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FIDE (World Chess Federation) has approved Bangladeshi chess player Enamul Hossain Rajib's application for a Grand Master title, confirmed Bangladesh Chess Federation yesterday.

The decision was taken in FIDE's 3rd Quarter Presidential board meeting in Athens on Monday.

Rajib had completed his third and final norm during last month's National Championship to become the fifth Bangladeshi GM after Niaz Murshed, Ziaur Rahman, Abdullah Al Rakib and Reefat Bin Sattar.

Rajib won his first norm during the 2002 Chess Olympiad in Slovenia and secured the second norm in Abu Dhabi last year during a GM tournament.

The highlight of the 27-yearold's long chess career is reaching the second round of the World Chess Cup in Russia in November 2007 when he upset the then world No 19 Pavel Eljanov of Ukraine in the first round.

## Hockey team going to Singapore

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh national hockey team are expected to leave for Singapore on June 12 to take part in the 3rd Men's AHF Cup championship to be held in Singapore from June 14.

The participation of Bangladesh team in the nine-nation Asia Cup qualifying round became uncertain due to financial problems as the National Sports Council (NSC) has allocated Tk 4 lakh only against a budget of Tk 24.38 lakh submitted by Bangladesh Hockey Federation for the tour.

BHF general secretary Sajid Adel told UNB that after getting approval of a poor amount from the NSC, they began communicating with business houses to sponsor the national team and they obtained 'positive response'.

Moreover, he said that they sent a letter to NSC chairman and Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed on Wednesday to allocate at least Tk 20 lakh for the tour. "Otherwise our affiliation may be cancelled," he informed.

"We're now quite hopeful of leaving for Singapore on June 12 to participate in the qualifiers either with fund from NSC or from the sponsors."

Earlier, Bangladesh have been placed in Pool A of the hockey meet with Chinese Taipei, Uzbekistan, Brunei and hosts Singapore, while Pool B comprises Hong Kong, Oman, Thailand and Sri Lanka.

Bangladesh is scheduled to play Brunei on June 14 in one of the four opening day fixtures.

They will play Chinese Taipei on June 15, Singapore on June 18 and Uzbekistan on June 19 in the group matches.

## BFF to prepare

there was yet any confirmation about the tournament. "We cannot say anything con-

crete vet but we have discussed everything from why the tournament has not been held since 1982 and what are its future," said the BFF chief. "We have told the delegation

that we can organise the tournament together and they can have their men in all committees for transparency.

"We have also asked them to talk with local clubs and foreign teams for satisfactory feedback," said the former national footballer.

"We will prepare a budget for them but the men here cannot take any decision. The decision will come from Paris where Aga Khan

The inaugural Aga Khan Gold Cup was held in 1958 and ran regularly till 1970. After the Liberation War, the first effort to organise the tournament in 1975 was postponed just after the start due to political crisis.

The tournament restarted in 1976 but after the 1977 event, it was held only once in 1982 when Brothers Union emerged jointchampions with Bangkok Bank Club to become the only local side to win the cup after Liberation.

Dhaka Mohammedan won the trophy three times, in 1959, 1964 and 1968, while the other local club to have won the title are Victoria Sporting Club, in 1962.



The Thomas Cup, the men's world team badminton championships, has been won by only three countries since it began in 1948 - Malaysia, Indonesia and China.



West Indies captain Ramnaresh Sarwan raises his bat after reaching a century against Australia during the final day of the second Test at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadlum in St. John's on Tuesday.

# Twenty-five years on India's WC heroes start celebration

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

India's only World Cup winning, cricket team will gather in London later this month to celebrate the 25th year of arguably the country's greatest sporting triumph.

It was on June 25, 1983 that Kapil Dev's unheralded team pulled off a stunning upset to deny Clive Lloyd's all-conquering West Indians a hat-trick of World Cup titles with an amazing 43-run win promoted by the Zee media group. at Lord's.

The 14-man squad, popularly known as Kapil's Devils, will mark the anniversary with a private function at the Long Room in Lord's on ICL teams. June 25 followed by a gala dinner in London later that evening.

Gavaskar, who was part of the winning team, has organised the Lord's gathering while liquor baron Vijay Mallya will sponsor the dinner, an official said on Wednesday.

A diamond-studded bat signed agriculture minister. by all team members will be auc-Breweries group to mark the occasion, a company release said.

"This is our way of ensuring that then cricket superpower. the silver jubilee celebrations are

who were either a part of it or yearned to be one," said Gavaskar. Dev told AFP: "We will enjoy the moment and have fun. We will

remember the good times." The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) will also organise a celebratory dinner on June 22 in New Delhi before the team flies to

The BCCI had earlier been reluctant to mark the occasion because the team included players who are involved in the unauthorised Indian Cricket League (ICL)

Dev is the ICL's chief organiser while 1983 teammates Sandeep Patil, Madan Lal and Balwinder Sandhu serve as coaches of various

The BCCI, however, relented and agreed to celebrate the 1983 Former India captain Sunil feat even though ICL players and officials are banned from associating themselves with official cricket. "Cricket has always been the

most popular sport in India," said BCCI president Sharad Pawar, a political heavyweight and federal "However, the most rememtioned by Mallya's United beredevent in the history of Indian

cricket is the stunning victory of

our team against West Indies -- the "I am certain that every crickmemorable for millions of those eter in the years to come has this

rich legacy to inherit and the diehard spirit to win."

Dev's men were widely expected to be crushed by the powerful West Indians in the 60overs-a-side final when they were shot out for 183 in 54.4 overs in good batting conditions at Lord's.

But man-of-the-series Mohinder Amarnath and Madan Lal claimed three wickets each as the West Indians, cruising at 50-1 at one stage, were bowled out for 140 in 52 overs to spark frenzied Indian celebrations. India have not won the World

Cup again, their next best finish coming in South Africa in 2003 when Sourav Ganguly's team reached the final but lost to Australia. In the last edition in 2007 in the

Caribbean, India were knocked out in the first round after losing to minnows Bangladesh and eventual finalists Sri Lanka. The next World Cup will be

jointly hosted by India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh in 2011. 1983WORLD CUP SQUAD

Kapil Dev (captain), Sunil Gavaskar, Krish Srikkanth, Mohinder Amarnath, Yashpal Sharma, Sandeep Patil, Dilip Vengsarkar, Kirti Azad, Syed Kirmani (wicketkeeper), Roger Binny, Madan Lal, Balwinder Sandhu, Ravi Shastri, Sunil Valson.

# Windies win a draw

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After the break, Australia continued to hunt for wickets, but they had to wait until they claimed the second new ball about half-hour before the scheduled close to dislodge Sarwan, when he fenced an awkwardly rising delivery from Mitchell Johnson to gully. There was more drama when

Brett Lee had Dwayne Bravo caught at backward point for one fending a lifting delivery off the leading edge.

But Denesh Ramdin joined Chanderpaul and they batted through the last 45 minutes and nine overs to make things safe.

Before lunch, Lee continued from where he left off the previous day, when he collected two wickets to carry Australia closer to victory. Lee removed opener Devon Smith for a duck in his opening spell, and returned to add the scalp

of Runako Morton for 14. Lee softened Smith up, when he struck him on the right arm with a short, rising ball, and then took his wicket a few balls later, when the left-handed opener was caught at gully guiding another lifting deliv-

ery pitched outside the off-stump. After Stuart Clark had Xavier Marshall caught behind gloving a rising ball for five, Lee returned for a second spell and trapped Morton lbw with a full-length delivery to which the batsman played back

and across. Lee was the pick of the Aussie bowlers with three wickets for 51 runs from 21 overs which followed his five for 59 in the first innings. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fifth and final day of the second Test between West Indies and Australia at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in Antigua on Tuesday: AUSTRALIA: First innings 479 for 7 declared (Katich 113, Clarke 110)

WEST INDIES: First innings 352

(Chanderpaul 107 not out; Lee 5-59)

AUSTRALIA: Second innings 244

for six declared (Jaques 76) WEST INDIES: Second innings Smith c Hussey b Lee Marshall c Haddin b Clark Sarwan c Hussey b Johnson Morton lbw b Lee Chanderpaul not out Bravoc (sub) Hodge b Lee Ramdin not out Extras: (lb-8, nb-12) Total: (For 5 wkts in 93 overs) 266 Did not bat: Sammy, Powell Edwards, Taylor. Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-19, 3-84, 4 227, 5-236. OM R W Bowler

51 22 Clark 16 Clarke 70 Johnson 75 MacGill Hussey Symonds Result: Match drawn.

Man-of-the-match: Shivnarine Chanderpaul.

## Sohail takes

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and 28 one-dayers, was detained at Dubai airport on Sunday when he was returning to Lahore from India. Airport authorities found a

small amount of an alleged banned substance in his possession. Shafqat Naghmi, the PCB's chief

operating officer, said board and Pakistan embassy officials were pursuing Asif's case with authorities in Dubai. "I don't know when this issue

can be resolved but the substance has been sent for lab Tests as have blood and urine samples of the fast bowler," Naghmi said. "The reports will go to the public

prosecutor and he will decide if charges are to be pressed against Asif or if he can be released," he added.

The Pakistani paceman has been detained at the airport for the last three days.

### Olympics **FROM PAGE 17**

Some of the public facilities around

the stadium are still under construction, but many volunteers wearing uniformed T-shirts showed visitors around during the athletics event.

Safety checks at the stadium resemble those at airports even to the extent that cameras take shots of people as they go through the entrance.

Technicians say the stadium will be completely ready for Olympic use by July, about a month prior to the Beijing Olympic Games that open on August 8.

## **BIRD'S NEST FACTS**

\* The National Stadium located at the southern part of the Olympic Green in Beijing, is the main stadium of the 29th Olympiad and will host the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as track and field events and the football finals. \* Occupying an area of 21 hectares,

it has a floor space of 258,000 square metres. Its seating capacity amounts to 91,000, including 11,000 temporary seats.

\* After the Olympics, the stadium will become a large-scale sports and entertainment facility for the residents of Beijing -- an architectural landmark and Olympic legacy. \* The main body of the National

Stadium has a design life of 100 years. Its fire resistance capability is first-rate, and it can withstand an eight-magnitude earthquake. The water-resistance capability of its underground project is also first-

\* The main body of the National Stadium is a colossal saddleshaped elliptic steel structure weighing 42,000 tonnes. It is 333 metres long from north to south, 294 metres wide from east to west, and 69 metres tall.

(Switzerland) and China

Architecture Design Institute.

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chancellor and head of sports Dr AFM Yousuf Haider will inaugurate \* Groundbreaking date: December the meet as the chief guest. \* Designer: Herzog & DeMeuron

## President's Cup finals in Kyrgyzstan

SPORTS REPORTER

The semifinals and the final of the AFC President's Cup will be held in Kyrgyzstan capital Bishkek from September 19-21, the Asian Football Federation (AFC) confirmed yesterday.

The announcement will definitely inspire Dordoi-Dynamo, two-time defending champions from Kyrgyzstan, who will be banking on home advantage at the Spartak Stadium in their quest for a hattrick.

While Dordoi booked their place in the last four from Group B, another Central Asian side, Turkmenistan's Ashgabat, confirmed their semifinal berth from

Group C. The Group A qualification campaign kicks off on June 22 in Kuala Lumpur and involves Bangladesh professional league champions Abahani, Nepal Police Club from Nepal, Pakistan's WAPDA and Tajikistan's Regar-TadAZ.

Apart from the group toppers, the best runners-up from the three pools also qualify for the main competition in Kyrgyzstan.

### **LOCAL SNIPPETS**

SPORTS REPORTER

Riding on Farhad's hattrick, Nasrin Sports Academy drubbed Abdul Hadi Lane Jubo Sangha 9-0 in an East Zone match of the Dhaka City Corporation Pioneer Football League at the Jagannath Hall University ground at Dhupkholayesterday.

Apart from Farhad's treble strike, Faisal struck twice while Mintu, Rubel, Badal and Shakil scored one goal each.

In the day's other East Zone match Jatrabari Jhatika Sangsad defeated Red Sun 4-1 at the same venue.

West Zone: At the Outer Stadium, Great Wall beat Islambagh Lucky Seven 3-1 while Arambagh Juniors played out a one-all draw with Noor Sporting Club.

North Zone: Kalachandpur Ekadash beat Modhubagh Friends Club 2-0 while Siraj Smriti Sangsad played out a goalless draw with Khelaghar Krira Chakra at the MahakhaliT&T ground.

Central Zone: At the Basabo Tarun Sangha ground, Arunodoy Jubo Sangha edged past Nandipara Komolkoli Sangsad by a solitary

**UNDER-16 CRICKET** 

Hosts Khulna clinched the title of the Under-16 Young Tigers Elite National competition by virtue of better bonus points over Sylhet on the final day of the three-day final at the Bir Shreshtha Matiur Rahman Stadium yesterday.

Chasing a victory target of 173, hosts Khulna scored 130-5 in their second innings at stumps on the Faruq contributed 65 while

Joyanta made 22. Sayem grabbed two wickets for 15 runs, while AM Ruputook one wicket for 35 runs. Earlier, resuming on overnight 95-2, Sylhet made 190 in their sec-

ond innings with nightwatchman Sayem making 73 and Mizanur 36. Sohel and Khaleed claimed three wickets apiece for 40 and 42 runs respectively.

Khulna earlier scored 177 runs in their first innings, replying to Sylhet's first innings total of 159.

## DIVIICRICKET

Our Manikganj correspondent adds Chalachal Club and Kishan won their respective matches in the Sunlife Insurance Second Division Cricket League at the Shahid Miraj-Tapan Stadium in Manikganj yesterday.

In the first match, Chalachal Club defeated Jovat Sangha by six wickets. Jovat Sangha batted first but were bowled out for only 63 in 17.2 over. Sanju took three wickets while Rakib, Probal and Mohadev took two wickets each.

In reply, Chalachal reached 68-4 in only 13.4 over.

In another match, Kishan defeated Anirban by 129 runs at the same venue. Kishan made 193-9 in 25 overs. Shakil made 49 runs, Sabuj 37 and Masum added 22 runs. Azam and Toto of Anirban took

three wickets each while Zinnat took two wickets. In reply, Anirban were bundled out for 64 runs in 13.5 over. Sabuj of

#### Chalachal took three wickets while Jalal snared two. INTER-DISTRICT

VOLLEYBALL Hosts Chittagong made a good start in the opening match of the interdistrict volleyball competition

defeating Sylhet in straight sets.

They comprehensively won 25-1, 25-7, 25-5. Six teams -- Comilla, Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Sylhet, Chandpur and Chittagong Metropolis -- are competing in the zonal phase matches.

Chittagong Metropolitan Police Commissioner M Akbar Ali inaugurated the competition as chiefguest. Chittagong Metropolitan Sports Association general secretary Shayesta Khan was the special guest on the occasion.

#### INTER-VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

The inter-university volleyball competition will commence at the Dhaka University playground on May 5. Dhaka University pro vice-

On June 9, the closing day, DU vice-chancellor Dr SMA Fayez will distribute prizes among the winners.

# Tourists' testing time

## Cricket

AFP, Nottingham

New Zealand face some awkward choices even before the third and final Test starts here on Thursday as Marshall." they look to square the series

against England at 1-1. New Zealand suffered a moralesapping six-wicket defeat in the second Test at Old Trafford, a match they dominated until a second innings collapse against Monty Panesar paved the way for

an England fightback. They head into the series climax with questions regarding their

batsmen. James Marshall, their No 3 in the drawn first Test at Lord's and again in Manchester, has been out of form and suffered two more failures during last week's tour match against Northamptonshire.

And No 6 Daniel Flynn, who lost two teeth after being hit by a bouncer from James Anderson at Old Trafford, has also been struggling for runs.

Peter Fulton, who hasn't played a Test since January, is pressing for a recall after making a first innings fifty against Northamptonshire.

tackle a bowling dilemma as they build up for the Trent Bridge finale. Tim Southee missed the second Test with illness but Iain O'Brien, the teenager seamer's stand-in,

performed admirably in testing

conditions. However, it is New Zealand's batting, for all the class of Ross Taylor's Test-best 154 not out in the first innings at Old Trafford, that remains more of a problem for coach John Bracewell and captain without a Test hundred.

"We were really pleased with the previous bad patches," said way Fulton went (against Collingwood.

career high

Nottingham Test from today Northamptonshire) and he certainly comes into contention," said

> As for Flynn, Bracewell said: "He as well and I feel raring to go." will recover quickly. It's just whether we match up Fulton's form against him and James

New Zealand's coach urged his ground. players to learn from Andrew Strauss, the opener whose wellpaced century was the backbone of England's successful run chase which saw them win with more than a day to spare at Old Trafford.

"It was an excellent innings of control in difficult conditions, teaching our guys what should and shouldn't be done in trying circumstances."

England, for their seventh straight Test against the Black Caps after a 2-1 series win, are set to field an unchanged side with fast bowler Chris Tremlett again likely to drop out of a 12-man squad.

If they do it will be the first time since 1884-85, when they won a series in Australia 3-2, that England have used the same XI in five consecutive Tests.

However, such consistency shouldn't mask the fact that at Old Trafford they again put themselves under pressure by failing to score New Zealand are also having to 400 in the first innings for the 11th

successive Test. Middle-order batsman Paul Collingwood has looked in particularly wretched touch lately but, after surviving a strong lbw appeal from Vettori, showed typical grit in seeing England home with 24 not out.

"You draw on your knowledge of

And the Durham all-rounder,

with no reserve batsman in the

squad, has been given another

chance to end a run of 22 innings

"I look back at some of them and I was a lot lower than I am now. I have worked hard, had a couple of days off

England left-arm quick Ryan Sidebottom, so often New Zealand's nemesis, will be looking forward to bowling on his home

However the Kiwis' pace attack, not to mention left-arm spinner Vettori, have caused England problems and if they are bowling in swinging conditions will fancy

their chances. Should New Zealand get themselves into a strong position again, the challenge for them will be to see it through to the end.

Vettori has spoken of their third innings problems and the way in which vice-captain Brendon McCullum tried to put a positive gloss on the second Test suggested there was still work to be done on New Zealand's self-belief.

"In a strange sort of way, Old Trafford was a confidence booster for us," McCullum said. "We put ourselves in a position where we should have won.

"That was something that, heading into the Test, we may not have whole-heartedly believed."

### TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): Andrew Strauss, Alastair Cook, Michael Vaughan (captain), Kevin Pietersen, Ian Bell, Paul Collingwood, Tim Ambrose, Stuart Broad, Ryan Sidebottom, Monty Panesar, James Anderson, Chris Tremlett.

NEW ZEALAND (from): Jamie How, Aaron Redmond, James Marshall, Ross Taylor, Brendon McCullum, Daniel Flynn, Jacob Oram, Daniel Vettori (captain), Kyle Mills, Tim Southee, Chris Martin, Iain O'Brien, Peter Fulton. Umpires: Steve Bucknor and

# Shiv rises to

Cricket

Daniel Vettori.

CRICINFO, undated Shivnarine Chanderpaul's outstanding performance in the second Test against Australia, in Antigua, which helped secure West Indies a draw, has lifted him to a career-best position of No. 5 in the

Chanderpaul was twice unbeaten in the match, for 107 and 77, and claimed the Man-of-the-Match award as West Indies kept alive their hopes of squaring the series, although the Frank Worrell Trophy is now safely back with Australia. Chanderpaul's double continues a prolific run of form, following on from his 118 in the first Test, and he currently averages

156.50 in the series. In the past 12 months he has played nine Tests and scored 1,062 runs at 106.20, including five centuries on away tours to England and South Africa as well as this home

Chanderpaul is now level with

South Africa's Jacques Kallis and

series against Australia.

just three points behind Mohammad Yousuf. Michael Hussey currently holds the No.1 spot, followed by Ricky Ponting and Kumar Sangakkara, West Indies' captain Ramnaresh Sarwan just missed out on a return to the top 20 in after his fifth-day

second and that performance has lifted Sarwan back to 21st place. From the Australians, Simon

century. Sarwan scored 65 in the

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following his first-innings century and has climbed 12 places to 56th. After missing the first Test

through injury, Jerome Taylor has climbed back into the top 20 of the bowling rankings. He took five wickets in the match -- including Ponting in both innings -- and moved up 12 places in the tightly packed rankings. It is the highest ranking of Taylor's 19-match career and he is now just three points behind Matthew Hoggard in 13th spot, who is currently trying to force

his way back into the England side. Brett Lee strengthened his position in fourth spot and is also holding the highest rating of his career. Lee was the outstanding bowler in Antigua, with match-figures of 8 for 110, on a docile surface. This included a destructive burst of reverse-swing in the first innings. He is closing the gap on teammate Stuart Clark, who is currently occu-

pying third spot. Muttiah Muralidaran is still in first position with Dale Steyn just behind him. With Sri Lanka hosting India in a Test series next month and South Africa playing in England around the same time, those two will be jostling for top place.

## TOP 10 TEST BATSMEN

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## Only Serbs

FROM PAGE 17 She committed 31 unforced errors

Darrell Hair.

and lost 16 of 24 points on her second serve. Still, she took an early lead. Kuznetsova lost serve to fall behind 4-2 when she ended an 11stroke exchange by putting a forehand into the net. Kanepi raised a fist, bent over and yelled in excitement, while her supporters in the

guest box stood and cheered while

waving Estonian flags. Kanepi went ahead 40-love in the next game, a point from a 5-2 lead, before her game unraveled. Kuznetsova won the next point, a 12-stroke rally, with a forehand winner, and Kanepi dropped the next four points too, all on her miscues, capped by a double-fault

on break point. That began a run in which Kuznetsova won five of six games -and 23 of 32 points -- to take the

## Second practice

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Mortaza took two wickets for 44 runs. Meanwhile, the tickets for the tri-series will go on sale from today at different branches of AB Bank in Dhaka. SQUADS

BANGLADESH: Mohammad

Ashraful (captain), Tamim Iqbal,

Shahriar Nafees, Rokibul Hassan,

Alok Kapali, Mushfigur Rahim

(wicketkeeper), Mahmudullah

Riyad, Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, Abdur Razzak, Shahadat Hossain, Forhad Reza, Sajidul Islam and Arafat Sunny. BANGLADESH A: Zunaed Siddiqui (captain), Nazimuddin, Shamsur Rahman, Mehrab Hossain, Nayeem Islam, Dhiman Ghosh (wicketkeeper), Nadif Chowdhury,

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