

AFP, Colombo



India win a cliffhanger

tive bowling spells.
"I tried to bowl at the right spots.
Fortunately, it clicked. While bat-

ting. I just wanted to spend time in

the middle as I had not scored runs

to steal the show and upstage Indian skipper Sourav Ganguly (79) and

Sehwag, who had put on 134 for the

boundaries early in his innings,

adding 103 for the sixth wicket with

Dilshan after the hosts had been

match in India's favour when he

bowled Dilshan and then held a

return catch to account for

"It was a gamble to bring Sehwag

"But I had confidence in him as

he had bowled well in his first spell.

It was good that we fought till the

end, but we are still not playing our

Atapattu said his team had had a

chance to win the match with

Jayasuriya in the middle.

moment," he said.

Ganguly stand."

Sri Lankan skipper Marvan

We had a big chance till the last

It was good to see Sanath back

to his big-scoring ways and I hope

he continues with the same form in

the final. But we did well to restrict

them to 271 after the Sehwag-

India posted a healthy total thanks chiefly to the Sehwag-

Ganguly second-wicket partner-

ship, with Yuvraj Singh chipping in

stage as they made the most of an

under-strength Sri Lankan attack,

Ganguly and Sehwag had set the

later with a brisk 46-ball 50.

Jayasuriya in the 48th over.

on at that stage," said Ganguly.

Sehwag, however, swung the

The Sri Lankan opener blitzed

Jayasuriya had earlier threatened

in previous matches," he said.

second wicket.

reduced to 134-5.

best cricket."

A full house (L) at the Rangpur Stadium enjoy the match between Dhaka Abahani and Panchagarh Brothers Union yesterday.

A Virender

Sehwag-inspired

India qualified for

the Asia Cup final

with a thrilling

four-run win over

Sri Lanka in a super league match hereTuesday despite a blistering 130

Sri Lanka needed four to tie the

scores off the last ball from left-arm

seamer Zaheer Khan, but a dot ball

halted the hosts' run chase at 267-9,

tantalisingly adrift of India's 271-6

Zaheer after having been hammered

for five fours in one over by the left-

hander Jayasuriya, who cracked one

six and 14 fours in his 18th century

and the second in as many matches.

right time with a superb all-round

performance, top-scoring with 81

and then claiming three wickets,

including those of Jayasuriya and

Tillakaratne Dilshan (39) at crucial

By winning, India also knocked fierce rivals Pakistan out of the

tournament, setting up a return clash with Sri Lanka in the final on

Sri Lanka finished their super

league engagements with 13 points

from three matches, followed by

India (12/3). Pakistan (5/2) will meet

winless Bangladesh with nothing to

play for in a match Thursday. A win

would earn them a maximum of six

points, still leaving them behind

if we (could) get Jayasuriya out," said

man-of-the-match Sehwag, who

scored his first half-century in nine

matches before delivering penetra-

"We knew we could win the game

Sehwag returned to form at the

It was a sterling comeback by

from Sanath Jayasuriya.

in the day-night game.

but not before surviving close calls. Sehwag was let off after being

put down first by Mahela

Jayawardene in the slips and then

by Avishka Gunawardene in the

doubt from TV umpire after a diving

Jayawardene had claimed a catch in

spinner Muttiah Muralitharan and

left-arm fast bowler Chaminda

Scoreboard of the Asia Cup super

league match between Sri Lanka

and India at the Premedasa

Stadium in Colombo on Tuesday:

INDIA: 271 for 6 (Sehwag 81,

Ganguly 79, Yuvraj 50; Malinga 2-

Gunawardene c Pathan b Zaheer 7

Sangakkara c Tendulkar b Sehwag

Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 267

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-36, 3-76, 4-

103, 5-134, 6-237, 7-254, 8-261, 9-

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Result: India won by four runs.

Fischer appeal

US chess legend Bobby Fischer's

plea for provisional release from

detention here pending a decision

on whether to deport him has been

rejected by Japanese immigration

Fischer, 61, has been held at

Tokyo's Narita airport since July 13

for violating Japanese immigration

law after trying to leave for the

Philippines using a passport which

"The appeal for release was

US officials said had been revoked.

turned down yesterday in a hearing which I attended," Miyoko Watai,

president of the Japan Chess

Association and a friend of Fischer's,

earlier just with immigration offi-

cials," she said. "We plan to make

another appeal for his provisional

The chess master has been

wanted by Washington since 1992

when he scooped more than three

million dollars in prize money from

a chess match held in former

Yugoslavia, in defiance of an inter-

He faces up to 10 years in prison

The United States revoked

Watai earlier told AFP the chess

master had appealed to Japan's

justice minister against deportation.

national embargo on the country.

in the United States if convicted.

Fischer's passport last December.

release on July 30."

"He also had a hearing a few days

officials, a friend said Wednesday.

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Jayasuriya c and b Sehwag

Atapattu cYuvraj b Harbhajan

Jayantha c Patel b Pathan

Jayawardene b Tendulkar Dilshan b Sehwag

Extras: (b-4, lb-14, w-8)

Maharoof b Zaheer

Zoysa not out

Pathan

Harbhajan

Malinga not out

Chandana c Yuvraj b Pathan

SCOREBOARD

Sri Lanka were without star off-

Ganguly got the benefit of the

### Abahani

FROM PAGE 13
Pranotosh, Ujjal, Khokon and Colly

Panchagarh Brothers Union: Abdur Rahman, Mujibur Rahman, Jet, Jibon, Bablu, Nayan, Zakir, Zahidul, Fazlul, Chanchal, Nurul and Mamunul. Referee: Tayeb Hasan.

### Tait joins Durham

AFP, Durham

Promising Australian fast bowler Shaun Tait has signed for English country cricket club Durham.

The 21-year-old, included in the Australian squad for the recent Test series against Sri Lanka, will replace Shoaib Akhtar who was recalled to Pakistan for the Asia Cup earlier this

The Adelaide-born cricketer took 33 first-class wickets for South Australia last season.

### Rifles, Army

Division Kabadi League at the outer

stadium court yesterday. Rifles crushed Sonali Bank RC70-27 after leading the first half 19-16.

Army recorded a 32-29 win over Bangladesh Police. The winners led the first half 13-12.

TODAY'S MATCHES Bangladesh Rifles v Bangladesh Bangladesh Army v Sonali Bank



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3. Who won the Wimbledon mer							

Agassi Federer Henman 4. Who lifted the Wimbledon women's crown? Serena Sharapova Venus

5. Who are the Euro 2004 soccer

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Dravid on top

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Brian Lara's twin failures in the Lord's Test against England has meant that Rahul Dravid has, for the first time in his career, taken over as the top Test batsman in the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

Lara aggregated only 55 runs in his two innings at Lord's, resulting in his rating points slipping to 881, while Dravid's remained at 892, three more than Matthew Hayden, who moved into second place ahead of Lara.

Dravid's rise to the top has been the result of an amazingly consistent run over the last couple of years -- since the tour to the West Indies in 2001-02, he has scored 2526 runs in 23 Tests at an outstanding average of 76.55, with eight centuries, four of them dou-

Apart from a change at the top, Vaughan top billing among England's batsmen. Vaughan rose five places to 18th, thanks to centuries in each innings at Lord's.

Meanwhile, Ashley Giles' manof-the-match performance not only secured him a place on the famous dressing-room honours board, it also propelled him into the top twenty of the PwC ratings for the first time in his career.

Prior to the match, all eyes had been on Steve Harmison, who could have gone top of the list had he taken five or more wickets. Instead he had a disappointing game by his recent high standards, taking just two scalps in the second innings.

Even so, he remained second behind Muttiah Muralitharan, and still has the No. 1 spot in his sights as the second Test begins at Edgbaston on Thursday.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN TWO PASTORS CHAT BY PHONE, I'D PROBABLY CONSIDER IT A

PARSON-TO-PARSON CALL. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N 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

### Windies legends mostly batsmen

BBC ONLINE, undated

An awards ceremony marking 75 years of West Indies cricket named the five greatest Caribbean players

But the judging panel surpris-ingly left out all the fearsome fast bowlers of the 1980s in its final

They chose George Headley, Sir Garfield Sobers, Sir Viv Richards, Sir Frank Worrell and current captain Brian Lara. One former great Lance Gibbs told BBC: "Cricket, as you know, is a

batsman's game, but maybe next time the bowlers will get a chance."

At a lavish function at Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Tuesday, the great and good of West Indies cricket were invited to the ScotiabankWest Indian Jubilee.

The ceremony lasted nearly three hours, with video footage from the glory years of Caribbean cricket played out in front of a rapt audi-

Richards, Joel Garner, Gordon Greenidge and Sir Everton Weekes were among the invited guests.

There were three other awards

during the evening.
Michael Holding's 8-92 against England at The Oval in 1976 won him the best bowling performance gong, ahead of Gibbs' 8-38 versus India in Barbados and Curtly Ambrose's 6-24 against England in

Lara collected the batting perfor-mance award, as he held off Greenidge and Roy Fredericks courtesy of his famous 153 not out to beat Australia in Barbados in 1999.

There was also a top one-day performance award -- with Richards' 189 not out against England at Old Trafford in 1984 beating off two fine innings in World Cup final wins by Collis King and Clive Lloyd.

### **Back troubles** Bond again

REUTERS, Auckland

New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond has suffered a second stress fracture to his back, his manager said on Wednesday. Bond, who has a history of back

trouble, had a scan last week which revealed the problem. 'Shane is now considering the options given to him by his sur-

his manager Leanne McGoldricksaid. "One of those is surgery and that seems his most likely option at this stage. He just wants to take a few

days to think things over." Bond suffered a previous stress fracture during the tour of Sri Lanka

The problem flared up again last December and the 29-year-old missed the home series against Pakistan and South Africa.

Bond was selected for New Zealand's tour of England earlier this year but only took part in two warm-up matches, against Worcestershire and Kent, taking four wickets in total.

### Second Test

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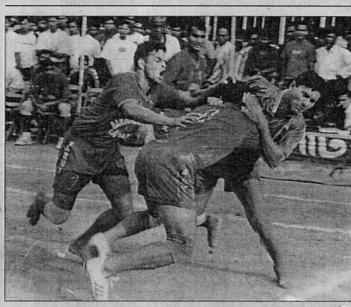
At Edgbaston in 1994 he scored a first-class world record 501 not out for Warwickshire against Durham having not long before set a Test world record score of 375, against England in Antigua.

In April, Lara regained the Test record with 400 not out, again against England in Antigua. But that may be where any historical com-

TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): Michael Vaughan (captain), Marcus Trescothick, Robert Key, Andrew Strauss Graham Thorpe, Andrew Flintoff, Geraint Jones, Ashley Giles, Simon Jones, Matthew Hoggard, Steve Harmison, James Anderson.

WEST INDIES (from): Chris Gayle, Devon Smith, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Brian Lara (captain), Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Dwayne Bravo, Ridley Jacobs, Omari Banks, Tino Best, Pedro Collins, Fidel Edwards, Corey Collymore, Carlton Baugh, Dwayne Smith, Jermaine Lawson, Sylvester



Action from yesterday's Premier Division Kabadi League encounter between Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Police at the outer stadium

# Sharapova sails, Serena crawls

Tennis

REUTERS, San Diego

Maria Sharapova, in her first match since winning Wimbledon earlier this month, powered past American qualifier Lilia Osterloh 6-3, 6-3 in the second round of the 1.3 million dollars Acura Classic on Tuesday.

"I really feel this is where I belong," the 17-year-old Russian told reporters. "The competitive spirit comes back again. "I knew it wouldn't be easy and I

just tried to be consistent. I think I did well for not playing for a while and coming off such a big win." Top seed Serena Williams struggled to progress and needed more

than two hours to down Jelena Jankovic of Serbia and Montenegro 6-7, 6-3, 6-2, Serena's sister, Venus, pulled out of the tournament earlier in the day

with a sprained wrist. Playing in front of a sellout crowd of 6,500, sixth seed Sharapova

served well and returned aggressively but often failed to find her range with her big groundstrokes.
"It was exciting," said the Wimbledon champion. "There were

a few more guests asking me for "As long as people enjoy it and bring the kids in, it's great for me to

show my tennis." Serena, beaten in Sunday's final at nearby Carson by Lindsay Davenport, was erratic against Jankovic, unable to control her groundstrokes and doing little with

her return of serve. The two players received simultaneous medical timeouts with Williams leading 3-2 in the third set, Jankovic for a stiff back and Serena for blisters on her left foot. After a 10-minute break, Jankovic

was unable to get her rhythm back while Williams played more consis-tently and ended the match with two booming aces. "When I first got on court I was a

bit scared because she was hitting so hard," said Jankovic. "I was afraid I was going to get hit in the face. "The balls were going like 300-

mph. But then she wasn't hitting as hard and I knew I could play with

Former world number one Williams, who said after Sunday's defeat by Davenport that she was "trying to commit suicide out there", said she was "nearly" suicidal against Jankovic.

"Everyone tends to play beyond themselves against me," Williams said. "I made a lot of mistakes.

"It's boiling down to missing key

shots. It's a little disgusting that I'm missing those shots but I know if I make them it will be a different

French Open champion Anastasia Myskina, the third seed from Russia, advanced with a 6-3, 6-

In the day's only upset, Russian Elena Likhovtseva put out compatriot and 10th seed Nadia Petrova 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 in a first-round tussle.

4 victory over Austria's Barbara



Russian Maria Sharapova serves to American Lilia Osterloh during the first round of the Acura Classic in San Diego on Tuesday.

# Bangladesh had better players

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DS: Sanath Jayasuriya was one of your two guns that blazed in the 1996 World Cup. Do you think he is losing his fire, especially in one-day

AR: He has still some cricket left in him. He is a good one-day cricketer and performs well, especially under pressure. If he can be positive, Sri Lanka should have him in the side. But if he feels that he has had enough of one-day cricket, he can step down and concentrate

only on Test cricket. DS: Your World Cup winning coach Dav Whatmore has joined

improvement? AR: To be honest, for the last six

months I have no idea what has happened in Bangladesh. But overall, he is a good coach and work with young cricketers. I have seen them play against Sri Lanka here. But I feel that when we played, Bangladesh had a better side and better cricketers who were more

DS: You have played a lot of games at club level in Bangladesh. What are your tips for improve-

AR: They have to get the structure right and concentrate on junior and school levels to get more players for the national team. I heard that they are spending lot of money, developing grounds. It's a good sign. Lot of countries struggled too long for winning a Test match. Bangladesh came close twice but could not finish it. You

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the right job. DS: With his 'doosra' banned, do

you think Muralitharan will be the same bowler? AR: He should reach 800 wickets.

Even a thousand if he keeps fit. DS: But the controversy goes

AR: He does not have a problem at all. I think our cricket board has messed it all up. When someone is reported, there is a step-by-step process to follow. The board should review someone's action before sending it to the ICC. Its technical London GP committee then should go through it and give a report. But like idiots. our cricket board let Murali to go to Australia for very sophisticated tests. None of the other bowlers have gone through that.

DS: You are pretty harsh on the cricket board. Does it still hurt you that you have lost in the election

AR: No. I just wanted to prove a point. The system is corrupted. Good people will never be allowed to come in. It's a set-up of mafia. Even if the President of this country or the Prime Minister contests against one of this unknown quantity, they will still lose.

DS: Bob Woolmer has complained about the bonus point rules in this Asia Cup. Do you agree with his sentiment?

AR: They should have complained before the tournament. Personally, I don't believe in extra points. I feel if you are good enough, you will prove yourself by winning straightaway. If there were no bonus points, teams, like Sri Lanka, would have not dared to rest key players.

DS: Is any young player in this tournamentmakinganyimpressiononyou? AR: Yeah, players like Irfan

Pathan, Lasith Malinga have taken early wickets with the new ball. That's a success considering the low and slow bouncy wickets.

# Jones skips

AFP, London

Embattled triple Olympic champion Marion Jones stunned organisers of the IAAF Grand Prix due to take place here on Friday by withdrawing from the event.

The 28-year-old has been the subject of allegations that she took performance enhancing drugs which have been exacerbated by claims by her former husband CI Hunter - who tested positive several times himself - he injected her with them during the 2000 Olympics.

### Rajib in 2nd spot

FROM PAGE 13 games while FIDE Master Taibur Rahman Sumon lost the fifth round board to bag 3 points.

Lars Stark of Germany and Klyuner, Vyacheslav of Ukraine were jointly leading the table with 4.5 points each.



### Directorate General Defence Purchase

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## Re-Tender Notice

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