Cricket

England will complete a second succes-

sive series sweep and equal the best run

in their history if they beat West Indies in

the final Test at the Oval starting on

A seven-wicket victory in the third

Another win in London would be

England's seventh in a row, eclipsing the

six successive victories of Peter May's

side in 1957-58 and equalling the record

It would also be their 10th victory in

11 Tests, improving the nine wins out of

10 recorded by Mike Brearley's 1978-79

They could have been looking at 11

out of 11 but for Brian Lara's record 400

not out in the last drawn Test in Antigua

in April, which prevented England

The side for the Oval will almost

certainly have one enforced change,

with uncapped Warwickshire batsman

Six of the world's best cricketers found

themselves nominated in three individ-

ual categories Tuesday for next month's

inaugural International Cricket Council

England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff,

Australia opener Matthew Hayden,

South Africa all-rounder Jacques Kallis,

India batsman Venkatsai Laxman,

record-breaking Sri Lanka off-spinner

Muttiah Muralitharan and Australia

captain Ricky Ponting have all received

They are all in contention to win the

Player of the Year, Test Player of the Year

and One-Day International Player of the

The other individual award, at an

Pakistan -- with Imran Farhat, Yasir

Hameed and Umar Gul -- dominate this

category while there are also nomina-

tions for West Indies duo Tino Best and

Other nominations include former

Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak,

currently out of international cricket

because of the ongoing selection row

between 15 white players and the

The fast bowler is a contender in the

Australia have the most number of

Pakistan thrashed unfancied Egypt 7-0

with ace penalty corner specialist

Sohail Abbas netting four goals to take

his tally to 254 from 206 internationals.

Asian Games champions South

Korea saved two last-second penalty

corners to record a thrilling 3-2 win

over Britain, who fought back twice to

 $draw\,level\,in\,the\,fast-paced\,encounter.$ 

goals in the first 12 minutes, hit back to

draw level on either side of the interval

before pumping in two more in the

India, stung by two South African

Zimbabwe Cricket Union.

one-day international category.

event ICC chiefs hope becomes cricket's

answer to the Oscars, is Emerging Player

crushing the Caribbean side 4-0.

Cricket

(ICC) awards.

Year awards

Devon Smith.

Test at Old Trafford gave the hosts a 3-0

series lead to follow a 3-0 rout of New

REUTERS, London

### Telegraph int'l chess

### Seven players off to Kolkata

SPORTS REPORTER

Seven players left Dhaka yesterday to take part in the Telegraph International School Chess Championship to be held in Kolkata from August 27.

The players are: Sub-junior champion Imran Ali Elin, Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar, Shuvro Gosh, Arifa Khatun Moni, Mimi Arjumand, Farzana Hossain Anny and Abdullah

Meanwhile, the Destiny-2000 FIDE Rating Chess Competition will begin on August 27 at the federation hall

Interested non-rated players have been asked to entry their names by August 25 while the rated players will enjoy an extra day to make entry for the  $9\text{-}round\,Swiss\,League\,tournament}.$ 





#### John Godina

(American shot putter) "I'm thankful I live in an era when I have got to compete with clothes."



Nitol-Tata National Football League MSC Dhaka vs Unmochan Club Bagerhat (4:00 pm) Venue: M A Aziz Stadium, Chittagong



1. Who clinched the national tennis men's crown

2. How many Test wickets has Shane Warne taken

<u>3. Who won the Wimbledon</u>

Agassi Federer Henman 4. Who lifted the Wimbledon

women's crown? Serena Sharapova 

Phone: (If any) ......

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dying minutes to win 4-2. India's portly German coach Gerhard Rach, who took over barely Class. . . . . . . Roll No. . . . . . . three weeks before the Olympics, danced on the bench after the hooter School Address

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"Brilliant, absolutely brilliant," Rach exclaimed. "The boys did not give up till the end and that is the best part

of this victory. "Hopefully this is the beginning of a new India."

Asia's happy hockey day

Pakistan led 5-0 at half-time of the one-sided game against Egypt after Kashif Jawaad opened with two goals by the 12th minute and captain Muhammad Nadeem added a third in

Abbas completed the rout, scoring twice in the first half and two more after the interval.

It was just the kickstart coach Roelant Oltmans' Pakistan needed ahead of the tougher group A matches against South Korea, Spain and

Lee Jung-Seon was Korea's hero with two goals against Britain, including the winner two minutes before the end to give his team their first full

**CRYPTOQUIP** YSBIDUT TDUBGQT

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ZUJD U BQTD GQ WDGGID. Saturday's Cryptoquip: NOT WANTING TO FALL OFF THE BEAM, THE GYMNAST ALWAYS

EATS A WELL-BALANCED DIET. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G 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.

### England eye whitewash No play on **Day Two** not at their best at Old Trafford.

"To be honest we didn't play that well

but in the last few days we showed a lot

James Anderson, Simon Jones, Graham

Sylvester Joseph, Ramnaresh Sarwan

Brian Lara (captain), Shivnarine

Chanderpaul, Dwayne Bravo, Carlton

Baugh, Dave Mohammed, Corey

Collymore, Pedro Collins, Fidel

Edwards, Devon Smith, Dwayne Smith,

Ridley Jacobs, Omari Banks, Jermaine

Yasir Hameed (PAK), Hamish Marshall

(NZL), Irfan Pathan (IND), Devon Smith

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Stephen Flem-

ing (NZL), Andrew Flintoff (ENG), Chris

Gayle (WIS), Adam Gilchrist (AUS),

Jason Gillespie (AUS), Matthew Hayden

(AUS), Jacques Kallis (RSA), Venkatsai

Laxman (IND), Muttiah Muralitharan

(SRI), Shaun Pollock (RSA), Ricky

Ponting (AUS), Abdur Razzaq (PAK),

Sachin Tendulkar (IND), Heath Streak

(ZIM), Andrew Symonds (AUS),

Chaminda Vaas (SRI), Daniel Vettor

Dravid (IND), Andrew Flintoff (ENG),

Adam Gilchrist (AUS), Jason Gillespie

(AUS), Stephen Harmison (ENG),

Matthew Hayden (AUS), Brian Lara

(WIS), Venkatsai Laxman (IND), Jacques

Kallis (RSA), Muttiah Muralitharan

(SRI), Ricky Ponting (AUS), Virender

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Rahul Dravid

(IND), Andrew Flintoff (ENG), Stephen

Harmison (ENG), Matthew Hayden

(AUS), Jacques Kallis (RSA), Brian Lara

(WIS), Venkatsai Laxman (IND),

Muttiah Muralitharan (SRI), Ricky

Ponting (AUS), Virender Sehwag (IND)

The Koreans, silver-medalists at

the Sydney Games four years ago, led

1-0 at half-time through Lee's 15th

The spectacular second half

Danny Hall made it 1-1 for Britain

produced three goals in a six-minute

in the 46th minute with a powerful

shot, but Yeo Woon-Kon put the

Koreans ahead again two minutes

from their goalkeeper Simon Mason,

counter-attacked and were rewarded

in the 52nd minute when Niall Stott

Britain wasted a penalty corner in

"The end was heart-breaking," said

the last minute, while the Koreans

British coach Jason Lee. "But I am

proud the way the boys responded in

adversity. They showed character

Korean manager Jeon Jae-Hong

"Such close games are not good for

Australia, looking for their first

Olympic gold despite making the

semifinals for five Games in a row,

faced an embarrasing reverse when

Mario Almada's two goals put the

But Dwyer, the 25-year-old

Queenslander who scored a hattrick

against New Zealand, saved the

Kookaburras the blushes with his

The first Sharp Blade Open table

tennis tournament will be held from

There will be eight events in the

three-day competition: Men's team

and singles, women's team and sin-

gles, boys' team and singles and

unseeded singles for men and women.

have been requested to enter their

names at the Table Tennis Federation

Interested teams and individuals

second equaliser of the match.

the heart," he said. "I don't want

saved two to win the absorbing match.

equalised a second time.

when the chips were down.

another one like this.

Argentines ahead.

Open TT

SPORTS REPORTER

September 4-6 in Dhaka.

was a relieved man at the end.

Britain, inspired by brilliant saves

TEST PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Rahul

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL

WEST INDIES (from): Chris Gayle,

of fighting spirit," he said.

starting in December

Ian Bell poised to replace Graham

Thorpe, who broke a finger during his

better than in the first two Tests, how-

ever, and can take positives to the Oval.

West Indies actually performed far

"I think we played really well in the

first innings and for the tail-end to get us

to 395 was a tremendous effort," captain

Dwayne Bravo hit 77 and took six wick-

ets to dismiss England for 330 and give

Steve Harmison came to the fore again

after struggling in the first two Tests,

taking four for 44 as West Indies were

dismissed for 165 in their second

England chased down 231 to win,

with Robert Key making 93 not out to

prove his 221 in the first Test at Lord's

England's batting looks impressive

with the injured Mark Butcher still

waiting in the wings and the 22-year-old

Bell deserving his chance after averag-

ing over 80 this season in county cricket.

honest enough to admit his team were

Super Six up for treble

awards (six), followed by India (five),

while the West Indies and Pakistan each

have four players in contention to win

Indies have players nominated in all

individual awards were chosen by a five-

man panel of former Test players --

Richie Benaud (Australia, chairman),

Ian Botham (England), Sunil Gavaskar

(India), Michael Holding (West Indies)

performances over the course of the 12-

month judging period (August 1 2003 to

Now a 50-member voting academy

The academy will also select its Test

will decide who wins the first edition of

and one-day teams of the year, which

will both be World XI sides made up of

the best individual international players

There will also be a Spirit of Cricket

Meanwhile an award for Umpire of

The winners will be announced at a

ceremony at Londons Alexandra Palace

on the evening of Tuesday, September 7.

EMERGING PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Tino Best (WIS), Michael Clarke (AUS),

award for one international team voted

the Year, based on marks awarded by

captains and referees over the course of

in the respective forms of the game.

for by captains and match referees.

the year, will also be made.

Selection was based on the players

and Barry Richards (South Africa).

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four individual categories.

Only Australia, India and the West

The players nominated for the

Captain Michael Vaughan was

innings.

was no fluke.

the touring side a first-innings lead.

Promising 20-year-old all rounder

However, England strike bowler

first-innings century at Old Trafford.

SPORTS REPORTER

The second day's play of the third and That spirit should lift England to final Test match between touring another victory over Lara's men before Bangladesh Under-19 team and Vaughan turns to tougher challenge England Under-19s in Cardiff was ahead, notably the tour of South Africa washed out yesterday without a ball being bowled due to rain.

Rain stopped the match after tea on ENGLAND (from): Marcus Trescothick, the first day when Bangladesh were 58-Andrew Strauss, Robert Key, Michael 2 in reply to England's 185 all out in the Vaughan (captain), Ian Bell, Andrew Flintoff, Geraint Jones, Ashley Giles, Matthew Hoggard, Steve Harmison,

Opener Nafees Iqbal was batting on 39 and Shamsur Rahman remained not

### Odumbe banned for five years

AFP, Nairobi

Kenyan cricketer Maurice Odumbe, has been found guilty of taking bribes from an Indian bookmaker and banned for five years, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced on

Tuesday The suspension follows last month's hearing into the affair by the ICC's anti-corruption and security unit conducted by former Zimbabwean Supreme Court judge Ahmed Ebrahim.

In his report part of which was published by the ICC Tuesday Judge Ebrahim said of the former Kenya captain: "Mr Odumbe has shown himself to be dishonest and devious in his behaviour in relation to the game of

"He has been callous and greedy in the way he has conducted himself.

"There is no suggestion that he was in desperate straits and in dire need of money because of some serious difficulty which may have befallen him. The evidence, if anything, shows him living a lifestyle of pleasure and irresponsibility.'

"The ban starts with immediate effect," Kenya Cricket Association (KCA) chairman Sharad Ghai confirmed at a press conference in Nairobi.

Odumbe, who said he was "shocked and surprised" by the ruling, plans to appeal against the ruling. At the same press conference, his

lawyer Ishan Kapila insisted: "We shall fight this, we shall fight it to the end...and if there is any justice, we will

### Sheikh Kamal

FROM PAGE 13 the bizarre episode.

Munna, a former captain, was completely taken aback for a while and then flatly refused to give any interview "Sheikh Kamal is the founder of our

club and I have every right to show respect to him. Is it a crime?" asked a fuming Munna. When asked about the incident, the

physician-cum-commentator admitted it but said that he was instructed earlier to do so by his producer Manoj Sen Gupta. "My producer Manoj gave me the

instruction and I just conveyed the message to Munna," the tall commen tator told the journalists in front of the

But Manoj dismissed his involve-

"What he (Anupam) did is his own responsibility," said Manoj over tele-

Sheikh Kamal, who was a die-hard sport fan, was the eldest son of country's first prime minister and undisputed leader of the War of Liberation Sheikh Muiibur Rahman

Kamal was brutally killed along with his father and other family members in a military coup on August 15, 1975.

### Flag curse

FROM PAGE 13 "I have been playing non-stop, It's going to catch up with me and unfortunately it's during the Olympics," said Federer

At least Paradorn and Federer managed to get some action in

Iran's world judo champion Arash Miresmaeili carried his flag at the glittering opening ceremony and then found himself at the centre of a political storm when he refused to take on an Israeli opponent in a gesture of support for the Palestinian

It was then reported that he would honour his bout against Israel's Ehud Vaks only to barred from taking part when he failed to make the weight and was immediately disqualified. "We are examining the case very,

very seriously," International Judo Federation (IIF) spokesman Michel Brousse said. The 23-year-old Miresmaeili was

two kilograms overweight, a source "The IJF is very surprised that such

an elite player could not manage to make his weight," Brousse added. The host country too has been hit

Their flag-bearer Pyrros Dimas, a three-time Olympic weightlifting gold medalist, injured his lower right arm and wrist in training and is in a race

against time to be ready for a shot at a

fourth Olympic title on Saturday

# Phelps has another chance



Michael Phelps may not be able to match the seven gold medals won by Mark Spitz at one Olympics but he can still emulate

his US idol when he hids for his final individual Games gold in the men's 100m butterfly, which gets underway on Thursday.

If 19-year-old Phelps adds the 100m fly title to the 200m fly gold he won earlier in the week he would become just the third man to hold both titles, including Spitz who achieved the double in 1972.

Russian Denis Pankratov last achieved the feat in 1996 in Atlanta.

American Ian Crocker, tipped as one of the few swimmers with a chance to stop the Phelps goldrush here, has struggled so far in the Games, failing to make it out of the 100m freestyle heats on Tuesday. Crocker finished tied for 17th in the

100m free heats, two days after a

dismal outing in leading off America's bronze medal-winning 4x100m freestyle relay.

But the 21-year-old from Maine insists his performance in the freestyle was no indicator of how he would fare in his preferred event, in which he has the multi-talented Phelps breathing

down his neck Phelps, the 200m butterfly world record holder, traded 100m world records with Crocker at the World Championships in Barcelona last year.

Crocker emerged with the title and the world record, a triumph he repeated at the US trials last month as he lowered his own world mark.

"I'm getting better. My freestyle has no bearing on my butterfly," Crocker insisted. "I'm trying to put it all behind me and focus on my other races."

US men's coach Eddie Reese said after watching the relay performance that Crocker had been ill, and they had not wanted to give him antibiotics as they were afraid that it would effect his overall performance.

"In warm-up he looks good," said

While Phelps's shot at matching

Spitz's 1972 record of seven Olympic swimming titles ended with bronze in the 4x100m free relay and the 200m free, the American could still fall just

So far he has achieved three gold -the 400m individual medley in world record time, the 200m fly, and 4x200

He could also be favourite for the 200m individual medley and gold in the 4x100m medley relay which the United States have never lost at

Phelps enters the fly with the second fastest time of 51.10, with Russian Igor Marchenko, the third fastest time, behind Crocker's world

Germany's Thomas Rupprath and Andriy Serdinoy of the Ukraine are also expected to challenge for the podium.

Thursday's action also sees qualifiers and semifinals in the men's 50m freestyle, and the women's 800m freestyle and 200m backstroke and finals the women's 200m breaststroke and 100m freestyle and the men's 200m backstroke and 200m individual

## A Greek embarrassment

On the busiest day of the Games so far, where 21 golds were to be decided, Greece was transfixed by the fate awaiting the two runners.

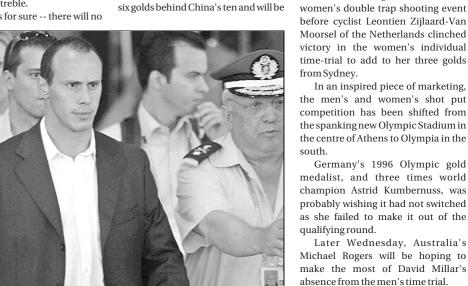
Games organisers will be looking to Thorpe and world record holder Van den Hoogenband to put on a classic confrontation in the 100m freestyle final with the Australian seeking to pull off an unprecedented 100m, 200m and 400m Olympic treble

One thing is for sure -- there will no

failing to qualify a man fore the finals of the blue riband event for the first time in history

Also in the pool, Japan's Kosuke Kitajima is one of the favourites for the men's 200m breaststroke while America's Kaitlin Sandeno is a tip for the women's 200m butterfly title. After a poor start, the Americans are

now second in the medals table with



The remaining quarterfinal places

competition at the man-made Schinias site north of Athens. Kimberly Rhode of the United States then won gold medal in the

historic setting of Olympia where the

The first two golds of the day went

to Slovakia's Elena Kaliska and

France's Tony Estanguet on the

opening day of the Canoe-Kayak

Games were first held 1.619 years ago.

women's double trap shooting event before cyclist Leontien Zijlaard-Van Moorsel of the Netherlands clinched victory in the women's individual time-trial to add to her three golds

competition has been shifted from the spanking new Olympic Stadium in the centre of Athens to Olympia in the Germany's 1996 Olympic gold medalist, and three times world

probably wishing it had not switched as she failed to make it out of the qualifying round. Later Wednesday, Australia's Michael Rogers will be hoping to

make the most of David Millar's absence from the men's time trial. The Briton was hit with a two-year

ban for taking the banned performance enhancer EPO. Rogers' main rivals will be defend-

ing Olympic champion Viatcheslay Ekimov of Russia, Sydney Olympic runner-up Jan Ullrich of Germany, Spaniard Jose Ivan Gutierrez and American Tyler Hamilton.

in the men's football tournament wil also be decided with Japan playing Ghana, Costa Rica meeting Portugal Italy facing Paraguay while Iraq, already assured of qualification, taking on Morocco.

### **Woolmer sees** tough contest

Greek sprinter and drug suspect Kostadinos Kenteris (C) leaves the Hitlon

Hotel in Athens yesterday after attending an International Olympic



AFP, Karachi

Pakistan's cricket coach Bob Woolmer

said Wednesday that he foresaw a tough contest in the upcoming encounters with India and Australia in the Netherlands. A 14-man Pakistan side left for the

Netherlands early Wednesday to play Australia and India in a tri-series between August 21 and 28 and then take part in the ICC (International Cricket Council) Trophy next month. The Netherlands, although a cricket-playing nation, is merely

hosting the tri-series. "Both the events will be very

testing, more than the Asia Cup, because the Australian and Indian

are different," said Woolmer, 56, who played 19 Tests for England but coached South Africa from 1994 to Since his induction as Pakistan's

teams are powerful and conditions

12th coach in six years in June, Woolmer guided the revitalised side to four wins out of five matches in last month's Asia Cup in Sri Lanka. Pakistan's failure in not winning a bonus point in an otherwise compre-

hensive 59-run win and failure against

Sri Lanka cost them a place in Asia Cup final. He urged his team to learn to

perform consistently and show improvement. "We are working in the way where

the team must learn consistently and show improvement, and both things are important for any team to grow,

# Abahani, Muktis

from the goalmouth after meeting

overlapping fullback Siraji's nice lob from the right flank Muktijoddha came close to scoring

nine minutes after break but Saifur Rahman Moni, who had netted four times in their 7-1 drubbing of Panchagarh Brothers Union in the last leg in Khulna, saw his powerful shot

Abahani's Cameroonian recruit Endem made an impressive debut. The attacking midfielder was adjudged man of the match but he also wasted three good chances in the second half.

Abahani manager Monem Munna pointed fingers at his forwards. "Our strikers failed to deliver the goods. They had plenty of opportuni-

former national captain said.

Dhaka heavyweights Mohammedan Sporting Club will meet Unmochon Club of Bagerhat at 4 pm today at the same venue. Yellow Cards: Ghansa, Munna, Moni

(Muktijoddha) and Joy (Abahani) Muktijoddha: Aminul, Hassan Al

Mamun, Pradip, Papel, Ghansa, Belal (Biddyut), Saif, Munna, Moni, Kabua and Kanchan (Tipu).

Abahani: Nizam, Siraji, Hassan, Shawkat, Masud Rana, Ujjal (Pranotosh), Parvez (Rakib), Joy, Endem, Coly and Khokon. Referee: Mansoor Azad.

### Bashar's reports

FROM PAGE 13

"There is still pain in my finger and swelling also. I hope to recover from the injury before the Champions Trophy. Things will be clearer when I have further check-up after one week and receive the expert opinion from

Australia," he added. Bashar was injured during batting in the nets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday.

The right-handed batsman was present during yesterday's training at the Maulana Bhashani National Hockey Stadium but did not join his

colleagues in the physical workouts. All-rounder Manzarul Islam Rana, who earlier complained of back pains, also did not practice.

### Street talk

FROM PAGE 13 quarterfinals on Saturday, IJF spokes-

man Michel Brousee said. "We cannot tolerate such an attitude," he said.

The IIF has instructed the Korean Judo Federation to take action against Suh, he said.

**OLYMPICS 'CASUALTY'** 

### The Olympic Games equestrian

tournament was stunned on Wednesday when a horse belonging to the Belgian team was put down after falling in the cross-country on Tuesday Over and Over, ridden by Joris

Vanspringel, suffered a broken left

femur after the accident and was put "It's a terrible blow for the team and for the rider but we will continue," said Ingmar Devos, the head

of the Belgian mission. With temperatures in the low 30s, organisers have had to organise huge water fans to keep the animals cool

during the gruelling competition. "Misting fans helped a lot in keeping the horses cool and there are also large shades and ice.'