

## LOCAL SNIPPETS

## SPORTS REPORTER

Jatrabari Jhatika Sangsad outplayed Lalbagh Tarun Sangha 4-0 in the Dhaka City Corporation Pioneer Football League at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Sepoy Mohammad Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Mohammad Pavel struck two goals while Arif Hossain and Mithun Sarkar chipped in with one each.

In the day's other match at the same venue, Nawabpur KC got a walkover from Teigon Nabataranga.

## SUMMERATHLETICS

The 10th National Summer Athletics will be held on August 27-28 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

All District Sports Associations and universities affiliated with the federation have already been advised to submit their entry by August 20.

The 9th summer meet was held in 2004.

## DHAKA OPEN TENNIS

Five players moved into the quarterfinals of the men's singles event of the Dhaka Open Tennis competition winning their respective second round matches at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday.

In the day's matches, Amal Roy (NTC) beat Zakir Hossain (Uttara Club) 6-0, 6-1, Laxman Lal (American Club) defeated Nurul Islam (NTC) 6-2, 6-1, Prithul Mondal (ZITC) overpowered Milon Hossain (NTC) 2-6, 6-2, 6-4, Murad Hossain (NTC) outplayed Dipu Lal (Nordic Club) 5-7, 6-4, 7-5, and Ranjan Ram (NTC) beat Kanchan Ram (Nordic Club) 6-4, 6-3.

In the Boy's under-14 events, Biplob Ram, Tanvir Hasan, Aqib Munir, Jamil, Sajib Passi, Sunny Khan and Rustam Ali reached the quarterfinals.

## Zia stays

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Banerjee of India got walkover against Joydeep Dutta of India, FM Sheikh Nasir Ahmed drew with Debaraj Chatterjee, FM Rezaul Haque beat Shrestha Bilal.

Lal of Nepal, Keshav Shrestha of Nepal got walkover against Anissuzzaman Jewel, Abdullah Al Saif beat FM Mohammad Javed, FM Abdul Malek drew with Mohammad Ali, Arman Monir beat Monir Hossain, Sohail Chowdhury beat Badri Nepali of Nepal and Md. Hassan Emam drew with Mahtabuddin Ahmed Robin.

## Grand Smith

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crowd erupted in recognition of the moment, Smith feared that the "hot-headedness" that can characterise South African sporting teams was about to come to the fore once again.

Not that he was afflicted by the same emotions, however. Far from it. "I couldn't control that," he said. "I was just hoping that the right-handers could start picking up those low full-tosses. For me it was just about a real focus on my own game. Bat and hope someone could bat with me, because I knew if we could get a decent total on the board we could get close, England might get desperate and try a few things, and give us a few few deliveries."

In the final analysis, that is precisely what happened, as the combative Mark Boucher emerged to exorcise his own demons from the 1998 Test series, not to mention the World Cup semi-final on this very ground one year later. But there was nothing free about the runs that Smith accumulated. It was fitting that his final score was 154 not out, because there cannot have been a more brilliant and meaningful match-winning century scored in England since Graham Gooch took down the West Indians at Headingley in 1991.

Like Gooch 17 years ago, Smith batted through a barrage and, until Boucher's late role, found only token support from his colleagues. And symbolically he too batted on into the gloaming when others might have called it quits and returned to complete the job in the morning. Instead, he claimed the extra half-hour on the stroke of seven o'clock, and hurtled to victory in five further overs.

"I knew we had England tired because their seamers had bowled a lot of overs," he said. "The new ball was at the back of my mind -- if we'd lost a wicket we had a bit of a tail -- but eventually I thought: 'Let's go for it. We've got England on the ropes, so let's back ourselves.'"

And to think Smith might not even have taken part in this match. He pulled out of training on the eve of the game after suffering a back complaint while batting against Bangladesh A, and admitted afterwards that the problem had never entirely gone away. "It's been a bit sore, but I'm thankful I got on the field," he said. "I've been on a few painkillers, but at the moment there's a lot of adrenaline so I'm not feeling any pain."

Victory is always the best painkiller, but in South Africa's case, it extends beyond the fitness of their captain. The capitulations of 1994, 1998 and 2003 can at last be forgotten, and by blotting the date "1965" out of their record-books, the final link with the apartheid era has been severed. South Africa are a team going forward at high speed, and for their captain, the journey has never been so pleasant.



The Beijing Olympic Games-bound Bangladesh athletes pose with National Sports Council chairman Gen Moeen U Ahmed (front row, centre) at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

## India level thru' Ishant

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Sri Lanka were in deep trouble after losing Kumar Sangakkara (one) and in-form Mahela Jayawardene (five), who were known for playing long innings.

Sharma, who removed Malinda Warnapura with his third ball, got the big wicket when he had Jayawardene caught by Rahul Dravid at gully. Jayawardene scored a century in the opening Test and 86 in the first innings here.

Zaheer struck in his second over when he dismissed Sangakkara, beaten by the movement to be caught by Venkatesh Laxman at second slip.

India earlier faltered against Sri Lankan spinners Ajanta Mendis and Muttiah Muralidaran as they were bowled out for 269 after resuming at 200-4. They lost their last five wickets for 17 runs in a dramatic collapse.

Unorthodox spinner Mendis, who took six wickets in the first innings, finished with 4-92 to complete a maiden 10-wicket haul in only his second Test.

Muralidaran took two of the six wickets that fell in the morning to finish with 3-107.

Schwag was named man-of-

the-match for scoring an unbeaten 201 in the first innings and 50 in the second.

"It (double-century) was one of my best knocks as it came at the right time," said Schwag.

"I wanted to bat as long as I can. I don't feel pressure when I go in to bat because my captain and coach have always backed me. I always like to play my shots."

## SCOREBOARD

Complete scoreboard on the fourth day of the second Test between India and Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium on Sunday: INDIA: First innings 329 (Sehwag 201 not out, Mendis 6-117)

SRI LANKA: First innings 292 (M Jayawardene 86, Harbhajan 6-102) INDIA: Second innings (overnight 200-4)

Gambhir b Mendis 74  
Sehwag c Dilshan b Vaas 50  
Dravid lbw b Muralidaran 44  
Tendulkar c M Jayawardene b Vaas 31  
Ganguly c P Jayawardene b Muralidaran 16  
Laxman lbw b Mendis 13  
Karthik c Sangakkara b Muralidaran 20  
Kumble lbw b Mendis 2  
Harbhajan c b Mendis 11  
Sharma run out 0  
Zaheer not out 7  
Extras: (lb-7)

Total: (All out in 76.2 overs) 269  
Fall of wickets: 1-90, 2-144, 3-200, 4-200, 5-221, 6-252, 7-255, 8-257, 9-257, 10-269.

**Bowler**  
Vaas 13 4 32 2  
Kulasekara 5 0 31 0  
Muralidaran 31 3 107 3  
Mendis 27.2 4 92 4

**SRI LANKA: Second innings**  
Vandort lbw b Harbhajan 10  
Warnapura c Laxman b Sharma 0  
Sangakkara c Laxman b Zaheer 1  
M Jayawardene c Dravid b Sharma 5  
Samaraweera not out 67  
Dilshan c Karthik b Sharma 38  
P Jayawardene c Ganguly b Harbhajan 4  
Vaas lbw b Harbhajan 4  
Kulasekara c Sharma b Kumble 1  
Mendis c Kumble b Harbhajan 2  
Muralidaran c b Kumble 8  
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, nb-2) 0  
Total: (All out in 47.3 overs) 136  
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-5, 3-10, 3-37, 5-113, 6-130, 7-131, 8-132, 9-135, 10-136.

**Bowler**  
Zaheer 8 1 18 1  
Sharma 15 8 20 3  
Kumble 10.3 3 41 2  
Harbhajan 14 1 51 4  
Result: India won by 170 runs.  
Man-of-the-match: Virender Sehwag.

## Hackett leads Aussie swim team

AFP, Beijing

Legend Grant Hackett arrived here Sunday at the head of Australia's 42-strong swimming team and said that he was ready to try and grab an unprecedented third 1500m Olympic title.

"I am confident I can get the best out of myself. I have prepared very well," said Hackett, 28. "I am feeling fit and ready to race."

Australia are expected to battle with the United States for swimming dominance at the August 8-24 Games and include six world record holders in their squad.

Coach Alan Thompson admitted that the pressure was on now that the team had arrived in Beijing after a secluded week-long training camp in Malaysia.

"We have been a little bit sheltered for the last couple of days but I think this (arrival in Beijing) will certainly bring it home to the kids that the whole of the world is watching, as well as Australia," he said.

Hackett is attempting what no man has ever done before -- three consecutive Olympic titles over the most gruelling event, the 1500m.

"I certainly realise the attention and expectations that go with that but at the same time I probably feel more relaxed for this Olympics than for the last two," he said.

Libby Trickett, who holds the 50m and 100m freestyle world records, and Leisel Jones, the 100m and 200m breaststroke world record holder, are among the best hopes for Australian gold at the Games along with Hackett.

Also in the squad are world record holders Jess Schipper, who holds the men's 200m butterfly best time, Eamon Sullivan, the 50m freestyle holder, and Stephanie Rice, the fastest woman ever in the 200m individual medley.

Thompson said the squad was in excellent shape and morale was high.

"We had a very good training camp and everyone was very happy with their performances. Everyone is healthy -- touch wood -- and we hope we keep it that way."

## Bolt to go for double

AFP, Kingston

Jamaica's 100m world record holder Usain Bolt will attempt the 100m/200m double at the Beijing Olympics, agent Norman Peart said.

Peart, one of the agents of the sprinter, said: "He is going to double up. That's certain. I have just received confirmation from his coach Glen Mills."

Bolt, who ran his world record run of 9.58sec in New York on May 31, is expected to hotly challenge for the 100m Olympic crown with compatriot Asafa Powell and American Tyson Gay. However the 200m is Bolt's favourite event.

Bolt, Powell and Gay hold the eight best 100m performances in history. Peart added that Bolt's decision to double up was not a surprise. "It was clear that the coach was going to let him do it (run both races). We listen to our athletes and if he tells us he wants to run the double, it's up to us to organise the best programme for him."

Bolt's current form is formidable. He has run two of the fastest three 100m times in history and over 200m has the three best times in the world this season.

The 1.96m (6ft 4in) sprinter ran under 10 seconds three times in May -- 9.76sec in Jamaica, 9.92 at Trinidad and Tobago, before his world record performance in New York.

## Cibulkova meets Safina in final

AFP, Montreal

Unseeded Slovakian Dominika Cibulkova seeks to continue her giant killer form after booking a berth in the WTA Rogers Cup final on Saturday.

Cibulkova, who upset world No. 2 Jelena Jankovic in earlier rounds, beat 10th-seeded Frenchwoman Marion Bartoli 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, in a rain-hit semifinal Saturday at Uniprix Stadium.

She next faces Russia's Dinara Safina who punched her ticket to Sunday's final by beating Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 6-0, 2-6, 6-3.

Besides shocking Jankovic, Cibulkova beat sixth-ranked Elena Dementieva and No. 12 seed Nadia Petrova en route to the semis.

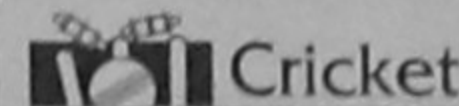
In her only other final appearance this year, Cibulkova lost to Russian Maria Sharapova at the Amelia Island tournament.

Safina, who is enjoying one of the most productive runs of her career, needed one hour, 45 minutes to beat 11th seeded Azarenka, who turned 19 on Thursday.

Safina won six of eight break point chances and made 58 per cent of her first serves.

Safina is the younger sister of former ATP No. 1 Marat Safin, but the Russian has succeeded in creating her own name and eventually could find herself atop the WTA rankings.

## Captain leads Proteas to historic win



AFP, Birmingham

South African captain Graeme Smith made a magnificent century to lead his team to a series-clinching victory on the fourth day of the third Test against England at Edgbaston on Saturday.

Smith made an unbeaten 154 as South Africa won by five wickets to take a winning 2-0 lead in the four-Test series.

It was South Africa's first series win in England since 1965 and ended a sequence of three series in the country in which they failed to capitalise after going one Test up.

South Africa were set to make 281, by 70 runs the highest successful fourth innings chase in a Test match at Edgbaston and South Africa's fourth-highest of all time.

The victory seemed unlikely when South Africa slumped to 93 for four, with two of the wickets falling to balls from Andrew Flintoff which the batsmen did not see.

But Smith survived the collapse in making his 16th Test ton and found able partners in AB de Villiers (27) who helped him put on 78 for the fifth wicket and Mark Boucher (45 not out), who shared an unbeaten 112-run stand for the sixth wicket.

South Africa took advantage of a

tiring England team and claimed the available extra half hour at the end of an afternoon session which had already lasted for three hours.

Flintoff, who first swung the momentum towards England with a fiery spell on the second evening, made vital breakthroughs with full deliveries which the batsmen appeared not to see.

He trapped Neil McKenzie leg before for 22 after McKenzie and Smith put on 65 for the first wicket.

McKenzie appeared to lose the ball completely and was ducking when the ball hit him on the boot. Jacques Kallis also ducked against a ball which struck him on the full on his right thigh in line with the stumps.

Kallis, bowled by a Flintoff yorker in the first innings which he admitted he did not pick up from the bowler's hand as it was delivered against the backdrop of the committee room balcony immediately above the sightscreen, showed his anger as he was given out leg before.

In between Flintoff's two wickets, Hashim Amla was leg before to an arm ball from left-arm spinner Monty Panesar.

Flintoff was rested after taking two for 28 in eight overs but Ashwell Prince was caught behind off James Anderson as South Africa crashed to 93 for four.

South Africa earlier bowled out

England for 363 in their second innings.

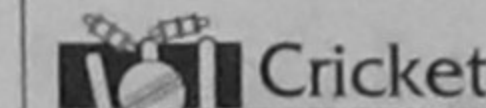
Paul Collingwood was last man out for 135.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at close on the fourth day of the third Test between England and South Africa at Edgbaston in Birmingham on Saturday:

ENGLAND: First innings 231  
SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 314  
ENGLAND: Second innings 363  
SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings

Smith not out 55  
McKenzie lbw b Flintoff 22  
Amla lbw b Panesar 6  
Kallis lbw b Flintoff 5  
Prince c Ambrose b Anderson 2  
De Villiers c Collingwood b Panesar 27  
Boucher not out 45  
Extras: (b-10, lb-8, nb-2, w-2) 22  
Total: (For 5 wks in 80 overs) 283  
Did not bat: Morkel, Harris, Nel, Ntini.  
Fall of wickets: 1-65, 2-78, 3-83, 4-93, 5-171.  
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Sidebottom 10 1 26 0  
Anderson 13 0 60 0  
Panesar 33 3 91 2  
Flintoff 20 5 72 2  
Pietersen 4 0 16 0  
Result: South Africa won by 5 wickets, and lead four-match series 2-0.  
Man-of-the-match: Graeme Smith.

## Sachin's quiet film debut



BBC ONLINE, undated

India's star batsman Sachin Tendulkar, known as the Master Blaster of cricket, is making a debut in films.

He has not fallen for the glamour of glitzy Bollywood but has agreed to make a short appearance in a religious film entitled Vignaharta.

Translated as Destroyer of Obstacles, the film is about Lord Ganesha, the elephant-headed Hindu deity worshipped widely in the state of Maharashtra.

It depicts miracles believed to have happened after offering prayers.

The film is mostly set at the Siddhivinayak Temple in Mumbai (Bombay), India's financial capital, and capital of Maharashtra state.

The temple is frequented by thousands of worshippers every day.

Several celebrities walk to it on

foot on important occasions such as new film releases and marriages.

It is also heavily guarded because there have been several security threats over the last few years.

The director of the film, Yashwant Ingale, confirmed that Tendulkar was the only cricketer acting in the film along with several other Bollywood stars, including Amitabh Bachchan, Shilpa Shetty and Sridevi.

"Siddhivinayak Temple has a huge following in Mumbai and the (temple) trust was interested in getting the devotees involved in the film. So we approached many of them and everyone readily agreed," he said.

"We are going to show six or seven miraculous stories authorised by the temple trust. In one of them, Sachin has an important part towards climax of the story."

It is likely that Tendulkar -- a devotee of the temple -- will play himself in the film.

"We decided to make this film

because several devotees said more people should know about Lord Ganesha," said Subhash Mayekar of the Siddhivinayak Temple Trust.

Ingale said that although the film is a religious story, it will depict the events in "a scientific manner and it is not a superstitious matter".

Producer Rajiv Sanghvi added that the film will have a social message about taking care of parents.

"Lord Ganesha worshipped his parents a lot and devotees should implement that," Sanghvi said.

The film is near completion and Tendulkar's part will be shot around 4 or 5 September, after he is back from a tour of Sri Lanka.

Ganesh Chaturthi, a 10-day long festival celebrating Ganesha, begins on 3 September.

The film is expected to be released by November during the festival season.

Sachin Tendulkar has been a favourite with the advertising world and endorses several brands but has never been part of any film.



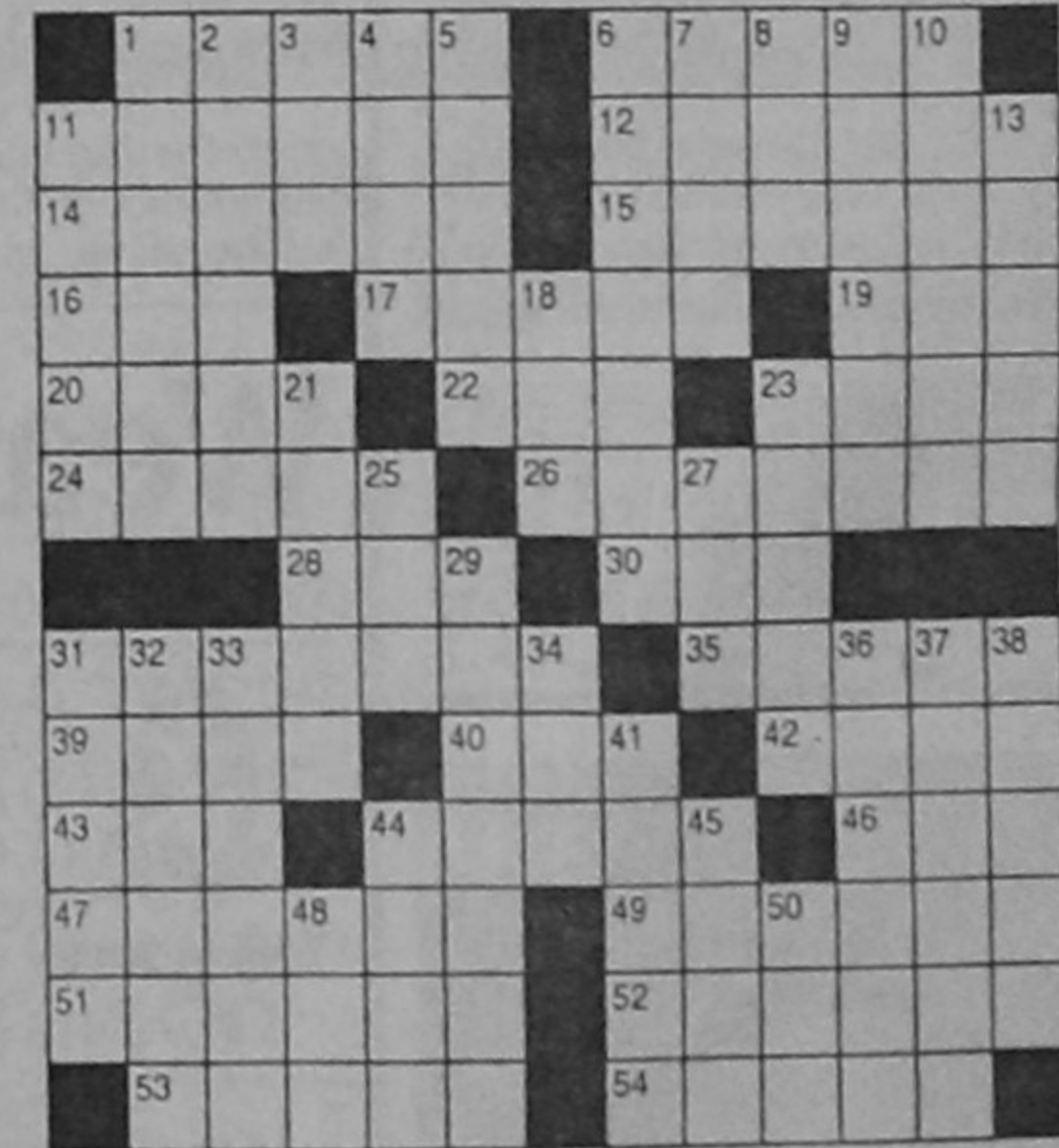
The GP-BCB National Academy players pose with game development committee chairman Shakil Kasem (front row, 3rd from L) at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, ahead of their departure for South Africa today.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: SUPPOSE YOU DO SOME MATH AND PROCEED TO VANQUISH AN ENEMY. HAVE YOU DIVIDED AND CONQUERED?

Today's Cryptquip Clue: X equals T