# SPORT

RU cricket

Anthropology Department defeated

English Department by 57runs and

Physiology Department recorded a

tense two-wicket win against

Islamic Studies Department in the

inter-department cricket tourna-

ment of Rajshahi University (RU) on

Wining the toss, Anthropology Department batted fast and they

made 112 before being all out in 25

overs. English were dismissed for

reached their target with two wick-ets to spare while chasing Islamic

Shield cricket

Rookies George Bailey and David

Dawson rescued Tasmania on the

opening day of their Sheffield Shield

cricket match against New South

Wales at the Sydney Cricket Ground

game with three of their most expe-

rienced batsmen -- Jamie Cox,

Michael DiVenuto and Dan Marsh --

out through injuries but ended the

was on 38 and Xavier Doherty was

made 70 off 105 balls with 11 fours

after Tasmania had slipped to 122 for

Opener Dawson, in his fifth first-

For NSW, former Test leg-spinner

Stuart MacGill took 3-83, left-arm

medium pacer Nathan Bracken 2-30

and off-spinner Jason Krejza 2-63.

Mega Power

Acting captain Damien Wright

Bailey, in his first-class debut,

Tasmania went into the four-day

AFP, Sydney

on Thursday.

day on 266 for seven.

on 13 at stumps.

five just before tea.

class match, made 65.

In the other match, Physiology

RU CORRESPONDENT

## Roddick hires

World number two Andy Roddick is set to hook up with his US Davis Cup assistant coach after sacking Brad

Roddick, whom Gilbert steered to a maiden grand slam title and the world number one ranking in 2003. axed the flamboyant coach after just one-and-a-half seasons, giving no

Gilbert for the 2005 season is based this time," Roddick said.

private matter between player and

FROM PAGE 13 racing against time to shake off a back injury. If Baisya, who underwent a fitness test yesterday, is declared unfit, Mashrafee bin-Mortuza and teenagers Nazmul Hossain and Jubair will form the attack. 19-year-old Jubair last played a Test in December 2002 while Nazmul, two years younger, is set for

ing in the changes, India retained the same squad that played in

Both the sides trained at the MA Aziz Stadium under unprecedented

"The wicket looks good, a bit damp. The ball will seam around a bit. Obviously this place is hotter than Dhaka so it may dry up a bit

Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore emphasised on the importance of 'a few partnerships' ahead of the match and skipper Habibul Bashar agreed. The Tigers' premier batsman was also desperately looking for a start from where they can build an innings and a bit of

new ball in the last match and key will be whether we can see the shine off."

### Tuffey drafted

FROM PAGE 13 All rounder Chris Harris is out of the series after having an operation to

series is in Auckland on December 26. The teams also play a two-match Test series in the New Year.

### ODISOUAD

Stephen Fleming (captain), Nathan Astle, Mathew Sinclair, Hamish Marshall, Scott Styris, Chris Cairns, Jacob Oram, Brendon McCullum, Daryl Tuffey.

Academy team.

with 3-47 from 12 overs.

chipped in with two wickets for 78 from 32 overs.

Chaminda Vidarana (2) and Chanaka Welasedara (1) were the two unbeaten batsmen at the crease.

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A goalmouth action during the Abahani-Usha clash of the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

## Marsh puts England coaching atop

Cricket

England now have the best cricket coaching system in the world and are ready to start challenging the dominance of world champions Australia, according to Rod Marsh.

Marsh, Australia's former wicketkeeper and the outgoing director of England's national academy, said: "The introduction of the academy (in 2001) was the culmination. It was the last building block." In an interview with next

month's issue of The Wisden by saying cricket's not played in

West Indies have picked their squad

for the forthcoming tour of Australia,

but the drawn-out dispute over con-

tracts has delayed its announcement

picked a team and sent it to the

board," Bennett King, the coach, told

dealt with, relating to some players."

PROM PAGE 13 His dismissal left Australia in real

trouble going into lunch at 72 for

four and the situation worsened

Australia reeling at 78 for five but it

was then the Australians began to

"The selectors, including myself,

There are some matters to be

It is understood that 18 names include it in the tour payments."

Cricket

until next week.

Cricketer magazine, he said the new structure of English cricket was tailored to identifying and nurturing world-class performers.

"It used to be hard to see what happened from Under-19 level through to international cricket; now...it's a smooth transition."

Marsh, recruited by England after fulfilling the same role with young cricketers in Australia, added: I would expect everyone who plays for England in the next 20 years to spend time at Loughborough, either through youth cricket, the academy orspecialist camps.
"All people ever do is put it down

were submitted to the board, includ-

causing the current delay, Dinanath

Ramnarine, the president of the West

Indies Players' Association, indicated

camp. We also agreed to wear the

Digicel clothing during the camp," he

compensated for this, and while they

won't be paid during the camp, we will

negotiate their fees with the board

ahead of the Australia tour and

that some concerns still remained.

Although it is not apparent what is

"We agreed to attend the training

"But the players are entitled to be

schools, but England has the best

"The best sides are those with players putting pressure on the 1st XI, who perform because they have to perform. If this happens, England have a genuine chance of beating the best in the world."

Marsh, who has decided to stand down from his England academy post in 2005, said England's battery of fast bowlers were looking "like the best in the world", adding: "People are starting to believe that here is a pretty good England team. You don't win seven Tests out of seven unless you play good cricket."

coaching system in the world.

Adrian Saunders, who is Chief

Justice of the Eastern Caribbean

Supreme Court, is the arbitrator of the

dispute. His conclusions are expected

completed training camp and prac-

would like it to be," he told the Nation

fast bowlers being more consistent and penetrative." But he added that

the coaching team was working with

the players and there had already been

King admitted that the recently-

"The bowling is not as strong as we

"I would have preferred to see the

to be released at the weekend.

tice matches had been revealing.

### **Cup Cricket** PRESS RELEASE WI delay naming squad

The Mega Power Cup Cricket Tournament 2004-05 began yester-day at the Meghna ghat Power Limited cricket ground.

The tournament is being organized by Globeleq Bangladesh. Six multinational companies are participating in this tournament. These are: Globeleq Bangladesh, Unilever Bangladesh Limited, British American Tobacco Bangladesh Limited, BOC Bangladesh Limited, Nestle Bangladesh Limited and Citibank NA Bangladesh.

Globeleq Bangladesh played Citi Bankin the inaugural match.

### Нарру Henman!

REUTERS, London

Tim Henman's best year on the tennis tour was capped on Wednesday by the birth of his sec-

The British number one and wife Lucy are to call the girl Olivia. Their first child, Rosie, was born in 2002.

"I am absolutely delighted," the 30-year-old said. "This year has been fantastic for a

number of reasons and to top off what I achieved on court with the birth of our second child is a real

### Atapattu

FROM PAGE 13

Atapattu predicted a tough series, especially after New Zealand's 1-1 draw with Australia in the recent Chappell-Hadlee Trophy.

"They are a tough team in their own conditions and, although they don't have a lot of stars, they have been playing very competitively as a g r o u p , "he said.

"They have the advantage of

playing at home but this is also the best time for us to make a mark and prove ourselves in New Zealand. "Only (seam bowler) Chaminda

Vaas out of the senior players has played much cricket there, so this will be a new experience for us.

"Fortunately, we have four days of training before our first practice match and then two practice games

before the one-day series. "This gives us plenty of time to adjust to the climatic conditions and the pitches. We'll try and figure out

within the first week what our strategies are going to be." The squad were blessed by Buddhist monks at Sri Lanka Cricket's headquarters in Colombo before their flight.

They left without spin wizard Muttiah Muralitharan, still recovering after shoulder surgery in August. 'I am pretty confident that he will be available for the Test series," said

Atapattu. "He says he is getting better day by day and bowled four overs at normal speed on Tuesday.

The cricket board is arranging for him to participate in a practice game (on December 27) and when he is ready he can hopefully join us in New Zealand." The squad also left without coach

John Dyson, who has missed the last 10 days of training to attend to personal issues in Australia. Dyson will join up with the team later in the

The five-match ODI series starts in Auckland on December 26.

### Proteas target Harmison

Cricket

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

South Africa's batsmen will look to dominate England fast bowler Stephen Harmison in the Test series that starts in Port Elizabeth on Friday, captain Graeme Smith said on

"He (Harmison) is a big confidence bowler and we need to put him on the back foot," Smith told a news conference.

"We've worked hard on facing fast bowling in our preparations and we've grown up on pace and bounce. We expect a good challenge in our home conditions.

Harmison is the world's topranked fast bowler and will spearhead what is widely regarded as the superior attack of the two.

Smith said he expected a "tough, iery, aggressive" series. "England have come with a team

that plays aggressive cricket. "It's important that we hit them hard and early and put them under

ressure," he said. South Africa's young team, ranked sixth in the world, cannot match England, who are second on

the ladder, in terms of experience but Smith saw that as an advantage. "We have a big unknown factor that could squash out the inexperi-

encefactor," he said. Smith confirmed that left-arm spinner Nicky Boje, who is recovering from thyroid surgery, would withdraw from the squad and that fast bowler Dale Steyn would make his

There was more positive news about all rounder Jacques Kallis, who was unable to bowl in the Test series in India last month because of a side

"It looks as if Jacques will be able to bowl, although we're preparing as if he won't be able to," Smith said.

The pitch being prepared for the match appeared patchy and soft on Thursday morning but Smith seemed unperturbed at the thought of facing England's attack on an under-prepared surface.

"I'm sure it will dry out a lot today, and there is more hot weather forecast for the weekend," he said.

"It looks a pretty good Test

Smith, who became captain in 2003 after playing just eight Tests, all at home, established himself at international level by scoring double centuries in the first two Tests of the

drawn series in England last year. He described his tenure as captain so far as a "rollercoaster year".

Under Smith South Africa have won eight of 20 Tests, drawn six and

But only four of those matches, against the West Indies last season, a series South Africa won 3-0, were

There was success in England and against the West Indies, but also tough tours on the sub-continent,"

"I sit here a more battle-hardened player. When I became captain I trusted myself a lot, but now perhaps I've become more methodical and I trust myself a little less."

### Marion sues accuser

REUTERS, San Francisco

Track and field great Marion Jones, who has seen her reputation sullied by allegations of steroid use, has sued the head of the BALCO lab for defamation, saying he falsely accused her of dop-

The 25 million dollar (12.9 million pound) lawsuit was the latest salvo in the global steroid scandal around BALCO, a San Francisco-area lab whose owner Victor Conte recently said he provided Jones with steroids and sawher using them.

"Conte has falsely and maliciously accused Jones of taking banned performance enhancing drugs," her attorneys said in the lawsuit, filed in US District Court for Northern California.

"Conte's vendetta against Jones has its roots in Conte's repeatedly unsuccessful efforts to develop a professional relationship with Jones," he suit said on Wednesday.

"Driven by his long-standing vendetta with Jones, Conte seems willing to do and say whatever it takes to destroy her career and reputation."

Although he faces federal steroid distribution charges that could land him up to two years in jail, Conte admitted in a television interview and sports magazine article earlier this month that he did indeed traffic in steroids.

Since those revelations, the International Olympic Committee has set up a disciplinary commission to investigate Conte's allegations against Jones. In a statement to Reuters on

Wednesday, Contestood by his allegations that he witnessed Jones using steroids in a drug programme he

## Series of serious

Steyn, 21, was picked for the squad after just seven first-class games. When he reported for a training camp in Pretoria last weekend it was the first time he had met senior players Shaun Pollock and Kallis, while when the side assembled in Port Elizabeth Tuesday it was the first time he had visited the coastal

With fast bowling expected to dominate the series, South African coach Ray Jennings found an unorthodox way to get his batsmen used to pace again after their recent series on the slow pitches of India.

He had Davis Cup tennis player Wesley Whitehouse serving a red tennis ball at them at speeds beyond the capability of even the fastest

Steve Harmison, currently the top-ranked bowler in world Test cricket, will lead a strong England pace attack but a key factor will be how quickly Harmison, Matthew Simon Jones or James Anderson find the right length to get the most advantage from what is expected to be a well-grassed St George's Park

South African assistant coach Vincent Barnes noted after coaching the South Africa A side in Potchefstroom that the home bowlers had made better use of the conditions than the Englishmen.

While the England bowlers did not hit top form in Potchefstroom, it was the side's poor batting that caused most concern in the England

England's top order batsmen struggled, showing the effects of a two-and-half month break from first-class cricket since the end of the English season. Mark Butcher's place in the

important number three batting position is likely to be debated. Three innings in South Africa have brought just nine runs, while

rival Robert Key slammed 87 in a low-key one-day warm-up game. Butcher's experience and appetite for the big occasion give him an edge but the tour selectors will be worried that both Butcher and

Graham Thorpe failed twice in Potchefstroom. England captain Michael Vaughan, who made a secondinnings century in Potchefstroom, acknowledged that the team performed poorly against South Africa A and expects a higher level of intensity in the Test match as England

successive Test wins. England, beaten in two previous series in South Africa, have climbed to second place in the world Test rankings, a position long occupied by South Africa, while South Africa have slipped to sixth.

seek to extend a sequence of seven

Since the sides shared an exciting series in England in 2003, South Africa have lost away series against Pakistan, Sri Lanka and India and drawn against New Zealand. They have an impressive home

Indies 3-0 in a four-match series last Smith said his team did not see themselves as underdogs, despite

record, however, and beat the West

recent poor results. 'We're very confident, we've worked hard and we're backingourselves to win in our home condi-

SOUTH AFRICA (from): Graeme Smith (captain), AB de Villiers, Jacques Rudolph, Jacques Kallis, Hashim Amla, Boeta Dippenaar, Zander de Bruyn, Shaun Pollock Andrew Hall, Nicky Boje, Thami Tsolekile, Makhaya Ntini, Dale

ENGLAND (from): Michael Vaughar (captain), Marcus Trescothick, Andrew Strauss, Mark Butcher Graham Thorpe, Andrew Flintoff, Geraint Jones, Ashley Giles, Matthew Hoggard, Simon Jones, Steve Harmison, Robert Key, Paul Collingwood, James Anderson, Gareth Batty, Chris Read. Umpires: Simon Taufel and Darrell

Hair (both Australian).

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### 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.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals C

### new coach REUTERS, London

Gilbert at the weekend.

"The decision to not rehire Brad on what I think is best for my game at

"Any more on this situation is a

### Tigers all

his Test debut.

While the home team were ring-Dhaka.

security with no one including the press allowed into the ground. The only pointer regarding the possible character of the wicket came from Indian captain Sourav Ganguly.

"We couldn't put up a fight in the last match, doing that will be our target. Putting up a resistance will be our aim too. We couldn't handle the

repair the shoulder he injured in the second match against Australia. The first match of the one-day

Muttaliph mutipies FROM PAGE 13 deliveries for the second batch of the

Bangladesh Test cap Tareg Aziz. when newcomer Michael Clarke, the hero of Australia's tour of India, who removed opener Amila fell straight after lunch, caught by Sadaruwan in the first over of the Inzamam in slips off Akhtar for one. day, was the peak of the local attack Pakistan, who had appeared Left-arm spinner Enamul Ir despondent earlier in the tour, clearly had their tails up with

> steady the ship, taking advantage of the tiring pace attack and the change in tempo offered by allrounder Abdul Razzaq and spinner Danish Kaneira. With one-day specialist Adam Gilchrist at the crease with Langer

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the pair set about demoralising the Pakistanis once more -- adding 152 runs from 176 balls.

total to 100 then piled on 100 runs in

The pair lifted the Australian

Langer defies Pakistan 17 overs at almost a run a ball as they went on the attack while Inzamam tried to slow the onslaught by bringing Akhtar and Sami back into the

But Langer, who has never been dismissed for less than a hundred at Test level after reaching 85, showed he was determined to stand his

ground finally clocking up his 21st Test hundred off 166 balls. His jubilation was evident as he punched the air and danced down the wicket after nudging Razzaq to mid-wicket for a single to reach his goal just before tea. His innings

included 11 fours and two beautifully-timed sixes. His subsequent 50 came 60 balls later and included a further four

boundaries, including one through mid-off which brought up his 150. Gilchrist, always the more flamboyant of the two, reached 69 before he was bowled by Razzaq on 69 in

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ZY TEYDOZYC Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A PHYSICIST CAN'T COMPLETE HIS CHORES, PERHAPS HE HAS TOO MANY IONS IN THE FIRE

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

aninnings which featured 10 boundaries off 78 balls. Tailender Jason Gillespie who contributed 24, formed an 80-run partnership with Langer for the eighth wicket.

> SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the first Test between Australia and Pakistan at the Western Australian Cricket Association ground on Thursday: **AUSTRALIA: First innings**

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5-78, 6-230, 7-253, 8-333 To bat: McGrath Bowler O M Akhtar 20 89 Sami 23 94 Khalil 16 59 0 Razzaq 12 0 55 Kaneira 15 49 PAKISTAN: Inzamam, Farhat, Butt, Younis, Youhana, Akmal, Razzaq, Akhtar, Sami, Kaneria, Khalil

### Abahani back

Umpires: Billy Bowden (New

Zealand) and Rudi Koertzen (South

Toss: Pakistan.

goalline save.

Africa).

Prakash could have had his treble soon but he failed to connect the ball from one yard out of goal after Jimmy did the spadework at the left.

wide, Tabib converted a 53rd minute penalty-corner to reduce the margin for the old-town outfit. Abahani custodian Bappi made a fine save to deny Mazharul and saw a series of Usha attempts miss narrowly as the holders survived a late scare before creating two more chances.

Usha kept pressing and after captain Shuva blasted a chance

But Jimmy could not score a deserved third goal as Usha goalie Zahid blocked a fierce reverse hit from the striker before Piplu made a

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