Indies pace bowler Courtney Walsh's world mark of 519 Test victims. Has taken his wickets at an average of 22.78. His nearest current rival, Shane Warne, has taken 517 wickets at 25.42 in 110

anced, Marrero's challenge then imploded when she struck two Kim Clijsters, playing her first tour consecutive double-faults to give match since early March, survived a Cliisters a break at 3-3, but the tough challenge from Spain's Marta Belgian still had to fight off two break Marrero to reach the third round of points at 5-4 as she served for the the German Open with a 6-3, 2-6, 6match "I didn't come here and expect to

4 victory on Wednesday. "In these kind of matches, just win all my matches 1 and 1," said winning them and it doesn't matter Clijsters how is sometimes more satisfying than winning tournaments," said the all the time. It wasn't consistent top seed, who was restricted by a

Belgian Kim Clijsters celebrates after beating Spaniard Marta Marrero at the German Open WTA tournament in Berlin on May 5.

> enough, but I played well at the end when I had to. What I have to focus on now is working my way back to

> > Second seed Amelie Mauresmo had a far easier task in disposing of Gisela Dulko, winning 6-1, 6-2. A combination of a weak serve

Mauresmo allowed the second seed from France a comfortable victory. Dulko initially offered more resistance early in the second set,

PHOTO: AFP

at 2-2 ended her brief threat to extend the match, and a netted backhand at 4-2 left Mauresmo serving for a place in the third round. "I think the first couple games it was a little tight, then I was able to

didn't have any opportunity to hurt me," said Mauresmo. "I'm pretty satisfied with today's match and every area of the game.

With the match delicately balkeep going like that

Venus Williams, winner of her last two tournaments in Charleston and Warsaw, claimed her 12th consecutive victory as she resisted a strong challenge from Eleni Daniilidou to win 7-5, 6-3. The battle was highly entertaining, with several exchanges at the net and long rallies during which the players pulled each other all around the court.

Daniilidou dropped her serve at 5-4 in the first set, and doublefaulted on break point as Williams led 6-5. In the second, Daniilidou broke to lead 1-0, but her serve let her down again as she doublefaulted to allow Williams to level at 2-2. A return off a second serve then gave the third seeded American a decisive break at 4-3.

"There were some fun points. She hit a lob over me and I swung at it and missed, and went back and hit it again. That was fun." said Williams

"I was a little bit off today, I felt but I was able to raise my game at the right times. There was a lot of running and a lot of movement, and it was good for me to play a match like that."

In other matches, ninth seed Vera Zvonareva was beaten 6-1, 6-7 (2/7), 6-1 by Australian Open semi-finalist Fabiola Zuluaga. But there were wins for fourth seed Anastasia Myskina, seventh seed Elena Dementieva, eighth seed Ai Sugiyama, 10th seed Svetlana Kuznetsova. 11th seed Paola Suarez, 13th seed Patty Schnyder and 16th seed Anna Smashnova-Pistolesi

Maria Sharapova, seeded 17, also advanced when Petra Mandula of Austria retired during the first set with a right shoulder strain. The Russian was leading 5-4.

IM Chess FROM PAGE 13

Rafigul Islam, GM of Dhaka Zone of United Insurance and Leasing, also spoke on the occasion. The insurance company has been sponsoring the GM and IM tournaments in the country for the past 13 years.

They paid Tk 3 lakh to win the title sponsorship right this time.

"The champion will collect a purse of 600 dollars while the foreign IMs will get a token participation fee of 100 dollars each. We will also provide conveyance allowance to the local participants," said Sujauddin

The matches will start at 3pm

right-handed batsmen.

against Australia in Kandy.

in the second set.

Marrero struck a number of impressive crosscourt winners, and Cliisters suffered a mid-match crisis

The Belgian took the opening set on a break of serve at 3-2 and then allowing Marrero just two points in

the remaining three games. But Marrero broke to lead 3-1 in the second and Clijsters' game went to pieces. Already restricted with her double-handed backhand, her usually reliable forehand deserted her, and Marrero broke again at 5-2 to level the match.

In the final set, Clijsters broke to lead 1-0 and had a chance to take firm control when she held another break point at 2-0. But she overhit a

brace on her injured left wrist. "I was just happy to get through this match although it wasn't the best I've played in my career." being consistent the whole match." It was a difficult match for Clijsters, and she looked distinctly uncomfortable at times against an accomplished clay court opponent.

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rallying strongly and often pulling Mauresmo wide. But a double-fault

find my rhythm and make sure she

My back is off and on a little bit and I

2003: Joins county side Kent.