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CJKS DIV I SOCCER

Shariful scores hattrick for Shatadal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Shatadal Club thrashed Muktijoddha Sangsad 5-0 while Madarbari Udoyan blanked Abahani Junior 2-0 in the CJKS-Flite Paint First Division Football League at the MAAziz Stadium yesterday.

Satadal rode on a brilliant hattrick from their striker Shariful for their second successive win. They won their first match against Rising

Shariful opened the floodgates in the 18th minute with a perfect header off a Raian cross. He doubled the margin in the 60th minute and completed the second hattrick of the league after a solo run in the 79th minute.

In day's other match, substitute Nayan scored both the goals for Udoyan in the 36th and 42nd minute

On Monday, Sentu of Customs Excise and VAT Club became the first player to notch a hattrick as they recorded an easy 3-1 win over

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REUTERS/AFP, undated

England's summer

England's first Ashes triumph over

Australia for almost two decades

triggered widespread celebrations

headline while another, in the Daily

Telegraph, read "A glorious end to

declared the Times in a reference to

the Ashes being regained by

England after Australia's record

eight series victories in a row before

England, who lost the opening

Test at Lord's by 229 runs before

clinching the series 2-1 after draw-

ing the fifth and final match at The

Oval, last won the Ashes in 1986-87.

national cricket team have touched

the most abysmal depths of incom-

netence. England have risen dizzily,

proudly and at times rather uncer-

tainly to the loftiest peak their sport

wing from the ashes of defeatism."

England's "phenomenal summer"

and Kevin Pietersen's "astounding

Michael Vaughan has admitted that

England still have some work to do

before they can claim to be top dogs

in world cricket, starting with series

Despite his side's Ashes triumph

"They have won home and away

Vaughan accepts that Australia are

still the pre-eminent force in the

for a number of years, and we have

yet to win on the sub-continent as a

side," the England skipper said.

victories in Pakistan and India.

global game.

"After 16 years, a phoenix takes

The Guardian spoke of

can offer." reported the Times.

Cricket

"After 16 years in which the

"On top of the world" ran one

'Cricket's coming home,"

in the British media on Tuesday.

Sania sent packing

AFP, Nusa Dua

India's controversial rising star Sania Mirza became Tuesday the first seed to be knocked out of the 225.000dollar WTA Wismilak tennis tournament on the Indonesian resort island of

Eighth-seeded Mirza, 18, lost her first round singles match 6-3, 6-2 in just 57 minutes to unseeded Russian Ekaterina Bychkova

"Everyone has bad days and it's my bad day today," said Mirza, who reached the fourth round of the US Open earlier this month.

"I wasn't really in it. I was not in mv rhythm," she said, praising the play of her opponent and unable to explain the loss except to say she was rushing too much.

Sania mania gripped India when she reached the third round of the Australian Open in January, won the WTA Hyderabad Open in February and beat reigning US Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova in Dubai in

March. For her defeat Tuesday she wore a short skirt similar to those for which Muslim clerics in India have criticised her. They have accused Mirza, herself a Muslim, of playing "half-naked" and being a corrupting influence on

Although knocked out of singles play in Bali, Mirza is to play in a doubles match on Wednesday.

BD-SL SCOREBOAR

FROM PAGE 12						
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Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-35, 3-35						
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Justin Langer registered his 22nd century

in the fifth Ashes Test -- his fourth against

England, Twelve of his 22 hundreds have been

recorded by him in the final Test of a series



Defeated Australian captain Ricky Ponting insisted that Australia could still claim to be regarded as the world's best side.

"England fully deserved their result. The truth is they outplayed us for all four Tests after the first one," Ponting said.

return home this week without the Ashes, less than two months after We must prove ourselves'

England have not allowed us to.

"I would still rank England sec-

ond. We are regarded number one

in the world for what we have

achieved over a long period of time."

Ponting expects to keep his post

Despite the series defeat,

"I can't say I expect it to be a

"All the guys have given it their

England selector Geoff Miller

great reception for us when we

best shot, we have just not played

well. I don't feel obliged to recon-

said the cricket team had to be wary

of avoiding the fate of the England's

rugby team, who have slumped

Cup and from then things haven't

gone quite as they would have

do is go to Pakistan and India and

win there -- which is very difficult.

The game never stops and we have

to make sure that we continue to

shadow team, a peripheral team.

You're picking a family, a big squad -

- in one or two areas we need a bit of

"What we want to do is create a

wanted since then," Miller said.

"The rugby lads won the World

'What we have to make sure we

since winning the 2003 World Cup.

sider my position."

arrive (back in Australia)," he said.

A goalmouth action from yesterday's CJKS-Elite Paint First Division Football League encounter between Shatadal Club and Muktijoddha

English media delight

maiden Test century" which brought

brushed off three dropped catches

to score a magnificent 158 and

ensure England a draw on the last

day of the weather-affected series

said: "There has been no greater

champion this summer than (Aus-

tralia leg spinner Shane) Warne and

yesterday he added a further six

wickets to the half-dozen he took in

McGrath will be not back but of

Warne one should never say never,

and who became the first man to

pass 600 Test wickets earlier in the

series, mopped up the England tail

on Monday to take his series tally to

Australian cricket is expected in the

wake of relinquishing the Ashes to

England after a titanic five-Test

series, Australian media said

Ricky Ponting's tourists will

Meanwhile, a major shake-up of

"(Australia fast bowler Glenn)

Warne, one of the game's greats

However, the Guardian also

decider at The Oval.

the first innings.

he is that astounding."

40 at 19.92 apiece.

South Africa-born Pietersen

him the man-of-the-match award.

"There are not too many regrets for us. But we have not played our Miller believes the true test of best cricket, mainly because England's development will be in the next Ashes series.

"The statistics say Australia are best in the world, and quite rightly so. We've got to continue to win and play Australia in Australia, which is a different ball game.

"We have to keep our feet on the ground and continue to improve." If England do that, Australian legspinner Shane Warne sees no reason why they should not become

the world's number one side. "If they play like they have through this series they could be the best side in the world once they've played everybody home and away n a few years' time." he reasoned.

Even if England do go on to knock Australia off the top of the world rankings, Vaughan doubts that the drama of the just-finished series will ever be repeated.

"The response the public has given us throughout the whole summer means I am not too sure cricket will ever get to the same level again," Vaughan said.

"I hope it does and I play in many more like this -- but it is unlikely.

"It has been an extraordinary team effort, and I am just the lucky one who picked up the urn."

Daily Star storm into last eight SPORTS REPORTER

The Daily Star dazzled into the quarterfinals of the Pepsi-DRU Inter-House Six-a-side cricket tournamen

It was yet another all-wicket success for the youthful Star team desnite the Daily Sangram put up a better fight the Maulana Bhasani Stadium.

The Bangla daily scored a fighting 65 but Star opener Jasimuddin Khan (24) and captain Rabeed Iman (23) chased that target in just 3.2 overs.

The Daily Star will face the Daily Naya Diganta in the quarterfinals Jasim, who also took two wickets,

was adjudged man-of-the-match. Also moved into the last eight were the Daily Janakantha, Samakal, Ajker Kagai and Amar Desh.

Australia A lose to Pakistan A

REUTERS, Karachi

PHOTO: STAR

ing, 239-run victory in the first Test at

talkback radio was that England

thoroughly deserved their series

victory and that it was a fillip for

cricket overall, there will be a fall-out

probably played their last Test

match for Australia, most likely

struggling fast bowlers Jason

Gillespie and Michael Kasprowicz,

while senior batsman Damien

Martyn is another under the gun

"The selectors must decide

quickly whether the winds of change

will blow through the side for the

Super Series against the rest of the

World in Melbourne and Sydney

next month," The Australian's

"Continuing failures in that

"Otherwise fading batsmen will

intense program of three one-day

matches and a six-day Test must be

fill their boots against the hapless,

hopeless West Indian bowlers

during the three-Test series this

October, giving a false impression

Several of the tourists have

over this hard-felt defeat.

after a poor series.

Malcolm Conn said.

that everything is okay.

punished.

While consensus here on

Pakistan beat Australia A by seven wickets in their unofficial four-day Test in Rawalpindi on Tuesday.

A day after their senior side surrendered the Ashes to England, the Australians were bowled out for 130 in their second innings leaving Pakistan needing just 114 for

Test openers Shoaib Malik (38) and Salman Butt (47) put on a first wicket stand of 76 runs to set Pakistan on their way to victory in three days.

Leg-spinner Cameron White took the three Pakistan wickets. The Australians failed to

recover from a shaky 33 for five wickets. Captain Brad Haddin top scored with 34 before becoming one of Mohammad Sami's four victims in the innings.

Sami finished with seven wickets in total for the match and took 4-33 during Australia's second innings.

The second and final four-day match begins on September 17.

Warne undecided FROM PAGE 12

regarded as one of the best series of

But the only man to take 600 Test wickets, told reporters after stumps he'd made no plans about his Test future having earlier this year separated from his wife Simone, the mother of his three young children.

Ashes reward

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team, who on Monday won back the Ashes from Australia for the first time in 18 years, aboard an opentop bus parading through London

Tens of thousands of fans were expected to pack the streets as their heroes celebrate their 2-1 win in the five-match series, which was sealed by a draw in the final Test that ended

A typical

but Enamul Haque Jr, despite finding occasional big turn from the track, could not break the Lankan batters' concentration.

It was Bangladesh's top bowler Rafigue, who caught the rivals in his spinning web and came out smiling with a five-wicket haul, his sixth in 21 Tests, to put behind last week's training bust-up with coach Dav Whatmore. The incident cost leftarm spinner 75 per cent of his match fee but the performance bonus certainly will make up for it.

support, chipping in with two wickets

Whatmore

tion. It's an indication of his potential talent. It was not a great debut but he will do okay," he added.

ted that Bangladesh threw away a good start. "Our batting made a good start

and our bowling was good. But the problem is that when we get an opportunity, we can't utilise it. I'm sure that they handled two top class spinners and Chaminda Vaas and scoring near 300 was not difficult."

"In that case Sri Lanka would have been under pressure after losing early three wickets and their lead would have been around 50-60. "We have to be consistent and

play well on a regular basis if we eye to win. The players must realise that they have to adapt to all conditions," Faruque added.

who often shows any emotion but this time, he was happy after taking his sixth five-wicket haul.

"It is my first Test against Sri Lanka although I have visited here often. So

"I am dedicating this to my country

We're still No 1: Ponting

Belief got us the Ashes: Vaughan

Cricket

AFP, London

Australian captain Ricky Ponting refused to be panicked despite leading his side to their first Ashes defeat since 1986-87.

Ponting has been under fire from his home press, ever since winning the toss at Edgbaston and disastrously putting England into bat in the second Test where England won by two runs to level the series at 1-1.

But Ponting is adamant that England's first win -- 2-1 in the series - for nearly two decades will not take the shine off the brilliance of his side that has ruled world cricket since they beat the West Indies in 1995.

"We are the number one side in the world and they are number two (England) but there has been some unbelievable cricket." said Ponting.

"If they keep playing like that, they are a very good side. I am not too worried about this series -- we have just been outplayed."

As the series boiled up it seemed like becoming a head-to-head between the two icons of the game each side of the Equator.

Shane Warne took 40 wickets in the series to become the highest wicket taker in the history of Ashes cricket whilst Andrew Flintoff carved a niche for himself in English folklore by taking 23 wickets and scoring 402 runs in the series. "We have played well below our

best," said Ponting. "He (Flintoff) is a player any side in the world would want.'

Flintoff sought to deflect the attention away from himself, preferring to praise Kevin Pietersen whose 158 paved the way to England's "The way he played was unbeliev-

able," said Flintoff. "It was one of the great innings

under extreme pressure and epitomised what this team is all about. When something needs doing someone is there to do it.

"It has been a great summer, really special. I have watched the Ashes since I was a kid and to play in something like this is unbelievable.

Self-belief played a huge part in England regaining the Ashes after 18 years said their captain Michael

Vaughan praised Pietersen -playing just his fifth Test match -- but also the rest of the team.

"Kevin Pietersen was outstanding, but there have been a load of individual performances throughout the summer. "It has been a hell of a lot of hard

work but they believed in themselves and they expressed themselves out on the pitch.' Pietersen said he had missed out a couple of times earlier in the series

but had stepped up to the plate when really needed. "It is fantastic. The boys have been amazing I'm speechless really

and the last two months have been fantastic. Pietersen said that the comments about his diamond earrings had

annoyed him in the past week but he had shown those critics that he was more than just a show pony. "Wearing the earrings its not going to make me cover drive any

differently. I showed today that I am not just a glamour boy. "Its amazing to have my mum and

brother sitting up there. It is just His fellow South African-born

teammate Andrew Strauss said it had been a rollercoaster few months. "It has been seven weeks of

emotional turmoil "I am proud to be part of this team.

"Everyone has contributed this season. It makes you proud to be representing your country. "We have just been on the very

edge of our nerves all summer. It was a great privilege to watch Kevin Australia play a series against

South Africa starting in November but question marks are already being raised about the make-up of their

Troy Cooley, an Australian, has been an integral part of England's success this summer -- acting as

bowling coach. **SCOREBOARD**

Final scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the fifth and final Ashes Test between England and Australia at The Oval in London on Monday: ENGLAND: First innings 373 (Strauss 129, Flintoff 72; Warne 6-

AUSTRALIA: First innings 367 (Hayden 138, Langer 105; Flintoff 5-

78, Hoggard 4-97) ENGLAND: Second innings (over-

night 34-1) Trescothick Ibw b Warne Strauss c Katich b Warne

Vaughan c Gilchrist b McGrath 45 Bell c Warne b McGrath Pietersen b McGrath Flintoff c and b Warne Collingwood c Ponting b Warne 10 Giles b Warne Hoggard not out Harmison c Hayden b Warne Extras: (b-4, w-7, nb-5) Total: (All out in 91.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-67, 3-67, 4-109,

5-126, 6-186, 7-199, 8-308, 9-335 O M R W Bowler 26 McGrath 3 85 Lee 20 88 Warne 38.3 2 124 Clarke

0 28 AUSTRALIA: Second innings Langer not out Hayden not out Extras: (lb-4) Total: (For no loss in 0.4 overs) 4

Result: Match drawn and England win five-Test series 2-1. Man-of-the-match: Kevin Pietersen.

England man-of-the-series: Andrew Flintoff. Australian man-of-the-series:

Waugh's caution

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Test cricket's most successful captain Steve Waugh Tuesday cautioned selectors against rushing into making impulsive changes to the Australian team following their Ashes series defeat to England.

Waugh, 40, said some of his former teammates were reaching the crossroads of their cricket careers and some changes were likely in the next couple of years but he urged for clear heads to prevail at the selection table.

England upset the odds by beating the world champion Australians 2-1 by drawing the fifth and final Test at The Oval on Monday to regain Ashes after more than 16 years.

"They'll have a couple of players in mind which they will bring in the side over the next couple of years, Waugh told Channel Nine

"I think at the moment you have to have clear heads and just wait a couple of weeks, reassess the whole series, see what went wrong

and just see whether changes are necessary or not. "It's a very good side, a really experienced side. They will be

disappointed but they will move on from it.' Team members will begin arriving home over the next two days with skipper Ricky Ponting to speak to the media late Wednesday at Sydney Airport

upon his arrival. Selector and former Test batsman David Boon has spoken of the need for careful selection policies with the Australian team.

"Sometimes you're going have to make a hard decision to keep a subtle rotation going through so you don't have mass retirements," Boon told The Australian newspaper

"But you've also got to be realistic. If somebody is scoring 100s upon 100s, or taking five wickets every time they bowl, you've still got to be aware you're picking the best cricket team you possibly can to represent your country.

"It's a little difficult but it's a scenario we're aware of. Within the realms of reality we try to achieve a three to five-year cycle rather than

an immediate impact. "Obviously it (age) is something

we've got to monitor but I believe if we keep producing cricketers who are 25 plus, they're mature, they're ready to play, they've still got a seven or eight-year career, then we're doing okay." Waugh, who won 41 of his 57

Tests as Australian captain from 1999 to 2004 before Ponting took over as skipper, said his successor's field settings were conservative during the Ashes campaign.

But he said this was because of the danger of conceding too many boundaries on the English

"The ropes were brought in quite a bit, the fields are smaller now They are much quicker, the outfields," said Waugh, who finished second only to compatriot Allan Border as the highest runscorer in Tests with 10.927 runs in 168 Tests.

"It wasn't Australia's normal aggressive fields. They are playing a little differently these days.

"It worked very well in India. That's not to say it's the wrong way.

"I think England just outplayed Australia. It's been a fantastic series, good for cricket."

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF ONLY A FEW WORKERS REMAINED AT THE CEMETERY, I'D CALL THAT A SKELETON CREW Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals F

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.

HOOKES' KILLING

Bouncer found not guilty



AFP. Melbourne

A bouncer charged with killing former Australian cricket star David Hookes with a deadly punch outside a Melbourne pub was found not

guilty on Monday. Zdravko Micevic was charged with manslaughter after hitting Hookes during an altercation outside the pub in January 2004.

Hookes, a 48-year-old former Test cricketer who was coaching the Victoria state first class team, fell backwards after the punch and hit his head on the road, fracturing his skull. He died in hospital a day after Following five days of delibera-

tions, a supreme court jury of six men and six women found Micevic, 23, not guilty of killing Hookes. Outside the court Micevic said he was "very relieved" by the verdict.

"I'm glad it's all over; I can get on with my life," he said. The defense claimed during the trial that Micevic hit Hookes in selfdefense during an altercation that erupted after the cricketer and his friends were ejected from the pub, where they had been celebrating a match victory Defense lawyers told the court Hookes and his friends acted

aggressively when told to leave the pub at closing time and that the coach was forcibly ejected from the building by security guards. Prosecutors said the bouncer, a

former amateur boxer, had targeted the outspoken cricketer in retaliation Late Zim

Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-45, 3-119, 4-124,

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5-193, 6-197, 7-210	,	-,	-, .	,		
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Pathan	16	3	50	2		
Zaheer	19	5	68	3		
Ganguly	1	1	0	0		
Kumble	26	7	71	2		
Harbhajan	26	5	55	0		
Sehwag	5	1	13	0		
INDIA: Gambhir,	Sel	nwag,	Dra	vid,		
Laxman, Ganguly	/, Υι	ıvraj,	Kart	hik,		
Pathan, Harbhajan, Kumble, Zaheer						
Toss: Zimbabwe.						

The trial opened on August 22. London erupts

for abusive comments Hookes

made earlier in the night.

of the offices, they are on the roofs.

This is something that we'll remember for a very long time," he said. Everyone packing the streets, swarming over the steps of St Paul's Cathedral and clambering on to red

telephone boxes wanted to catch a

picture of Flintoff, clutching his baby

daughter Holly in his hands with his wife Rachel by his side. (\$5.5 million) a year with advertising

endorsements.

The salaries of cricketers have always been dwarfed by the vast sums played to Premier League soccer players but marketing experts said Flintoff's earnings could rocket to three million pounds

And the emotions of a country so spinner said. used to commiserating with its plucky losers in sports England had invented were neatly summed up in one fan's T-shirt slogan: "English Rafique Cricket: Vaughan Again.

FROM PAGE 12 had to rely on two left-arm spinners

Like Whatmore, Faruque admit-

I am happy to achieve such a feat on their soil. It was a challenge for me," said Rafique, who earlier took five wickets in an innings against South Africa, Pakistan (twice), New Zealand and Zimbabwe," the left-arm

Rasel and Shahadat gave good

FROM PAGE 12 Nafees has impressed the opposi-

Mohammad Rafique is not one

because I always play for it. I am not fully fit but played on painkillers," said

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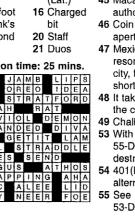
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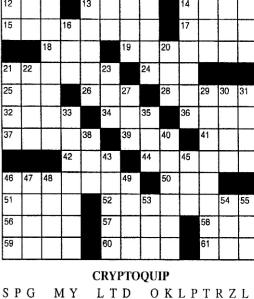
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"I think the time has come to change the Indian captain Sourav Ganguly.

Wasim Akram

I backed Sourav before their tour of Zimbabwe but he looked pretty ordinary out there. He should be replaced with his deputy Rahul Dravid. I am talking about this purely on a cricketing point, nothing personal.