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Sagar second

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Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar finished runner-up in the Telegraph School Chess Championship securing 9.5 points after the end of the eleventh and last round in Kolkata on Monday.

Sagar, who dominated the table till the seventh round, beat Debayan Majumdar in the final round while Jain Shrenhin Daklia emerged champion with ten points.

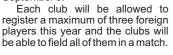
Other Bangladeshi participants Imran Ali Elin bagged eight points while Suvro Ghosh and Farzana Hossain collected seven points

Hockey players' transfer Sept 7

SPORTS REPORTER

The First Division hockey players transfer for the 2004 season will begin on September 7 at the Bangladesh Hockey Federation office at Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

The bourse will end on September 9.







Kostadinos Kenteris (Greek athlete)

"I suffer a great injustice. With all

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Competition closes at 8 pm Sept 10, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards

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Chinese Olympians, who achieved their country's best ever performance in the Games, return to Beijing to heroes' welcome

Beijing rolls out red carpet

AFP, Beijing



China's Olympic team returned home Tuesday to a hero's welcome and dedicated its medals to 'the motherland', as

the country swelled with nationalistic pride and vowed to host a 'glorious' Games in

"These results are the product of the concern of the (communist) party and government and of the strong support of society," said Feng Kun, captain of the gold medalwinning women's volleyball team, speaking on the athletes' behalf. "They do not just belong to the

individual athletes who won the medals, but also to the motherland and the people." As the athletes, dressed in

formal blazers and carrying flowers, worked their way from their plane at Beijing airport to the terminal, many were mobbed by reporters and wellwishers asking for autographs.

The plane was greeted by dozens of dancers in red and yellow costumes, a traditional drum and cymbal troupe, a military brass band and some 100 family and friends waving welcome banners and mini Chinese flags.

Politburo Standing Committee member Li Changchun welcomed each of the 245 athletes as they stepped back onto Chinese soil. Other members of China's 407-

strong team had already returned.

China claimed 32 gold medals in Athens, four more than its previous hest in Sydney four years ago. Its total medal tally amounted to 63. with 17 silver and 14 bronze.

also four more than its record in

He said the focus was now on the Chinese capital and he pledged that the 2008 host would not let the world

He called on every Beijinger to take their responsibility seriously. China has invested heavily in the 2008 Olympics and will build 18 new stadiums and revamp the city's infrastructure. Yet despite an Olympic campaign that surpassed the wildest pre-Athens expectations of 20 golds, Chinese officials are adamant that there is plenty of room for improvement between now and the 2008 Games

And Chinese officials insist they will now concentrate on winning more golds in the blue riband events of the Olympics such as athletics rather than their overall position on the final medal table in four years time.

China hope that their two gold medals in athletics won by Liu Xiang and Xing Huina in the 10.000m will inspire a new generation of track Yuan said China could recruit

more foreign coaches as it attempted to close the gap on the sporting superpowers. China has already dabbled with

hiring foreigners in sports such as basketball and football and five-time Olympic gold medallist Michael Johnson has already been to China to conduct coaching clinics. The trend is set to continue, Yuan

No slowing Schumacher

REUTERS, Spa-Francorchamps

Michael Schumacher has no intention of calling a day on his illustrious career after winning his seventh world title, Ferrari team boss Jean Todt says. The German continued his

relentless domination of Formula One when second place behind McLaren's Kimi Raikkonen in Sunday's Belgium Grand Prix was

drivers' championship. But Todt said on Monday the 35year-old would not be retiring.

"I think it's an enjoyable experience for him now which he has no wish to end." said Todt, who has set up around him the Ferrari 'Dream ream', including technical director Ross Brawn and chief designer Rory Byrne.

"He has nothing to prove but he



THE RED MACHINE: Ferrari driver Michael Schumacher (R) from Germany who won his seventh world title poses with mechanics after the Belgian Formula One Grand Prix at the Spa-Francorchamps race circuit on

enough to wrap his fifth consecutive drives for pleasure," Todt added. "He does the job, which is his passion, to drive for a team that he

oves and he is loved by the team. "In a way it might seem extraordi nary but he's still young, he's very motivated, he's very fit and he feels "He's in an environment which

brings him joy, serenity, the feelings that he enjoys, so there's no reason for him to finish. Schumacher has put the pre-

tenders to his throne in the shade again this year in winning 12 of the 14 races so far.

The 82-time Grand Prix winner has a special relationship with boss Todt, who believes that has helped Ferrari to lift the six constructors' and five drivers' titles since 1999.

"We have such a unique relationship. There's nothing special, it's iust that we aim for the same final result and we just feel so much happiness and reward if we can achieve it.

"Sometimes it's hard to believe what has happened over the last vears." Todt added. "What Ferrari is doing, what

Michael is doing for Ferrari, it has never happened in the whole history of motor sport so it's just fantastic." Ferrari have dropped only 36

points all season and Todt hailed the team work that has kept them at the top of the sport.

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WJJBYW JQD QHKO Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT LAMINATED PLASTIC BRAND WOULD A BIBLICAL PROPHET USE? FOR-MICAH, OF COURSE!

give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals B The Cryptoquip is a substitution clpher 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

FROM PAGE 13 0 10 0 Duminy 0 31 0 Kallis **SOUTH AFRICA** Smith run out 25 Gibbs b Zoysa Kallis c S'kara b Chandana 101 Rudolph c Dilshan b Chandana 48 Boucher st S'kara b Chandana 24 Pollock c L'rachchi b Jayasuriya 11

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Boje not out Langeveldt c S'kara b Jayausirya 2 Ntini c sub (Malinga) b Chandana7 Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-6) Total: (All out in 48.1 overs) 259 Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-59, 3-173, 4-210, 5-221, 6-222, 7-225, 8-239, 9-M R

0 25 Zoysa 0 42 Dilshan 31 Jayasuriya 47 L'rachch 29 Herath 19 Chandana 0 61 Jayantha Result: Sri Lanka won by 49 runs and clinch the five-match series 5-

Man-of-the-match: Upu Chandana. Man-of-the-series: Kumar

Sangakkara

FIDE chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Ten players were jointly leading the table with maximum three points in the Destiny Open FIDE Rating chess tournament after the third round at the federation hall room

yesterday.

They are: IM Abdullah Al Rakib IM Enamul Hossain Rajib, FM Khadakar Aminul Islam, Saifuddin Lavlu, Deen Mohammed, FM Rezaul Haque, Noor Alam, Mahatabuddin Ahmed, Delwar Hossain and Nazrana Khan Iva.

Open TT

SPORTS REPORTER

Ripon became champion in the unseeded players' singles in the Second Global Insurance open able tennis competition, which began yesterday at the Woodenfloor Gymnasium.

He beat Parag 11-7, 12-10, 10-22, 15-13 in the final.
On the opening day, 42 boys' singles, eight women's singles, six

men's singles, eight boys' team, five women's team and eight men's team matches were held.

Shantoo

FROM PAGE 13 explained Shantoo.

The coach however, was not happy with the lack of match practice. "We had only nine practice matches whereas most of the other participating teams have played over 60 games in the same period.

TEAM

Mazharul Islam, Imdadul Haq Monu, Atiqur Rahman Mishu, Abul Kashem, Arafat Ali, Mamunul Islam, Rony Islam, Mamun Hossain, Zahid Hussein, Rajan Miah, Mithun Chowdhury, SM Rajib, Sarwar Hossain, Al Amin Hossain, Nasirul Islam, Rubel Ahmed, Hirak Juardar, Ali Hossain, Abid Hossain and Rahatul

Mukti march

FROM PAGE 13 match in hand against title contenders

"We don't have to worry about that match but it does not mean that we will relax. Our target is the semifinal and think many of my boys who have picked their second yellow cards today, will be free for the semifinal, Manik told after the match

"We had the option to be attacking from the start because we had an extra forward in Moni. Getting two goals in the first half was sweet.

He however, denied that his players looked tired in the second half.

"They were desperate and played very spirited football after the first hour. Anything can happen under these circumstances but the way we survived proved that we can go further in this tournament," Manik added. Yellow cards: Munna, Saiful, Kabua (Muktijoddha) and Narayan, Burdeep (Russel KC).

TFAMS

Muktijoddha: Aminul, Papel, Hassan Al Mamun, Pradip, Saiful, Ghansah, Munna, Belal (Kabir, 79th minute), Moni, Kanchan (Biddyut, 65th) and Kabua

Russel KC: Biplab, Narayan, Burdeep, Rezaul, Nurul Islam, Asif, Asad (Maruf, 46th), Jalal, Mintu (Royal, 68th), Bulbul and Milon. Referee: Abdul Hannan Miron.

Easy in the end

FROM PAGE 13 the wins over Surrey and the West Indies - it's a shame to go out on a losing note.

SCOREBOARD

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Fall of wkts: 1-27, 2-45, 3-51, 4-87, 5-93, 6-116, 7-195, 8-210, 9-230,10-231. M R Bowler 47 10 0 Coubrey

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Red Rooney

Football

Manchester United finally got their hands on Wayne Rooney on Tuesday after nearly a week a tense negotiations concluded with the club agreeing a transfer fee with his current club Everton

In a statement to the Stock Exchange, United said they had reached an outline agreement to sign the 18-vear-old England forward subject to him passing a

There was no immediate confirmation of the transfer fee, believed to be in the region of 25 million pounds (45 million dollars).

That was the level of the last offer tabled by United on Saturday to see off competition from Newcastle, whose chances of signing Rooney disappeared on Monday when they sacked manager Sir Bobby Robson.

Rooney is currently sidelined as a result of a broken metatarsal bone, which he suffered in England's Euro 2004 quarter-final defeat by Portugal. The injury was not however expected to prevent him from passing the medical.

minute hitches, Rooney will join up with Ruud van Nistelrooy, Louis Saha and Alan Smith to complete a formidable quartet of international strikers at Old Trafford.

Despite his young age, Rooney demonstrated at Euro 2004, where he scored four goals and was England's outstanding player, that he can thrive on football's biggest

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has described the teenager as the most gifted English player he has seen and admitted that his arrival at Old Trafford will significantly strengthen United.

Among United diehards, the hope is that Rooney will have the kind of galvanising effect on the rest of the team that Eric Cantona had in the trophy-rich 1990s.

The scale of Rooney's impact will not be clear for some time but it is clear that United are in need of an njection of new talent. A stuttering start to the season has left Sir Alex Ferguson's side

seven points adrift of Arsenal and Chelsea after just four matches, a gap that many already regard as too big to be made up.

A fee of around 25 million pounds (45 million dollars) for Rooney would make him the third most

expensive acquisition by United or any other British club, behind the 29 million United paid for Rio Ferdinand and the 28 million they splashed out on Juan Sebastian

Since those deals were done however the transfer market has gone into freefall and United had nitially baulked at meeting Everton's

valuation of their most prized asset. Ferguson's hand was forced however when Newcastle made a surprise bid of 20 million pounds last week, subsequently raising their offer

Up until then, Everton boss David Moyes had been confident that Rooney would agree to sign a new five-year contract at the club that

on to Rooney disappeared on Friday when he handed in a formal transfer request, citing his desire to move to a club that could provide him with regular European football.

n his home city.

Eng, India want

FROM PAGE 13 after seeing his side go down to a 66-run defeat against arch-rivals Pakistan in Amstelveen earlier this

The former New Zealand batsman added he was more concerned about the way his team paced their chase. "We really haven't hit out straps at all this summer since we came back and particularly we've been exposed chasing totals. We haven't set a platform.

But he insisted his side, so impressive in 2003 when they reached the World Cup final before losing heavily by 125 runs against Australia, could turn things around in England. "A lot of our players are quality and

class doesn't disappear overnight. It's just an innings away. India's problems batting second pale beside England's batting first. Michael Vaughan's men haven't won a one-day match setting a target since

the World Cup.

up by their last one-day international, a seven-wicket defeat against the West Indies at Lord's in July which saw England exit their own triangular series before the final. What makes England's one-day form all the more exasperating is that

their Test form has been superb this

year, with the team reeling off seven

straight wins -- their best run in 75

Their predicament was summed

years. But a defiant Vaughan insisted after the West Indies defeat: "A few months ago we didn't have Andrew Strauss, we didn't have Stephen Harmison, with the white ball, and we didn't have a world-class all-rounder in

"If we can sort out the batting at the top we'll have a real good team. That last problem should benefit from the return to international oneday cricket of in-form batsman Vikram

The Worcestershire batsman made a dynamic 106 off 108 balls in a one-day international against South Africa at The Oval last year.

But he was left out of the England one-day squad after making just 11 runs in three games during the tour of Bangladesh. However he now appears in prime

form after scoring 115 for

Worcestershire against Gloucesters-

hire in Saturday's C and G Trophy oneday final at Lord's Solanki, whose presence should also lift England's fielding -- a weak point of their one-day game -- told reporters afterwards: "I think I have learnt from my mistakes, both techni-

cally and in terms of one-day batting."

SQUADS ENGLAND (from): Michael Vaughan (captain), Kabir Ali, James Anderson Gareth Batty, Paul Collingwood, Andrew Flintoff, Ashley Giles, Darren Gough, Stephen Harmison, Geraint Jones, Anthony McGrath, Vikram Solanki, Andrew Strauss, Marcus Trescothick, Alex Wharf.

INDIA (from): Virender Sehwag Sourav Ganguly (captain), Rahul Dravid, VVS Laxman, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Ajit Agarkar, Dinesh Karthik, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Lakshmipathy Balaji, Ashish Nehra, Irfan Pathan, Rohan Gavaskar. post and fired a looping header past

Serena, Federer fly

FROM PAGE 13 losses in 2004 by defeating Spain's Costa in the first round.

captured earlier in the year.

Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus.

2004

won the last two.

Slam winner Agassi.

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first US Open title to the Wimbledon

and Australian Open crowns he

round where he will face qualifier

Costa is one of just a handful of players

to have beaten Federer this year.

Federer is now an astonishing 59-6 in

meeting with the Spaniard who had

This was Federer's fifth career

Federer is in the top half of the

men's draw and appears to be on a

collision course for a quarterfinal

showdown with eight-time Grand

Monday needing a tie-breaker to take

the first set in the one hour, 56 minute

unforced errors (15-38) and double

Germany's Florian Mayer or Brazilian

Flavio Saretta in the second round.

Agassi got off to a slow start on

He hit just 34 winners but had less

Agassi moves on to play either

Second seed Amelie Mauresmo.

who is searching for her first career

Federer advanced to the second

The 2002 French Open champion

The 23-year-old Swiss star, who has been the dominant player on the ATP Tour this year, is hoping to add his

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Grand Slam title, cruised past Marissa Irvin 6-4, 6-2 on the opening day. Japan's Ai Sugiyama was also an opening day winner, beating Teryn Ashley, of the US, 7-5, 6-2. Tenth seed Vera Zvonareva, of

Denisa Chladkova, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2, On the men's side, third seed Carlos Moya rallied to beat unheralded American Brian Baker 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 and Cyril Saulnier, of France, outlasted Britain's Greg Rusedski 6-4, 3-6.6-1.3-6.7-6.

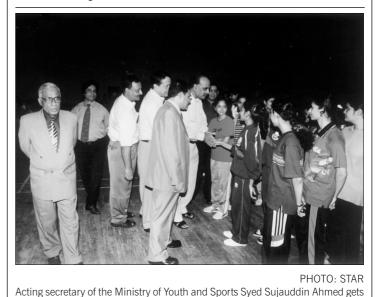
Capriati came charging back to defeat

Martin hangs his racquet up

REUTERS, New York

American Todd Martin announced his retirement after losing to Fabrice Santoro of France in the first round of the US Open on Monday.

The 34-year-old bowed out with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 defeat and made the announcement to the fans who had staved late into the evening for his match in the Louis Armstrong



introduced to the participants of the Global Insurance second open table tennis

competition after he inaugurated the meet yesterday.

to 23.5 million.

discovered and developed him. Any hope Everton had of clinging

Rooney's desire to leave Liverpool has also been driven by recent lurid press revelations that he had frequented back-street brothels

Premiership

Portsmouth a thriller

AFP, Portsmouth Portsmouth beat Fulham 4-3 in a fast-paced Premiership match here

on Monday night with countless chances for either side though question marks surrounded the quality of both defences. Aiyegbeni Yakubu scored a hattrick in a night of high drama when Harry Redknapp's side finally got off

the mark for their first win of the

season After 19 minutes, Portsmouth were ahead. Yakubu ran into the box and came up against Zat Knight but the ball cannoned across the edge of the box to Eyal Berkovic who hit an inspirational volley just inside the

right hand post. Just three minutes later. Yakubu got Pompey's second through a

crossbar

inside the first half hour. Fuller got past Alain Goma on the edge of the box before feeding Yakubu on the left of the area and he

Portsmouth went three goals up

Fulham were clearly prepared to battle back and by the break they had clawed back two goals. Boa Morte floated in a cross from the left and Andy Cole brilliantly made space for himself at the fai

made no mistake with a rasping

Pompey keeper Hislop in the 39th minute. Then Boa Morte got on to the scoresheet two minutes later after

shooting under the body of Hislop.

midway through the second half Yakubu completed his hat-trick Berkovic turned on the edge of the box and found Yakubu who stroked the ball home low to van der Sar's left in the 72nd minute. Fulham pulled a goal back to trail

4-3 with a quarter-hour left. Boa

Russia, routed Slovakia's Henrieta Morte fired in a freekick from the left Nagyova 6-1, 6-1 and Jennifer and Carlos Bocanegra got past Berkovic at the far post to score his first goal for the club from close in. **Sacking**

was tough

Bobby

AFP, Newcastle Newcastle United chairman Freddy Shepherd said sacking coach Bobby Robson was one of the toughest decisions he has had to

toughest decisions I've had to make," Shepherd said. "We spoke of our admiration for the man in the statement we released on Monday when we announced the decision, and it is

very upsetting when you part com-

pany with a great guy like Bobby.

"It was a tough decision to part

company with Bobby, one of the

"But in situations like this there is no room for sentiment." Robson, 71, was "relieved of his duties" after a meeting with Shepherd on Monday morning to review what has been a troubled

start to the new season for the

Magpies, on and off the pitch. Newcastle have taken just two points from their opening four Premiership matches and Robson's position had been further undermined by insubordination from some players, perhaps fuelled by the club's pre-season announcement that this would be the veteran manager's last in charge.

Robson has failed to bring any silverware back to St James' Park since he took over in 1999. But he has established

Newcastle as one of the top five clubs in England while earning respect in Europe with runs to the second phase of the 2002-03 Champions League and the semifinals of the UEFA Cup last season.