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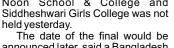
### Women's handball **Holy Cross**

finish third

UNB, Dhaka Holy Cross College finished third in the 10th Delta Life Women's Handball tournament with a 4-2 victory over Home Economics

College at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex vesterday

The place-deciding match was locked 1-1 in the first half. The rescheduled final match of the meet between Viqarunissa Noon School & College and



announced later, said a Bangladesh Handball Federation's press



Minister for Housing and Public Works Mirza Abbas inaugurates the GrameenPhone Corporate Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National

# **Tri-series final today**

"The morale would have been

"We failed to defend two totals

against Pakistan and I would put it to

both placid pitches and not-up-to-

the-mark bowling because we are

one world-class bowler short --

he recovers from shoulder surgery.

Muralitharan is unavailable while

Separately, the Pakistan Cricket

Board (PCB) turned down a request

from both captains to start the day-

night match two hours earlier to avoid

Lahore's heavy evening dew, which

makes for difficult playing conditions.

Full scoreboard in the last day-night

league match between Pakistan and

Sri Lanka in the tri-series at Gadaffi

SRI LANKA: 293 for six in 50 overs

(Atapattu 111, Sangakkara 69;

the title very soon and then concen-

to reach at least 600 to 650 Test

wickets before retiring after the next

Muralitharan has said he wants

Ranatunga noted Murali's perfor-

Warne is poised to gain a hand-

mance was better than Warne's

because had taken 532 Test wickets

some lead over Muralitharan as

Australia has seven more Tests

scheduled this year, including five at

home against New Zealand and

Tests this year and Muralitharan's

return to the squad relies on the injury

iests this year and iviuralitharan's

return to the squad is uncertain after

shoulder surgery. But the Sri Lankan

has age in his favour -- the 32-year-

old has vowed to bag 600-650 Test

Injured Australian Test captain

"He thoroughly deserves it. As far

Ricky Ponting led the praise for the

new record, describing his teammate

as one of cricket's "all-time greats".

as I am concerned he is one of the all-

time greats of the game and what he

has done not only for cricket in

Australia but for spin bowling world-

wide has been remarkable." Ponting

now television commentator lan

Healy said he felt it was a matter of

when and not if Warne would achieve

was always going to achieve this and

I think there are plenty of wickets left

in him as well," Healy said.

to reclaim his record.

"With his ability and longevity he

But former Australian captain and

"It's a great performance by Warney

to become the leading wicket-taker but I

fellow leggie Richie Benaud believed

the injured Muralitharan would be back

Former Test wicketkeeper and

wickets before he quits.

Sri Lanka play only four away

Sri Lanka play only four away

trate on achieving his next target."

Warne spins past

greater had we won the last match.

but cricket is a funny game, especially one-day cricket where things

can change quickly," he said.

mance." said Atapattu.

Muttiah Muralitharan.'

**SCOREBOARD** 

Stadium on Thursday:

World Cup.

in 23 fewer matches.

Cricket AFP, Lahore

Captain Inzamamul Haq said he was confident Pakistan would defy history to claim their first ever home one-day tournament title against Sri Lanka on Saturday.

Pakistan, who have never won a one-day competition on home soil, go into the tri-series final on a high having registered four straight wins against Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka.

However, past Pakistani disasters include losing the 1987 World Cup semifinal to Australia and the 1994 triseries final to the same opponents. Pakistan also failed to reach the 1996 World Cup final, which Sri Lanka

"We know history is against us but we can change that through our fifth win in this tri-series and I am confident we can do that," said Inzamam, whose side upsatged Sri Lanka by six wickets in the final league match on Thursday.

"We have a better chance of winning the tournament and our confidence is higher than them because of two wins over Sri Lanka in the league phase," he said, adding that the toss will be vital.

But Pakistan's preparations have been dealt a blow after star pace bowler Shoaib Akhtar tweaked a hamstring during Thursday's match.

"Akhtar was injured during Thursday's match and will have a

fitness test on Friday," said Inzamam. Sri Lankan skipper Marvan Atapattu, who scored a century on Thursday, said his side would draw inspiration from their 1996 World Cup win at this venue.

"Of course, every Sri Lankan player draws inspiration from that historic triumph and we would also



The world's toughest motor rally is said to be the 3000 miles five-day Kenya Safari Rally. In 1981, Kenyan Chandreshekhar Khimji became the



The Dailly Star

Competition closes at 8 pm Oct 29, 2004 and draw

2 wkts

Sarwan

West Indies defeated England in the ICC Champions Trophy

final by:

2. Who won the China Open tennis

3. How many times was Pavel

4. Who became man-of-the

Class...... Roll No......

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

NOTICE

Dear WHiZZ KIDS due to some

technical difficulties the draw of

Competition-217 could not take

place last night. It will now be held

on October 29.

tournament in the ICC Champions Trophy?

Flintoff

Nedvedicapped before announ-

Serena Sharapova

cing his retirement?

vigil at the crease The leg-spinner finished with 3-

Gillespie chipped in with two wickets and Michael Kasprowicz took one.

by the heat, were unusually sloppy in the field and spilled six chances two of them by wicket-keeper and captain Adam Gilchrist

runs when Pathan patted a ball to covers, but Justin Langer's wild throw over Gilchrist's head sped to the fine-leg fence.

Sehwag, who hit India's first triple-century on the tour of Pakistan earlier this year, returned to form after falling for 39 and 0 during the 217-run defeat in the first Test at

finally come," said Sehwag. "It was

## soft on Becks

REUTERS, LONDON

England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson says captain David Beckham should have kept quiet about his decision to deliberately

pick up a yellow card against Wales. Beckham has caused a furore by admitting he deliberately got himself booked on Saturday in order to serve out a one-match suspension for Wednesday's win in Azerbaijan

while iniured. "I think on this occasion that David should think next time that talking is silver, being quiet is gold,"

Eriksson was quoted as telling

British media on Friday "He was sorry for the problem he had created, he was surprised at the big reaction. And he was sorry for me and for the team. He apologised and wished us all good luck."

As for possible repercussions Eriksson said: "I don't know if the FA or FIFA are going to do anything. For me it's finished.

England's next game is a November 17 friendly against Spain in Madrid, while the Group Six leaders continue their qualifying campaign for the 2006 World Cup in March away to Northern Ireland.

#### Corporate cricket

FROM PAGE 13 Biman: 148 for 4 in 16.5 overs (Rashedul 41, Sajjad Kadir 66) Result: Biman won by six wick-

Ispahani: 91 for 8 in 20 overs (Tamim Iqbal 23, Sajjadul Alam 2-15)

GrameenPhone: 95 for 2 in 19.1 overs (Shahriar Hossain 42 not out)

Result: GrameenPhone won by

Gazi Tank: 89 for 9 in 20 overs (Rajan 18, Shafaq 3-11, Ashraful 2-

Result: Araf Apparels won by 37 CityCell: 129 for 8 in 20 overs (Hasanuzzaman 46, Mizanur 2-21,

Partex: 113 for 9 in 20 overs (Shakil Haider 72, Saifullah Khan Jem 3-19) Result: CityCell won by 16 runs. Epyllion: 85 all out in 19 overs (Sadeq 18, Ziaur 3-13, Wasim 2-6) AKTEL: 90 for 2 in 15.2 overs Result: Aktel won by eight wick-

Robintex: 126 for 3 in 20 overs (Gazi Salahuddin 57 not out)
Acme: 107 all out in 18.4 overs (Sakib Razzak 28, Sabbir Khan 4-16, Hasibul Hossain 2-23) Result: Robin Tex won by 19

#### Pacer Nazmul

sistent high temperature. "A doctor has told us that their primary suspicion was that Nazmul has contacted dengue. A two-week rest has been suggested," said Ali

Nazmul is now surely out of contention for selection in the Test series against visiting New Zealand.

#### UCB sacks

FROM PAGE 13

team manager Tim Southey was also shown the door.

tracts be terminated." the UCB said. Simons said in a statement that he

was "immensely disappointed" but accepted the decision.

he said.

"I accept that in times like this tough decisions have to be made," he added. A successor to Simons had not yet been appointed but the names of former national player Ray Jennings, who now coaches the South Africa Ateam as well as former Aussie captain Steve Waugh

## Eriksson goes | Preview: Primera Liga

Injuries worry Barca

Football

Espanyol

Injured Frenchman Ludovic Giuly and Gerard Lopez have hampered the build-up of an already-depleted Barcelona squad for their crosstown Spanish league clash at

Giuly and Lopez have nagging muscular problems and hernia difficulties respectively leaving Frank Rijkaard, the coach of the league leaders, with reduced options

And Ronaldinho, involved in Brazil's 5-2 World Cup win in Venezuela at the weekend and their goalless draw against Colombia on Wednesday, flew back by private jet but a two-hour delay meant he missed Thursday training.

Dutchman Rijkaard also has to do without Brazilian Sylvinho, who

Arsenal's bid to keep the most

eagerly awaited date of the season

is threatened by injury problems that

have been aggravated by the cos-

mopolitan squad's international

The Gunners go into Saturday's

meeting with Aston Villa at Highbury

they will travel to arch rivals

Manchester United on October 24

seeking to extend their unbeaten

league run to a phenomenal 50

It is an encounter that has been

anticipated ever since the fixtures

for this season were released in

June and, on paper, Villa seem

unlikely to stand in the way of the

Arsenal have been held to a draw

only once this season -- by Bolton --

and Arsene Wenger's side have

scored the same number of goals,

26, as the next three sides in the

the luxury of strength in numbers

and he could go into Saturday's

clash without three first choice

Edu is ruled out because he was

due to only arrive back in London

late on Friday after playing for Brazil

against Colombia in a World Cup

qualifier on Wednesday.

His compatriot Gilberto Silva is

out until the end of the month with a

back injury and Freddie Ljungberg is

struggling with a hamstring problem

could cause more damage if he

plays," Wenger said Friday, adding

that the hangover created by playing

for national sides was not purely

"Altogether we had 15 players

away on international duty and most

of them have come back okay but

One of the field umpires was David

Shepherd and no action was taken

against the players involved. It was

only after Malcolm Speed who saw

the incident on the TV sitting in

London and complained to the

match referee action was taken

against both the players. The match

referee initially did not act because

the field umpires did not lodge a

complaint to him. How funny can

one get Malcolm Speed should

concentrate in these issues where

there are confusions among the

officials conducting matches and

clearly spell out their responsibili-

"We feel with Freddie that he

incurred on dutv with Sweden.

Wenger does not however have

matches.

table combined.

midfielders.

physical.

knowing that, if they avoid defeat,

commitments over the last week.

Football

Preview: Premiership

hurt his knee at home to Real Zaragoza late last month, and keeper Albert Jorquera who has fractured a bone in his right hand, as well as long-term knee victims Jose Edmilson, Thiago Motta and Gabri.

No doubt Rijkaard will be breaking pencil after pencil as he tries to formulate a new-look team which will look much different from his firstchoice starting line-up. Sweden international Henrik

Larsson, who scored for his country in the 3-0 World Cup qualifying victory over Hungary on Saturday, looks set to start in his striker's role though even he is still suffering from At least there was some cheer for

Rijkaard with the news that

Spaniards Carles Puyol, Xavi

Hernandez and Andres Iniesta, plus

Portugal's Deco, and the Dutchman Giovanni van Bronckhorst have all been able to train normally. Also in the private jet from Brazil,

50 beckons Gunners

you never know how they feel.

physically."

programme.

the bench.

surgery

"There is a lot of stress on the

international games. You look right

and left just hoping that everything is

alright with the players mentally and

Villa will be enough to keep Arsenal

on top of the table, even if second-

placed Chelsea win at Manchester

City, courtesy of their vastly superior

news that Robbie Fowler is close to

returning to the first team after being

ordered to undergo an intensive

fitness and weight reduction

unlikely to start against Jose

Mourinho's Blues but could be on

The former England striker is

City will be without injured

Chelsea have been hit this week

midfield trio Antoine Sibierski (bro-

ken ribs), Claudio Reyna (groin) and

Joev Barton, who has had knee

by reports of growing discontent

among a group of players who have

been unable to establish them-

selves as first team regulars under

days in London appear numbered

after he defied Mourinho -- who had

insisted he was injured -- to play for

Parker is another player who could

be on his way out in January having

done nothing to quell reports of his

Huth has refuted claims of a rift with

the manager, saying comments to

that effect which were attributed to

him in midweek had been the result

of a mistranslation of his original

Manchester United boss Sir Alex

Ferguson must decide whether

Wayne Rooney can play his third

match in eight days in the lunchtime

Conduct some discipline has been

brought about in the often viewed

scene when players used to run

menacingly towards the umpire,

jumping up and down for a favour-

the worst offenders and were let off

by saying they " play hard". In the

recent Test match at Bangalore the

Australians were seen jumping up

and down, appealing repeatedly till

umpire raised the finger. This is a

pressurising tactic and to my mind is

also against the 'spirit of the game'

One appeal should be considered

enough for the umpire to act. Code

of Conduct should specify the

nature of appeal. To tighten further

the discipline, the umpires may be

allowed to show red or yellow cards

to any field player on the gravity of

Incidentally, the Australians were

able decision during an appeal.

remarks in his native language.

CC double standards

unhappiness in the reserves.

Former England midfielder Scott

But Germany defender Robert

Romanian striker Adrian Mutu's

Mourinho's new regime.

his country on Saturday.

City have received a boost with

Anything but a defeat against

paid for jointly by Real Madrid and Barcelona, were Madrid's Roberto Carlos and Ronaldo, although the flight delay also put paid to them having a Thursday run-out on the runup to Saturday's match at Real Betis.

Real's Argentine defender Walter Samuel returns on Friday after his bout of World Cup duty, a 0-0 draw in Chile on Wednesday, and a 4-2 win over Uruguay in Buenos Aires on Saturday.

### **FIXTURES**

(1500 GMT unless stated) Saturday: Deportivo La Coruna v Getafe (1600), Real Betis v Real Madrid (1800), Espanyol v Barcelona (2000)

Sunday: Athletic Bilbao v Malaga, Real Zaragoza v Real Sociedad, Real Mallorca v /illarreal, Numancia v Levante, Atletico Madrid v Racing Santander (1700) Osasuna Pampeluna v Albacete (1700) Valencia v Sevilla (1900)s

clash with Birmingham

on Wednesday.

United have a Champions

League match against Sparta

Prague on Tuesday to consider and

the teenager could well be rested

after playing in England's wins over

Wales last Saturday and Azerbaijan

time difference and a six-hour return

flight in the early hours of Thursday

morning and Ferguson is keenly

aware of the dangers of over-

"We've got to remember his age,

"That means careful attention

the Scot said. "We have to remem-

ber we want him to be a top player in

like all the young boys at the club.

He'll get the same treatment as

everybody else. He'll get stamped

down on if he steps out of line, but

Fulham entertain Liverpool without

suspended striker Andy Cole and

Middlesbrough travel to Blackburn

boosted by hopes that Australia

goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer, linked

with a move to Manchester United.

could soon sign a new contract to

this season, will fancy their chances

of breaking their duck at fellow

Premiership newcomers West Brom

while Southampton, who have

dropped into the relegation zone,

desperately need something from

their game at high-flying Everton.

FIXTURES

Saturdav: Arsenal v Aston Villa

Birmingham v Manchester Utd (1145

GMT), Blackburn v Middlesbrough

Southampton, Fulham v Liverpool, Mar

Sunday: Charlton v Newcastle (1505

by taking cricket to many countries

offering coaching facilities, pitch

preparations. Caught behind, bat

and pad catches and lbw decisions

are still contentious issues and

according to ICC 92 per cent deci-

sions by the umpires are correct but

why not improve upon the figure by

introducing modern available tech-

nology. TV replays will most cer-

tainly give a more accurate picture

of what happened and the third

umpire will indicate the decision.

This will remove anomalies of

do, stifling criticism will not enhance

the prestige and good name of ICC

but it will certainly take the game to

(The author is a former Bangla-

desh Cricket Board president. He

also headed the three-member

World Cup 2003 inquiry committee)

Hannan c McCullum b Wiseman 44

What Malcolm Speed is trying to

present system

disrepute.

Bolton v Crystal Palace, Everton

City v Chelsea, West Brom v Norwich

1400 GMT unless stated)

Norwich, the only side yet to win

keep him in the northeast.

In the day's other matches.

he'll be praised at the right time."

four or five years' time.

playing his most valuable prodigy.

The latter involved a four-hour

Preview: Serie A

## Messina feel

big REUTERS, Rome

Messina fans will still be pinching themselves on Saturday when they travel to Juventus in the top-of-thetable encounter in Serie A.

After five matches, Juventus lead Italy's top flight with 13 points. Messina, who only returned to the division this season after a 39-year absence, lie unexpectedly second on 11 before the match at Turin's

Stadio Delle Alpi (kickoff 1830

GMT). The tiny Sicilian club is there on merit. Their supporters have already celebrated victories against AS Roma and AC Milan -- the champions' first home defeat in Serie A since losing to Udinese last December

Fabio Capello's Juve are struggling with a number of injuries. French striker David Trezeguet is out with a shoulder problem and partner Alessandro Del Piero has not recovered from a bout of tendonitis.

That leaves Juve's close-season signing Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who is suffering with back pain, to start alongside burly Uruguayan forward Marcelo Zalayeta.

1300 GMT unless stated, current

LIVORNO (20) v AS ROMA (14)

Other Serie A matches (kickoffs

SUNDAY BOLOGNA(10)vATALANTA(17)

BRESCIA (19) v PARMA (18) CAGLIARI (6) v AC MILAN (3)

FIORENTINA(15) v SIENA(16)

INTER (9) v UDINESE (13)

LAZIO (8) v CHIEVO VERONA (4) LECCE (7) v PALERMO (5)

REGGINA (12) v SAMPDORIA (11)

#### Preview: Bundesliga 'Homecoming'

for Sammer!

AFP, BERLIN

Emotions will be running high at the Gottlieb-Daimler Stadium when VfB Stuttgart manager Matthias Sammer faces his old club Borussia Dortmund

Sammer, 37, was removed as Dortmund coach at the end of last season after a decade at a club where he won successive league titles (1995. 1996) and the 1997 Champions League as player, before lifting the German championship as manager in

Stuttgart are the only unbeaten team in the Bundesliga under the guidance of Sammer and can move top of the table with leaders VfL Wolfsburg facing

Hannover on Sunday. Bayern Munich host Schalke 04 at the Olympic Stadium on Saturday wary of the threat posed by Brazilian forward Ailton who returns from a four-match

the venue back in May 2003 when Werder Bremen won the German

After scoring 28 league goals at Bremen last season Ailton has yet to net

#### Saturday: Mainz 05 v Werder Bremen,

Bayer Leverkusen, SV Hamburg v Arminia Bielefeld, VfB Stuttgart v Borussia Dortmund FC Nuremberg v SC Freiburg Sunday: Hannover v VfL Wolfsburg, Borussia Monchengladbach

## Monaco struggling

The French league championship enters its tenth week this weekend with some of the title contenders. including last season's Champions League finalists Monaco, facing trouble in one shape or another.

games and go top in the process when they host league new boys Caen on Friday night Current leaders Lille host Bastia

claim their sixth win from nine

on Saturday and will regain top spot if they win and Lyon lose or draw. But for their rivals for the domes-

tic crown, things are not going so smoothly.

side, outclassed by FC Porto in the Champions League final before losing out on domestic honours last term, sit in third place but travel to Metz desperate for a performance that will help erase recent bad

Monaco were 3-0 up against derby rivals Nice last week until the Riviera battled back to an astonish-

#### Sehwag empowers India not out; Kumble 7-48, Harbhajan 2getting to me a little because I was

wicket of Sehwag, who holed out to mid-wicket in search of his 22nd boundary after a stirring six-hour

95 from 29 overs while Jason

The Australians, clearly affected The Indians earned four lucky

The Delhi opener put on 55 for the second wicket with Pathan and 95 for the third with vice-captain

Rahul Dravid, who made 26. "I am relieved the runs have

etting the side down. "My first aim was to spend some time at the wicket and then open out once I was settled in.

"I will be happier if we go on to win this match. But there is a lot of cricket left over the next three days."

Dravid was dismissed in the post-lunch session when he played a delivery from Kasprowicz on to his Indian captain Sourav Ganguly,

who survived till tea after being missed by his counterpart Gilchrist, did not last long after resumption. The left-hander made nine when he edged Gillespie and this time the Australian captain easily took the

catch behind the stumps. Gillespie then bowled Venkatsai Laxman for four with a delivery that kept low to reduce India to 213-5.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the sec-

ond day of the second cricket Test between India and Australia at the Chepauk in Madras on Friday: AUSTRALIA: First innings 235 (Langer 71, Hayden 58, Katich 36

INDIA: First innings (overnight 28-Yuvraj c Gilchrist b Warne

Sehwag c Clarke b Warne 155 Pathan c Hayden b Warne 14 Dravid b Kasprowicz 26 Ganguly c Gilchrist b Gillespie 9 Laxman b Gillespie Kaif not out 34 Patel not out 27 Extras: (b-6, lb-1, nb-5, w-2) Total: (For six wkts in 100 overs)291 Fall of wkts: 1-28, 2-83, 3-178, 4-203. 5-213. 6-233.

Match referee: Ranjan Madugalle

**Bowler** 

McGrath

Gillespie

Lehmann

Warne

n the series," said Wiseman. Kapali said the target was not to 0 lose more than six wickets in the day 20 3 63 and gave credit to the New Zealand 27 55 spinners for not allowing that. "But we could not fulfil the target 3 95 29 because their spinners got on top. Kasprowicz 19 4 45 Both the spinners bowled tight but it 0 26

was Vettori who maintained the most nagging line. Wiseman on the Toss: Australia Umpires: David Shepherd (ENG) and Rudi Koertzen (RSA) SCOREBOARD TV umpire: Avi Javaprakash (IND)

other hand turned the ball nicely. Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day practice match

between Bangladesh Cricket Board

BKSP in yesterday.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight 286-6) Richardson Ibw b Shahadat Sinclar b Alamgir Fleming retd

(BCB) XI and New Zealand at the

Marshall b Alamgir Oram c Dhiman b Shahadat McCullum not out Vettori not out Extras: (b-1, lb-2, nb-20, w-6) 25 Total: (For 6 wkts in 81 overs) 344 Fall of wicket: 1-14, 2-50, 3-58, 4

86. 5-205. 6-274 **Bowler** Shahadat 59 39 72 47 85 20 10 Jubair Alamgir 13 18 2 2 Anwar Nadif Ashraful

Dhiman c Astle b Wiseman Nadif batting 15 Talha Jubair batting Extras (b-8, nb-17, w-2) 110, 5-167, 6-171, 7-191. Bowler Ó М Butler 13 Franklin 57 56 Vettori Wiseman Styris

BCB XI: First innings

Alok c & b Vettori

Nafees c Sinclair b Oram

Aftab c McCullum b Butler

Ashraful st McCullum b Vettori

Shamsur c McCullum b Butler

for the first time.

suspension. Ailton, 31, scored in his last match at

championship with a 3-1 victory.

in the Bundesliga.

#### **FIXTURES**

Bayern Munich v Schalke 04, VfL Bochum v Hansa Rostock, Hertha Berlin v

Preview: Ligue 1

AFP, Paris

Lyon, who won their third straight title last season, are odds-on to

Didier Deschamps' Monaco

ing 4-3 victory.

#### like to do that but for that we have to Butt c Sangakkara b Vaas Hameed b Chandana lift ourselves and match that perfor-

Malik b Fernando

Dilshan

. Гoss: Pakistan

Inzamam not out Youhana c Chandana b Vaas Razzag not out Extras: (b-3, lb-9, nb-5, w-9) Total: (For four wkts in 48.5 overs)

Mohammad Sami, Shoaib Akhtar, Rana Naveedul Hassan Fall of wickets: 1-99, 2-139, 3-210, 4-Bowler O M Vaas 9.5 62 0 Zoysa 10 0 57 Fernando 1 0 10 Chandana

Did not bat: Shahid Afridi, Moin Khan

0 52 Javasuriva Result: Pakistan won by six wick-Man-of-the-match: Marvan Atapattu.

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Umpires: Simon Taufel (AUS), Nadeem Ghauri (PAK) Tv umpire: Zamir Haider (PAK) ICC match referee: Jeff Crowe

Benaud said. "He's had a similar shoulder operation to Warne and I believe he'll come backfullvfit.' Cricket Australia chief James Sutherland also hailed the spin wizard.

believe Murali will challenge again,"

cricket in March after a 12-month drugs "To achieve such sustained success is a truly monumental achievement."

who only returned to international

tional game, Warne has been quick to remind fans what they were missing, grabbing 26 wickets in three matches in Sri Lanka as the hosts suffered their first whitewash in a home Test series.

sharp in India where he managed four at Bangalore.

But the master spinner did provide a few glimpses of his class. Indian batsman Venkatsai Laxman, one of the best players of spin, did not know whether to stretch forward or back before being bowled by a peach of a delivery that pitched on the leg and

stump back. Laxman was again the hapless batsman when he was trapped legbefore in the second innings by a Warne

success against India since making a forgettable 1-150 Test debut against the same opponents at Sydney in 1992. On his previous two trips to India, the

He has already begun looking beyond his achievement, saying winning the series in India matters more than the world record.

"Winning a Test series in India

means much to a bunch of guys like us,

who have won everywhere else. It's the

Sutherland said. Following his return to the interna-

Warne however did not look as

turned just enough to knock the off-

Warne has been struggling for

Australian captured only 20 wickets in six Tests at an unimpressive average of

ARAF Apparels: 126 for 9 in 20 overs (Anisur Rahman 55, MZ Moni 4-21, Panna 3-16)

Tanveer 2-27)

FROM PAGE 13 made his one-day international debut in the ICC Champions Trophy in England last month, was rushed to the Samarita Hospital after per-

Asif Khan, member secretary of the cricket committee of Bangladesh Jricket Board.

Bangladesh. Apart from Simons' resignation,

"Simons and Southey were part of a review process ... and it was decided that in the best interests of both parties and South African cricket, their con-

"These have been very tough times." for the national team and I acknowledge that we performed below expectations.

> Shepherd is over 65 years of age and in all fairness should be retired. The maximum age limit for field umpires should be restricted to 55 years as it is indeed very strenuous to stand for five days at a time in a

> FROM PAGER 13 coming series," said Wiseman who

had toured Bangladesh during the

1998 ICC Knockout World Cup.

his offence. The ICC is doing a wonderful job Tourists' spin duo

"I really enjoy bowling with Vettori. He is a world class spin bowler. Infact he is the best left-arm spinner in the world so it was good to Styris run out (Ashraful) howl in tandem with him and pre-Astle c Hannan b Alamair pare for the workload that is coming

Total (For 7 wkts in 81 overs) 200 Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-76, 3-78, 4-Astle