

Cricket

RABEED IMAM from Kingston

It was a Guyanese party at Sabina

Park on Sunday. Ramnaresh Sarwan and Shivnarine

Chanderpaul bludgeoned the

Bangladesh bowling without ever

appearing ruthless and that should

be a testament to their skills and

should have taught the Tigers top

order that batting straight is the

Saleh tried to push the ball to leg for

no apparent reason and got caught

at forward short leg while Pedro Collins got his bunny Hannan

Sarker lbw to leave the visitors on

66-3 at stumps on Day Three and a

mountain to climb just to make the

Final Lata had declared on 333 for four, a lead of 275, giving Bangladesh nervy 20 overs for survival. Habibul Bashar's men now need a history defying batting

effort on the last two days if they are

There wasn't one rash shot in their unbroken 262 run partner-

ship between Sarwan and

Chanderpaul that took away any

hope the tourists had of restricting the Windies. Neither batsmen gave a chance throughout the day and

when the declaration finally came

with an hour to go till close, Šarwan

was the proud owner of the highest

individual innings by a Guyanese.

His 261 not out surpassed Rohan Kanhai's 256 scored against India

in Calcutta during the 1958-59

series. This was also the first career

double for the 24-year-old West

player like him (Kanhai), I don't

think you can actually find the

words to express the feeling. I'm very pleased and it's something

that I'll treasure for the rest of my

life," said Sarwan, who also scored

his first Test hundred against the

His only blemish throughout the 402-ball stay was a dropped

chance on 23 and imagine what Hannan Sarker must have been

same team in Dhaka in 2002.

"To be up there with a great

Indies vice-captain.

Brian Lara had declared on 559

Instead, Javed Omar and Rajin

way to go on this wicket.

Windies bat again.

to save the match.

The Olympic medals are designed especially for each individual Olympic Games by the host city's organizing committee. Each medal must be at least three millimetres thick and 60 millimeters in diameter. Also the gold and silver Olympic medals must be made out of 92.5 per cent silver, with the gold medal covered in six grams of gold.



TEN Sports

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Goran Ivanisevic

(Croatian tennis star)

"My shoulder is better when I play. Like an engine when you stop, then



June 11, 2004 and draw 1. Who won the GP Corporate

Competition closes at 8 pm

Cricket League Plate title?

2. Who lifted the United Insurance IM chess crown? Reefat Niaz

3. What was result of the Bangladesh-West Indies ODI 4. Who will host the 2010 FIFA

They head for Trent Bridge on Michael Brearley. Class..... Roll No.....

match for his maiden Test century stumps.

the match, had resumed on 102 for five, still 15 behind, and, with the pitch misbehaving, opted for allout attack as their only chance of

Within 45 minutes, however, the innings was over.

balls) did his best to set a target with some explosive hitting,

Guyanese grilling feeling as Sarwan returned the compliment in devastating manner. His 32 boundaries exhibited a classical batting with all the shots

Chanderpaul on the other hand

began slowly but was timing the ball as sweetly as ever as the innings progressed. He reached his 10th Test hundred off 189 balls and paid tribute to his partner for aiding him to return to form after a

'Sarwan really helped me out there because I have been struggling at the start of the series and prior to it. He actually helped me as SEE PAGE 14 COL 4



DOUBLE-UP: West Indies vice-captain Ramnaresh Sarwan follows through on a cut on way to scoring career-best 261 not out on the third day of the second Test against Bangladesh at Jamaica on Sunday.

High-performance discipline!

SPORTS REPORTER

Former Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud learned a lesson of what high performance is all about in a bitter way on Sunday.

The experienced all-rounder, now attending the training of BCB's newly launched high-performance unit at the BKSP in Savar, was treated like a schoolboy by physio-cum-trainer Justin Cordy after he was just five minutes late for a session in the swimming

Mahmud was not allowed to oin the others in the pool by the strict disciplinarian Australian despite repeated apologies from the player, said an eyewitness.

"Cordy was angry because Mahmud was five minutes late to join the session after he had com-pleted a running session," he

added.

This is nothing new of a foreign expert in his dealings that borders on arrogance without even considering the player's stature. The other funny thing is that why on a r t h

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RABEED IMAM from Jamaica

The party stands are a must at any cricket ground in the Caribbean and they are usually sponsored by popular local beer brands. In Jamaica the party stand is

called the Red Stripe stand and for 30-odd US Dollars a day, you are guaranteed a whole day of dancing and drinking. Music literally never stops at these stands apart from when an over is in progress. At the Red Stripe stand, they have

even placed a mini swimming pool with a sea beach painted in the background. During lunch break a local singer would come and entertain the crowd. The great Shaggy often appears, unfortunately not this

The party goes on even after the close of play and amidst the beer drinking and dancing, some get the time to talk a little cricket too.

"When are you guys leaving tomorrow?" casually asked a man

from the Red Stripe stand to a couple of passing Bangladeshi journalists at the end of day three. He was referring Bangladesh's position in the second and final Test and the prospect of the match ending by day four.

JUST KNOCKING

Calypso Cocktail

The Bangladesh cricketers are not net freaks just as yet but some of them do spend a little time on the

Mohammad Ashraful leads the pack. The 20-year-old batsman is a frequent visitor to the business centre of the team hotel and browses through the sports pages of all the leading dailies back home

Khaled Mashud stops by computer analyst Nasir Ahmed's room every once in a while to check the news on the internet when he doesn't have time to go to the business

"I look at the main headlines and not so much sports because when I'm away from home. I try to keep abreast of the situation back home," said Mashud.

Malu, BFF's deputy general secretary and secretary of the National

Football League (NFL) Organising

Chittagong League is the second biggest competition of the country.

hey deserve an automatic place.

To accommodate these six teams, we have decided to increase the

number of teams to 12 from ten for

"We considered the fact that

Committee.

Abahani, Russell in

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has finally decided to give both Abahani Krira Chakra and Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra automatic qualifying berths for the second phase of the fourth National Football League.

The two sides were in the race to win the last of the four automatic qualifying spots. But to avoid any controversy, the game's governing body opened the door for both of them in its yesterday's executive committee meeting.

Dhaka sides Muktijoddha Sangsad and Mohammedan Sporting Club qualify as the defending champions and runners-up. The third qualifiers are Dhaka Premier League winners Brothers Union.

But the fourth automatic quali-

fying spot fell vacant after the holding of Federation Cup as it was

"As we did not stage the third-place play-off, we could not sepa-rate the two teams. The third team Helal after a marathon five-hour

"Chittagong Mohammedan will be the sixth team to get direct entry," said Manzoor Hossain

the second phase. The Chittagong League runners-up will be eligible to play in the qualifying rounds, Malusaid.

"However, the teams must

Replying to a question, Malu

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Sweet English revenge

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REUTERS, London

England's pace attack skittled New Zealand for 161 runs on a difficult Headlingley surface before cruising to a nine-wicket triumph in the second Test to seal the series.

Matthew Hoggard, with four wickets, and Steve Harmison, with three, ended the tourists' resistance after an entertaining opening to Monday's final day before England knocked off their target of 45 on an increasingly erratic pitch.

Marcus Trescothick (30 not out) pulled the winning boundary as England won in the run-up to lunch, securing an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

The series win was sweet revenge for 1999, when the New Zealanders beat England 2-1 on home soil. England, however, have since climbed from bottom of the world rankings to third.

Thursday with a chance of completing the first whitewash between the sides since England's 3-0 home success in 1978 under English wicketkeeper Geraint

Jones was named man-of-thein the first innings followed by an impressive display behind the The tourists, hampered by a

string of injuries before and during

Jacob Oram (36 not out off 32 including two slogged sixes, as the

But the wickets kept tumbling as well. Hoggard made the early breakthrough when Scott Styris eagea benina, Jones taking a spectacular one-handed catch diving

The Yorkshire swing bowler then trapped danger man Chris Cairns lbw for 10.

Harmison joined in after a poor opening spell when Michael Papps, coming in at nine because of a broken finger, played a rising

delivery into the hands of captain Michael Vaughan at silly mid-off.

Spinner Daniel Vettori was unable to bat after tearing his hamstring on Sunday. Chris Martin was the last man out, run out by Jones after Oram tried to steal a bye to keep the strike.

Hoggard took four for 75 with Harmison, who took seven wickets in the match, backing him up with three for 57.

> Despite a difficult wicket of SEE PAGE 14 COL 2



INCREDIBLE HOGGARD: England paceman Matthew Hoggard (R) celebrates taking the wicket of Scott Styris on the fifth day of the second Test against New Zealand at Headingley yesterday.

Nat'l jr boxing begins today

SPORTS REPORTER

The 17th National Junior Boxing Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium in Mirpur.

Bangladesh Boxing Federation (BBF) will pick talented boxers from the under-16 competition to build the squad for the second Asian Age-Group Boxing Competition which will be held in Dhaka early next year, informed BBF general secretary Latifur Rahman Khan at a press briefing yesterday.

Over 200 young boxers will take part in ten weight categories in the four-day meet.

"Bangladesh won eight gold medals and as many silvers in the first edition of the Asian meet in Nepal in 2001. We want to do better this time and pick and train the boxers with good prospect," said

Apon Jewelers will give Tk 1.5 lakh out of a total budget of 3.20 lakh as title sponsors.

'Bring on the Australians'

CRICINFO, undated

Virender Sehwag dishes out the verbals with the same frankness and confidence that he clatters the ball over the infield.

In an interview featured on the BBC website, Sehwag said that India were as good as Australia. "Definitely we are on par with them [Australia]. If we can go there and beat them on their home ground, definitely we are up there.

"To beat a team like Australia, we have to battle it out for all the five days of a Test, and that's what we did when we beat them in Adelaide," said Sehwag.

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Muktijoddha and Mohammedan again who finished champions and runners-up in the competition. Abahani and Russell appeared

into the scene as the losing Federation Cup semifinalists.

is supposed to qualify but we can not hold a play-off now," said BFF general secretary Anwarul Haque meeting.

"So, it would be sensible to allow both," said Helal admitting the BFF's failure to settle the issue during the Federation Cup. The BFF, meanwhile, also opted

to give direct entry to the champi-ons of the Chittagong Premier

The NFL secretary informed

that the teams would be able to register two foreigners and can also field two local guest footballers.

submit a 25-member players list before the start of the qualifiers,"

The qualifiers start June 21

TAVA VANDAMA

NOTHING TASTES SWEETER: Argentine Gaston Gaudio kisses the French Open trophy after he won the men's

Gaudio the great



AFP, Paris

Argentina's Gaston Gaudio won the French Open title here on Sunday in dramatic circumstances saving two match points as he battled back to a 0-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, 8-6 win against injury-hit compatriot Guillermo Coria.

As well as collecting 860,000 euros (1.049 million dollars) 25year-old Gaudio, ranked a modest 44 in the world, becomes the first Argentine man to win a Grand Slam since Guillermo Villas won the Australian Open in 1979.

Villas was also the last Argentine to win here in 1977.

"Since I was a kid I have thought of this day and now that I am here it is too much for me," said a tearful

"I was so scared in the first two sets but because of the crowd I started to fight back. "Until today, I never thought I

could win a Grand Slam and I never believed I could do it until the final point had been played. "Maybe from now on, I will

believe in myself a lot more. Coria, who needed treatment by

the tour trainer and doctor after developing cramps in the third set, said that Gaudio had shown courage by saving the two match points and deserved the title.

"He has had so many problems in his life and we have had our differences but he is a great player. I will be back next year and hope to get my revenge," he added.

Coria's afternoon was turned upside down when he was hit by cramps to his left leg and despite a valiant recovery to get to double match point in the 12th game of the final set, he was unable to take his opportunity.

"The doctor and trainer said it would take about ten minutes to feel improvement so that's why l didn't run much in the fourth set,' said Coria who broke down in tears at his post-match news conference.

"I wanted to stay relaxed because I knew the cramps would return. I think I would have stopped had the

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