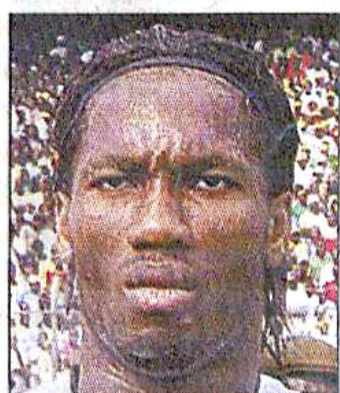
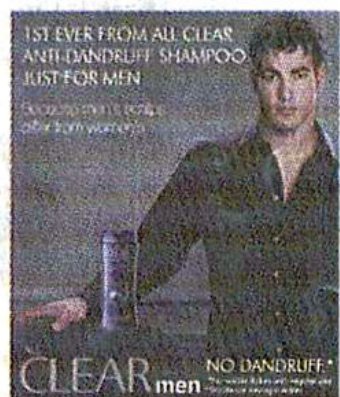


LIPRO
Presents
HIMOINSA
DIESEL GENERATORS
FROM SPAIN
8 KVA - 2500 KVA
Lipro Energy Ltd.
Cell: 9817147, 9817918, 9818082

More Than Just A Job Site
A Platform for Employers and Job Seekers, to Meet and Exchange Information.
Sign Up Now!!
www.chakri.com.bd



Did U Know?
Chris Gayle of the West Indies scored the highest runs in an innings in the just-concluded ICC World Twenty20 Championship. He hammered 117 against South Africa in the opening match of the tournament.



Didier Drogba
(Chelsea's Ivory Coast striker)
"His departure destroys a certain familiarity we had at the club. (Jose) Mourinho's mentality suited us, and it perfectly fitted the image that Chelsea had given off for a number of years."



TEN Sports
Pakistan v South Africa
First Test, Day One
Live from 10:45am
Sri Lanka v England
First ODI
Live from 2:45pm
ESPN
Sportscenter India
Sports News
Live at 8:30pm
English Premier League
Tottenham v Aston Villa
Live at 8:55pm

Yuvraj urges for coach

PTI, New Delhi

Although the BCCI says that appointing a coach for the Indian cricket team is not necessary at the moment, vice-captain Yuvraj Singh feels the post should not be left vacant for long.

The left-hander, who exhibited his exquisite form during India's title triumph in the Twenty20 World Cup in South Africa, said the team needed a coach to keep things under control in the dressing room.

"You need somebody to control the boys and talk to them," Yuvraj told 'Headlines Today'.

Although a huge fan of the Twenty20 format of the game, Yuvraj said he considered Test cricket as the real challenge for a player.

"Test cricket is toughest to play," he said.

He said the fact that there was no pressure to perform on the Indian team helped the side do well at the Twenty20 World Cup.

"Nobody expected us to win, so there was no pressure on us. We played without any fear and won," he remarked.

Giving a thumbs-up to Mahendra Singh Dhoni's captaincy, Yuvraj said, "he did a great job while shouldering the huge responsibility for the first time." The aggressive batsman was optimistic about India's chances in the ongoing seven-match one-day series against Australia.

"If we play as well as we did in South Africa, we can beat them this time too," he said.

BCB sets coach deadline

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has set a deadline to find new national coach by October in its executive committee meeting yesterday.

BCB president and Chief of General Staff Maj Gen Sina Ibn Jamali put forward the proposal, supported by the ad-hoc committee members, in a bid to ensure a permanent national head coach before the next tour to New Zealand in December-January.

"We have decided to appoint a new national coach before October 30. We are hopeful that we will be able to finalise it before the deadline," said media committee vice-chairman Ishtiaque Ahmed, who provided the outcomes of the meeting, adding that Australian coach John Dyson has already expressed his desire to make a presentation before the board.

He said that the 53-year-old Dyson, a former Australia opener who moved into coaching by taking charge of Sri Lanka in 2003, will talk with BCB after returning from his holiday in Canada.

Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, chairman of the cricket operations committee, however was not interested to mention anybody's name now.

"It is better to mention a name only when we can reach a certain

level of communication with someone. It is always good to set a target but that doesn't mean we compromise with our requirements just to meet the deadline. You need some time to locate the candidates," said Lipu.

BCB made a fresh start in search of Dav Whatmore's successor after all three candidates, shortlisted by the previous board, withdrew their names.

As expected, the ad-hoc committee decided to start the National Cricket League, which was scheduled to start from October 5, after Eid-ul-Fitr which meant that the national players' participation in all the matches is unlikely.

"Due to rain in the last few days, the grounds are not ready. As a result, we are not able to start as scheduled and we also felt that the six teams need time to prepare themselves. We will try our best to ensure the national players' participation as much as possible," Ishtiaque informed.

He also informed that the board has decided to stick to their schedule on the relegation playoff of Premier League and it will not hesitate to take a tough stance if necessary. Meanwhile, CCDD will meet with the 12 Premier clubs today to discuss this issue.

"We also discussed about signing a Memorandum of Understanding with NSC about leasing two grounds and we are hopeful that we can settle it within

SEE PAGE 18 COL 1



WOMEN'S REVENGE FOR MEN! The victorious Germany women's team lift the World Cup trophy amidst a sea of confetti after beating Brazil in the final at the Hongkou Stadium in Shanghai on Sunday. PHOTO: AFP

Change in the air

First SA-Pak Test starts today

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Unmistakably, change is in the air. Pakistan and South Africa meet at the National Stadium in Karachi today for the first Test, one eye on the now, one on the future.

South Africa, without any hang-ups, are looking ahead in the one tradition that has served them so richly since their re-admission into cricket, that of pace. Shaun Pollock, even if he does play, may no longer be one of the first names on the team sheet, more so if it is being written in the subcontinent.

Mickey Arthur, South Africa's coach, has been at pains to point out that they are entering "a new era" as far as fast bowling is concerned, though insisting that Pollock has not been shunted out for good. Yet, even if Morné Morkel's fitness is in doubt - though his condition has improved, he is due to undergo a fitness test in the morning - so too is Pollock's inclusion. Understandably, for the choice is not easy: opt for Pollock's batting strength or risk the inexperience of Dale Steyn.

Pakistan contemplate more seismic changes. Captain, vice-captain and coach will do something they have never done before from Monday. Not that Shoaib Malik, Pakistan's 25th Test captain, was letting slip signs of nerves.

"I'm not nervous," Malik said.

"It is my first Test as captain but I have played many Tests. I don't think about challenges as such. I just want to do what is good for Pakistan."

Indeed, his deputy's role and performances may be of equal significance. Salman Butt hasn't played a Test in over a year, his promotion to the post was widely questioned, and though it isn't relevant here, he struggled at the ICC World Twenty20.

Further down there is more intrigue. Mohammad Yousuf never really went away, but he is back. Graeme Smith, the South African captain had accounted for the eventualities. "We expected him to play. When you come on a tour you expect to play against the best. We have respect for him."

Malik was understandably pleased with the same eventualities and so he should be, for when Pakistan bat, they will be doing so without Inzamam-ul-Haq for only the ninth time in 55 home Tests since 1992. "Cricketers come and go, but Inzamam is a great player and we will have to do with what is available," he said. Misbahul Haq, who made an unexpected impact at the World Twenty20, takes his place.

But if change is in the air, so too is spin, and the contest might hinge on this. The pitch appears dry, accompanied by whispers of crumble, cracks and rare talk in the Pakistan camp of two spinners.

Abdur Rehman, the left-arm spinner, might make his debut, making it the first match since the 2005 Bangalore win that two specialist spinners have played. Rehman will also be the first such specialist to represent Pakistan since Nadeem Khan against India in 1999.

Yet given its rarity - Karachi does often produce egalitarian surfaces with something for everyone - both captains spoke of it as a fait accompli. They felt the wicket was well-prepared and appeared dry, the kind of wicket one would expect in the subcontinent.

Not often is Smith out-blinded, but Malik hid no punches when asked about the turn in the track. "They have six fast bowlers and one spinner. Should we play to their strengths?"

Danish Kaneria, two short of 200 Test wickets, 26 in five against South Africa and 26 in five in Karachi is sure to headline one of the days, as Smith acknowledged: "He is a big challenge on the subcontinent." But keen minds will remember that Pakistan has a funny way of succumbing to the category known as left-arm orthodox in which light, Paul Harris might be headlining more often than anyone thinks.

"He's (Harris) going to play an important role," said Smith. "He's quite a confident guy, up for taking responsibility which is always encouraging. He is tall, gets good

SEE PAGE 18 COL 1

Rajib qualifies for World Cup

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib has qualified to play in the World Cup Chess Championship to be held in Russia from November 23.

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman is the other Bangladeshi player who will take part in the high-profile chess meet on special consideration as Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) managed his entrance through FIDE president's special quota.

Rajib however made it on his own by finishing 10th in the sixth Asian Individual Chess Championship, which concluded in Cebu City of the Philippines on Saturday, to qualify for the world meet along with nine

SEE PAGE 18 COL 8

Three share top place

UNB, Dhaka

FIDE Master Abu Sufian, FM Mehdi Hasan and Minhazuddin Ahmed are in joint lead in the Pragati Insurance International Rating Chess tournament after four rounds at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall on Sunday.

They have all achieved four points. Five players are sharing the second slot having secured 3.5 points each. They are FM Aminul Islam, Mohammad Javed, Sohel Chowdhury, Arman Monir and Tarek.

Germans lift World Cup

Football

AFP, Shanghai

A ruthlessly efficient Germany tamed Brazil Sunday to win the World Cup final 2-0 with goals from Birgit Prinz and Simone Laudehr making them the first nation to successfully defend their title.

The Germans also owed a huge debt to unbeatable goalkeeper Nadine Angerer who saved a second-half penalty from World Player of the Year Marta, leaving the Brazilians numb.

The result meant Germany's watertight defence went through the entire tournament without conceding a goal.

Captain Prinz got the breakthrough in front of a packed Hongkou Football Stadium after 52 minutes when the veteran Frankfurt forward found herself in acres of space when fed the ball by Sandra Smisek.

She thundered a shot on the turn from inside the box and it slid under the diving Andrea, who should have done better.

Brazil came back with a vengeance but no matter what they threw at impregnable Germany they couldn't find the equaliser, and Laudehr's bullet header four minutes from time put the game beyond their reach.

"I had a lot of confidence in my team and they worked very hard for

each other. It was a great team performance," said ecstatic German coach Silvia Neid. "After the penalty save I felt it was meant to be our night."

She heaped praise on her defence, in particular, for keeping the dangerous Marta at bay.

"It was important to close down Marta and we did a very good job there."

Angerer added that "we were nervous but we felt we had the right to be world champions."

The Brazilians were chanting and singing before the start of the match to fire themselves up and Marta had the first chance of the game with her long range drive easily gathered by Angerer in the fourth minute.

Seconds later the action switched to the other end when Kerstin Garefrekes was set free on the right only to slice her shot into the side netting.

Brazil almost penetrated the German defence in the eighth minute when Angerer failed to collect Daniela's free kick. The ball bounced out to Formiga but she was unable to put the ball in the net.

The physically stronger Germans were throwing their weight around but the nimble Brazilians were giving as good as they got, with the powerful Prinz unceremoniously barged off the ball at one point.

Both sides were creating chances and Daniela was desper-

ately unlucky not to score when she clattered a left foot volley onto the post with Angerer beaten on 23 minutes.

Brazil had most of the possession and could sense they were getting the upper hand with Marta skipping through two defenders and into the box soon after only to lose control of the ball before she could unleash a shot.

A goalmouth scramble just before the break saw Brazil go close again but Germany stood firm.

The dynamic Germans came out for the second period with renewed drive and went close twice soon after the start before Prinz got the vital opening goal.

But it was Angerer who was the hero, saving Marta's spot kick with her knees in the 62nd minute after Cristiane was hacked down.

She kept them in the game again minutes later when she spectacularly saved a flying strike from substitute Rosana.

Brazil stepped it up in search of the equaliser but the Germans used their experience to keep another clean sheet.

In the third-place play-off, two-time champions the United States beat Norway 4-1.

The American's tournament top-scorer Abby Wambach struck either side of the break with Lori Chalupny and Heather O'Reilly also weighing in before Ragnhild Gulbrandsen got her sixth of the championships for Norway.



Pakistan coach Geoff Lawson (L) gives catching practice to returning batsman Mohammad Yousuf at the Karachi National Stadium on Sunday. PHOTO: AFP

When others see similarity, we see difference.

Different type of hangers are used in different types of businesses.

When you have over 2.5 million business customers worldwide, of every type in every sector, you see their similarities as much as their differences. Fortunately, with our experience working with so many enterprises, we are in a good position to advise them financially on the best way forward.

Experience the customized solutions at HSBC. Make a difference to your business.

www.hsbc.com.bd

COMMERCIAL BANKING

HSBC
The world's local bank