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The young footballers from Bangladesh, representing the Canary Wharf Youth Football Academy, drew their first friendly match in London on Friday.

The match against Bethnal Green United under-15 side ended in a 3-3 draw, informed coordinator Fazlur Rahman Babul from London.

The 23-member team from Bangladesh started hard training on October 27 at the Chingford Scout Centre, where facilities are top-class.

Although unused to the low temperature (3-10 degrees Celsius) and occasional snowfall, the boys are training from 10.30am-1.30pm everyday. Zakir Khan, founder of the

academy and community affairs manager of Canary Wharf, is providing local hospitality. The team also visited the

Wembley Stadium and the FA presented UK national team jersey to the visitors at a reception. They will play three more

friendly matches against London's top football club under-15 sides. Div I hockey

UNB, Dhaka

Farashganj Sporting Club beat Dhaka Wanderers 2-0 in a match of the Green Delta Metropolis First Division League at the Moulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium vesterday.

Sajid and Ujjal scored one goal each for the winners in the 6th and 57th minute.

In the day's other match, Mukto Bihonga Tarun Sangha played out a goalless draw with Bachelors at the same venue.

### Three former

FROM PAGE 17 Dewan Shafiul Arefin Tutul and SM

Alamgir. Names like Aminul Haq Moni, Mahbub Anam, Aziz Al Kaiser Tito, Ahmed Sajjadul Alam Bobby, Enayet Hossain Siraj, Gazi Golam Dastagir, Shafiqur Rahman Munna, Jalal Younus and GS Hassan Tamim are involved in Category 2 while Roquibul Hassan, Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, Faruque Ahmed and Khondokar Jamil Uddin were the notable ones to buy nomination papers for Category 3.

Nazma Shamim is the lone woman candidate. The nomination papers will have

to be submitted on Wednesday for the November 12 polls.

### ICL worries

In the wake of the ICL exodus, 117 from 56.1 overs. Bangladesh have done well to stay competitive and Siddons was pleased with the recent home games during which they upset New Zealand comprehensively in the first ODI but failed to close the series. They had their chances in the first Test as well but lost by three wickets in a closely fought contest.

"We've just beaten New Zealand for the first time, so lots of little things are showing signs that some good times are just round the corner," he said. "But the team is young and inconsistency is still there."

The top order was not at its best against New Zealand and Siddons wanted the players to lift for the South Africa tour, which features two Tests, a Twenty20 and three ODIs. "They are vulnerable at the moment but if they find their feet we'll be competitive without a doubt," Siddons said. "Our middleorder batsmen and bowling will be okay, I think, over there."

### A point

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The Reds once again showed signs of tiring in the second half and Brothers were pressing hard but midfielder Shakil failed to keep a header and a close-range shot on target. Tapu also came close but inspired defending by Nigerian player Davis Majemu denied the Brothers striker a shot at goal.

Brothers made two changes, removing Parvez and Munna but Roni and Liton both failed to inspire the strikers to steal a match winner.

The end was like a win for Muktijoddha players, who were celebrating after putting an end to their losing streak for nearly two months, especially after conceding ten goals in the last two games including a humiliating 7-0 defeat at the hands of Mohammedan.

"We have finally created a playing environment where it is possible to concentrate on the game," said new coach Atiqur Rahman, who was in charge of his second match in the league.

"The players have got some money finally and we managed to train for the past few days, which was not possible in the past months. Today's draw is the result of that," added the former national goalkeeper, who replaced Asghar Ali Nasir at the helm of struggling club, whose officials were jostling just before start of the game.

TEAMS

MUKTIJODDHA: Mustaq, Roni, Majemu, Biplab, Bappi, Biddyut, Sentu, Jalal, Tajul (Amin Rana) Kanchan and Walid (Milon).

BROTHERS: Zia, Arup, Ariful, Shuvra, Divine, Mishu, Zahid, Shakil, Munna (Liton), Parvez (Roni) and Tapu. Referee: Azad Rahman.

when people said I could not bowl



Dhaka batsman Nadif Chowdhury cracks one of his four sixes in the fourth round National Cricket League tie against Khulna at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

# Rony's first ton

For the visitors, paceman Rabiul took three wickets while Ziaur took

BARISALVCHITTAGONG Rony hit 21 boundaries and three sixes in his epic 224-ball knock that spanned just a minute short of six

The young right-hander, who played the last Under-19 World Cup in Malaysia, added 156 for the second wicket with Nasiruddin Faruque, who missed out on a halfcentury by one run although having batted for more than three hours.

added 32 before falling to Chittagong's Tareq Aziz. His new-ball partner Kamrul

Their captain Imran Ahmed

Islam snared three wickets.

SYLHETVRAJSHAHI Subhashish, a tall fast bowler who was unearthed in the last edition of the Grameenphone Pacer Hunt,

this season, taking five for 19. He removed Farhad Hossain, Khaled Mashud and Suharwardi Shuvo among his scalps as the visitors were bowled out for just

continued his good form for Sylhet

the Pink City Talent Hunt, took three wickets while Saikat Ali and Monir Hossain took one each.

In reply, the hosts were 97 for three with Rajin Saleh and Mohammad Mithun unbeaten at the crease.

BRIEFSCORES

DHAKA: First innings 251-9 dec in 83.3 overs (Javed 15, Elias 44, Shamsur 53, Mahmudullah 5, Marshall 0, Nadif 54, Nazmul 36, Arafat 11, Ashiqul 2, Emon 5\*, Azim 4\*; Ziaur 2-30, Dollar 1-20, Rabiul 3-44, Murad 1-81). KHULNA: First innings 18-0 in 4

overs (Sadat 4\*, Mostafiz 6\*). BARISAL: First innings 276-5 in 90 overs (Uttam 0, Rony 176, Faruque 49, Imran 32, Tariqul 4\*, Bashar 0\*; Tareq 2-69, Kamrul 3-49).

RAJSHAHI: First innings 117 all out in 56.1 overs (Shakil 2, Jahurul 38, Farhad 0, Hamidul 4, Anisur 24, Mashud 6, Shuvo 5, Shahzada 4, Saglain 4, Shafiul 0; Roy 5-19, Rashedur 3-52, Saikat 1-26, Monir

SYLHET: First innings 97-3 in 31 overs (Rahman 20, Imtiaz 37, Saikat 17, Rajin 9\*, Mithun 8\*; Shuvo 2-8, Rashedur Rahman, a find from Saglain 1-27).

## Div II football

Both matches of the Dhaka Metropolis Second Division Football League ended in goalless draws at the Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Sepoy Mohammad Mostafa Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

between BG Press and Friends Social Welfare while the second goalless tie Sadharan Bima.

In today's matches East End are up against T&T Club Motijheel while Police AC face Prantik KC.

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The Bangladesh side will get Wednesday with a Twenty20 International against the hosts.

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The first game that ended 0-0 was was between Dhanmondi Club and

## Tigers arrive

skate park, restaurants, a 135m high baloon ride and a birds sanctuary. Built to look like an old Italian castle the complex even has a fascinating artificial sky inside.

their preparation going today when they train at the Wanderers in the morning. There is gym and swimming scheduled for the afternoon. The weather has been a sunny and comfortable mid-20 degree here. The tour gets underway on

# Superstars make millions

FROM PAGE 17 event and Pietersen added: "We're going to have to buy into the competition a lot more."

Stanford, the man behind the Caribbean's domestic Twenty20 tournament, said he hoped this victory would provide a springboard for renewed West Indies success at the international level.

"Three years ago we started an experiment to get young kids who were going elsewhere back into cricket and to reward the best players in the Caribbean for their professional skills," the Antiguabased Texan said.

"We're doing it, the results are here tonight. We will beat anybody in the world with this team. We are

back, we're going to take the world again. This programme is working.

England had been dismissed for just 99 in one ball short of their permitted 20 overs, after choosing to bat under the lights on a hard, easy-paced pitch. Andre Fletcher, who finished on

32 not out, smashed four consecutive boundaries off Stuart Broad in the second over of the innings. Gayle subsequently destroyed

Stephen Harmison in a sensational fifth over that cost England's premier fast bowler 22 runs and concluded with the Test left-hander middling two straight hits for six.

Earlier, England's batsmen paid a heavy price for cavalier batting against mean, purposeful bowling

supported by sharp fielding.

Samit Patel's 22 was the top score in an innings where only two other batsmen -- Matt Prior (12) and Paul Collingwood (10) -- got to double figures.

Sammy took two wickets to get rid the deep by Dave Mohammed, and Pietersen, who was bowled round his legs for just seven by the medium-pacer.

This fixture brought the curtain

thanked his teammates and family for their support.

"I shared the dressing room with some of the great players like Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Sourav Ganguly and Venkatsai Laxman besides the younger lot like Virender Sehwag and Zaheer Khan.

and a great journey."

of honour by his teammates, said it would have been a fitting farewell had his side won the third Test.

me. I thought it would be fitting if we won the game and the series here. Ideally I would have liked to bow out with a win.

the series in Nagpur."

ful bowler ever. He trails only Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan and Australia's retired Shane Warne in the list of the world's highest wicket-takers.

one-day internationals before quitting the shorter version of the competed against the Aussies." game last year.

Kumble bowled in the first cricket last year, said his decision innings here despite 11 stitches on his finger, reminding critics calling for his retirement of his resilience and value to the team.

flak from-critics. "Criticism started 18 years ago

opportunity to announce my retirement though I am still trying to learn how to bowl leg-spin," he said in his parting shot at critics.

There were calls for him to be dropped from the Indian team along with other seniors after their collective failure in the preceding Test series against Sri Lanka.

"I had gone through a difficult phase at the start of my career when people questioned my abil-

"After suffering a shoulder injury, I played for eight years. Surely my second phase was more satisfying. We won more matches "But I am confident of sealing in West Indies, Pakistan, Australia.

Kumble is India's most success- capabilities and my team knew what I am capable of. The team should respect you. I know I have given my 100 per cent.

of resilience in past few months. It was just one bad series in Sri Lanka. But India is the team which has Kumble, who quit one-day

was not triggered by calls for his retirement from critics.

"I don't regret anything. I have given my 100 per cent. I cherish my 0.

Man-of-the-match Darren of Owais Shah, brilliantly caught in

down on the inaugural Super Series, which also featured

Trinidad and Tobago, the reigning Caribbean Twenty20 champions and their English counterparts Middlesex.

# Kumble takes final bow

FROM PAGE 17 already given up one-day cricket,

"It has been a great experience

The Indian stalwart, given a lap

He picked 337 wickets from 271

excelled despite facing constant more." Kumble said he had no

well," he said.

"I think there were different phases when you play for so long," he said Sunday.

"Delhi has been very special to ity, which continued till the last.

"I had a strong belief in my

"As a team we have shown a lot

"My body had been telling me that it's time now. I didn't take a call Kumble said he would like to be based on criticism. I was not able to remembered as someone who take the grinds of Test cricket anyregrets from his career

first series in 1990, the Kotla ground "I am lucky that at least I got the is very special as I got a 10-wicket haul here, and all the Test victories all over the world.

"I would like to be remembered

as someone who gave his 100 per

cent everytime I went out there, someone who took 600 plus wickets for the first time in India, which is a good sign. "I believe Indian cricket has gone further since the time started in terms of result. It's only going to improve with the coming

generations because you want to do better than your predecessors." Australian captain Ricky Ponting hailed the India skipper. "On behalf of the Australian team, I would like to congratulate Kumble for his outstanding career.

He is a great competitor and one of

the greats of the game." Kumble, who missed his side's 320-run victory in the second Test in Mohali with a shoulder injury, also bowled with a broken jaw against the West Indies in the Antigua Test in 2002.

venue where he claimed all 10

wickets in an innings, the only

bowler to have attained this feat | Watson after England's Jim Laker. He smiled and waved to the crowd from the dressing room while receiving handshakes from | Extras: (lb-1) his teammates.

honour by his teammates when he

He was also given a guard of Bowler

came out to bowl during Australia's second innings. India lead the four-Test series 1-

# SA home

Kallis takes

AFP, Kimberley

Jacques Kallis steered South Africa to a comfortable seven-wicket win over Kenya in the second and final one-day international at the Diamond Oval here on Sunday.

Kallis hit an unbeaten 92 as South Africa overhauled Kenya's total of 222 for nine with 14.3 overs to spare.

That Kenya were able to post a respectable total was mainly due to teenage opening batsman Seren Waters, who hit a solid halfcentury.

Waters, 18, scored 74 as Kenya made first use of a good batting pitch. Playing in his fourth one-day international after making his debut against Ireland in Nairobi | then trapping Brian Lara leg-before. last month, Waters advanced cautiously to a maiden half-century off matches for India at home and away as leg-spinner Kumble, 105 balls. He hit nine fours and a six

in a 116-ball innings. South Africa lost Herschelle Gibbs after only two runs were scored in the first three overs of

their reply. Hashim Amla took 16 balls to score his first run but then played a succession of attacking strokes to make 78 off 76 balls. He dominated a second wicket stand of 118 with

ished with 92 off 94 balls, sealing the match with a six off a free-hit no-ball by Elijah Otieno. It was the second successive half-century by Kallis, who made

71 when South Africa won the first

Kallis then took over and fin-

match by 159 runs in Bloemfontein Friday. South African captain Johan Botha said he was satisfied with the team's performance over the two games but said there was room for improvement ahead of a Twenty20 international and three one-day internationals against Bangladesh

### Nalbandian meets Tsonga in final

AFP, Paris

startingWednesday.

David Nalbandian of Argentina and home hero Jo-Wilfried Tsonga will contest Sunday's Paris Masters final with the winner grabbing the final spot in the Masters Cup in

Shanghai later this month. Nalbandian, the defending champion here, defeated Nikolay Davydenko of Russia 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 in a topsy-turvy contest.

Tsonga had too much power and panache for American James Blake winning at a canter 6-4, 6-3. That result ended Blake's Masters Cup hopes, made sure of qualifica-

Nalbandian and Tsonga will complete the eight-man line-up in China. The six others already qualified before Saturday were Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray, Davydenko, and

tion for seventh-ranked Juan Martin

del Potro and means that the winner

of Sunday's final between

Andy Roddick. Nalbandian's win confirmed the fine vein of form that the eighth seed has struck as he gets ready for his ultimate goal, leading Argentina to their first Davis Cup title against Spain in Mar del Plata later this

## Tame draw

TV replays showed the ball would have missed leg stump. Laxman welcomed Johnson, celebrating his 27th birthday, with a boundary, prompting the bowler

to hurl a few angry words at him. The right-hander also hit a classic straight drive off White besides a cover driven boundary off Clarke and was named man of the match, remaining not out on 59.

SCOREBOARD Final scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the third Test between India and Australia at the Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium in New Delhi on Sunday:

INDIA: First innings 613-7 decl (Gambhir 206, Laxman 200 no; Johnson 3-142, Watson 2-66) AUSTRALIA: First innings 577 all out (Clarke 112, Ponting 87, Hayden 83; Sehwag 5-104, Kumble

INDIA: Second innings (overnight 43-2) Gambhir lbw b Johnson Sehwag b Lee Sharma c Ponting b Clark Dravid b Lee Tendulkar c Hayden b White Laxman not out Ganguly not out Extras: (lb-4, nb-1, w-1) Total: (For five wkts declin

77.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-34, 3-53, 4-93.5-145. O M Bowler 3 48 Lee 22 Clark 56 Clarke His announcement came at a | Katich 23 Johnson 23 White 27 AUSTRALIA: Second innings Haydennotout Katichnotout

Total: (For no loss in 8 overs)

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Result: Match Drawn.

covered in shadow 43 Feathery Man-of-the-match: VVS Laxman. accessory

# Jumbo shoes to fill

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

Anil Kumble announced his retirement from Test cricket here on Sunday, leaving India with a huge task of finding a consistent match-

winning spinner. The 38-year-old will always be remembered for his magical spell against Pakistan here in 1999 when he became only the second bowler after Englishman Jim Laker to grab 10 wickets in a Test innings.

He will also be known for putting the team before himself, bowling with a broken jaw against the West Indies in the 2002 Antigua Test and No bowler has won as many

known for his perseverance and courage in adversity during an illustrious 18-year career. India are now left with just one experienced spinner in Harbhajan Singh, Kumble's partner for more than a decade. The "spin twins"

were instrumental in scripting

many Test and one-day victories. Kumble was a spinner with a difference, defying convention and odds on way to 619 wickets in 132 India's win in the 2002 Headingley

after Sri Lankan Muttiah

Australian Shane Warne (708). He claimed five or more wickets series in Australia in 2004. in a Test innings 35 times and 10 or

more in a match eight times. the ball like off-spinner Muralidaran and leg-spinner eight at Multan. Warne, but was second to none when it came to probing batsmen's credentials with shrewd variations.

forte was discipline. He was capable of bowling long spells without losing his concentration, unsettling batsmen with his accuracy and bounce. kept alive a rich tradition of spin

1960s and 1970s, thanks to Bishan Bedi, Erapalli Prasanna, Bhagwat Venkataraghavan. debut in 1990 in England, was not without his critics in his initial years

ability to succeed only at home on low, slow and wearing pitches. their words as Kumble played key runs with one hundred and five

as they claimed the spinner had the

roles in many away victories. He bagged seven wickets in

matches -- the third highest in Tests Test which helped his team square the four-Test series. He took 24 Muralidaran (756) and retired wickets in three Tests to help his

side draw a tough four-match Kumble was the key to India's Test series win in Pakistan four Kumble was not a big turner of years ago when he grabbed 15

wickets in three matches, including India won their first Test series in the West Indies in 2006 after 35 years, with Kumble playing a vital He was faster in the air and his role. He took six wickets in the second innings at Kingston which

saw the hosts crash to 219 chasing a 269-run target. Kumble was named captain in His biggest contribution was he the twilight of his career -- against Pakistan at home last year -- and

bowling which was at its peak in the gave a good account of himself. He kept his cool during the illtempered Test series in Australia Chandrasekhar and Srinivas earlier this year, ruffling the hosts' feathers when he said, "only one Kumble, who made his Test 'team was playing in the spirit of the

Kumble, a gutsy lower-order batsman, had to wait for 17 years to score his only Test century -- an unbeaten 110 against England at The critics were forced to eat the Oval last year. He scored 2,506

half-centuries. He quit one-day cricket last year with 337 wickets in 271 matches.

# Bowling an Aussie worry

Cricket

there was none.

CRICINFO, undated Australia dreamed of another dramatic come-from-behind victory, in the style of Adelaide in 2006-07, but times and conditions have changed. If they were playing at home there might have been a slim chance of success, but in Delhi

On a pitch that allowed 1190 runs in the first innings, Australia needed a miracle that not even Glenn McGrath or Shane Warne could have conjured to capture eight quick wickets on the final day. In the end they prised three victims before the declaration in the third session. Michael Clarke had eyes only for victory at the end of the fourth day and the new side's expectations remain high, but they

are not so realistic. Australia's batsmen did a fabulous job to stay in the game and the series ahead of Thursday's final Test in Nagpur. Clarke's batting was strong and, most importantly, significant contributions also came through Matthew Hayden, Ricky Ponting, Simon Katich and Michael Hussey. With help from the lower order, it turned into an impressive and comprehensive batting display. It is a good sign

they win the fourth Test to draw the Sharma late on the fourth day -- the series and retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy is the bowling, which has been a problem all tour. In three matches they have been unable to get close to taking 20 wickets. Here they managed 12, following the 13 in Mohali and 14 in Bangalore. Winning Tests is diffi cult if you have to rely on a declaration, and impossible if you can't bowl a team out on the final day. The assignment was even more difficult on Sunday as Australia still

needed to bat for a second time. Four years ago Australia received a gift with a green surface in Nagpur, which seemed to occur because of a cloudy dispute between the groundsman, the BCCI and Sourav Ganguly. With the series to be decided over the next week, a second Australian pitch miracle cannot occur and the bowlers must find a more orthodox Indian way through the home side's batting wall. The attack has continued to charge in and its effort is without question, but more is needed. It's unlikely Australia will find the

secret unless Stuart Clark is a men-

ace, Brett Lee can fire and Mitchell

Johnson returns to his form of the

first Test. Not starting arguments

with batsmen such as VVS Laxman, which he did before lunch, might speaks that much off the field.

What will determine whether wicket of nightwatchman Ishant enough.

game was gone, with India owning too many recognised batsmen. Even Johnson's lbw of Gautam Gambhir was fortunate, with the ball going down the legside. Australia required at least another wicket in the first session and when a quick end did not come to the Laxman-Sachin Tendulkar part-

nership only a draw was possible.

Once again Simon Katich, Australia's most part-time but most dangerous spinner, was not used in a strange decision from Ponting. Michael Clarke and Cameron White were preferred on the final day, with White deceiving Tendulkar and having him caught at slip. He has picked up Tendulkar twice during the series, but after his treatment in the first innings it is unlikely he will appear in Nagpur. Penetrative spin and pace are equal worries for the visitors.

Arguing over moral victories in this game will be pointless over the next few days. There is only one contest that matters and it begins on Thursday. Australia are missing a world-class fast bowler in all conditions, an effective spinner and attacking runs from their wicketkeeper. The McGrath-Warne-Gilchrist trio was essential help regain his focus. He never to the 2004 success. Without these three elements the team is good Even though India were 99 for 4 instead of great. In India, against when they head south on Monday. at lunch -- a score inflated by the this balanced outfit, it is not good



The World Cyber Games 2008 start in the German city of Cologne on November 6. The picture shows Bangladesh's participants Arman Kayes from AIUB (FIFA 08), AKM Abdur Rahaman from the Engineering University Higher Secondary School (NFS PS), Jisnhu Brahmaputra, an A Level student (WC III Frozen Throne), Kazi Newaz Ibne Mahtab from IUB (CS 1.6), Imran Meah from LCLS (CS 1.6), Sharif Nazir from Lalmatia Madrasa (CS 1.6), Nurun Nobi

Tushar from Oxford International School (CS 1.6) and Atif al Rashid from Imperial College (CS 1.6).

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals L