# SPORT

### Tickets are selling fine

SPORTS REPORTER

The organisers received an unexpected good response as tickets for the first Test and the two one-day internationals went on sale at different branches of ONE Bank in the city

yesterday.
"There was confusion among the cricket fans over the fate of the tour but we are really happy with the sale of tickets on the first day. We expect a huge turnout tomorrow (today) as the Indian team have already reached the city," said an official of ONE Bank, which got the rights to sell tickets for matches in Dhaka.

The first Test starts at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow, the weekly holiday in

Bangladesh.
ONE Bank is selling tickets of the
Dhaka part of the series that
includes two Tests and three onedayers through five branches --Dilkusha's Principal Office, Gulshan, Dhanmondi, Uttara and

### RATES OF TICKETS

Rates for Test: VIP - Tk 1000 (package) and Tk 300 (per day), Executive Enclosure - Tk 500 (package), VIP (Complementary stand) - Tk 1000 (package), Tk 200 (per day), Club house (Bast) - Tk 200 (package), Tk 60 (per day), Special enclosure - Tk 75 (package), Tk 25 (per day), International enclosure (East) - Tk 125 (per day) 125 (package), Tk 40 (per day), International enclosure (West) - Tk 125 (package), Tk 40 (per day), Western Gallery - Tk 50 (package), Tk 15 (per day), Eastern gallery - Tk 30 (package), Tk 10 (per day). Rates for ODIs: VIP - Tk 750,

Executive enclosure - Tk 250, VIP (Complementary stand) - Tk 750, Club house (East) - Tk 300, Special enclosure Tk 50, International Enclosure (East) - Tk 75, International Enclosure (West) - Tk 75, Western gallery - Tk 30, Eastern

gallery-Tk20. Hospitality boxes: Tk60,000 (A/C box), Tk50,000 (non-A/C box).

### Kapali shines

FROM PAGE 13 was adjudged man of the match.

Earlier, Biman struggled after being put into bat but Sanwar (30 off 55 balls) and Hasanuzzaman (35 off 62 balls) steadied the innings in the

### **DOHS-PEGASUS**

Zahoor Elahi smashed his third halfcentury in four games as DOHS, after sent in, piled up a fighting 243-8 in 50 overs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

The dashing Pakistani, who won the man-of-the-match for the third time, hit ten fours and two sixes to for two to bring big-hitting Chris score 91 off 116 balls but his local Cairns to the wicket. teammates hardly impressed. Al Shahriar played his best innings in comprehensively bowled the league so far scoring 30 from 59 Melbourne man-of-the-match balls while captain Akram Khan Hamish Marshall with his first made 29 off 48 deliveries. delivery for nine to have the Kiwis up

Pegasus were never in contention after losing early wickets and exploits by left-arm spinner Enamul Haque (Jr), who captured 4-26 from ten overs, in the middle. However, number ten Zobayer Ahmed's cameo 43 off 46 balls featuring five boundaries and one six during the unbroken last wicket denied DOHS from full satisfaction of bowling their opposition out.

### ORIENT-INDIRA ROAD

Captain Masumuddowlah and Ismail Islam cracked half-centuries to steer Orient reach 213-4 in reply to Indira Road's 212-8 at the BKSP ground.

Opener Masum scored 51 off 69 balls with half a dozen boundaries while man-of-the-match Ismail made a 92-ball 64 studded with seven hits to the fence during a 99run second wicket stand as Orient raced to the target with four overs

Pakistani Gahar Ali topscored 55 with six fours and one six and shared 100 runs with Nahidul Haque (53 off 86 balls) to rescue the inserted Indira Road to 170-9 after they were reduced to 46-4.

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Pakistan's Mohammad Saqlain (R) leads his team's celebrations after scoring the first goal against India during the six-nation Champions Trophy Tournament match at the National Hockey Stadium in Lahore yesterday.

## Paris bid on the rocks

## **OLYMPICS**

Paris' bid for the 2012 Olympics hit its first snag Tuesday when environment campaigners demanded to see International Olympic Committee (IOC) scrutineers over plans to extend the Roland Garros tennis centre.

ahead of London, New York, Madrid and Moscow for the Games which will be awarded by the IOC at its session in Singapore on July 6.

Paris is the bookmakers' favourite,

And so far they have done every-

But environment campaigners claim plans to extend Roland Garros in order to build a new stadium will disfigure the Bois de Boulogne woods on the chic western side of Paris.

Lee came on for a new spell and

against it at 86 for six in the 23rd over.

flickering with a run-a-minute half-

wicketkeeper Brendon McCullum

before he hit Gillespie to McGrath at

boundaries and two sixes, leaving

the Kiwis at 154 for seven in the 35th

decision for 21 giving Hogg his third

two off Lehmann and two off Hogg's

next over to raise Kiwi hopes of a

Mills put on a record ninth-

Harris came out to bat with a

Gilchrist, who cracked 68 off 54

wicket stand of 70 with Daniel

Vettori before Vettori was run out by

runner after damaging his shoulder

while fielding earlier in the day. The

experienced all-rounder is expected

balls in Melbourne, dominated the

opening partnership with the cir-

cumspect Hayden as the runs

to return home on Thursday.

last-ditch winning partnership.

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His 50 came off 40 balls with four

McCullum fell to a dubious lbw

Mills hit four successive sixes,

Cairns kept New Zealand's hopes

in a 66-run partnersnip with

Hogg headlines

estimated at 277 million euros, with a dome for judo and badminton costing

The protestors claim they have a cheaper alternative, including putting a sliding roof over the current centre court to replace the

But they denied they wanted to ruin Paris' chance of winning the

"We're not bad French citizens and even less bad Parisians. With all our heart we want Paris to stage the Games," campaign leader Francois Douady told Le Parisien newspaper.

But the newspaper says the 'Save the Bois de Boulogne' campaign has become emroiled in city politics with opposition parties using the issue to attack Paris mayor Bertrand

flowed at nine an over early on.

to find Astle at deep square leg.

McCullum off Cairns.

their total past 260.

SCOREBOARD

onWednesday:

Gilchrist c Astle b Styris

Hayden run out (Sinclair)

Ponting c Fleming b Mills

Lehmann run out (Styris)

Clarke c McCullum b Cairns

Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-86, 2-140, 3-147, 4-

Symonds lbw b Vettori

Extras: (lb-2, w-2, nb-8)

Martyn lbw b Mills

AUSTRALIA

Hogg not out

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But the Kiwis got the prized

Four wickets fell for eight runs,

wicket when Gilchrist attempted to

pull Scott Styris over the ropes, only

plunging the Australians to 148 for

five after being 86 without loss.

Michael Clarke only lasted 17 balls

before he was caught behind by

Styris after ending his 98-minute

knock with five boundaries. Hogg

took up the fight and gleaned a

further 15 runs as Australia pushed

bowlers with 2-49 off 10 overs, while

Scoreboard of the second Chappell-

Hadlee Trophy one-day interna-

tional at the Sydney Cricket Ground

Styris claimed 1-37 off 10 overs.

Mills was the best of the Kiwi

Lehmann was smartly run out by

bitter election battle for control of the French Tennis Federation (FFT).

The campaigners say the dome is being built in the glory of current FFT president Christian Bimes who is being challenged by Patrick Proisy, former chairman of Strasbourg football club, 1972 Roland Garros finalist and tennis promoter.

Roland Garros was scheduled to hold tennis, badminton and judo.

The campaigners have demanded to see the IOC Evaluation Commission, chaired by 1984 women's 400m hurdles Olympic champion Nawal el Moutawakel of Morocco, when they visit Paris from March9 to 12.

The commission, presided by will draw up a report which will be made public a month before the winner is named on July 6 in Singapore.

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148, 5-148, 6-161, 7-235

Bowler

Mills

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Cairns

Styris

Vettori

**NEWZEALAND** 

Marshall b Lee

Mills not out

Bowler

McGrath

Gillespie

Hogg

Symonds

Lehmann

Toss: Australia.

43

32

52

261

Oram lbw b Hogg

Harris b McGrath

Fleming lbw b Hogg

Astle c Gilchrist b Lee

Styris lbw b Symonds

McCullum lbwb Hogg

Extras: (lb-5, w-6, nb-3)

Total: (All out in 47.1 overs)

5-84, 6-86, 7-154, 8-166, 9-236

Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-63, 3-68, 4-78,

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Result: Australia won by 17 runs.

Umpires: Peter Parker (Australia)

and Rudi Koertzen (South Africa).

Man-of-the-match: Brad Hogg.

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Vettori run our (Ponting)

Sinclair c Hayden b Gillespie

Cairns c McGrath b Gillespie

## Abahani back to

SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Abahani bounced back to winning ways as the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League resumed yesterday after a two-day unscheduled break.

umpires to conduct games as prom-ised by the Bangladesh Hockey Federation. However it resumed with local officials in charge.

0 at the breather with Musa opening the scoring in the 24th minute with a nice field goal. Young striker Russel Mahmud Jimmy added the second just before half time while Musa made it 3:0 in the 46th minute with a powerful hit from a penalty corner.

Abahani sealed a satisfying day when Shahidullaj Titto struck the forth goal six minutes away from the

In the day's other match, Sonali Bank continued their impressive run of form with a solitary goal win over Ajax Sporting Club.

## Leonine one

SPORTS REPORTER

Leonine Chess Club will need just one point from the last round to clinch the Dutch-Bangla First

defending champions Bangladesh

tion in the table stretching their collection to 52 points after beating

them on 45 points.

## winning ways

Experienced midfielder Musha Mia struck twice in Abahani's 4-0 thrashing of Sadharan Bima four days after the popular Dhanmondi outfit drew 1-1 with Mariner Youngs Club at the same venue.

The League was suspended for two days following protest by Mariner, who wanted foreign

Abahani led the Insurancemen 2-

Anisuzzaman netted the all-

important goal in the 34th minute

## point away

Division Chess League title. The league leaders will meet

Biman in today's 15th and final round match at the Chess Federation hall-room. Leonine consolidated their posi-

Farashganj Sporting Club 3-1 in the 14th round game yesterday. They could have sealed the championship yesterday but Rafiqul Islam

delayed the party losing his board to Shouvik Chakraborty of Farashganj.

Muktijoddha Sangsad blanked Anushilon 4-0 to stay second with 48.5 points while Biman followed

## Netherlands reach

criticising the umpiring because it sometimes goes in your favour and sometimes it does not. "But if we get a chance to play

Pakistan's Dutch coach Roelant Oltmans praised India's defence for thwarting five penalty corners, but

said his team was ready for the crucial game against Spain. "This was a tough game and we emerged from it with credit," he

Meanwhile, the Dutch, who won the 2002 and 2003 editions, were a step away from their sixth Champions Trophy title in nine outings in the annual tournament featuring the top six nations in the

A victory here will make amends for the loss in the final of the Athens Olympics to Australia, who declined to make the trip to Pakistan for security reasons.

Klaver put the Dutch ahead in the from the top of the circle and Geert Jan Derikx increased the margin three minutes later with a penalty

The Indian security team headed back for Dhaka in the afternoon.

## 'McGrath the danger man'

## Cricket

Pakistan batsman Yousuf Youhana has pinpointed fast bowler Glen McGrath as Australia's danger man ahead of the upcoming Test series.

Yousuf, who forms the backbone of the tourists' batting order with captain Inzamamul Haq, said he rated McGrath as the "perfect" bowler and Pakistan's greatest obstacle in the three-Test series. "I think McGrath is the best

bowler I've faced of any fast bowler except for Pakistani fast bowler Wasim (Akram), he's the best bowler thinkever," said Yousuf. "But McGrath is the perfect

bowler for me." The right-hander scored 95 and 75 in his maiden Test in Australia --

found runs hard to get thereafter, scoring just 37 in four subsequent "After (Brisbane) they planned



YOUSUF YOUHANA

in Brisbane in 1999-2000 -- but (for) me and they are professional, the best team in the world, but hopefully I will make some runs this

time," Yousuf said. Yousuf and Inzamam refused to speculate on whether Australia might select the resurgent paceman Brett Lee alongside McGrath and Jason Gillespie for the first Test on Perth's bouncy, fast wicket starting

nextThursday. But Pakistan's most experienced batsmen both agreed they must be in the runs if Pakistan is to post big first-innings scores and beat Australia at its own game.

"I feel confident I can make some runs in the Test series," said Yousuf.

"It is always very hard to come to Australia and difficult to bat, for any overseas team it is difficult.

"But we're trying to make some runs and get some confidence.

## Woolmer wants more

### Cricket

Pakistan cricket coach Bob Woolmer is expecting his top-order batsmen to hit more than 50 runs apiece when the tourists take on the Western Australian state side in a four-day match starting here on Thursday.

Pakistan are fielding their strongest team for the clash at the Western Australian Cricket Associa-tion Ground -- which will also host the first Test against

Australia starting on December 16.

Apart from a polished 115 not out by left-handed opener Salman Butt in a one-day fixture against a Cricket Australia Chairman's XI on Tuesday, the Pakistan batsmen failed to punish the makeshift bowling attack with Imran Farhat the next top score on 25.

But Woolmer maintained he was delighted with the way his team was adapting to the Australian conditions and predicted the best was yet "The last two practices have

been fantastic, I've been very pleased with it. I think they're learning to bat on these pitches -however, saying that, we've still got

The former England Test player strength team including speedsters

said the opening spots were still up for grabs although Salman had put in a strong claim for one of them.

"We've got three players fighting for that at the moment and it will end up on form. Salman Butt has put his hand up, Imran Farhat has played reasonably well on tour, Yasir Hameed hasn't got going yet," he

"It really will be up to those two to sort themselves out in the next

Woolmer said it was vital for the opening Test batsmen to forge a close relationship. "We're hoping (they bond quickly). That's the key," he said.

"They've all scored runs, they've all scored big hundreds, two hundreds in domestic cricket against other sides -- they can all do it they've just got to realise that they're playing against a good team and they've got to put their hands up and pick their form up."

Woolmer said he was expecting Pakistan to make big advances in the match against Western Australia so he only had to finetune selections for the Test.

"The important game is the four-day game against Western Australia where I will be looking for all of the batsmen to try and get between 50 and 100 or somewhere

along those lines," he said. Pakistan announced a fullSami, who have bowled just 27 overs between them so far on the Spinner Shoaib Malik will have

an early morning fitness test to

Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad

determine whether he can play in the four-day match against Western Australia starting at the Western Australian Cricket Association Ground on Thursday. Malik injured his wrist playing table soccer during the week but

Woolmer said he had been treated with anti-inflamatory injections and was hopeful he would be fit. The WACA wicket is renowned for

its assistance to fast bowlers and Woolmer said rising star Sami would make the most of it.

PAKISTAN (from): Inzamamul Haq (captain), Salman Butt, Imran Farhat, Yousuf Youhana, Younis Khan, Shoaib Malik, Abdul Razzaq, Kamran Akmal, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Sami, Danish Kaneria, Mohammad Khalil.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (from): Justin Langer (captain), Michael Hussey, Ryan Campbell, Beau Casson, Brett Dorey, Ben Edmondson, Murray Goodwin, Kade Harvey, Brad Hogg, Steve Magoffin, Shaun Marsh, Marcus

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer District: Gazipur

Memo No: LGED/XEN(Gazi)/2473

Date: 01-12-04

Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP) Invitation for Bids (IFB)

IFB No. 15/2004-2005

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received for a credit from the International Development Association, (hereinafter referred to as the IDA) towards the cost of the Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract(s) as mentioned in para-2. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, represented by the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Gazipur invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction and completion of following

works.					
SI No.	Name of the work	Contract	Bid security in Taka	Time for completion (Days)	Price of bidding document (Tk)
		Package No			
1.	Improvement of Azmatpur- Narun road under Kaliganj Upazila. (Chainage 0+000 to 5+525 km)	GAZ/UR-1	2,65,000.00	550	3,000.00
3	Improvement of Baliadi-Dhaljora Dubail Union road. (Chainage	GAZ/UR-2	2,23,000.00	550	3,000.00

The bidders may inspect the bidding documents, obtain further information and clarification at the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Gazipur, Tel: 9252094 or the office of the Project Director, RDP-26, LGED Bhaban (Level-5), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Tel: 9122435, 9122432. The bidder must be eligible in post qualification as specified in bidding documents.

A pre-bid conference will be held on 02/01/2005 at 10.30 AM in the office of the undersigned and all bidders are requested to attend the conference on time.

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any eligible bidder from the office of the Project Director, LGED Bhaban (Level-5), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, or the Deputy Commissioner, District: Gazipur or the Superintendent of Police, District: Gazipur or the Upazila Engineer, Upazila: Sadar, District: Gazipur or the undersigned on submission of a written application upon the payment of a non-refundable fee as mentioned in para-2 for each set in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Gazipur. Additional sets of bidding documents may be purchased at the same price.

The bidding documents will be available during office hours from 10/12/2004 to 11/01/2005. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of amount as mentioned in table, para-2, in the form of Bank Draft, Pay Order/Sanchay Patra/Demand Draft/Bank Guarantee drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Gazipur.

All bids must be delivered to the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District: Gazipur or the Superintendent of Police, District: Gazipur or the Upazila Engineer, Upazila: Sadar, District: Gazipur.

Or the undersigned on or before 1.00 PM of 12/01/2005. Bids will be opened at 2.00 PM on 12/01/2005 at the office of the undersigned in presence of the bidders or their authorised representatives who choose to attend.

Bidders may deliver/submit bids personally or by registered mail or by courier services, etc. and bids must reach to the office(s) mentioned at para-7 on or before 1.00 PM of 12/01/2005. A general information regarding the bidding will be available at the LGED, Web Site

(http://www.lged.org) & cptu web site(www.cptu.bd). The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.

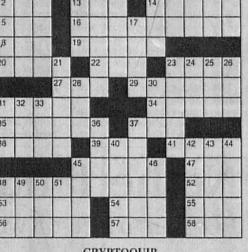
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APJPDUIP Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A CARPENTER GETS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A CRIMINAL

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.



CRYPTOQUIP

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ACT, I SUPPOSE HE'S NAILED. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals O there," the German said. "It is no use with a superb reverse flick, but Pau

Pakistan again for the bronze medal, I think it will be a different story."

said. "It is a must-win situation for us now and I am confident we will pass the test."

15th minute with a stinging shot

Spain narrowed the margin just before the interval when Santiago

Freixa sliced through the Dutch defence and pushed home. Klaver made it 3-1 after the break

Ouemada kept Spain afloat by converting a penalty corner in the 57th minute. Spain pressed for a 3-3 deadlock in the last quarter but Klaver put the match beyond Spain's reach with

"We are still not playing at our best but the important thing is that we are in the final," said Dutch coach Terry Walsh. Spain's Dutch coach Maurits

Hendriks said the match was closer

his third goal in the penultimate

minute of the match.

than the scoreline suggested. In the day's third match between two bottom-of-the-table teams, Germany drew with New Zealand 1-1 after Jan-Marco Montag equalised Kiwi Phillip Burrows's 26th minute goal in the 45th.

### Green signal FROM PAGE 13

The security team was apparently satisfied with the venue, which has no high-rise building adjacent to it, but asked the local organisers to take steps to keep the parking lot at the Agrabad Hotel free of vehicles of non-cricket related persons, the source added.

## Local Govt Engineering Department