# SPÖRT

Kolkata chess

Thakurta in Kolkata on Friday.

solo lead securing 7.5 points.

Hemant Sharma in this round.

Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar tasted his

Soumva Thakurta of India took

Meanwhile the outfield had beer

slowed by several days of rain which

also made the pitch difficult for

Wicketkeeper Brad Haddin

Australia's other opening batsman and

playing in place of fellow gloveman

Adam Gilchrist, who had stayed at home for the birth of his second child,

was hit on the helmet by Sami after he

And later in the ninth over Haddin

went for 10 when he dragged a pull off

the paceman onto his stumps

Scoreboard of the Australian innings

against Pakistan in the final of

Videocon Cup triangular series at the

VRA Ground at Amstelveen on

Hayden c Hameed b Akhtar

Ponting c Farhat b Razzag

Lehmann c Moin b Shabbir

Clarke c Inzamam b Akhtar

Extras: (b-2, lb-4, w-5, nb-4)

Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-65, 3-126, 4-183,

10

26

25

30

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was late on an intended hook.

Australia 21 for one.

**SCOREBOARD** 

AUSTRALIA

Haddin b Sami

Symonds b Akhtar

Martyn not out

Hogg run out

Shabbii

Akhtar

SPORTS REPORTER

eighth round match.

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# Lanka, Zim to play in Pak

Pakistan will host Asian champions Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe for a triseries scheduled for September and

Pakistan will play Zimbabwe in the series opener in Multan on September 30 while the final is sched-

Test home series against Sri Lanka after the limited-overs internation-

suggested the two-match Test series, originally scheduled for February-March, be played at the same time as the one-day matches to accommodate Pakistan's tour of India early

Oct 14: Pak vs SL (D/N), Lahore Oct 16: Final (D/N), Lahore



After announcing her retirement



The Haily Star Win attractive prizes

1. Who won the first gold medal in the Athens Olympics

2. Who became Asia Cup cricket

India

Masters tennis title?

4. Who lifted the 25th nat'l

hockey crown? Usha M\$C Bangladesh Army

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By Eugene Sheffer

20 X rating?

DOWN

final against rank outsiders Germany. The only unhappy Australian at the

The Dutch were handicapped by

Before Friday's victory, the Australians had won three silver and three bronze medals in previous Games, losing in the gold medal round to Pakistan (Mexico City 1968), New Zealand (Montreal 1976) and Germany

Australia stop choking

Summer Games since Tokyo in 1964. But they finally struck gold in their fourth final by playing breathtaking aggressive hockey and avenged the 2-1 defeat at the hands of the Dutch in the

The Dutch setback in the final, which ended their bid for a hattrick of titles after winning golds at both Atlanta and Sydney, followed the loss

their last nine appearances at the

Australian players celebrate winning their maiden Olympic Games men's field hockey gold at Athens on Friday.

Helliniko stadium was Terry Walsh, who took over as Dutch coach last year after being dumped by his home nation following the bronze at Sydney four years ago.

the absence of inspirational midfielder Teun De Nooijer for most of the second half after limping off with a knee injury.

The final, played before a full house of some 8,000 spectators, began with furious exchanges by both sides near the rival defences.

Australia and the Netherlands forced two penalty corners each in the first 15 minutes but failed to score.

Dutch goalkeeper Guus Vogels thwarted two stinging shots from close range by Brooks and Michael McCann.

The deadlock was broken six minutes from half-time when Matthijs Brouwer hit a pass to cousin Ronald who dodged past two defenders and beat goalkeeper Stephen Mowlam with a deft swerve before pushing

It was Brouwer's first goal in the competition and helped the Dutch gain the initial advantage.

The Australian equaliser came soon after resumption when Dwyer broke through the Dutch defence for Brooks to complete the goal with a reverse hit from an acute angle.

Australia earned four penalty corners in each half -- the Dutch got just two in regulation time -- but failed to convert any of them.

PAKISTAN: Hameed, Farhat, Malik Inzamam, Youhana, Afridi, Razzaq,

## and David Shepherd (England). The Tally

Toss: Australia.

Moin, Sami, Akhtar, Shabbir

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies)

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Iran	2	0	0	2
Kenya	1	4	1	6
Czech Republic	1	3	4	8
Lithuania	1	2	0	3
Switzerland	1	1	3	5
Indonesia	1	1	2	4
South Africa	1	1	2	4
Zimbabwe	1	1	1	3
Morocco	1	1	0	2
Denmark	1	0	5	6
Argentina	1	0	4	5
Azerbaijan	1	0	4	5
Egypt	1	0	3	4
Belgium	1	0	2	3
Uzbekistan	1	0	2	3
Bahamas	1	0	1	2
Israel	1	0	1	2
Cameroon	1	0	0	1
Dominican Rep	1	0	0	1
Ireland	1	0	0	1
UAE	1	0	0	1
(As of 9:30 pm BS	ST. Lis	st includ	des on	ly the
gold medals winn	iers)			

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"The true winner of the all-round competition is Yang Tae-young," the

to the Korean if the FIG requested it, then such an action would be recognised as the ultimate demonstration of Fairplay by the whole world," said the letter signed by FIG president Bruno Grandi and dated August 26.

(USOC) said the letter was a blatant and inappropriate" attempt by the FIG to shift responsibility for its mistake onto the shoulders of Hamm, 21.

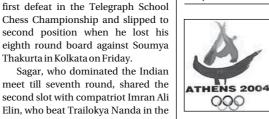
deflecting their own incompetence and their problem to a young athlete who simply came here to compete in the Olympic Games," USOC chairman Peter Ueberroth told a news confer-

USOC chiefs spoke to Hamm, who has returned to the United States, and his advisers on Thursday night.

USOC expressed its unwavering support for Mr Hamm and indicated it will aggressively resist any attempt by any party to lay claim to his gold medal," a USOC statement said.

longer willing to consider allowing a second gold medal to be awarded to Yang, one suggestion floated as a way of defusing a row which has been front-page news for days across the United States.

# Victory without a medal



Iraq coach

Adnan Hamad Maieed believes his his football team might have lifted a little of the gloom hanging over their war-

torn country had his strikers been more The Iraqis were denied their first

livewire striker Razzaq Farhan was guilty of missing two gilt-edged chances in a match overshadowed by the death of Italian journalist Enzo Baldoni, who was executed by an Islamic group in war-torn Baghdad on

"We were better than Italy, but we missed lots of chances," Majeed said.

"Unfortunately we conceded the early goal, but I thought after that we controlled the match.

"Because of the circumstances in our country, we wanted to bring some happiness to our people. Unfortunately

"However, to reach the semi-finals was a big achievement for us."

Perhaps unsettled by the surreal atmosphere inside the Kaftantzoglio stadium, Majeed's side fell behind in the eighth minute

Rather than rattle them, the goal

galvanized Iraq and they came within inches of levelling the scores in the 16th minute when Farhan's toe-poked shot was superbly tipped round the post by

The Italy keeper then came to his side's rescue seconds later, palming Farhan's looping header onto the

Pelizzoli's outstretched foot denied Farhan an equaliser early in the second-half, before Qusai Munir shot high

over the bar with Italy's goal at his

Farhan was a thorn in Italy's side all night and had he been more composed in front of goal, Iraq might have had their first medal at the Olympics since weightlifter Abdul Wahid Aziz took

country we were here to represent it in the Games and bring a message of

"I believe that the spirit of the Olympics and the spirit of football unite

# Valencia's

Super Cup

Goals from Ruben Baraja and Marco Di Vaio helped UEFA Cup champions Valencia beat Champions League winners FC Porto 2-1 here on Friday to win the European Super Cup for the second time. Valencia, who succeeded 2003

winners AC Milan, also won the trophy in 1980. Man of the match Baraja opened

the scoring with a 32nd minute header after a cross by Curro Torres from the right and then new recruit from Iuventus Di Vaio added a second headed goal midway through the second half after good work from Vicente Rodriguez. Porto substitute Ricardo

Quaresma gave his side hope when he shot past Valencia keeper Santiago Canizares in the 78th minute but that proved the last goal of the match

## Diego decision delayed

**AFP,** Buenos Aires

An Argentine judge said Friday he had postponed a decision on whether Argentine football legend Diego Maradona can travel abroad to continue treatment for his cocaine addiction.

"This is not the opportune legal moment" to take a decision on Maradona's request to leave the country and treatment at a Buenos Aires psychiatric clinic where he has been held for three months by cour order, Judge Norberto Garcia Vedia said in a statement Friday.

The statement was issued after the judge met with Maradona's relatives, including his ex-wife and younger daughter, who are trying to send him to a rehab villa outside Buenos Aires.

The judge also heard opinions from medical personnel and from Maradona's lawyers.

exchange of ideas between participants" who signed a vow of confidentiality as to details of the conversation, the statement said.

engaged in a battle with his ex-wife and daughters over where he should go next to treat his cocaine addiction.

Maradona, 43, wants to return to the rehab center in Cuba where he has lived since 2000, and after that Switzerland.

The 1986 World Cup-winning captain is under a court order to

remain in a psychiatric hospital in the western suburbs of Buenos Aires for refusing to follow medical advice and putting his life at risk.

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Khatami, who said the snub was a "great act of self-sacrifice" and a protest against "massacre, terrorism and usurpation".

Miresmaeili, who was bidding to become the first Iranian to win an Olympic judo medal, said he was refusing 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 he was later eliminated from

the competition when he failed to make the weight for the planned contest in Athens. He was two kilograms (4.4 pounds) overweight.

intentionally gaining body weight to avoid fighting an Israeli opponent, the International Judo Federation (IJF) said he will not be punished.

The IJF also said Thursday that the 23-year-old Iranian, who carried his country's flag in the opening ceremony, had denied suggesting he

# SL weaker yet too strong

Cricket

the second half.

AFP, Athens

Jamie Dwyer scored

a golden goal as

Australia's field

hockey men dis-

carded the tag of

Olympic chokers

with a 2-1 victory

over reigning champions the

Netherlands in a rousing final on

Dwyer slammed the goal in the

eighth minute of extra-time following

a penalty corner after both teams were

ocked 1-1 at the end of regulation

Ronald Brouwer opened the

scoring for the Dutch in the 29th

minute, before Travis Brooks drew

level for Australia three minutes into

the bronze defeating Spain 4-3

through Bjoern Michel's golden goal in

men's team is known, had lost three

previous Olympic finals after making it

to the semifinals and beyond in eight of

his last international match.

World champions Germany took

The Kookaburras, as the Australian

Kumar Sangakkara and Avishka Gunacenturies to help an under-strength Sri Lanka crush South Africa by seven wickets in the fourth one-day international here on Saturday.

Sangakkara scored an unbeaten 74 and Gunawardene 52 as Sri Lanka surpassed South Africa's total of 235-7 with 23 balls to spare for a 4-0 lead in the five-match series.

Sri Lanka rested front-line bowlers Chaminda Vaas, Nuwan Zoysa and Rangana Herath along with captain Marvan Atapattu but still proved too strong for South Africa who suffered their ninth successive defeat, including five in New Zealand early this year.

"It's a nightmare for all of us," said South African skipper Graeme Smith.

Sri Lanka never looked under pressure as they batted confidently after the cheap dismissal of opener Sanath Jayasuriya, caught short of the crease by a Smith throw to wicketkeeper Mark Boucher while going for a risky single.

Gunawardene steadied the innings with a 59-run stand for the second wicket with Saman Jayantha (46) before manof-the-match Sangakkara finished the job with a 98-run partnership for the unfinished fourth wicket with stand-in captain Mahela Jayawardene (48 not

his 11th half-century and Sangakkara six boundaries in his 16th.

Earlier, South Africa lost their way in the middle overs after a brisk start before Shaun Pollock slammed an unbeaten half-century under pressure to prop up the innings.

South Africa scored 49 in the last five overs after being put in to bat on a slow turner, thanks to Pollock's 52 not out for his ninth half-century.

its mid-innings hiccups with a timely knock which contained a pulled six off spinner Upul Chandana.

rachchi triggered the mini collapse when he dismissed Smith (46) and Jean-Paul Duminy for nought in the same over to reduce the tourists to 115-

rescue, steadying the innings with a 64run stand for the sixth wicket with Mark South Africa were off to a brisk start

but lost Herschelle Gibbs and Jacques Kallis in the process.

the current tour, continued to be dogged by poor form as he was bowled by seamer Dilhara Fernando after hitting five fours in his run-a-ball 27.

falling before the 200-mark before Pollock played a gutsy knock in testing

international between Sri Lanka and South Africa at the Rangiri Stadium in Dambulla on Saturday: **SOUTH AFRICA** Smith lbw b Lokuarachchi

Gibbs b Fernando	27
Kallis b Maharoof	7
Rudolph run out	24
Boucher b Chandana	27
Duminy lbw b Lokuarachchi	0
Pollock not out	52
Klusener st S'kara b Dilshan	12
Boje not out	19
Extras: (lb-3, nb-4, w-14)	21
Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs)	235
Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-61, 3-113,	, 4-115,
5-115, 6-179, 7-195	

Did not bat: Peterson, Ntini			
Bowler	0	M	R
Malinga	5	0	40
Fernando	5	0	28
Maharoof	6	0	20
Dilshan	6	0	44
Jayantha	1	0	7
Jayasuriya	10	2	24
L'rachchi	10	0	39
Chandana	7	0	30
SRI LANKA			
Gunawardene c Boucher b Ntini			
Fernando Maharoof Dilshan Jayantha Jayasuriya L'rachchi Chandana SRI LANKA	5 6 6 1 10 10 7	0 0 0 0 2 0	28 20 44 7 24 39 30

Fernando <b>Bowler O M R</b>	w
Maharoof, Lokuarachchi, Ma	alinga,
Did not bat: Dilshan, Char	,
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-73, 3-138	
Total: (For 3 wkts in 46.1 overs)	236
Extras: (lb-4, nb-2, w-2)	8
Jayawardene not out	48
Sangakkara not out	74
Jayantha c Duminy b Peterson	46

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Duminy	5	0	24	0	
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ts to lead the five-match series 4-0.					
lan-of-the-match: Kumar					
angakkara.					
oss: Sri Lank	a.				

# US angry

ing to a letter released by the US Olympic committee on Friday.

"If ... you would return your medal

The US Olympic Committee

"It's deplorable that they are

"During these conversations, the

The USOC also said it was no

Montgomery.

## extend his contract which runs to June "I have set my heart on playing top level football this year. In the future we will see what happens. I have two years left at Real Madrid and out of respect

brows earlier this summer when he

intimated he believed Real would not

for the club I must concentrate on the ob in hand." Figo denied any approaches from England or anywhere else.

On Wednesday Real had to deny any approach by English Premiership they are happy with my performance

they show it," Figo told reporters. "I am happy to know that," added the 31-vear-old, who was instrumental in ending Spain's Euro 2004 hopes as Portugal knocked his adopted country out in the opening phase.

"I think the ovation was for my

Rosales managed to head Kily Gonzalez's cross wide of the post from just three feet out as the match finally began to open up, free of the offside

Paraguay's frustration boiled over in the 65th minute when Emilio Martinez was red-carded for a brutal elbow in the face of Andres

But they almost stunned Argentina with an equaliser in the 71st minute when Pablo Gimenez released Diego one-handed save.

the area was cleared off the line by

Figueredo became the second Paraguavan to be sent-off in the 82nd minute when he tried to sweep home a free-kick with his hand instead of his

# Glorious China

**FROM PAGE 13** 

Tatyana Kotova took silver and bronze Simagina had the next best effort of

was distinctly average by her standards, leaving her fifth. pointed to finish third in the triple jump when she was the clear favourite for gold

onships in March. After fouling her first effort on Friday she got it right with her second attempt, sailing just past the mark of her two compatriots. The leap of 7.07 was well short of her

medals now -- gold, silver and bronze, beamed the Russian, who was second in

the triple jump four years ago in Sydney.

Jones then completed made a tearful exit after being the golden girl of the Sydney Games when 28-year-old was involved in a baton change blunder in the 4x100 metres relay which left a United States women's quartet out of the medals for the first time since 1980.

Jones, who has found herself at the centre of an ongoing drugs scandal investigation that has already wrecked the career of sprinter boyfriend Tim

tears and vowing to return. "There is no way this is my last race,"

American 100m champion Latasha

Colander, her former training partner with controversial coach Trevor Graham who Jones has left, sprang to her defence. "You have all been on her back from the beginning to the end. This journey

has been very hard for her. The US team has been behind her," said Colander. For Korzeniowski there will be no return after bowing out in the best possible fashion.

"That was my last step as a walker," said Korzeniowski, who had been badly affected by the serious injuries suffered by Irish training partner Jamie Costin in a car crash in Athens shortly before athletics competition began.

"It was the title that I wanted the

most and dreamt about the most," added the Pole.

## MSC-Mukti FROM PAGE 13

route because he knows a victory

against the Reds will only ease their "We have to win two matches to move into the semifinal stage because

we have fewer bonus points. I believe my boys are capable of beating Muktijoddha," said Abul But the long-serving Mohammedan coach expressed his dissatis-

title challenge," he added.

# tri-series AFP, Karachi

October, officials said Saturday.

uled for Lahore on October 16. Pakistan is also seeking to play two

The Pakistan Cricket Board had

**TRI-SERIES SCHEDULE** Sept 30: Pak vs Zim, Multan Oct 3: Pak vs Zim, Peshawar Oct 6: Pak vs SL, Karachi Oct 9: SL vs Zim, Rawalpindi Oct 11: SL vs Zim, Rawalpindi



## **Mia Hamm**

(American women soccer legend) "It's been a wonderful journey that has let me experience a whole variety of emotions. It has taught me a lot about life and about the value of

from international soccer.

Competition closes at 8 pm **Sept 10, 2004 and draw** 

Pakistan Sri Lanka 3. Who clinched the Cincinnati

Federer Henman Agassi

CROSSWORD ACROSS 40 Drag 1 Heming-41 "Hee sobriquet 5 Clear the tables 8 Deeds

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22 Ms. Moore 23 Cleo's slayer 26 Kvetch 28 When pias fly 31 Incubator noise 33 Lettuce 35 Appella-36 Malapropist

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LUZHSGSU MY SGPU G ZHR HA SKU RMMX. VM JHXX

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S. equals T The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

Gunawardene struck seven fours in

Pollock helped his team overcome South Africa were strongly placed at

113-2 before faltering against Sri Lankan spinners, losing three wickets in the Leg-spinner Kaushal Lokua-

GYU

F M O S K H A P M Y V J H L ? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOUR SPIGOT IS DRIPPING ONION JUICE, YOU COULD JOKINGLY SAY IT'S A LEEKY FAUCET.

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.

Pollock then came to his team's

they raced to 61 in less than 11 overs, Gibbs, without a half-century on

South Africa were in danger of

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the fourth one-day

27 24 27 0 52 12 19 21 235

W 52 Jayasuriya run out

7.1 24 49 38 39

# Figo still in love!

# Football

AFP, Madrid

Portuguese midfielder Luis Figo said Friday his love affair with Spanish giants Real Madrid was not over as he looked forward to his club's opening league encounter at Mallorca on

The veteran, who decided to quit

the international stage after Portugal's

run to the final of Euro 2004, received a

standing ovation after Real's Champions League final preliminary round win over Wisla Krakow of Poland on Wednesday and acknowledged the compliment. "The people here like me and when

FROM PAGE 13 Cups, they had never managed to win Olympic gold with just two silver

Argentina should have had the

match, which started at 10:00 a.m. (0700GMT) to avoid the fierce afternoon heat as well as a clash with the

medals to show in 1928 and 1996.

athletics programme later in the day, wrapped up by the interval. But they had to be content with just Tevez's 18th minute goal Fabricio Coloccini played a perfect through ball for Cesar Delgado whose pinpont cross from the right fell at the feet of the Boca Juniors striker whose cool side-footed finish was swept past

He could have had more. He was denied twice by Barreto while Luis Gonzalez blasted a longrange drive over the top. Paraguay were struggling to cope with Tevez who was sent sprawling by a

cutting down Mauro Rosales.

Diego Barreto in goal.

Julio Manzur elbow while Aureliano Torres was also yellow carded for

she said.

Compatriots Irina Simagina and respectively. Both jumped 7.05 but

By contrast Jones' best of 6.85 metres

Lebedeva was desperately disaphaving won both the long and triple iump titles at the world indoor champi-

season's best of 7.33 but in a mediocre competition it proved enough and this time the 28-year-old wept tears of joy. "After the triple jump my coach said to me that I must relax and not be afraid to compete. I have the complete set of

It completed a miserable year for

Asked about her whole experience at this Olympics, Jones said: "It was a "Nobody has spoken to me. If any

be the first to know.

kind of offer does turn up the club will

club Tottenham, while describing him as one of the club's most important Also staying at Real is Santiago Solari, the man who replaced Figo just ten minutes from the end of the 3-1 win over Krakow, a result which booked group stage Champions League Group

B matches against AS Roma, Bayer

## Leverkusen and Dynamo Kiev. performance and not connected to my Argentina after 52 years

shackle which had dogged the first 45

Figueredo but Lux pulled off a stunning Barreto then stopped a Tevez charge but the Boca man still found Delgado whose drive from just inside

The meeting saw "a proper

For months Maradona has been

# Iran rewards

Although he was suspected of

faction over the lack of foreign recruits. "I need two quality midfielders from abroad in order to pose a serious would boycott his opening match.

## Farzana Hossain Annie secured 5.5 Olympic medal for 44 years as Italy points after making a draw with bronze in Rome in 1960. snatched third place from them with a AC Milan midfielder Andrea Pirlo Iraq, making its first appearance in 1-0 win here on Friday sliced through the Iraq defence and his the Olympic football tourmament for After taking an early lead, Italy were cross from the byline was headed home Hayden holds 16 years, blazed a trail through the second best to their technically inferior by Alberto Gilardino, Serie A's second tournament with wins over Portugal and less experienced opponents and highest goalscorer last season. stand of 57 with Andrew Symonds (36). were indebted to Ivan Pelizzoli for and Australia and Majeed said he The Italian players' celebrations hoped that they had made many Damien Martyn was six not out. protecting their advantage with a string were understandably muted and in a After Ricky Ponting won the toss friends in Athens. symbolic gesture, Gilardino fell to his Iraq also hit the crossbar and and elected to bat, Pakistan's new-ball "We are part of the universal family knees and pointed both fingers up to bowlers, Mohammad Sami and and despite the difficult situation in our Shabbir Ahmed, kept a tight line.