

Cordy rejoins Tigers today

SPORTS REPORTER

Fitness trainer Justin Cordy joins the ICC Champions Trophy-bound Bangladesh national cricket team today.

The young trainer, who left Dhaka on August 2 for his native Australia for better treatment after suffering from sudden neurological problem, was to arrive here last night via Singapore.

Cordy's arrival will take the pressure off coach Dav Whatmore, who has been looking after the Tigers' preparations for the past six days without any helping hand.



Florentino Perez
(Real Madrid president)
"We have signed Owen not just because he was one of the youngest ever winners of the European footballer-of-the-year award but because he wanted to play for Real, and because he sets a good example both on and off the field."

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Ctg Mohammedan vs Nazirpara
Chandpur (4:00 pm)
Venue: M A Aziz Stadium, Chittagong

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Iran pins gold medal on Miresmaeili!

REUTERS, Tehran



Iran's President Mohammad Khatami and the hardline press heaped praise Sunday on double world judo champion Arash Miresmaeili who had threatened to boycott the Olympics because he was to fight an Israeli.

Arash Miresmaeili was later eliminated from the competition when he failed to make the weight for the planned contest in Athens.

"The great act of our self-sacrificing champion, Arash Miresmaeili, who gave up the Olympic medal in protest at massacre, terrorism and usurpation will be recorded among our national glories," Khatami said, cited by state television.

"He has a dear place in the heart of our nation and all freedom loving peoples of the world," he said.

Miresmaeili, who was bidding to become the first Iranian to win an Olympic judo medal, had said he would refuse to fight an Israeli as a gesture of support for the Palestinians.

The 23-year-old, twice a winner of the flyweight world title, opted not to take on first round opponent Ehud Vaks of Israel.

But on Saturday, the head of the Iranian judo federation insisted Miresmaeili go ahead with the fight. The judoka then failed to make the weight.

The headline conservative newspaper Jomhuri Eslami ran a lengthy tribute to Miresmaeili comparing him with his mythical namesake, Arash, an archer who legend says sacrificed his life to keep the country together.

Said the daily: "... what matters is that today the world has noticed you and hearts broken by the Zionists' atrocities are healed by that."

"Be happy because all people and officials support your act," it said.

The student news agency ISNA said Miresmaeili had already received a 5,000-dollar award the Iranian National Olympic Committee had promised to medal winners.

It had earlier quoted sports officials as saying Miresmaeili still deserved the billion rial (115,000-dollar) prize awarded by a government sports body.

Miresmaeili, who carried Iran's flag in Friday's opening ceremony, came in over the featherweight limit of 66 kilograms at the weigh-in early Sunday and Olympic officials said he would not be allowed to compete.

He was two kilograms (4.4 pounds) overweight, a source told AFP.

The International Judo Federation prepared to investigate if the failure was deliberate.

where to get satellite," lamented Nariki.

Another problem is that they are also too far away to get many of the accessories of modern sporting activities.

Kiribati's only regular contact with the world beyond their shores is a twice weekly flight from Fiji.

Nariki ran barefoot on Tarawa's concrete and sand track until a couple of years ago when the sportswear giant Nike sent a consignment of kit to the island.

"A medal will not be possible but with the fast artificial track in the Olympic stadium I hope to get a national record. When I walked on it on Friday I thought it was wonderful," added Nariki.

Kiribati for recognition

AFP, Athens



Olympic debutant Kiribati know that they have no hope of a medal here in Athens, their main aim is that the exposure will help put an end to the question, "Where is Kiribati?"

"No one is betting on a medal," said Birimaaka Tekanene, the head of the Kiribati Olympic Committee, told AFP on Sunday.

"We just want to let people know where Kiribati is. 'What or where is Kiribati,' is a question we've been asked all the time since we got here. In fact, other people in the South Pacific sometimes ask us.

"It doesn't annoy me that people keep asking the question. We understand why people don't know, but we are proud of being independent and so we just want people to know Kiribati exists," added the affable Tekanene.

Kiribati will be the one true newcomer to the Olympics.

Of the three nations here that did not fly the flag four years ago in Sydney, Afghanistan are returning after a period of suspension while the repressive Taliban regime was in power and East Timor's athletes competed as Independent Olympic Participants while they were securing their independence.

Old history books record Kiribati as formerly being called the Gilbert Islands and became independent from Britain in 1979.

The cluster of 33 coral atolls stretches across 5,000 square kilometres of the South Pacific and straddles the equator, although much of the 84,000 population live on the capital island of Tarawa.

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ATHENS STREET TALK

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dethrone reigning Olympic and world champion China.

US team officials were told Wednesday by Stoica and Kato, the high bar head judge, that the Stadler Hop Full would be scored lower than World Championships in recent years by as much as two-tenths of a point.

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international basketball after his side lost their opener 83-58 to Spain.

But nothing was going to tinge Udornporn's joy as the 22-year-old world champion took full advantage of a weak field to win with a total of 222.5kg.

She defeated Indonesia's Raema Lisa Rumbewas, who was second in the 48kg class at the 2000 Sydney Games, while Mabel Mosquera of Colombia took bronze.

Japan grabbed their third judo gold medal of the Games in the absence of Iran's world champion Arash Miresmaeili who failed to make the weight after earlier threatening to boycott his contest against an Israeli opponent.

Masato Uchishiba, the 2000 world student champion, clinched gold for Japan, defeating Slovakia's Jozef Krnac for knockout "ippon" finish in the under-66kg final.

Japan were denied another gold however when Yuki Yokosawa was beaten by Xian in the day's other gold medal contest.

Xian's joy in judo lifted the mood for China on a day when basketball icon Yao warned his days in the national team could be numbered after defeat to Spain.

Yao said he was desperately unhappy about the performance of a team he had hoped to lead into the quarterfinals.

Lara touches 10,000 mark

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He reached the landmark with a square driven four off all-rounder Andrew Flintoff, who bowled him for nought in the first innings.

But having scored exactly 10,000 runs Lara was out to his fourth ball when he edged Flintoff, on the

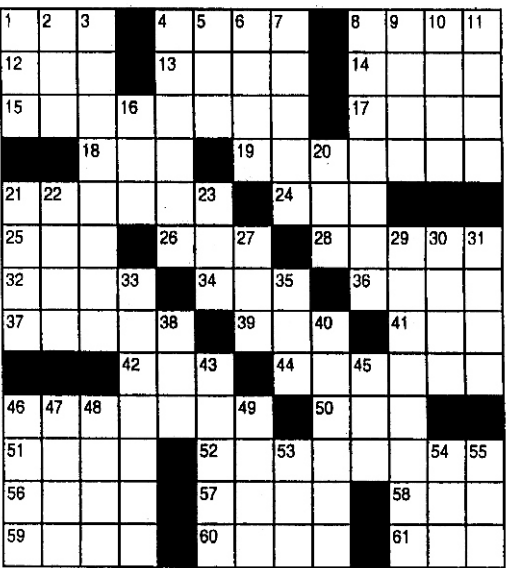
Lancashire all-rounder's home ground, to second slip Andrew Strauss.

In April this year the 35-year-old Lara scored a Test world record 400 not out, against England in Antigua.

Australian duo Allan Border and Steve Waugh are the other batsmen to have scored 10,000 Test runs.

Batsmen scoring 10,000 Test runs (matches for 10,000, innings for 10,000, total Test runs, total Tests, average, 100s, 50s):

Brian Lara (WIS)	111	195	10,000	111	52.91	26	45
Sunil Gavaskar (IND)	124	212	10,122	125	51.12	34	45
Allan Border (AUS)	136	235	11,174	156	50.56	27	63
Steve Waugh (AUS)	156	244	10,927	168	51.06	32	50



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S K D H E A Z S R H H Z E R

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Yesterday's Cryptokuip: IF YOUR PARENTS AND SIBLINGS ARE PHYSICISTS, YOU MIGHT BE CALLED A NUCLEAR FAMILY.

Today's Cryptokuip Clue: E equals D

The Cryptokuip 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.

BCB going for pace

SPORTS REPORTER

Desperate for a strike bowler, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will embark on a search for fast bowlers in eleven districts across the country from October.

BCB's fast bowling coach Sarwar Imran will conduct the pace hunt programme which will be sponsored by GrameenPhone.

The Board has chosen Chittagong, Comilla, Bogra, Rangpur, Rajshahi, Khulna, Jessore, Mymensingh, Dhaka Metropolis, Sylhet and Barisal to conduct the search for quick bowlers for its high performance unit and pace will be of utmost importance.

"It would be an open event and our first criteria for picking bowlers will be their speed. We even lack quality medium pacers and that is where this camp could help us unearth some new faces," said Imran yesterday at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

"We will obviously look for maximum pace and nothing short of 130km will be satisfactory. We have also decided not to choose bowlers below the age of 15 for the camp," he added.

Imran had high hopes for Bangladesh Under-19 fast bowler Shahadat Hossain Rajib, who is now touring England with the Bangladesh Under-19s.

"He is real quick and is a future prospect. He can also extract good bounce," the former fast bowler said.

Zee outbid ESPN-Star

CRICINFO, undated

The Zee network has emerged as a surprise front-runner in the tussle to win telecast rights for cricket matches to be played in India over the next three years.

The bidding process closed on Saturday, and the result will be announced next week, with industry sources suggesting that Zee had outbid ESPN-StarSports.

According to a report in the Hindu, Zee were thought to have tabled a bid worth approximately 262 million dollars, about 14 million more than the ESPN-StarSports offer.

Prasar Bharati, the national broadcaster, are said to be willing to cough up 153 million dollars, with Sony Entertainment Television (148 million) and the Dubai-based Ten Sports (141 million) the rank outsiders.

Meanwhile, Doordarshan, India's state broadcaster, has done a deal with ESPN-Star in which they will get a free live feed in case ESPN-Star wins the cable telecast rights of all cricket matches played in India, in return for a share of revenues.

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swimming it my best."

Thorpe hit the front halfway through the final but had to survive a late charge from Hackett before claiming the gold in three minutes 43.10 seconds, more than three seconds outside his world record.

"I didn't swim the race well, there's no two ways about it. I just missed it, I wasn't on my game tonight," he said.

"It was a different experience here to what it was in Sydney. It was tough over there and I am relieved the race is over.

"I said that it was more difficult to defend than what it is to gain an Olympic title and it's only true because of everything else that goes on around it, to stay focused and committed to what you're doing."

Bravest man

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would have been better if he had access to modern training facilities.

"It goes without saying that I would like that (to train in a better environment)," said Ali, who started lifting at a youth club in Sadr City when he was nine.

Ali injured his right arm during the contest but treated it more as a badge of honour than a serious problem.

"It's nothing," he said.

Games is hot

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though it's hot.

"The sun gets in your eyes but that is what tinted goggles are for."

The Aquatics Centre was supposed to have a roof but that idea was shelved before the Games due to construction delays -- a good thing according to some.

"I think it would have blocked the breeze and probably made it even worse," Lanne said.

At the softball, spectators were warned every couple of innings to drink plenty of liquid while officials handed out bottles of water at the rowing.

"It's very, very dry out there," gaped British coxless four rowing hope James Cracknell.

The Dutch cooling crew were kit made from a special cooling material, reflecting the sun and dispersing body heat by allowing sweat to evaporate more efficiently.

There was more typical attire at the popular beach volleyball venue, where bikini-clad women and bare-chested men ignored the fierce heat.

Vaas scripts SL history



AFP, Colombo

Chaminda Vaas wrecked South Africa as Sri Lanka scored an emphatic 313-run victory in the second and final Test at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground here on Sunday.

The left-arm seamer finished with 6-29 to help clinch their first series win over South Africa, who were dismissed for their lowest score against Sri Lanka on the final day.

Set an improbable target of 493 in just over a day, South Africa were bowled out for 179 after resuming at 21-2, with Vaas coming up with his ninth five-wicket haul in 80 Tests.

South Africa, who recorded their previous lowest of 189 against Sri Lanka in the first innings of the match, gave an inept batting performance in the second innings to go down tamely with well over a session to spare.

The home team had the advantage of a better spin attack going into the series but their pacemen delivered the knock-out punch with Vaas showing his ability with the new ball as well as

the old.

After a wicket on the rain-hit fourth day, he came back to remove two of the three early wickets this morning as South Africa fell to 36-5.

And just when Mark Boucher (51) and Boeta Dippenaar (59 not out) added 101 runs for the sixth wicket to raise hopes of a resistance, Vaas came back to remove Boucher.

Boucher nibbled at one outside the off stump to be caught behind, just as Makhaya Ntini went a little later. In between, Vaas also trapped left-hander Nicky Boje lbw to stifle South Africa.

Vaas had earlier in the day removed Jacques Kallis and Jacques Rudolph, while other paceman Lasith Malinga finished with three wickets in the innings.

Boucher hit seven fours off 132 deliveries and Dippenaar eight boundaries off 165 balls even as the other batsmen struggled against the sustained attack.

Vaas felt it was important to break the partnership between Boucher and Dippenaar.

"Boucher's wicket was a crucial one because the pair seemed to be very

comfortable in the middle," said Vaas.

"This is definitely one of my best performances because I got wickets when they mattered."

Sri Lanka's only previous Test win over South Africa had come in the southern coastal city of Galle four years ago, which is famous as a pitch that helps spinners.

The first match of this series too was played in Galle but Sri Lanka could not win the match as the pitch was a bit too slow and ace spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was not at his best.

With Muralitharan pulling out of this Test because of a shoulder injury, Sri Lanka's chances were not very bright, but they surprised everyone by winning the match and series with ease.

Sri Lanka and South Africa play a five-match one-day series from August 20.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fifth day of the second and final Test between Sri Lanka and South Africa at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground on Sunday:

SRI LANKA: First innings 470 (Sangakkara 232, Jayawardene 82, Jayasuriya 43, Chandana 40; Pollock 4-81)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 189 (Smith 65, Van Jaarsveld 51; Jayasuriya 5-34, Herath 3-60)

SRI LANKA: Second innings 211 for 4 declared (Atapattu 72, Sangakkara 64; Kallis 2-6)

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings (overnight 21-2)

Smith c S'weera b Malinga	17
Gibbs c S'weera b Malinga	4
Van Jaarsveld b Vaas	2
Kallis c Dilshan b Vaas	3
Rudolph c Malinga b Vaas	1
Dippenaar not out	59
Boucher c K'tharana b Vaas	51
Pollock c Atapattu b Dilshan	3
Boje lbw b Vaas	16
Ntini c K'tharana b Vaas	0
Hayward c and b Malinga	1
Extras: (b-6, lb-3, nb-12, w-1)	22
Total: (All out in 67 overs)	179
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-18, 3-24, 4-36, 5-36, 6-137, 7-140, 8-163, 9-163	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	18	8	29	6
Malinga	13	1	54	3
Jayasuriya	9	3	22	0
Herath	8	5	13	0
Chandana	7	1	26	0
Dilshan	12	6	26	1

Result: Sri Lanka win by 313 runs and clinch the two-Test series 1-0.

Man-of-the-match: Kumar Sangakkara.

Man-of-the-series: Chaminda Vaas.



PHOTO: AFP

I'LL KEEP THIS BALL: Sri Lanka paceman Chaminda Vaas responds to the crowd's applause after winning the second and final Test against South Africa in Colombo yesterday.

Windies gain lead



REUTERS/AFP, London

Dwayne Bravo took six wickets to help dismiss England for 330 on Day Four of the third Test at Old Trafford on Sunday as West Indies moved into their strongest position so far in the series.

At tea the tourists had made 58 for one, a lead of 123, with Chris Gayle (29 not out) looking for quick runs with only four sessions left in the game after Friday's play was washed out. Fellow opener Sylvester Joseph miscued a drive off Andrew Flintoff to Michael Vaughan at short mid-off for 15 before the interval as clouds gathered over Manchester.

England had earlier been on course to reach first innings parity with West Indies, who made 395 for nine declared, before Bravo removed Graham Thorpe, Geraint Jones and Ashley Giles in quick succession after lunch.

The 20-year-old Trinidadian, who only made his debut in the first Test

defeat at Lord's and has been a rare bright spot for the West Indies on tour, finished with Test-best figures of six for 55.

Thorpe made a brave 114, with fast-landing a torrid short spell from final



BRAVO... 6 for 55

bowler Fidel Edwards before Bravo induced a loose drive to Brian Lara in the slips.

Ctg ready

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Chakra AKM Shafiqullah also hoped before their crucial match that they will go all out in a bid to ensure a place in the final six.

Abahani lead Group A with maximum 12 points, followed by Muktiyoddha on nine.

On the other hand, a victory in their last round match will seal Russell's place in the finals. Russell are currently sharing second place with Dhaka Mohammedan with seven points but the latter have two matches in hand.

A loss or draw will keep Russell sweating in case Jhenidah Mohammedan, on six points, produce an upset against Brothers.

The Chittagong-leg will also bring

the four Dhaka giants face-to-face with Abahani taking on Muktiyoddha on August 18 and Group B leaders Brothers Union (nine points from three games) meeting Mohammedan on the final day on August 21.

The six-team finals begin in Dhaka from August 25.

Meanwhile, all preparations have been taken to host six-day leg.

Jainal Abedin Faruk, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee for sports and cultural affairs will inaugurate the league as chief guest at 4pm.

The inaugural programme includes display of school children, fashion show and tribal dance.

POINTS TABLE									
GROUP A									
Team	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts		
Abahani	4	4	0	0	11	1	12		
Muktiyoddha	3	3	0	0	10	2	9		
Najirapararpar KC	3	1	1	1	4	2	4		
Panchagarh BU	4	1	1	2	7	12	4		
CtgMSC	3	0	1	2	0	3	1		
Rancharhar KC	5	0	1	4	3	15	1		
GROUP B									
Team	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts		
Dhaka BU	3	3	0	0	10	2	9		
Russel KC	4	2	1	1	5	4	7		
Dhaka MSC	3	2	1	0	9	2	7		
Jhenidah MSC	4	2	0	2	5	5	6		
Air Force	4	1	0	3	5	13	3		
Unmochan	4	0	0	4	4	12	0		