

## Gaibandha cricket

**OUR CORRESPONDENT**  
 Mohammedan Sporting Club defeated Adhunik Sporting Club by seven wickets in the Second Division Cricket League at the Gaibandha Stadium yesterday.

In another match Sabuj Para Kriya Chakra beat Albatross Club by 30 runs.

## School v'ball

**OUR CORRESPONDENT**  
 Nizamuddin High School clinched the school volleyball title defeating NH Modern High School 3-1 in the final at the Gaibandha Stadium yesterday.

Deputy Commissioner of Gaibandha gave away trophies after the final.

## Rating chess

**SPORTS REPORTER**  
 The Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) will organise the Open FIDE Rating Chess tournament from May 7 at the federation auditorium.

Interested players have been asked to enter their names by May 4.

## Kuerten romps

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 Wimbledon fourth round twice before, rolling his eyes in frustration.

The Brazilian was knocked out in the fourth round at Roland Garros in 2002 and 2003 by a Spanish opponent but there was never any danger of a repeat and he broke for 5-4 in the third set before completing an impressive one-hour 53-minute workout.

Kuerten is bidding to become only the second player since tennis turned professional in 1968 to win the French Open four times. Swede Bjorn Borg won it six times between 1974 and 1981.

Meanwhile, unseeded Gaston Gaudio became the third Argentine to make the last eight at this year's Roland Garros. Gaudio reached the quarters with a 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 win over Andreiev.

Gaudio now faces either Australian 12th seed Lleyton Hewitt or Belgium's Xavier Malisse for a place in the semifinals.

## 'Come, Murali'

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 referee Chris Broad reported his suspect action on the "doosra", a leg-break delivered with an off-break action, to the International Cricket Council in March.

Ponting said he believed the Australian public would welcome Muralitharan.

His presence would certainly add spice to the two-Test winter series with Murali and Warne going head to head.

"I'm sure the Australian public would love to see him here," Ponting said.

"Let's hope he tours. It would be a great challenge for us if he does because he's a very, very good bowler."

## BCB going for 4

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 meeting on June 3. After Dhaka, we are interested in extending the same facilities in the districts," Rafiqul said.

The grounds committee also decided to send a number of local curators for training in India.

"We have one curator for each of the cricket grounds in the country now. The committee also approved their appointments on Sunday. This will help us to utilise all the grounds during the next domestic season," he added.



Russian tennis star Anna Kournikova (L) and internationally-renowned British sailor Ellen MacArthur pose for photographers before they start the Transat Race in Plymouth, England yesterday.

## Mauresmo factor

**French Open**  
**AFP, Paris**  
 Brittle talent Amelie Mauresmo on Tuesday hopes to take another step towards a first French Open title by derauling an American and Russian supercharge through Roland Garros.

"She is a player I know quite well but it's up to me to impose my strong points, my game, and not let her take the initiative."

Mauresmo starts as clear favourite having dominated her previous meetings with Dementieva especially on clay.

Capriati goes into her quarter-final with Serena nursing a sorry 5-9 career record but crucially she has the psychological advantage of having broken a three-year wait for a victory over her fellow American with a straight sets triumph on the Rome clay just three weeks ago.

However, Serena is approaching her best form again after only recently returning to the tour after an eight month knee injury lay-off.

"I feel that if I can keep the balls in play, I should have the edge because she is still not used to playing on clay and maybe she'll come up with the error first," said Capriati.

Serena is looking forward to renewing her rivalry with Capriati especially since that defeat in Rome snapped an eight-match winning run over her compatriot.

"We have a great rivalry," said the second seed.

"It always seems we go three sets. It's always intense and the score is really close. I'll be up for it."

A Serena win and a Venus victory against Myskina will pit both sisters against each other in the last four.

Venus, who was a fourth round loser here last year, has won both her meetings with the Russian and

that record is unlikely to change on Tuesday especially with the American having recovered from the ankle injury that led to her defaulting the Berlin final against Mauresmo.

"Losing in the fourth round last year hasn't presented a mental hurdle for me," said Williams.

"I felt very confident going into the fourth round because I know I have been playing a lot better than last year."

Sharapova, just 17 and enjoying her best Grand Slam run, has yet to drop a set in the tournament and has come through a section of the draw stripped of defending champion and top seed Justine Henin-Hardenne.

"Nothing is out of reach for me. Every tournament I come into I want to win. I have been feeling very good and confident," she said.

## School kabadi semis today

**UNB, Dhaka**  
 Ansars and VDP School, Nawabpur High School, Maniknagar Government Primary School and Shaheed Nabi High School moved into the semifinals of the 12th schools kabadi tournament yesterday.

Ansars and VDP will face Nawabpur while Maniknagar play against Shaheed Nabi in the semifinals at the Outer Stadium kabadi court today.

In yesterday's matches, Nawabpur High registered a massive 104-34 victory over Mannan High School while Maniknagar Government Primary recorded a facile 90-52 win over JB Memorial Academy. Ansars and VDP edged past Haidar Ali High School 88-74 and Shaheed Nabi High snatched an exciting 66-65 victory over Dolairpar High School.

The final is slated for Thursday.



Action from yesterday's 12th schools kabadi tournament match between Nawabpur High School and Mannan High School at the Outer Stadium kabadi court.

## Sourav's!

**CRICINFO, undated**  
 Sourav Ganguly is taking a leaf out of Sachin Tendulkar's entrepreneurial book. He is all set to open a multi-storey restaurant in Kolkata.

"Sourav's" will combine formal and informal dining and is scheduled to come up in Park Lane, one of the most posh addresses in the city.

Apart from lending his name to the venture, Ganguly has taken a keen interest in the design, the menu, and in the recruitment of staff, reports IANS news agency. However, it is believed that Ganguly does not own a stake in the project.

The new four-storey restaurant will have a coffee shop on the ground floor, a vegetarian restaurant on the first floor, a non-vegetarian multi-cuisine restaurant on the second floor and a sports lounge bar on the top floor.

The promoters hope it will be up and running by October.

The cricket theme runs right through, with the coffee shop being named Garden of Eden, after Kolkata's famous Eden Gardens stadium, and the lounge bar being called The Prince of Kolkata, which is of course Ganguly's sobriquet.

## Inzamam not

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 there were faults."

When the members asked how the media was able to predict the results of the matches quite accurately, Shaharyar ruled out match-fixing.

Rameez came under fire for continuing to do television commentary despite holding a full-time job at the PCB.

The three office bearers of the PCB were asked to submit their explanations in writing. The senate committee will meet again in Lahore or Karachi to review the submissions of the board.

## Indifference

**FROM PAGE 13**  
 Baisya c and b Sarwan 9  
 Tareq not out 6  
 Extras: (lb-10, w-1, nb-19) 30  
 Total: (All out in 135.3 overs) 416  
 Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-121, 3-171, 4-227, 5-238, 6-241, 7-250, 8-337, 9-370

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Collins	27.3	8	83	4
Edwards	21	2	78	0
Lawson	16	2	66	2
Best	20	6	64	0
Dwayne	4	1	5	0
Gayle	24	3	51	1
Sarwan	23	7	59	3

**WEST INDIES:** First innings  
 Devon run out 0  
 Gayle not out 110  
 Sarwan c Rafique b Baisya 40  
 Lara c Mashud b Mushfiq 53  
 C' paul c Mashud b Rafique 7  
 Dwayne c Tareq b Rafique 42  
 Jacobs not out 1  
 Extras: (lb-1, nb-8) 9  
 Total: (For 5 wks in 86 overs) 262  
 Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-89, 3-162, 4-183, 5-253  
 To bat: Best, Collins, Lawson, Edwards  
**Bowler** O M R W

## Calypso Cocktail

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 support and feedback. It's about time we stood up against the conspiracy of making a three-tier system in international cricket. We want to create awareness," said Nasser while taking dinner at the nondescript Triangle Pub, which has become a must-visit for the cricketers of both teams for its tasty dishes.

Shamim wanted to go to Jamaica for the second Test too but that could mean trouble at the home front.

"I don't think my wife would be pleased if I travel to Jamaica. She is already upset that I've come here without her. I have to risk a total ban on cricket if I go to the second Test."

## Tendulkar joins

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 after Hussain called an end to his 96-Test career on Thursday, after scoring a match-winning century at Lord's.

Ex-South Africa paceman Allan Donald told BBC Sport: "He was one of those guys that fancied being in very tough situations, similar to Steve Waugh."

"Hussain was a tough opponent who never backed down from a challenge."

Former West Indies captain Jimmy Adams praised Hussain but also questioned the timing of his retirement.

"I think it's strange he's retiring seeing as he's just scored a Test hundred," Adams said.

"There must be reasons outside cricket because his cricket looks to be pretty good at the minute."

"Only Nasser knows how he feels and it can't have been an easy decision considering his recent form. But what better way to leave Test cricket?"

"England are losing somebody in the here and now, somebody who is coming off a Test hundred, so it's something they can't take lightly."

## Half-century

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 you are a wicketkeeper, these are records you look forward to. But catches and stumpings will come along the way if you continue playing and I wasn't particularly aware of the mark," said Mashud after he was told his feat at close of play on day three.

The man from Rajshahi however thought that with Bangladesh fast improving, he is becoming busier behind the wicket.

"I'm getting more catches now. There was a time when the opposition would bat for only one innings. Not any more."

## Henman prevails

**French Open**  
**REUTERS, Paris**

Tim Henman thrust a dagger deep into French hearts, battling his way back from a two-set deficit to beat Parisian Michael Llodra and reach the quarterfinals at Roland Garros for the first time.

The 6-7, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 9-7 victory by the ninth seed on Sunday proved beyond doubt Henman's mettle at the French Open, where in the past he has come unstuck.

Not since Roger Taylor in 1973 had a Briton advanced this far in the heartland of clay-court tennis and Henman's win lifted him into his first Grand Slam quarterfinal outside of Wimbledon.

"In terms of the atmosphere

The gloom for French fans deepened when Nicolas Escude pulled out of his match against third seed Guillermo Coria with an injured shoulder having lost the opening set 6-0.

France's Olivier Mutis had already been beaten 4-6, 6-2, 7-6, 6-2 by Juan Ignacio Chela, the Argentine Henman plays next.

However, women's third seed Amelie Mauresmo provided some much-needed cheer for home fans. The Frenchwoman smashed Magdalena Maleeva 6-2, 6-1 to reach the quarterfinals here for the second successive year.

Mauresmo has suffered from crippling nerves at her home Grand Slam in the past but on Sunday played a sublime match to line up a showdown with Russia's Elena Dementieva.

Ninth seed Dementieva pum-



Briton Tim Henman hits a backhand for Frenchman Michael Llodra in the fourth round of the French Open on May 30.

and the drama, that ranks pretty high," Henman said.

Henman's feat in reaching the last-eight matches the achievement of his grandfather Henry Billington, who reached the same stage here in 1939.

melled former world number one Lindsay Davenport 6-1, 6-3.

Women's second seed Serena Williams advanced in straight forward fashion.

Wearing a pink zip-up cropped-

## Craig brings NZ worry

**Cricket**  
**AFP, Leicester**

Craig McMillan gave New Zealand an unwanted injury headache Sunday ahead of next week's second Test against England when he sustained more finger damage during the tourists' final warm-up match against Leicestershire here Sunday.

Top order batsman McMillan was taken to hospital for X-rays having been hit on the already-damaged little finger of his left hand while battling against Darren Maddy at Grace Road.

Fast bowler Shane Bond, who missed England's seven-wicket win in the first Test at Lord's concluded last Monday, is already ruled out of the second Test at

Headingley starting Thursday as he recovers from a stress fracture of the back.

McMillan's latest injury comes as New Zealand look to level the three-match series at 1-1.

However New Zealand tour manager Lindsay Crocker refused to rule out McMillan from a match New Zealand must win if they are to have a chance of repeating their 1999 Test series victory in England.

"Craig was hit on the same hand and the X-rays showed a fracture which we knew already existed," Crocker said.

"But it's a matter whether it is the same fracture that has been hit again and bruised or whether the injury has been worsened or re-fractured."

"We won't know that until tomorrow (Monday) when the two X-rays have been compared and

then we will be in a better position to know what we are dealing with."

"If it's just a bruise then he should be reasonably okay for the Test. But if it's a new fracture or re-fractured then we are back to square one again."

McMillan had made 68, including 10 fours, before he was forced to retire hurt.

He was not the only New Zealand batsman who found runs easy to come by against the Leicestershire attack.

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming made 95 and Chris Cairns smashed a typically aggressive 62 off just 53 balls as the tourists piled up 357 for five declared.

At stumps Leicestershire were 68 for two needing a massive and highly improbable 493 more runs to win on Monday's fourth and final day.

## Glenn ponders position?

**Cricket**  
**AFP, Sydney**

Australian captain Ricky Ponting is backing strike bowler Glenn McGrath to take the new ball in the July home Test cricket series against Sri Lanka.

McGrath, 34, took a back seat to man of the series Jason Gillespie and Michael Kasprovic during the three-match one-day international series in Zimbabwe.

McGrath claimed one wicket from his 26 overs on the abbreviated tour, but Ponting wants McGrath to resume his customary role with the new ball when the world champions resume the five-day game against Sri Lanka in Darwin and Cairns in less than five weeks.

"I'd be surprised if he didn't take

the new ball in those games," Ponting said here on Monday upon returning from Zimbabwe.

Ponting said McGrath had worked hard on regaining rhythm and confidence in Zimbabwe, after an eight-month lay-off to recover from ankle surgery.

"It's all about him getting his rhythm back in the middle," Ponting said.

"You can do as much bowling as you like in the nets, but it's nowhere near as valuable as game practice."

"He's got a bit of work to do yet, but with 400-odd Test wickets to his name, I'm sure he'll be back playing well again pretty soon."

McGrath, who knows he is in his senior years as a fast bowler, does not want to give up the tag "strike bowler", but has accepted his role may have to change.

Before leaving Zimbabwe he suggested he might look to emulate South African Allan Donald, who adapted his style when advancing years blunted his blistering speed.

"Through the latter part of his career he came on first change and really tied it up, put the pressure on and took wickets," he said.

McGrath said he was satisfied with his progress and "not too far away" from full form.

"The last one-dayer it was starting to feel really good. The rhythm was coming back then and I think that with another couple of matches, the zip and everything would have come back," McGrath said at Sydney Airport on Monday.

"I'll try to keep bowling the next couple of weeks and then hopefully I'll be ready to go."

Australia play Sri Lanka in back-to-back Tests in Darwin and Cairns in the first two weeks in July.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

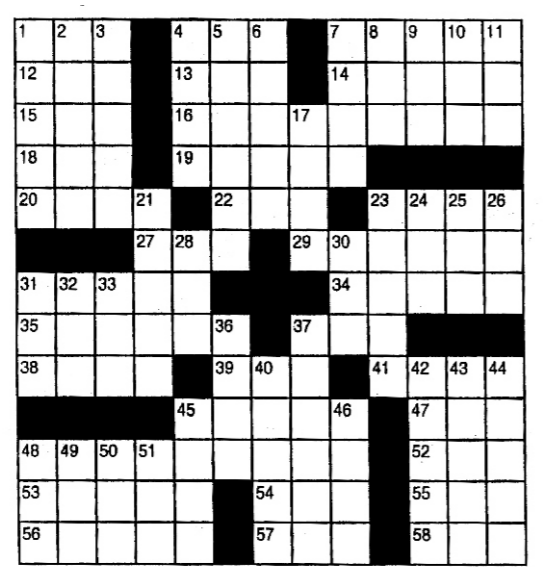
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 22 Feedbag morsel  
 23 Bridge game  
 27 Ruin the veneer  
 29 It could be a Broadway show-stopper  
 31 Send quickly  
 34 Charles' princedom  
 35 Rainwater trough

**DOWN**  
 2 Source of strength  
 3 Extra kin  
 4 Indy circuits  
 5 Writer's arch-enemy?  
 6 Colum- bus' birthplace  
 7 Touch  
 8 Buzz  
 9 Reocede grp.  
 10 Rushmore  
 11 — es Salaam  
 17 Pecan and hickory  
 21 "L.A. Law" cast member  
 25 Guitar's kin  
 26 Scale members  
 28 Brewery output  
 30 Jefferson bill  
 31 "I" strain  
 32 Pie filling?  
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 43 Rocket stage  
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 50 Shuteye shutter  
 51 Quiche maker's need

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

**ACROSS**  
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 6 COLUMBUS  
 7 TOUCH  
 8 BUZZ  
 9 REOCED  
 10 RUSHM  
 11 SALAAM  
 17 PECAN  
 21 LAW  
 25 GUITAR  
 26 SCALE  
 28 BREWERY  
 30 JEFFERSON  
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 32 PIE  
 33 NOSHE  
 36 SCHOLAR  
 37 IN  
 40 COW  
 42 DIANE  
 43 ROCKET  
 44 TEMPER  
 45 AULD  
 46 SCANDI  
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 49 COMPOSER  
 50 SHUT  
 51 QUICHE



**CRYPTOQUIP**  
 A B H X P C A R W X W H I H W H Z  
 A R X N A N L X P K Z T K D D C  
 K L A R P I K D H D P T H D H Z

"Z N H N L A R R A B H W C."

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FINALLY OUT OF GAS, THE FUMING CAR SAID TO ITS DRIVER, "YOU COULD HAVE FUELED ME!"**

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals R

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.