Ferrari's Brazilian driver Felipe Massa drives ahead of Renault's Spanish driver Fernando Alonso during the French Formula One Grand Prix at the Magny-Cours racetrack on Sunday.

Khan retains C'wealth title

AFP, Birmingham

Amir Khan had to pick himself up off the floor before successfully defending his Commonwealth lightweight title with a fifth round stoppage of Michael Gomez at the National Indoor Arena here Saturday.

Victory meant Khan had won all 18 of his fights since turning professional after winning a silver medal at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

But Khan, having knocked Gomez down in the first round, was on the canvas himself early in the second and this fierce yet brief contest suggested the British rising star was still some way off fighting for a world title. Khan agreed he'd made errors

on the way to his latest victory. telling ITV: "I got caught with a left hook and I dropped my hands but I didn't make that same mistake

"It was one of those flash knockdowns but I got straight backup.

"This was one of my toughest fights but I learned from my mistakes. I will watch the video and work on them and continue my journey to the world title."

Gomez said of his compatriot: "He is a world class fighter with world class vulnerabilities but his hand speed beat me.

"I don't think I performed too well in the biggest chance of my

Khan, 21, dominated the first round and landed a powerful right uppercut before a combination of punches floored Gomez who, when he got back up, was then hit by a series of heavy blows.

Jane McGrath passes away

AFP, Sydney

The wife of former Australian cricketer Glenn McGrath died in Sydney on Sunday after a decade long battle with cancer, her family _said in a statement.

Jane McGrath, who had battled breast and later bone cancer, had surgery earlier this year and was recovering before complications set in, the statement issued by McGrath's management said.

"With Glenn and their two children by her side, Jane's wonderful life ended peacefully after a sudden decline in her health over the past week," it said.

The 42-year-old, who had two young children with the former



JANE McGRATH

paceman, set up the McGrath Foundation with her husband to provide support for women with breast cancer and to raise awareness about the disease.

Cricket Australia chief executive James Sutherland said the sport was saddened to hear of Jane McGrath's death.

"Jane was well-known, loved and admired throughout Australian cricket and was one of the most respected and admired members of the Australian cricket team family group during Glenn McGrath's playing days," he said.

"All of us who met her were charmed by her dignity and good humour as she tackled her battle with her illness for more than 10

years. Glenn McGrath announced his retirement from Test cricket at the end of 2006 but played in the shorter form of the game until the 2007 Cricket World Cup.

Massa regains lead

AFP, Magny-cours

Brazilian regained the leadership of the Formula One drivers world championship Sunday when he

Ferrari in the French Grand Prix. Massa, 27, took full advantage of exhaust problems that hindered his team-mate defending champion Finn Kimi Raikkonen's progress to take the lead from him after 39 of the 70 laps and then drive to a comfortable triumph.

Raikkonen, who had started from Ferrari's 200th pole position, followed 17.984sec to finish ahead of thirdplaced Italian Jamo Trulli of Toyota who was 28.250 sec off the pace.

It was Massa's third win this season and the eighth of his career and hoisted him to 48 points in the drivers' table, two points ahead of Poland's Robert Kubica, who finished fifth.

Two-time world champion colour as they pulled clear at the Spaniard Fernando Alonso was a disappointing seventh for Renault after starting third on the grid, and

his case

Mohammad Asif will have to pay

up the money that the Pakistan

Cricket Board spent on defending

him in the drug possession case in

Dubai if he is found guilty in the

internal inquiry to be conducted by

committee has been instituted by

the PCB which will submit its rec-

ommendations on the matter to

the Board in two weeks' time, PCB

chairman Nasim Ashraf said after a

governing body meeting in Lahore

Ashraf said Asif would be ineligi-

A three-member fact-finding

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PTI, Karachi

the PCB.

yesterday.

Asif will pay for

his team-mate Brazilian Nelson problems that affected his speed as Piquet was eighth.

Briton Lewis Hamilton, who started 13th following a penalty for his pit-lane crash in Canada, endured another madcap and controversial contest in which he was penalised again before finishdrove to a commanding victory for ing 10th!

After failing to see a red light in Montreal, this time he drove too aggressively and missed out a chicane as he made a first-lap engine grumbling loudly. passing move - for which he was handed a drive-through penalty.

be the last held at Magny-Cours, was hardly a thriller, but produced enough action to justify F1 comhim home in his wounded Ferrari at mercial ringmaster Bernie round of pit-stops began. Ecclestone's decision announced in the morning that it was expected to be retained on the calendar in 2009.

> took control. On an overcast day, of little sunshine and with an air and track temperature of 25 degrees Celsius, the red cars provided the initial

front of the field. By lap 30 they were 26 seconds clear, but Raikkonen was showing

ble to play until the committee

completes its inquiry and submits

its report. The PCB chief said strict

action would be taken against the

lanky pacer if he is found guilty,

including being asked to reimburse

the money spent on him by the

unanimously decided that if Asif is

found of having committed any

wrong or used drugs in this case

severe action would be taken

against him and all such players.

And all such expenses incurred on

Asif returned from Dubai yester-

day after the public prosecutor and

attorney general didn't press any

his case would be paid by Asif,

Ashraf said.

charges against him.

"The governing body today

his exhaust system began failing.

By lap 35, the half-way point in this long procession, Hamilton was up to 14th again, and Massa was poised to pass his Ferrari teammate for the lead, a position he held previously for two laps after the Finn's first stop!

Massa duly took first place to lead on lap 39 with Trulli still a distant third and Raikkonen's

Raikkonen, despite his troubles, continued to race fast enough to The race, which was expected to remain second ahead of Trulli and the rest, but he could not compete with Massa who pulled 12 seconds clear by lap 50 when the second

These saw a shake-up of the front runners as Alonso fell away and, in the end, after the second From the start, the two Ferraris round of stops and with rain threatening, Massa led Raikkonen by 13 seconds with Trulli third a further 18 seconds adrift.

> The pugnacious Hamilton was 11th, but his teammate Heikki Kovalainen had gained places and was up to fourth ahead of Kubica and Mark Webber as the final laps unfolded under a heavy grey sky.

Match-fixing at Wimbledon?

PTI, London

In a revelation that is bound to send shockwaves through the tennis world, 18 players competing in this year's Wimbledon are suspected to have thrown their matches for money at The All England Club on previous occasions.

According to a sensational report in 'The Times', eight Wimbledon matches, four of which happen to be men's singles games from last year, are suspected to have been fixed by professional betting syndicates.

The matches are named in a dossier compiled by leading bookmaking companies, which keep track of suspect betting patterns.

The dossier says five of the losing players from the suspected eight Wimbledon games are in this year's men's singles competition which begins tomorrow. 18 players competing in this

year's tournament are in the suspects list, dominated by Russians Spaniards, Argentines, Italians and Austrians. The dossier has based its findings

on the sudden change in the betting patterns for the suspect matches. The report comes as a further

blow to the sport's credibility which is battling corruption charges in tournaments of the stature of Davis Cup.

"If you look at a tournament you might see one match for 23,000 (in betting turnover), one for 27,000, one for 36,000 and one for 4.5m. It doesn't take a genius to work out that something is going on in the last one," 'The Times' quoted an official claiming to have access to the dossier which lists 140 suspect matches from tournaments around the world.

Pak Asia Cup squad named

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan have included uncapped spinner Saeed Ajmal in their 15man squad for the Asia Cup starting here Tuesday. The 30-year-old, who has per-

formed well domestically, was praised as a quality off-spinner by chief selector Salahuddin Ahmed on Sunday. "Ajmal has impressed with his

wicket-taking ability and can also bowl one which goes out like former spinner Saqlain Mushtaq and we hope he does well in this tournament," Ahmed told reporters.

Pakistan Thursday axed their specialist wicketkeeper batsman Kamran Akmal from a provisional squad of 20. Akmal's place went to newcomer Sarfraz Ahmed. Pakistan take on Hong Kong in

the opening Group B match of the six-nation Asia Cup here on Tuesday. India are the other team in the group. Bangladesh meet United Arab

Emirates in Lahore on Tuesday in Group A, which also includes defending champions Sri Lanka. SQUAD

Shoaib Malik (capt), Salman Butt, Nasir Jamshed, Younus Khan, Mohammad Yousuf, Misbah-ul Haq, Shahid Afridi, Fawad Alam, Rao Iftikhar, Sarfraz Ahmed, Sohail Tanveer, Umar Gul, Wahab Riaz, Saeed Ajmal, Mansoor Amjad.

Nadal, Djokovic aim to snap Federer streak

AFP, London



to transform golden era into a new dark age and destroy the Swiss superstar's

dream of a record sixth successive Wimbledon crown. after a season which has seen him

lose his Australian Open title and been humiliated by Nadal in the French Open final where he managed to win just four games. The world number one has not

round exit at Wimbledon at the hands of Croatia's Mario Ancic in 2002 and, despite his Roland Garros trauma, he was buoyed by his 59th successive grasscourt win in clinching the Halle tournament last weekend. "Many have been a little bewil-

dered that I judge my performance in Paris as a success, but I see it like this and I will not give up my opinion," said the 12-time Grand Slam title winner. "If you consider that I had a bad

start in 2008 (because of glandular fever), I don't think you can call being in a Grand Slam final a failure. "I haven't lost on grass for six

years. I still definitely feel very strong about my chances."

With a fourth successive French Open title under his belt, Nadal has since collected his first grasscourt title at Queen's.

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The Spaniard believes the Swiss would have been impressed by his

Queen's win where he defeated Rafael Nadal Wimbledon runner-up, and world number three Novak Djokovic on way from a back injury which Djokovic aim theway.

"For sure he (Federer) will have noticed," said Nadal. "I think I'm playing well. And if I continue playing like this, I'm going to have chances for a good result. Why 'can't I win it?'

Nadal had never played on grass until two years ago, but has reached Federer bristles at suggestions the last two Wimbledon finals and, that his powers are on the wane twelve months ago, the 22-year-old came agonisingly close to upsetting Federer in an epic five-set title

He is bidding to become the first Spaniard since Manolo Santana in 1966 to win the men's title and the lost a match on grass since a first first man since Bjorn Borg in 1980 to win the French Open and Wimbledon back-to-back.

As at Roland Garros, only Djokovic looks capable of mounting a serious challenge to the top two.

Worryingly for Federer, the Australian Open winner has been placed in his half of the draw and they could meet in the semi-finals.

Djokovic believes Federer is finally feeling the pressure from himself and Nadal.

Federer begins his campaign on Monday against experienced Slovakian Dominik Hrbaty.

He could play Australia's Lleyton Hewitt - the last man before Federer to win Wimbledon in 2002 - if they both make it to the

fourth round. Nadal faces German qualifier Andreas Beck in the first round while Djokovic could face unpredictable Russian Marat Safin in the second round if he gets past Germany's Michael Berrer.

Roddick, the runner-up in 2004 Andy Roddick, a double and 2005, also cannot be discounted but he is still feeling his sidelined him from Roland Garros.

Div II cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Kulfa Gosthi registered a fourwicket victory over Kishan in the Sunlife Insurance Second Division Cricket League at the Shahid Miraj-Tapan Stadium yesterday.

Kishan were all out for 101 runs in 22.5 overs with Mamun making 26 runs. Asad claimed four wickets and Pintu took three wickets. In reply, Kulfa posted 102 for six

wickets in 23.4 overs. Khokon hit an unbeaten 33. Shaker took two wickets.

In the day's other match, Manikganj Cricket Center defeated Green Valley by two wickets.

Div I kabaddi

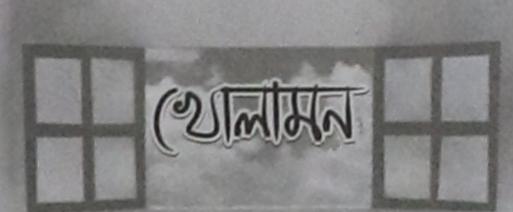
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Matuail Smriti Sangsad defeated Singna Sangha 69-24 in the First Division Kabaddi League at the kabaddi stadium yesterday.

The winners dominated the first half28-13.

In the day's other matches, Maniknagar Kabaddi Club beat Srijani Sangsad 45-34 after leading the first session 24-17 and the match between Dhaka Wanderers and Dhalpur Krira Chakra ended in a high-scoring 57-57 draw.

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Abahani, who play Tajikistan

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among the three groups go into the hat along with Dordoi and Ashgabat for the knockout stage draw, which takes place at the AFC House in the Malaysian capital on June 30.

Abahani's rude

champions Regar-TadAZ tomor row and Pakistan WAPDA on June 26, now face the impossible as they must win the remaining matches to reach the semifinals.

SQUAD Biplab, Siraji, Nazrul (Pradeep) Yussif, Waly, Mamun, Joy, Abul (Zahed), Ujjal, Emily and Ibrahim

Bangladesh win

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"We were in real trouble in the Singapore match as the officials gave controversial decisions throughout the match. We were playing against 13 men but my

boys held on to the task. "(Khondokar) Hassan received severe injury against Singapore and needed seven stitches. missed him for the last three matches. But all the 16 players have used proved their potential.

"This is our first trophy on foreign soil and it is a great achievement. But one thing looks certain that although our standard remains the same other teams are vastly improving. Unless the government takes hockey seriously and make long-term planning, we will lag behind.

"I will also thank Dhaka Bank personally because we might have not make this trip without their sponsorship." Bangladesh will return home

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