### **CJKS** hockey

**CU CORRESPONDENT** 

Abahani recorded their second consecutive victory in the CJKS First Division Hockey League at the MA Aziz Stadium here yesterday. They crushed Crescent Club 7-0.

Nakib and Ashraful netted two goals each while Ripon, Saiful and Raion were the other scorers.

In today's matches Brothers Union take on Bengal Club while Mohammedan face South Club in

On Saturday, Mohammedan and Bengal won their respective

Mohammedan overcame Brothers Union 3-2 while Bengal Club defeated Crescent Club 1-0.

### Schools kabadi

**SPORTS REPORTER** 

Maniknagar Government Primary School defeated Dolairpar High School 97-68 in yesterday's 12th schools kabadi tournament match at the outer stadium kabadi court.

Mannan High School beat Mirpur Siddhanta School 33-28 in the day's other match.

## Condolence meeting on Zafar today

**SPORTS REPORTER** 

The National Sports Council (NSC) will organise a condolence meeting in memory of late Zafar Imam, eminent sports organiser and secretary general of Bangladesh Olympic Association, who passed

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman will preside over the meeting, which starts at the NSC conference room at 4 pm.

### Five athletes

FROM PAGE 13 The two male athletes are hurdlers Afzal Hossain Surjya and Mahfuzur Rahman Mithu.

A six-member team led by BAF president Abdus Salam will leave Dhaka on June 10.

### Keepers coming FROM PAGE 13

Jones is now also a man of Kent, following Knott, Godfrey Evans and Les Ames into the England side. On Saturday's performance he may enjoy an equally distinguished

### 'He should've

"I have always played for Pakistan and can never think of letting down my country.'

PCB chairman Shaharyar Khan has said the medical commission report was inconclusive, but the board decided not to invoke a pen-

Meanwhile, Imran called the cricket crisis in Zimbabwe an internal clash between the country's white minority and the government.

"The current cricket crisis in Zimbabwe is their internal matter and it's a clash of white minority farmers with the majority. But no one has the right to interfere in it," Imran told reporters.

"I accept the situation in Zimbabwe is worsening but no one has the right to interfere in their matters."

Zimbabwe cricket has been plunged into crisis after a strike by 15 senior players who are against the Zimbabwe Cricket Union's (ZCU) selection policies and sacking of captain Heath Streak last

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# Federer, Mauresmo feel heat French Open from today

French Open

The world's best tennis player Roger Federer faces a credibility test this week when he launches his bid to win the French Open for the

Beaten in the first round on his last two visits to Roland Garros, the 22-year-old top seed from Switzerland, recognised as the best all-round player on the tour, has yet to prove himself on the sapping

The Wimbledon and Australian Open champion opens up against a qualifier so another first-round defeat seems unthinkable, but matters could quickly get difficult for the languidly brilliant Swiss with former champion Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil and Argentine David Nalbandian in his quarter of the

While Federer's sheer class makes him favourite, Argentine Guillermo Coria, a semifinalist last year, can claim to be the form player going into the championships.

His defeat by Federer in the Hamburg this month ended a run of 31 wins on clay, dating back to his shock semifinal defeat by Dutchman Martin Verkerk at Roland Garros last vear. Coria, seeking his maiden Grand

Slam, has a far from easy first-round

Former Zimbabwe skipper Heath

Streak has demanded all interna-

tional teams stay away from the

strife-torn African nation until a

solution is found to the bitter civil war

which has left the country's cricket in

months ago by the Zimbabwe

Cricket Union (ZCU) led to a boycott

by 15 white players who have since

refused to play for their national side

As a result, Zimbabwe were

crushed by Sri Lanka 2-0 in the

recent Test series and 5-0 in the

one-dayers which, in turn, led to the

postponement of the Test series

between the home side and Austra-

DSS: The West Indies have been in

a slump for quite some time now. Do

you notice any changes that could

wonderful experience. We beat Sri

Lanka and then won against Zimba-

bwe. After that, it was pretty hard in

South Africa and against England. I

won't say we're going down but the

boys are coming off some testing

times. We should get up there

are regarded as the two fastest

bowlers in the West Indies. When

both of you are playing in a match, is

there a competition to see who can

FE: As far as I'm concerned,

there's no competition. If he bowls

fast, it takes the load off my bowling

and I can concentrate on pitching

DSS: So you are not concerned

FE: I like to look at myself as a

bowler who has many other arse-

nals in his repertoire. I can swing the ball, I can reverse swing. I try to work

the ball in the right areas.

bowl faster?

about pace?

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By Eugene Sheffer

DSS: Along with Tino Best, you

FE: When I started off, it was a

suggest they are on the way up?

Made in dream

and have been sacked.

Streak's sacking as captain two

Cricket

turmoil

Second seed Andy Roddick, like Federer, has yet to indicate he has the patience and application to win the most gruelling Grand Slam of

The US Open champion opens against a familiar foe in experienced compatriot Todd Martin with a possible quarterfinal against another compatriot, Andre Agassi.

Defending champion Juan Carlos Ferrero, seeded four, has endured a miserable season so far due to illness and injury.

A first-round meeting with dangerous German Tommy Haas was certainly not what the doctor ordered, however, and his resurgent compatriot Carlos Moya may be a better bet for Spanish fans.

Others to watch out for include aggressive Chilean clay specialist Fernando Gonzalez and another powerful German, Rainer Schuettler. An intriguing women's tourna-

ment is in store with none of the

leading contenders in tip-top condi-

tion bar Frenchwoman Amelie Mauresmo. A winner on clay at Berlin and Rome, she has consistently underperformed in her home event slam but this is undoubtedly her best opportunity to break her Grand

Slam duck.

'Stay away from Zim'

The third seed opens up against Slovakia's Ludmila Cervanova and such is the draw she may not be

lia which had been due to start in

England are scheduled to tour

"If England were to come it would

"I don't think any country should

suggest they agree with what is

going on in Zimbabwe," Streak told

be coming to play cricket in Zimba-

bwe until they have fixed the prob-

lem, whether it be England, Austra-

and the ZCU was created after the

players demanded widespread

changes to the way the game is run

back was during the Bangladesh

series when one of the directors

reconvened the selection panel and

with that. I don't go for out and out

DSS: But you are still an express

FE: It (the pace) just comes

DSS: Do you take your batting

FE: Most of the times, I try to think

DSS: How do you assess the

FE: I have a lot of respect for

them. They are a very hard-working

team and they showed that in the

one-day series. They are getting

do vou see Fidel Edwards in terms

DSS: Ten years from now, where

FE: As one of the best fast bowl-

ers in the world. I can't put a number

on the wickets but I'd like to get as

many as I can. And I want to play

both forms of the game simulta-

neously because I enjoy both Tests

like a batsman but the results don't

always show that (laughs).

Bangladesh side?

better all the time.

of status and wickets?

**CRYPTOQUIP** 

HRXHCDLJQXAC HRVFQLD

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A PRINCESS GETS A POUNDING HEADACHE, WOULD YOU

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals M

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.

SAY THAT'S A ROYAL PAIN?

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pace. I value the control more.

ordered them to re-select the side.

"The straw that broke the camel's

The impasse between the rebels

Harare on Saturday.

lia or Bangladesh."

in Zimbabwe.

God for that.

seriously?

Zimbabwe later this year.

properly tested until a possible quarter-final against American Lindsay Davenport.

Holder Justine Henin-Hardenne says she is glad just to be competing after a debilitating viral infection deprived her of any real preparation. The Belgian world number one and top seed faces a tricky opening game against French wildcard

Second seed Serena Williams, beaten in an acrimonious semifinal by Henin-Hardenne last year, is looking close to her best following knee surgery and should dispatch Czech player Iveta Benesova easily

She will have noted the presence in her quarter of the draw of compatriot Jennifer Capriati and 47-yearold Martina Navratilova, whose first grand slam match in 10 years against Argentine Gisela Dulko should be one of the highlights of the first round With last year's losing finalist Kim

Clijsters missing through injury, Serena's older sister Venus is the other obvious contender, although her record in Paris is relatively poor and she is not fully fit.

Last year she lost to Vera Zvonareva, who together with compatriots Anastasia Myskina. Nadia Petrova and Elena Dementieva should spearhead another impressive showing by the

### DU win

four minutes before half time.

in the second half and levelled the scores by the hour-mark with Mohammed Romi slotting twice inside five minutes.

out of the finals despite snatching a point from Dhaka in the second match at the same venue. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Group A. Chuadanga, who lost to defend-

play their first game in Group C against Comilla, who shared points with Bangladesh Army in the

Hong Kong.

September.

least fifteen days before any tournament or a series," he added.

The Bangladesh team will face a hectic home schedule after the two international meets as New Zealand are scheduled to arrive here in October and the following month Sri Lanka visit.

their historic Pakistan trip

Naogaon fought back against their star-studded opponents early

reigning champions Pakistan and ICC associate members Hong Kong in Group A in the six-team tournament. They will launch their Asia Cup campaign on July 16 against

Zimbabwe are also to going tour Bangladesh early next year. But the BCB was yet to get any confirmation from India, who had to cancel their scheduled Test tour to make time for

match winner five minutes from

Man-of-the-match Milon Biswas shot Chuadanga into lead in the 31st minute but Arafat scored the equaliser in the 60th to keep Dhaka's semifinal hopes alive from

ing champions Noakhali, went out with one point from two matches. Dhaka must now beat Noakhali, who need just a draw, on May 26 to book a semifinal berth from the

Mahbub also informed that Habibul Bashar's men will play two warm-up games in their build-up for the Champions Trophy in England in

"We have also requested our selectors to announce the team at

"We are still hopeful that they will tour Bangladesh sometime between January and February we have got no response from our Indian counterparts yet.

FROM PAGE 13

Substitute Harisuzzaman finally relieved the title contenders with the

Romi was adjudged man-of-the-

Meanwhile, Chuadanga bowed

In today's lone match, Chittagong

## Tigers to play

committee met on Saturday.

The Tigers are pitted against

### twice before," said Larsson.

### Leeds rebuff Smith talk

AFP, London

Manchester United have completed the bargain signing of Leeds striker Alan Smith, according to press reports here.

According to the Daily Mail United snatched the England striker from relegated Leeds for just six million pounds (11 million dollars). However Leeds have responded

finalised. Leeds director Peter Lorimer said: "We discussed the situation at a board meeting yesterday (Friday)

by saying that no deal has been

but as yet no deal has been done. "We have offers from other clubs but Alan has said he would like to go to Old Trafford.

"That is the situation as it is now and with United in the cup final we will look at it again next week. We will see what Monday brings but at present Alan remains our player."

## Mark makes

FROM PAGE 13 (overnight 134-1) Richardson not out Fleming c Hussain b Harmison 4 McCullum c G Jones b S Jones 96 Styris c Hussain b Giles McMillan c Hussain b Giles Oram run out Astle not out Extras: (b-14, lb-10, nb-7)

Total: (For 5 wkts in 98 overs) 269 Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-180, 3-187 4-187, 5-203

To bat: Tuffey, Cairns, Vettori Martin M R Bowler Harmison 19 7 48 Flintoff 16 5 40 Hoggard 3 39 19 4 45 S Jones 5 Giles 30 73



Bata 14th School Handball Tournament on May 20, poses for photographers after the triumph at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex. In The Daily Star Sport's issue on May 21, it was mistakenly written that Viquarunnissa Noon School won the championship.

# Eng may bid **2018 FIFA WC**

BBC ONLINE, London

England is considering a bid to host the 2018 World Cup finals, according to Sports Minister Richard

Talks have taken place between the Football Association, the Government and UK Sport about staging the event. Caborn said a final decision will

be made once the outcome of London's bid for the 2012 Olympics Europe is likely to stage the World Cup in 2018 under Fifa's

the venue in 2010 and South America the 2014 destination. "We have had discussions this week about whether we should throw our hat into the ring and talked very seriously about it," said

rotational system, with South Africa

"There are tactical points to consider. We don't want to dilute the potency of our bid for 2012.

"The outcome of that could have a bearing so we want to wait for the 2012 bid to be resolved before we progress any further."

England missed out on the 2006 finals -- which will take place ir Germany -- when its bid was embarrassingly eliminated in the first round after winning only two votes.

### Football Larsson's way AFP, Cardiff

AFP, Glasgow

Swedish star Henrik Larsson signed of silverware from the wreckage of off his Celtic career in stunning style by scoring twice to lead the champions to a 3-1 comeback victory over enough to admit that a 3-0 victory over Dunfermline in the Scottish Cup first division Millwall in one of the most final and secure the domestic doulop-sided FA Cup finals in history would still leave his side with something to

Playing in his last competitive game for the Glasgow giants, the super Swede bowed out in typical fashion with a brace to wipe out Andre Skerla's first-half opener.

A Stan Petrov strike on 83 minutes wrapped up the game for Celtic but it was undoubtedly Larsson's show and he confirmed yet again how much he would be missed by the Parkhead club. "Winning this final means every-

thing. I didn't want to leave as a loser

"I don't like it but I can handle it and I in the cup final because I've done it can do something about it and fortunately I've got players who can do it too,' "It was great to get the two goals was Ferguson's summation of where to end a fantastic seven years here. this season has left the world's richest I never dreamt this could happen

"They have proved themselves that

defeating London club Millwall 3-0 on May 22.

Sir Alex Ferguson voiced his relief at

having salvaged at least one piece

But the United boss was realistic

A Cristiano Ronaldo header and a

second half double from Ruud van

Nistelrooy took the Cup back to Old

League or mount a sustained challenge

to Arsenal's domination of the

Manchester United's season.

prove next season.

Premiership.

Trafford for the 11th time.

For all their problems. United were

MU salvage pride

Manchester United captain Roy Keane raises the FA Cup trophy while teammates celebrate on the podium after

head and shoulders above a Millwall side that set out to frustrate them without ever looking capable of actually achiev-

Once the outstanding Ronaldo had headed them in front, just before halftime, Ferguson's men were always going to win at a canter. "I think Millwall did their best."

capped a dazzling performance from

the 19-year-old, had turned the tide

Ferguson said. "It was obvious that their best way was to frustrate us and hope we would run out of ideas.' Millwall player-manager Dennis Wise agreed that Ronaldo's goal, which

decisively against his side. United's season will nevertheless be "It was disappointing to lose a goal at firmly filed under disappointing given that time. We had set out a plan and it their failure to advance beyond the had seemed like it was working. second round of the Champions

Millwall have the consolation of knowing their achievement in getting to the final has earned them a place in next season's UEFACup It will not have been lost on the

United faithful that their most impressive

performers at the Millennium Stadium

were 19-vear-old Ronaldo, who taunted

and tormented the Millwall defence with

his trickery, and 20-year-old Darren

centre of midfield with a maturity beyond The gulf in quality between the two

sides had been exposed inside the first two minutes by the way in which Robbie Ryan, bamboozled by Ronaldo, scythed through the Portuguese

Fletcher's feint left David Livermore stranded in the centre circle and allowed the Scot to set up Paul Scholes, who sent United's first chance spinning wide. That set the pattern for a frustrating

It was illustrated again when

half hour for the red half of the Millennium Stadium with wayward finishing and one superb save from Andy Marshall, from Roy Keane's dipping volley, helping to keep Millwall in But as half-time neared, United's

tempo was raised and the first division side needed a goalline clearance from Darren Ward to stay on level terms before finally succumbing with just over a minute of the opening period

# Houllier's final hours?

Football

THE OBSERVER, London Gerard Houllier's increasingly fraught six years in charge of Liverpool will end Sunday when he meets chairman David Moores for

The manager's departure will be confirmed in an official announcement Monday, which will describe the split as amicable. On the list of likely replacements being compiled by chief executive Rick Parry are Charlton boss Alan Curbishley, former Southampton manager Gordon Strachan, Middlesbrough's Steve McClaren and Rafael Benitez, whose Valencia side have just won a double of La Liga and the

UEFA Cup. Moores has finally accepted that the growing clamour for Houllier to go has to mean the departure of the once-favoured son. He won the respect of everyone involved in the game, undergoing heart surgery in 2001, after leading Liverpool to a treble of the UEFA Cup, FA Cup and

League Cup. Houllier is understood to want to stay in club management and either leaves, could be interested in his services. The Parkhead club tried to hire him before he went to Liverpool, the club he supported, in 1998. O'Neill has been linked with the Anfield job and is thought recently to have rebuffed overtures from Spurs.

Developments in the next 48 hours will finally end one of the most protracted departures of recent times. Just Saturday, the Frenchman was claiming he was 'one hundred per cent sure I will be here next season' and describing suggestions that he was about to leave as 'a load of rubbish'. In his defence, Houllier drew

attention to his record in steering Liverpool to qualification for the Champions League in three of his six seasons in charge, half of the first in 1998-99 in an unproductive partnership with Roy Evans. But his side's failure to challenge Arsenal and Manchester United's stranglehold on the Premiership.

players he bought and increasing discontent among the fans have brought about his downfall. Steve Morgan, the property magnate and Liverpool shareholder

who has seen three attempts to

the poor performance of many of the

down, is an outspoken critic. Houllier is admired by senior figures at the Football Association for his technical knowledge of the game, and was discussed as a possible replacement for Sven-Goran Eriksson recently, when it looked like the Swede would be

joining Chelsea.

director of the French Football Federation in the 1990s, helped lay the groundwork for his country's rise to becoming world and European champions in 1998 and 2000 respectively, although his stint as national-team boss ended in failure when les Bleus did not qualify for the 1994 World Cup.

The Frenchman, as technica

The FA has lacked a technical overlord since Howard Wilkinson's departure, but it is thought he has lost some kudos with the FA top

He is likely to wait and see what openings the summer break may produce in club management in which he first made his name in the

1970s and 1980s.

problems.

Bundesliga

# Ottmar's hearty send off

Football

AFP, Berlin

German international Sebastian Deisler completed a fairvtale comeback to hand Bayern Munich automatic qualification for the Champions League in a 2-0 win over SC Freiburg at the Olympic Stadium. It was a fitting send-off for man-

Stadium after a trophyless season. "Fortunately we took the game seriously and fulfilled our obligation to take three points," said Hitzfeld.

ager Ottmar Hitzfeld who ends his

six-year reign at the Olympic

Matthias Sammer. the Champions League," enthused

Bayer's general manager Reiner Calmund. It is a remarkable turnaround for

Leverkusen who escaped relega-

tion on the final day of last season. Stuttgart will be bitterly disappointed to slip down to fourth and the UEFA Cup in what has been a testing week for the club.

he would be replacing Hitzfeld at Bayern in the close season and could not provide the club with a parting gift as Dimitar Berbatov and Bernd Scheider helped sink Stuttgart at the BayArena. "Of course I am disappointed,"

Manager Felix Magath revealed

stated Magath. "It is difficult to leave Stuttgart after building something for three and a half years.

Dropped catches

overs and he created immediate

Meanwhile wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud dropped Dwayne Bravo and Kabir was the unlucky bowler. It was a difficult chance but Mashud failed to gather the ball diving to his right. Joseph remained not out on 42

while Bravo was unbeaten on 23

**SCOREBOARD** Scoreboard at close of play on the first day of the three-day tour match between Bangladesh and the West Indies Cricket Board XI at the National Cricket Stadium in Gre-

when stumps were drawn.

Devon b Tarea Joseph not out Bravo not out Extras: (lb-1, w-1, nb-4) Total: (For 2 wkts in 40 overs) Fal of wickets: 1-0, 2-25

nada on Saturday:

W Hinds b Baisva

WICB XI: First innings

To bat: Dwayne, Baugh, Banks, 10 3

> 21 0

Kabir, Tareq.

14 19 21 BANGLADESH: Bashar, Saleh, Hannan, Mashud, Omar, Ashraful, Faisal, Kapali, Enamul, Baisya,

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"I have had a great time at this Mohammed, Rampaul, Lawson, "But Bayern is a great sporting Collymore Finalists in 2002, Bayer Leverkusen could join Bayern in It was also a miserable afternoon Europe's premier club competition for 2002 German champions after a sensational 2-0 triumph over Borussia Dortmund who surren-Tareq VfB Stuttgart clinched third place dered fifth place and the final UEFA Enamu Players and officials of Scholastica's girls handball team, which won the and a two-legged qualifier to enter Cup spot following a 1-1 draw with the money-spinning Champions Kaiserslautern. "Congratulations to Bochum, "We are delighted to win this final said a gracious Dortmund coach and now have the chance to reach

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