### Five women share lead

SPORTS REPORTER

Five players shared the lead in the 29th Aromatic Gold National Women's Chess Championship at the federation hall-room yesterday.

At the end of the fourth round, IWM Rani Hamid, WFM Syeda Shabana Parveen, WFM Shamima Akhter, Sharmin Sultana and Nazrana Khan have three points each after their respective matches.

Rani beat Jahanara Haque while Shabana also won her match against Arifa Khatun, while Shamima trounced Masuda Begum.

There were draws for Sharmin and Nazrana on the day.

# Samuels can't bowl: ICC

AFP, Dubai

West Indies' Marlon Samuels has been suspended from bowling in international cricket for a suspect action, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced here on Monday.

"Samuels has been suspended from bowling in international cricket pending fresh assessment after independent analysis of his bowling action revealed that his off-break and fast deliveries exceeded the 15 degrees level of tolerance permitted under regulations," the ICC said in a statement.

The independent analysis was performed by Dr Mark King, member of the ICC panel of human movement specialists, at the National Cricket Academy, at Loughborough University in England on February 11.

The analysis showed that Samuels' average elbow flexion/extension angle for an offbreak delivery was 27 degrees while the elbow flexion/extension angle for his faster delivery was 35 degrees. The elbow flexion/extension angle for his arm ball was two degrees.

Although only his fast deliveries were reported as suspect, the ICC process required his action generally, including the fast delivery, to be analysed.

Samuels, primarily a batsman, was reported by umpires Simon Taufel and Aleem Dar last month for a suspected illegal bowling action with regard to his 'faster ball' during the third Test against South Africa in Durban.

He has taken just seven Test wickets as an off-spinner at an expensive average of 127.

But the 27-year-old got through more overs than usual in Durban because of an injury to Chris Gayle. Samuels has the right to appeal the ICC's ruling.

### Gazi Tank ride

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ground. Kathalbagan were aided by Shuvo's 31 in their quest as they fell to 182 all out in 46.1 overs.

Uttara Sporting Club (161-5 in 43.4 overs) beat Rupali Bank (160 all out in 38 overs) by five wickets and Dhanmondi Club (120-2 in 32.4 overs) trounced Sadharan Bima (119 all out in 35.3 overs) by eight wickets to register their second victories of the competition.

There were first wins for Cricket Coaching School and Jatrabari. A strong side from the outskirts of the capital, Jatrabari made 216-10 in the final over. In reply, Indira Road were bowled out for 197 runs in 47.5 overs, with Rajib taking four wickets.

CCS (219-4 in 46.5 overs) cruised past Badda (216-7 in 50 overs) at the BKSP ground, with Faisal top-scoring with 66.

### Mohammedan

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Top Indian sides East Bengal, Mohun Bagan and Kolkata Mohammedan are other teams in the meet but the main attraction would be South African club Orlando Pirates.

"We have played a tournament (Victory Day Club Cup) recently and after that, we had a few days practice," former national football Manik said about their inadequate preparation.

#### Bangladesh FROM PAGE 17

while five went the visitors' way. For the hosts, Dolly Akhter won the day's first event -- the women's 50m breaststroke -- where Monalisa was unsuccessful and had to remain satisfied with a bronze.

Monalisa bagged 50m butterfly and 200m medley while her teammates Triporna Pal won the 200m backstroke and 200m freestyle events.

For the home side, Jewel Ahmed picked up the 200m medley gold, Rubel Rana won 200m backstroke and Nazmul won the 200m freestyle.

Local favourite Karar Samedul Islam lost the men's 50m breaststroke gold to compatriot Kamal

Hossain. In the men's 4x100 medley relay, Bangladesh won gold but the West Bengal took revenge in the women's event.



Pakistan wicketkeeper Ali Asad runs off to celebrate after he caught Australia's Michael Cranmer (L) off Azhar Attari during their ICC Under-19 World Cup quarterfinal at the Kinrara Cricket Oval in Kuala Lumpur on Monday.

# NZ, Pak cruise



AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Defending champions Pakistan stayed on course for a hattrick of under-19 World Cup titles with a six-wicket win over Australia on Monday to enter the semifinals.

Pakistan, who won the last two tournaments in 2004 and 2006, steamrolled Australia for 129 after electing to field and then surpassed the modest target in the 28th over at the Kinrara Oval.

New Zealand joined Pakistan, second-seeded India and South Africa in the semifinals with an 80run victory over Sri Lanka in the last quarterfinal at the Royal Selangor Club here. The young Kiwis scored 213

after being given first strike and then bowled out Sri Lanka for 133 in 42.1 overs. India, runners-up to Pakistan in

the 2006 event in Sri Lanka, clash with New Zealand in Wednesday's day-night semifinal at the Kinrara Pakistan take on South Africa target.

under lights in the other semifinal at the same venue on Friday. Pakistan dominated a disap-

pointing quarterfinal from start to finish after captain Imad Wasim won the toss and sent the Australians in to bat.

Seamer Adil Raza grabbed the wickets of Phillip Hughes and

Marcus Stoinis in the first over of the innings and the young Aussies

disastrous start. Steven Smith made 22 and James Pattinson chipped in with 34 but no other batsman was able to defy the accurate Pakistani attack.

were unable to recover from the

Raza, a 16-year-old who hails from Gujranwala, finished with 3-26 while Wasim, Azhar Attari and Umar Akmal picked up two wickets

Pakistan stuttered in their reply when Josh Hazelwood removed Umar Amin and Umair Mir in the seventh over to reduce the champions to 32-3.

But Ahmad Shahzad and lefthander Ali Asad put on 95 for the fourth wicket to crush Australia's hopes.

Shahzad fell for 40 when three runs were needed for victory, while left-hander Asad was named man of the match for his unbeaten 63. "It was good we won the toss

because the ball was swinging a bit in the morning and helped our seamers," said Pakistan's coach Mansoor Rana. "Even though we lost early

wickets, I knew my batsmen were capable enough of chasing the "I have not seen the South Africans play but I think it will be a

good semifinal because South Africa is always a very competitive In the other quarterfinal, New

Zealand put up a challenging 213 with opener George Worker making 48, captain Kane Williamson 34

before match referee Jeff Crowe at

said in a statement. "I took into

account the fact that Sharma may

have been provoked and that this

was his first offence and hence the

penalty was at the lower end of the

sensitive to each others actions in

the middle -- (the) ICC has recently

reiterated that a zero tolerance

attitude will be shown to abusive or

Symonds has had a strained

relationship with the Indians since

the Sydney Test, when he accused

bowler Harbhajan Singh of racism.

The ICC appeals commissioner

was later critical of the Australian in

Monday that India had written to

Crowe about provocative behav-

Website Cricinfo reported on

insulting language and actions.

"Clearly both teams are still

"The gesture was a direct breach

the team hotel after the match.

man Ishant of the ICC code of conduct," Crowe

the incident.

Sharma fined as

relations strain

Indian pace-

per cent of his

match fee after

clashing with

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Symonds in their latest tri-series

match, spiking tensions between

had responded to the fine by mak-

ing a complaint about the hosts'

Reports on Monday said India

In the incident on Sunday

Symonds took offence to Sharma's

celebration after he was clean

bowled by the teenager and the

Indian responded by pointing him

International Cricket Council (ICC)

Sharma was charged under the

and Fraser Colson 39.

Off-spinners Umesh Karunarathna and Roshan Silva claimed three wickets each, while left-arm slow bowler Navin Kavikara took two.

New Zealand seamers Tim Southee and Trent Boult wrecked Sri Lanka's reply, reducing the Islanders to 44-4 by the 11th over.

Left-handed Sachith Pathirana was the lone batsmen to offer resistance, making a stroke-filled 42 before he was stumped off Nicolas Beard in the 34th over.

Southee finished with 3-25 Boult took 1-34 and India-born seamer Anurag Varma claimed 2-

BRIEFSCORES AUSTRALIA: 129 all out in 47.2

overs (Steven Smith 22, James Pattinson 34; Adil Raza 3-26, Azhar Attari 2-23, Imad Wasim 2-21, Umar Akmal 2-20)

PAKISTAN: 130-4 in 27.5 overs (Ahmad Shahzad 40, Ali Asad 63 not out; Josh Hazelwood 2-31) Result: Pakistan beat Australia by six wickets at Kinrara Oval.

NEW ZEALAND: 213 all out in 49.5 overs (George Worker 48, Kane Williamson 34, Fraser Colson 39; Umesh Karunarathna 3-38, Roshan Silva 3-39, Navin Kavikara 2-33) SRI LANKA: 133 all out in 42.1 overs (Sachith Pathirana 42, Tim Southee 3-25, Anurag Varma 2-22)

Result: New Zealand beat Sri Lanka by 80 runs at Royal Selangor Club. SEMIFINALLINE-UPS

India v New Zealand on Wednesday South Africa v Pakistan on Friday

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he would be speaking with the

Australian captain about the mat-

Speaking in Hobart ahead of

Tuesday's tri-series clash with

India, Sri Lankan captain Mahela

Jayawardene weighed into the

right as long as it didn't get out of

hand, he said, adding: "Sunday was

probably just a bit of frustration

major issue then it should be OK

The aggressive nature can bring the

"As long as it doesn't boil into

Aggression on the field was all

controversy on Monday.

from both parties.

best out of some guys."

"Our plea was Symonds (pro-

quoted Soni as saying.

"The umpires, based on what

plaint of their own, Cricinfo said.

# finals in style MANIKGANI CORRESPONDENT

4TH JFA CUP

Sohel Hossain slammed five goals as Narayanganj destroyed Narshingdi 8-1 here yesterday to reach the final round of the 4th JFA Cup Under-15 Football Championship as Manikganj zone champions.

Dulal added one goal for Narayanganj who were helped by two own-goals. Masum reduced the arrears for Narshingdi. Sports Reporter adds: Hosts Dinajpur and Khulna also entered

the finals after comfortable 4-1 and 4-0 wins over Kurigram and Chuadanga respectively. In other matches, Pabna

blanked Meherpur 3-0 at home while Chittagong dumped Laxmipur 5-0 at Cox's Bazar.

## T&T clinch Stanford's million

CRICINFO, undated

Trinidad and Tobago, led by a fourwicket haul from Dave Mohammed, cruised to a nine-wicket win over Jamaica with 64 balls to spare to claim the \$1 million jackpot in the second edition of the Stanford 20/20. The final was a rather one-sided

affair as a strangely subdued Jamaica never posted anything like enough runs to trouble a strong Trinidad team. Put in to bat, they lost Shaun Findlay to the second ball when he fished at a delivery from seamer Rayad Emrit and was caught by Denesh Ramdin. Xavier Marshall and Marlon Samuels made steady progress but grew increasingly becalmed. Marshall dragged a delivery from legspinner Samuel Badree who was opening the bowling, onto his stumps and five balls later, Samuels' attempted heave off Dwayne Bravo only resulted in an easy catch to Lendl Simmons at long-

From there they lost all momentum, and plunged to 63 for 5 when Mohammed dismissed the dangerous Chris Gayle and the in-form Danza Hyatt, who had been Jamaica's mainstay in their semifinal triumph over Guyana. Gayle managed to inside edge a flick onto his stumps while Hyatt was deceived by a flighted delivery to bestumped.

Mohammad had his third scalp when Baugh missed a sweep off a ball that pitched on middle and leg. A direct hit from Bravo at mid-on, for which he won the Play of the Day accounted for David Bernard before Taylor was bowled by Mohammed, who would go on to claim the Manof-the-Match award. Emrit cleaned up Nikita Miller to bring about the end of Jamaica's innings.

Chasing a modest 92, Trinidad lost Ramdin with their score on 19 when he edged Jerome Taylor to wicketkeeper Carlton Baugh. But this brought together Simmons and William Perkins, who blitzed 74 runs off 47 balls to lead the victory charge. Williams was especially severe on the Jamaica bowlers, smashing six fours and a six on his way to an unbeaten 50 off 33 balls, while Simmons' 26 not out featured four fours and a toweringsix overlong-on off Samuels. BRIEFSCORES

IAMAICA: 91 all out in 16.4 overs (Samuels 27, Mohammed 4-20) TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: 94-1 in 9.2 overs (Perkins 50\*)

Result: T&T won by nine wickets. Man-of-the-match: Dave Mohammed.

# Shah brightens Test prospects

REUTERS, Wellington Owais Shah enhanced his claims

for a place in the England team for next month's test series against New Zealand with 96 in the tour match against Otago on Monday. Shah fell agonisingly short of a

century but still provided the selectors with a reminder of his ability when England piled on 396 for nine on the opening day at Dunedin's University Oval.

Opener Alastair Cook continued his impressive form with 85 and Ian Bell made an unbeaten 75 after initially retiring on 59.

While most of the batting positions are virtually decided, Shah and former captain Andrew Strauss are both vying for a spot in the side. Strauss missed his chance to

make a big score on Monday when he was out hit wicket to Mark Gillespie, striking his stumps while trying to deflect the ball away. While Strauss was ruing his

misfortune, Shah survived a confident appeal for caught behind on "It's obviously good to impress

the selectors and put some runs on the board," Shah told the New Zealand Press Association.

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over-rate penalties, players are fined 5% of their match fees for every over their side fails to bowl in the allotted time. The rules say that the captain will be fined double bowler who can bowl around 150 | that amount and subsequently in practice matches. So it's very | Graeme Smith was fined 30 per cent of his match fees. Each of the other ten players received 15 per cent fines.

# A virtual semifinal

CRICINFO, Hobart



It's a face-off that both India and Sri Lanka could have avoided, but themselves to blame for turn-

the CB Series into a virtual semifinal for one and knockout for the other. Despite holding the edge on at least one occasion against Australia, both teams would envy Ricky Ponting's men letting their hair down at Tuesday's Allan Border medal presentation while they get into a dogfight at the Bellerive Oval.

Such has been the nature of this series so far that, apart from Australia, no team has consistently capitalised on the weaknesses of the opponents. In the three previous games between the two teams, India and Sri Lanka have one victory each while their first encounter of the series, in Brisbane, was abandoned due to rain. Sri Lanka stand on the precipice and to pull themselves back they need to defeat India and then repeat that result against Australia on Friday. India, meanwhile, will seal their berth in the final if they win on Tuesday.

"We wouldn't like to wait for the result on February 29," Mahendra Singh Dhoni said. "We would like to seal the match against Sri Lanka and not leave it to the last game between Australia and Sri Lanka. This game is very important for us." The Indian captain has already alerted his troops about the task, terming Sri Lanka "very tricky" opponents.

Sri Lanka have the advantage of having played at this venue twice

this season. They lost a Test here in and we need them," was Dhoni's November and then Tasmania response to whether a 36-hour slapped a seven-wicket defeat on them in the practice game ahead of the tri-series. "The Test-match wicket was much harder compared to the practice match that was played on a different one, but we have a fair idea of the wicket. It depends on the conditions, which can be overcast here sometimes, so we'll wait and see," Mahela

Jayawardene, Sri Lanka's captain,

said after a net session. The conditions played a huge role in the last one-day match at closely fought encounter on Saturday to lift the Ford Ranger Cup by one wicket after rain interruptions converted Victoria's original target of 158 to 131 in 31 overs. The forecast for Tuesday is mostly sunny with temperatures in the range of 20°C. The wicket at the Bellerive Oval is likely to offer significant sideways movement, which could be a key factor for both captains when they sit down to choose their final XIs.

Dhoni already has a couple of issues to tackle, one of which is the failure of his opening pair, Sachin Tendulkar and Virender Sehwag. One option could be to push Robin Uthappa, who scored a 46-ball 51 down the order on Sunday against Australia, ahead of Sehwag. Dhoni doesn't want to disturb an in-form Gautam Gambhir's fine run at No.3 but felt he had enough options to choose from.

fatigue, Players like Dhoni and Ishant Sharma have been playing non-stop from the start of the Test series and India's inability to qualify for the finals means these two have had no time to rest. "It's tough on guys like Ishant and Gautam, but we have some time to recover

break was enough for the team to bounce back after Sunday's game

against Australia. Without any indication of the combination he will opt for Jayawardene's focus was on Tuesday and not too far down the road. "We have to win both the games. If we get our batting sorted out, we have a very good chance," he

said. "We need to concentrate first on

getting the victory on Tuesday." Both teams have their share of toporder batting concerns and there's the ground, when Tasmania won a an outside chance, given the Hobart conditions, that they both go in with five bowlers. If Munaf Patel recovers from a bout of food poisoning suffered on Saturday he might just sneak into the Indian XI. Sri Lanka, on the other hand, have dropped Farveez Maharoof and Chanaka Welegedara. Tillakaratne Dilashan is likely to continue in the middle order, with one out of Upul Tharanga and Dilruwan Perera opening with Sanath Jayasuriya. Depending on the conditions, they will choose from Chamara Kapugedera and Nuwan Kulasekara for the last spot in the XI.

INDIA (likely): Robin Uthappa, Sachin Tendulkar, Gautam Gambhir, Rohit Sharma, Mahendra Singh Dhoni (captain), Yuvraj Singh, Irfan Pathan, Harbhajan Singh, Sreesanth, Ishant Sharma, Munaf Patel.

SRI LANKA (from): Sanath The other matter is that of Jayasuriya, Upul Tharanga, Dilruwan Perera, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene (captain), Chamara Silva, Chamara Kapugedera, Chaminda Vaas, Muttiah Muralidaran, Ishara Amerasinghe, Nuwan Kulasekara, Lasith Malinga.

#### Smith no issue for Warne "I won't tell you what my first "I will be sharing the same team as

Cricket

AFP, Adelaide

Australia's Shane Warne said on Monday he was looking forward to playing alongside long-time antagonist Graeme Smith when the Indian Premier League (IPL) starts in April.

The pair has a history of antipathy stretching back to 2002 when South African captain Smith detailed the earthy sledging he received on his Test debut against Australia.

Retired champion leg-spinner Warne admits his first thoughts on hearing he would play alongside Smith for Jaipur were not printable. But he said he has had a few days

since the Indian Premier League (IPL) player auction to reflect on the circumstances of getting to know Smith in a team environment when the Twenty20 tournament starts on April 18.

impression was," Warne told reporters here Monday. "When you play against people

and you're both playing for your

country you might not see eye to eye, and I haven't seen eye to eye with Graeme about a lot of things," "When we played against him we didn't need to say anything, he just kept doing the talking and we

ing for us. "In a funny sort of way I'm actually looking forward to it, so it'll be interesting to see how he ticks and hopefully he can help me out with a few of the younger players in the side.

kept winning, so that did our talk-

"It's a unique experience for myself to play alongside guys like Graeme, we're playing together in the same side where we haven't got along well over the years but hopefully we might get along as teammates."

Smith said last week that he was also looking forward to playing with Warne.

Shane Warne. It will be a unique challenge as we have been competitive against each other in the past and nowwe will be teammates," he said. "It is a good concept and we are

looking forward to it as players." Warne said the International Cricket Council must find a way to allow a window in the international playing calendar for the IPL

each year. "You've got to embrace it and saythis is here to stay, this is the future whether you like it or not, it's big money for all of the players," he said.

"Let's work around it, but as long as the priority is to play for your country and state." He said that if players were to

put themselves forward for such events as the IPL they could not complain about tours being too long. But he said there was "a difference between three Tests and seven one-dayers and a few Twenty20 games."

# Spurs end trophy drought

Drogba started alongside Nicolas Anelka for the first time had been bolstered by the return of King to their defence, the injury-plagued club captain having been declared fit to make his first appearance since the 5-1 demolition of Arsenal in last month's semifinal second leg.

King was to prove a hugely influential figure over the two hours but it was the Chelsea back four that found itself under pressure in an opening half hour in which Tottenham spurned several good chances to take the lead.

After Pascal Chimbonda had headed Aaron Lennon's corner onto the top of the crossbar, Berbatov squeezed between Terry and Ricardo Carvalho to get on the end of Keane's cross from the left only to glance his header wide of Cech's left-hand post.

The Chelsea goalkeeper then produced the first of what was to be a series of fine saves, diving low to his right to keep out a drive from

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Not until 28 minutes had elapsed did Chelsea manage to muster a shot on goal and Frank Lampard's wayward effort from 25 yards did little to justify his selection ahead of Michael Ballack. It was however a sign that the

holders were about to click into gear and, having defended two free-kicks on the edge of their area, Spurs found themselves behind after Didier Zokora crudely interrupted Drogba's progress towards

The body check earned Zokora a vellow card and Drogba ensured his international teammate was further punished by placing the free-kick around the edge of a poorly aligned wall and just inside Robinson's left-hand post.

With the game entering its final half hour, Ramos gambled on a switch to a three-man defence, introducing Tom Huddlestone to his midfield and withdrawing Chimbonda.

It was a decision that prompted the disgruntled left-back to head straight for the changing rooms but the Tottenham manager's judgement was vindicated when Huddlestone popped up in the box to collect Lennon's cross from the left with 20 minutes left.

him down, the Chelsea defender twice handled the ball and, after consulting his assistant, referee Mark Halsey pointed to the spot, from where Berbatov sent Cech the wrong way to equalise. Spurs had the best chance to

As Bridge attempted to close

claim a winner inside 90 minutes. With ten minutes left, Keane

sent Zokora clear but the midfielder saw his first shot blocked by the head of the outrushing Cech and then blasted the loose ball over the bar.

Cech was left looking dazed but he was still alert enough to produce another fine block to deny Berbatov and send the match into extra-time.

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FROM PAGE 17 "Their batters have to keep improving. I think the challenge for Bangladesh is how they are going to play on wickets around the world because we read a lot of articles about their recent performance in New Zealand and Sri Lanka," he

The left-hander also believes that the current batch of players in the Bangladesh side are experienced enough to handle the pres-"You have got a player like Mohammad Ashraful, who played

over a hundred one-day matches.

Some players have experience

under their belt, even though they

are young. Some of your players played more cricket than some of our players". SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the first Test between Bangladesh and South Africa at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur on Monday: BANGLADESH: First innings 192 (Aftab 44, Ashraful 34; Morkel 5-50)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 170

(DeVilliers 46; Shahadat 6-27) BANGLADESH: Second innings (Siddiqui 74, Ashraful 24, Aftab 24; Kallis 5-30, Steyn 4-48) SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings | do," he opined. (overnight 178-4) McKenzie c Bashar b Shahadat 26 Smith lbw b Rafique

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Kallis c Mortaza b Shahadat Prince lbw b Shahadat De Villiers not out Boucher not out Extras: (b-2, lb-2, w-1) Total: (For 5 wkts 67.5 overs) 205 Fall of wickets: 1-52, 2-125, 3-144 4-144, 5-193

0 47 Mortaza 0 70 Shahadat 6 54 27.5 Rafique 24 Shakib 0 6 Ashraful Result: South Africa won by five wickets and take 1-0 lead in the 2-Test series. Man-of-the-match: Jacques Kallis.

Umpires: Steve Bucknor and

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Siddons stands FROM PAGE 17

"We have played against a very

working to survive in that pressure. (Dale) Steyn was getting a lot of

"We have got eleven batsmen out there, who have different mindsets, different techniques, they have deficiency in their temperament, so I have got to work with every individual, not just any one. Unfortunately we don't have tough for these guys. So it will take time. We have got to do more practice," he said.

cover; we are working on having a winning habit, big partnerships that we are not doing at the moment. We have a lot of work to

good cricket team. The have created

a lot of pressure on us and we are

outswing, which turned into inswing 29 then was dropped on 38. for our left-handers," he said. The main headache of the team is their poor batting and Siddons said that there was no recipe to come out from the problem other

than hard practice.