Perfect Sabura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Sabura Khatun completed a perfect eleven in the 21st National agegroup swimming championships here on Thursday.

The pool queen made a record of some sorts when she won all the eleven events she took part in the three-day meet. Not only that Sabura also set up eight new national records in the 18-20 age

It was a dream return to the pool for Bogra lass after suffering for nearly two years because of dispute between BIMC and Ansars over possession of the swimmer.

Interestingly, she won all the golds for Bogra in the competition to finish in third place. BKSP topped the medals with 48 golds and 29 silvers while Ansars emerged second with 24 golds and 28 silvers.

Premier kabadi

UNB, Dhaka

Holders Bangladesh Rifles recorded their second consecutive 91-19 victory over Dilkusha SC with eight lonas in the ninth Premier Division Kabadi League at the outer stadium court here yesterday.

The winners commanded the first-half by 43-6 points.

Meanwhile, Sonali Bank Recreation Club recorded a 32-13 win over Jurain Janata Club with two lonas in the day's second match.

Sonali Bank led the first-half 7-6. Friday's matches: Bangladesh Police vs Azad SC (4:00pm) and Bangladesh Army vs Bangladesh Airforce (5:00 pm).

Nat'l hockey

groups, are taking part in the first phase and only the group champions will join automatic qualifiers holders Dhaka and runners-up Dhaka University in the six-team super league from August 5.

Earlier, president of Bangladesh Hockey Federation and Chief of Bangladesh Air Force Air Vice-Marshall M Fakhrul Azam inaugurated the tournament.

Friday's match: Mymensingh vs Patuakhali (3:45pm) at the same



Tick the correct answers, post to

The Baily Star

Competition closes at 8 pm July 23, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards

1. How many Test matches will

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Who is the youngest scorer at UEFA Euro 2004? Rooney Vonlanthen Ronaldo

Who scored the first goal at Euro

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who is India, saying we accepted the Class..... Roll No..... "From the players point of view

Wednesday.

accepted by the ZCU.

tration will start but we hope the composition of the panel and their

possible," Field added. "We don't know when the arbi-

we want this resolved as quickly as

terms of reference can be decided The ICC had set the rebels a

Rebels accept ICC offer

deadline of 1600GMTWednesday to accept their proposal after the players initially asked a week ago for a further month in which to make up their minds.

Action from yesterday's opening match of the ANAS Group 25th National Hockey Championship between

was going in their minds because

the batsmen were all in form and the

practice and preparation was good."

enough in the first two games? We

BOB WOOLMER

are not going to shout at people though. We simply had a bad day in

"Unfortunately, we gave them a

bonus point and that puts us under

real pressure to qualify. We are not

going to panic, though, and we will

not be looking to make changes. We have to give people an opportunity.

'Maybe we weren't tested

'Defeat self inflicted'

Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Railway at the Moulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium.

REUTERS/CRICINFO, Colombo

coach Bob Woolmer said on

Pakistan were bundled out for

Abdul Razzaq made a respect-

"That was a perfect batting pitch

and every dismissal, bar

Mohammad Sami who received a

good delivery from Sanath

layasuriya, was self-inflicted,"

"Inzi (Inzamamul Haq) kicked

"We have had a bad day but the

"We need to understand what

Zimbabwe's rebel cricketers have

agreed to the International Cricket

Council's (ICC) plan for arbitration

in their dispute with the Zimbabwe

Cricket Union (ZCU), a spokesman

told this news agency here

The ICC had proposed that a

three-man tribunal, sitting in

Zimbabwe, resolve the dispute that

has plagued Zimbabwe cricket for

several months, an offer already

currently on a charity tour of

England and manager Clive Field

said: "We had a meeting yesterday

(Tuesday) and we sent an e-mail to

ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed,

Most of the rebel players are

important question is, why? That is

what we have to now work out

before the game against India.

the ball on to his stumps, Youhana

tried to take a single to silly point and three others selected poor

Woolmer told reporters.

strokes,"Woolmer added.

Cricket

122 after winning the toss, their

lowest ever score against Sri Lanka.

able 43 as only three Pakistan bats-men reached double figures.

Wednesday.

wicket defeat

against Sri Lanka

in an Asia Cup

super league

match was self

inflicted, their

Last Wednesday the ZCU agreed to the ICC's plan for a three-man tribunal, sitting in Zimbabwe, which would aim to end the crisis.

One representative would be appointed by the ZCU and another by the players with both those people choosing the third, the chair-

In April the ZCU sacked then Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak after the fast bowler, now at English county Warwickshire, accused the board of making some team selections based on race rather than

When his colleague tried but failed to get Streak reinstated they went on strike in protest.

That led the ZCU to sack a total of 15 senior players, all white, a massive loss for a country with an already small playing base. Field was speaking on the tele-

will be reviewed. Barca give up

of the Year Samuel Eto'o. "Barcelona made an offer that

they felt they should make for Eto'o but Mallorca do not intend to sell for this," said Laporta, who added that they had upped their offer above the 15 million euros (18.4 million dollars) Mallorca requested.

were prepared to go to 16 million euros for the Cameroonian.

Real loaned out the Cameroon striker to Real Mallorca in 2000 retaining a 50 per cent stake in him, yet after Eto'o's brilliant form last season they now want him back.

Since his move the 23-year-old has struck form with a vengeance, scoring 54 league goals.

School chess

Interested students with certificate from own school can enroll their name with the Bangladesh Chess Federation office at National Sports

4:00pm to 8:00pm everyday. Eight students from Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai have already confirmed their participation.

Div I handball

UNB, Dhaka

SPORT

Surjodoy Club registered a massive 32-3 victory over Jatrabari Sports Academy in the Tibet 13th First Division Handball League at the outer stadium ground here yester-

The winners dominated the first-

Hafiz scored 10 goals, Farid seven, Rana six and Arif five for the winners while Shohag netted all three goals for the losers.

In the day's second match, Satirtha Club recorded an upset 22-17 victory against Prime SC after trailing by 7-8 goals in the first-half.

Ratan and Sohrab scored nine and four goals respectively for the winners while Pappu and Rakib netted eight and four goals for the

Friday's match: Jatrabari Sports Academy vs Prime SC (4:00pm).

IU b'ball

UNB, Savar

'If you look at the positives, I

thought we bowled magnificently.

They were fearsome out there and I

Sri Lanka skipper Marvan Atapattu praised the performance of

his side and in particular man-of-

the-match Nuwan Zoysa who took

"He is making a habit of this (winning man-of-the-match

awards). In the past he had enough

critics but he is facing them now

and has come good for Sri Lanka.

As captain, I have to say he is mar-

vellous now," Atapattu said of the

"We stuck to the basics and

'We are playing as a team and

were disciplined enough to do well

in all three departments of the

that is what we have been

emphasising. It is working well at the moment and everyone's focus

On the pitch he said, "This pitch has changed now. It used to be a 250 plus wicket, but now it has

started to seam about more. With

the grass having not been cut the

ball retained its shine and it moved

phone from Stowe School,

Buckinghamshire, where the Red

Lions, as the Zimbabwe rebel side

are known, were playing the third

match of their six-game tour against

a team captained by South Africa-

born former England batsman Allan

The tour is designed to raise

money for the Zimbabwean

Cricketers Fund and the Zimbabwe

The ICC, at their last board meet-

ing in June, suspended Zimbabwe's

Tests for the rest of the year (against

Pakistan and England) following

heavy defeats by Sri Lanka and an

already abandoned series against

tionals remained intact and England

are due to play five such games in

are due to face India A in a four-day

match in Harare starting Thursday.

Bangladesh during January, follow-

ing intensive coaching and two

incoming "A" tours by India and

South Africa, after which their status

Zimbabwe in November.

However, their one-day interna-

Zimbabwe's second string side

They are due to resume Tests in

Pensioners Fund.

was glad I was not batting."

three wickets for 29 runs.

left-arm seamer.

Business Administration emerged champions in the Jahangirnagar University inter-department basketball championship with a 37-25 victory over Geography and Environment at the university sketball court yesterday.

Mamum scored 13 points and Samrat 10 for the winners while Rikul caged highest 19 points for the

Vice-Chancellor Prof Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman witnessed the match and distributed prizes as

Another win

He shared 78 runs for the second wicket with his Chittagong mate Aftab Ahmed before Aftab was adjudged lbw to off-spinner Parry for 38 off 36 balls.

Nafees also added exactly 50 for the third wicket with Nadif Chowdhury as the young Tigers came within 10 runs of victory when Nafees mistimed a pull shot and was caught at point. Bangladesh lost three more quick wickets for no good reason before wrapping up the match in 37 overs.

Earlier, the DoE XI battled against some good pace bowling from Shahadat Hossain and eventually limped to 173 before being all out with five balls to spare. Captain Paul Cook batted well again to make 47 before being bowled by Ashim-

"All the Bangladesh bowlers bowled well with Rajib displaying good pace, despite having some trouble with his run up. Nadif bowled very well to take one for 19 in 10 overs. This included an opening spell of seven overs one for 12. Enamul Haque bowled well to claim three for 23, Israq Sonnet and Ashim Chowdhury both claimed two for 32," wrote Australian coach Richard Innes from England

The youths will play a three-day game against the same team today before the first Test (four day) starts

SCORES IN BRIEF:

ECB DOE XI: 173 all out in 49.1 overs (Cook 47, Williams 20: Enamul 3-23, Sonet 2-32, Ashim 2-32, Mushfiq 2-27)

Bangladesh U-19: 177 for 6 in 37 overs (Nafees Iqbal 66, Nafees Ahmed 28, Aftab 38, Nazimuddin 0, Nadif Chowdhury 29, Rahman 0, Dhiman 7 not out, Mushfiq 4 not

Result: Bangladesh U-19 won by

half century in 14 Test innings with a

Strauss, 27, driving confidently

off the front foot through the offside

took fours off Bravo and left-arm

UAE talking tough



AFP, Beijing

United Arab Emirates coach Aad de Mos has dismissed South Korea's run to the 2002 World Cup semifinals as a fluke ahead of the two teams' crucial Asian Cup match here

South Korea turned footballing logic on its head two years ago when they marched all the way to the last four of the World Cup, accounting for European powers Portugal, Spain and Italy along the way.

But according to de Mos, whose UAE side were beaten 3-1 by Kuwait in their opening Group B game on Monday, Korea's remarkable World Cup performance -- the best ever by an Asian team -- was a one-off.

"South Korea will never make the World Cup semifinals again, I think," de Mos said.

"It was a lucky situation and it will be difficult to repeat it."

Korea have struggled to move on since their World Cup campaign, with new coach Jo Bonfrere saying his team were still suffering a hangover from their heroics of two years

4 new disciplines

Games

The Koreans were frustrated 0-0 by Jordan in their first Asian Cup match on Monday, and are desperate for victory over the UAE to get

their campaign back on track. De Mos though said his team would take a leaf out of Jordan's book as they chase a victory which will put them back in the hunt for a quarter-final berth.

"We learned from (Korea's) game against Jordan that if you play compact and stop them scoring early on, step by step you get more chances to develop your own game," said the recently appointed De Mos.

"We will try to eliminate their strong points in the game without losing our strong points."

South Korea will look to a evamped attacking line-up to ignite their campaign and have been boosted by the return to fitness of PSV Eindhoven forward Park Ji-

Bonfrere, who coached UAE until being replaced by Englishman Roy Hodgson in 2002, lashed out at his strikers for failing to find the net in Monday's uninspiring 0-0 draw with

"We drew against Jordan but that doesn't mean we'll draw against the Emirates," said the Dutchman.

South Korea will have to do

without the services of veteran defender Choi Jin-Cheul, who was sent off for two rash challenges against Jordan.

Meanwhile Kuwait, the 1980 champions who top Group B after beating UAE, can secure their place

in the quarterfinals with victory over defence-minded Jordan. Coach Mohammad Ibrahim said he was desperate to qualify for the next stage before the last group game against South Korea.

We're not thinking about Korea unless we have to. Now we have Jordan and we hope we can qualify

before the last game," he said. However, Ibrahim knows he is in for a grinding encounter against a Jordan side marshalled by the "best coach in the Arab world", Mahmoud

The Egyptian legend -- the only man to have won the African Nations Cup both as a player and a coach -- has brought Jordan to their first Asian Cup with an unlovely but ruthlessly efficient counter-

attacking game, The match will be cautious because each team know a lot about the other and has great respect for the other," said Gohary.

"We have a chance to reach the second round and we will play

For 10th SAF

SPORTS REPORTER from Colombo

Four new disciplines, cycling, judo, ushu and archery, will make their SAF Games debut when the tenth edition of the regional event will be hosted for

At the Islamabad Games earlier this year 15 disciplines were con-

Ocean, in 1991 and all the venues used during that time will be renovated at a cost of 500 million rupees (5 million US), explained Sri Lanka's National Olympic Committee president Hemasiri Fernando yesterday. "The government is providing 300

infrastructure. We will only have to build a complex for the air rifle event," said Fernando talking to a group of Bangladesh reporters at his office. There will be no Games Village

"We are also looking for a title sponsor for the first time in the history of the Games. We have had talks with Indian Oil company, who are also sponsoring

Zaheer passes

FROM PAGE 13

Strauss' Lord's love

The paceman had missed the last of four Tests as well as a tri-series in Australia earlier this year and also the last two Tests in Pakistan in April because of a niggling hamstring

the second time by Sri Lanka next year.

The regional Games first came to the island, called the pearl of the Indian

million rupees for the purpose. It is not possible to build new venues in one year but we are lucky that we have the

and the athletes from eight nations will be accommodated at hotels. We have plenty of hotels in Colombo," he

the Asia Cup cricket, and Samsung so farbut nothing is finalised.

would have to return from a tour because of injury for a third consecutive time.

India's next engagement is against arch-rivals Pakistan on Sunday. Sri Lanka and Bangladesh are the other two teams in the super league from which the top two will advance to the final on August 1.

to Ramnaresh Sarwan at short leg to

Edwards should have had Key out

for 16 in what was a scrappy passage

Key clumsily edged a wide deliv-

Wayward first change Fidel

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Pollock's Eden Gardens dream

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

It's been a long wait, but for Shaun Pollock, the South African all-rounder, it's been well worth it. The full itinerary for South Africa's tour of India in November has finally

been announced recently, and it has put Pollock in position to realise one of his few unfulfilled cricketing dreams. South Africa's short but daunting tour kicks off on November 14 with a three-day warm-up match against India A at Jaipur, before the first Test

starts on November 20 at Kanpur,

followed by the second and final Test at Calcutta from November 28. It is the last venue that is of particular interest to Pollock, who has harboured a long-standing ambition to perform at Calcutta's Eden Gardens, he scene of South Africa's return from

isolation in 1991-92. The South Africans have played at Eden Gardens before, thumping India by 329 runs there on the 1996-97 tour, but on that occasion. Pollock was sitting at home at Durban nursing his

"I missed that tour because I had to have an ankle operation and that's the Pollock said yesterday after the first day of the national team's training

camp at Pretoria.

He continued: "So I

chuffed that we are going to play there on this tour. There are a couple of stadiums around the world that cricketers really want to experience. The Melbourne Cricket Ground is one with a crowd of 90 000, but Eden Gardens probably gets even bigger crowds. I haven't even played in a oneday international there, so it's going to be pretty special."

SAARC golfers leave July 27

SPORTS REPORTER

A three-member Bangladesh Golf on July 27 to participate in sixth SAARG Golf Championship to be held in the Pakistani city from July 29. Players from all seven SAARC countries are expected to partici-

pate. Ladies amateur players have also been invited to participate in the meet for the first time. The Bangladesh team members are Mohammad Siddikur Rahman, Mohammad Milon and Mohammad

Shakhawat Hossain Sohel, all members of the Kurmitola Golf Club. Brigadier General Salim Akhter will accompany the team as manager.

The second version of the regional golfing event was hosted by

Worried about the lean spell his

leading batsmen were going

through, Whatmore said that he

would assess the advantages of

Before selecting him, we have to

weigh up what can he give to us or

"Rajin Saleh has not played well.

certain players.

Dav talks, they listen

done that, we are now in a position to field the best possible team tomorrow. We have not done that

"The Premadasa wickets will be

slow, the ball will be skidding under lights. The new ball, after the shine is off, will not do much. I would like to bat first here." Pitches at the Premadasa sta-

dium are likely to be pace-friendly but Whatmore decided to wait until the afternoon to be sure what will be his starting line-up against hosts.

When asked whether his experience of being Sri Lankan coach for six years and the knowledge of the country having grown up there would help him develop strategies against his old team, the Bangladesh coach was quick to respond. "It's easy making strategies.

Whatmore felt that it would be nice to have a long batting order and some spinners in the side. For the first time in just over a year in charge of the Tigers, he also

what has he given so far."

sounded uncertain. "The selection is not obvious to me, it's not just jumping out in

Praising left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak's performance with the new ball against India, Whatmore added: 'He has done well. He has tremendous potential. He batted as well. The way he handled the bat proves that he has good temperament as



Implementing it is another thing. We

can decide on the best policy but we

need to implement them on the

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CRYPTOQUIP UXFLXQL UZPYLT ZIXML MXR XA IWFVBJDLJU

ZXBMT IPU DLRWZWN VL W YWRRN ZWDXQ? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE NUDIST CAMP'S MEMBERS CAME UP WITH A GOOD SLOGAN: "PLEASE BARE WITH US."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R 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.

Eto'o bid

AFP, Madrid

Barcelona president Joan Laporta saidWednesday that they have given up on their bidding war with archrivals Real Madrid for African Player

According to press reports Barca

Council on or before July 25 between

The lively Tino Best came close to claiming his and the West Indies' second wicket when he squared Key up on 58 only for the edge to fall just short of Devon Smith at second slip.

Meanwhile the increasingly confident 25-year-old Key turned the fiery Best off his legs for four. Strauss reached his century with a swept four off Banks, his 15th

quick Pedro Collins.

boundary off Banks.

boundary in 145 balls. It all made West Indies captain Brian Lara's decision to field first, with an inexperienced bowling attack but some seasoned batsmen, look all the more curious.

In eight previous Tests where he

had inserted the opposition West

Indies had lost six, drawn one and

onlywon one. And the last time Lara chose to field first, in the fourth Test against South Africa at Centurion in January, the Proteas piled up 302 for one on the first day on their way to a mammoth total of 604 for six declared.

But his decision on Thursday was

almost vindicated as early as the

fourth over when Marcus Trescothick on 10 gave a caught and bowled chance which Best failed to However, Trescothick added just six runs to his score before Best dismissed him with a steepling

delivery that the left-hander turned

ery he should have left alone to second slip where Chris Gayle dropped the chance with England 66 for one in the 20th over.

ENGLAND: Firstinnings Strauss not out 102 Keynotout Extras: (b-2, lb-13, w-5, nb-5) Total: (For 1 wkt in 51 overs)

Collins 13 2 53 Best 10 41 10 40 32 50 0

Edwards. Toss: West Indies.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the first Test between England and

Trescothick c Sarwan b Best Fall of wicket: 1-29 To bat: Vaughan, Thorpe, Flintoff,

Edwards Banks Sarwan WEST INDIES: Gayle, Smith, Sarwan, Lara, Chanderpaul, Bravo, Jacobs, Banks, Collins, Best,

the West Indies at Lord's on

Geraint, Giles, Hoggard, Simon, Harmison

Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (South Africa) and Daryl Harper (Australia).