

Golf final held

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The Winter Cup Final Golf Tournament was held at the Bogra Golf Club in Bogra Cantonment area on Friday evening. A total of seventy-three golfers including females and junior golfers participated in this tournament.

Bogra area Major General Sheikh Md. Monirul Islam, psc inaugurated the tournament as the chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners. Mr. Tan Boon Han, General Manager, Asia Pacific, Heineken Farest Ltd and Mr. Belayet Hossain, Chief Executive Officer, BH Enterprise were also present on the occasion.

The Winter Cup Golf Tournament started on January 30.

Boycott looking for his Prince!

CRICINFO, undated

If Sourav Ganguly is expected to bat and Geoffrey Boycott is in town, it is hard to keep him from showing up.

While making his way to the stand next to the press box at the Wankhede, Boycott asked the first soul that looked capable of speaking: "Has the Prince started batting?"

Boycott was heard telling the members at the stand, "I am very happy. My prince is playing for India, and my princess is winning in England."

The princess, of course, is Shilpa Shetty, the Bollywood star, who has recently won the Big Brother, the reality television show. Boycott had earlier, during commentary stints in India, made public no unclear terms his fondness for Shetty.

The considerate 'prince' did not give Boycott too much happiness at this old age and lasted only one delivery. Any chances of seeing him bat again on Sunday were erased when the last-wicket pair for Bengal saw them across the follow-on target.

Proteas punish

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SOUTHAFRICA

De Villiers c Navedul b Afridi	67
Smith st Akmal b Hafeez	72
Bosman c Akmal b Hafeez	4
Kallis not out	88
Prince c Razzaq b Afridi	39
Boucher c Inzamam b Navedul	78
Kemp c Akmal b Navedul	11
Pollack not out	2
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-9, w-16)	31
Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs)	392
Fall of wickets: 1-140, 2-144, 3-167, 4-235, 5-363, 6-380.	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Asif	9	1	61	0
Navedul	8	0	92	2
Sami	7	0	68	0
Hafeez	9	0	69	2
Afridi	10	0	42	2
Malik	6	0	32	0
Razzaq	1	0	22	0
Did not bat: Peterson, Nel, Nitini.				

PAKISTAN	
Hafeez c Smith b Nitini	21
Akmal c Prince b Pollock	13
Yousif c Khan and b Nitini	13
Afridi c Nel b Nitini	17
Yousuf c Smith b Nel	39
Inzamam sub (Hall) b Kallis	15
Malik not out	52
Razzaq c Peterson b Kallis	6
Navedul c Boucher b Kallis	0
Sam c Boucher b Peterson	46
Asif c Prince b Smith	2
Extras: (w-4)	4
Total: (All out in 46.4 overs)	228
Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-37, 3-56, 4-70, 5-119, 6-119, 7-125, 8-125, 9-198.	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	10	0	46	1
Nitini	10	0	51	3
Nel	7	1	26	1
Kallis	5	0	34	3
Peterson	9	1	49	1
Kemp	2	0	13	0
Prince	2	0	3	0
Smith	1.4	0	6	1

Result: South Africa won by 164 runs.

Man-of-the-match: J Kallis

Dilip backs

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much required depth but an all-rounder could send down effective overs that matter in the ultimate analysis.

"In that respect, India can afford to play five bowlers. Besides, Sachin Tendulkar, Yuvraj Singh and Virender Sehwag could send down useful overs," Vengsarkar said, emphasising again that it was all subject to the players being chosen for the quadrennial extravaganza in March-April.

Docked points

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Sheffield United chairman Terry Robinson said: "It is a clear breach of regulations if a club have players found to be owned by other people. We have to rely on the (Premier League) board to make sure justice is done."

Wigan left the Hammers five points adrift in 18th place yesterday and their chief executive Brenda Spencer said: "It's not a witch-hunt against any club but we all have to abide by the regulations."

Robinson added: "I have utmost confidence in the Premier League and there is no doubt in my mind they will impose what they think is correct if there has been a transgression. But I have to stress, only the League is in a position to know whether rules have been transgressed. Clubs such as ourselves can do no more than leave it to them."

Morientes weaves magic

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had manhandled Angel Arizmendi on the edge of the six yard box.

Spain's other leading teams all play on Sunday.

League leaders Barcelona will be looking to bounce back at Osasuna following their shock Spanish Cup defeat to Zaragoza on Wednesday, which was their first in the Nou Camp stadium in any competition this season.

Barca coach Frank Rijkaard sprung a surprise on Saturday by including Samuel Eto'o in his squad.

The Cameroon striker and the Spanish first division's leading scorer last season only returned to



PHOTO: AFP

Swiss number one Martina Hingis smiles as she leans her head gently against the winner's trophy of the Pan Pacific Open after beating Ana Ivanovic of Serbia in Tokyo on Sunday.

Hingis lifts Pan Pacific Open

Tennis

AFP, Tokyo

winners to tie the first set 2-2, but it was her last break opportunity of the match.

Hingis proved the better player in long rallies, winning 19 points in a row from 30-30 in the eighth game to 0-15 in the third game of the second set.

After losing the first set, a disappointed Ivanovic hit three double faults to lose the first game of the second set, and never recovered, allowing Hingis to chalk up a 4-0 lead before cruising to victory.

Hingis notched up a new personal best for the most titles at a single event, besting the four trophies she took home at Filderstadt between 1996 and 2002.

"I knew before the match that I could make the record. I really feel at home being here in front of the crowd and the public have been supporting me the last 10 years I've been able to play here," said Hingis.

Former world number one Lindsay Davenport of the United States had also won four titles in Tokyo between 1997 and 2004.

With her first victory of the season, which brought her a 182,000-dollar cheque, Hingis avenged her two-set loss to Ivanovic at the Montreal final in August last year in their only previous encounter.

"The last time I played her, she had a very fast start, she had a great match in Montreal last year when I lost to her in the final, so after that she gets confidence," said Hingis.

Hingis, who lost her opening service game after four deuces, fired a couple of fine service return

"She just goes for her shots, hits a lot of winners. After the first set, I gained the momentum and in the first game she double faulted three times, I said 'OK, I'll take that.'

"I think against someone like her you have to force to make those errors, they just don't happen. In the second set Ana made too many unforced errors, so she felt the pressure of having to take the risk," added Hingis.

It was Hingis' third title since she made a comeback a year ago from foot, heel and ankle injuries, and her 43rd overall, including three at the Australian Open, one at Wimbledon and one at the US Open.

Meanwhile 19-year-old Ivanovic

said: "At the beginning of the match it was a high quality of tennis, and then suddenly I dropped my concentration a little bit. I started to feel heavy, so I found it hard to move."

"I started to feel better at the end of the second set, but it was too late. She was playing really well, defending unbelievably. She just played an unbelievable match today," she added.

"She had a great tournament to get into the final. Now we have 1-1 (head-to-head against Ivanovic), so hopefully there will be many more finals against each other."

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Bashar hits form

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a few runs short on the board.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the first one-day international between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe at the Harare Sport Club on Sunday:

BANGLADESH

Nafees run out (Utseya)	34
Mehrab c Masakadza b Ireland	12
Aftab c Masakadza b Chigumbura	31
Saqib c Williams b Brent	68
Bashar c Chigumbura b Ireland	78
Ashraful c Mufambis b Mpofu	22
Rafique b Ireland	3
Mortaza c Brent b Mpofu	1
Rahim run out (Utseya)	1
Razzak not out	1
Shahadat not out	0
Extras: (b-2, lb-6, w-1)	9
Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs)	260
Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-68, 3-93, 4-198, 5-248, 6-255, 7-256, 8-258, 9-260.	

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