Olympic Day Run tomorrow

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The Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) will organise the Olympic Day Run across the country tomorrow.

It is the first time the annual event of the BOA will be held in all districts including the six divisional headquarters in a bid to spread the Olympic movement to every corner of the country.

"We have asked all the sport federations, divisional and district sports associations and the women's sports associations to take necessary measures to join the programme," told BOA secretary general Kutubuddin Ahmed at a press conference at the NSC conference room yesterday.

BOA vice-president and Olympic Day Run organising committee chairman and Mizanur Rahman Manu, BOA CEO Col (ret) MWaliullah, joint secretary general Anisur Rahman Dipu, Gazi Group chairman Gazi Golam Dastagir, EXIM Bank director Nurul Fazal Bulbul and Coca Cola Far-East Limited's country director Debashish Deb were also present.

"We have also distributed funds to them to meet expenses," Kutub added.

The Run will begin at 7.30am with Bangladesh Air Force Chief Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman as chief guest in Dhaka.

The BOA has a number of sponsors in Dutch Bangla Bank Limited, Gazi Group Limited, Coca Cola, EXIM Bank Limited, Amicus Properties, BD Blazer and Samsonite.

The IOC has provided US dollars

4,000. The BOA will also organise art competition and blood donation programmes.

Broad worry for England

CRICINFO, undated

England are hopeful that Stuart Broad will recover from the knee injury which kept him out of the warm-up defeat against the Mumbai Cricket Association XI, on Tuesday.

Broad picked up his knee problem during England's first warmup match on Sunday where he bowled four overs. His knee swelled - up but has responded to treatment and the England management will monitor him in the build-up to Friday's opening ODI.

"He's had it injected and it seems to have reacted, but we won't know until he bowls before the match," Peter Moores, the England coach, told Sky Sports.

If Broad joins Sidebottom on the sidelines, it will leave England short of quick-bowling choices for the first ODI. Steve Harmison, James Anderson and Andrew Flintoff played in both warm-up matches, and there is a strong chance England will field two spinners, but it doesn't leave much room for any late injury or illness problems. Ravi Bopara and Luke Wright both offer seam options, although neither bowled during the two warm-up

matches. The squad will head to Rajkot with the embarrassment of being bowled out for 98 by the Mumbai Cricket Association XI still fresh in their minds, but captain Kevin Pietersen has been quick to draw a line under the dismal performance.

Barisal, Rajshahi

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Rezaul 43, Rashedur 0, Monir 9*, Roy 1; Tariq 3-29, Kamrul 2-32, Younus 1-72, Mahmudul 2-17, Anas 1-15).

Result: Chittagong won by 53 runs. BARISAL: 274 and 146

DHAKA: 116 and 186 all out in 54.3 overs (Javed 0, Anwar 33, Shamsur 53, Riyad 1, Marshall 58, Nadif 21, Milon 7, Elias 1, Kabir 8, Ashraful 1, Al-Hamim 0*; Talha 3-44, Tariqul 1-23, Dutta 4-53, Arafat 1-8, Nasir 1-24). Result: Barisal won by 118 runs.

KHULNA: 229 and second innings 213 all out in 63.3 overs (Monirul 0, Amit 28, Ashraful 30, Sahagir 56, Tushar 40, Salim 17*, Zia 10, Dollar 0, Sadat 5, Murad 0, Mahmuduzzaman 13; Kabir 2-44, Shuvo 2-55, Shahzada

1-31, Shafiul 4-38). RAJSHAHI: 390 and second innings 53-2 in 16.4 overs (Jahurul 23*, Mizanur 3, Farhad 4, Shuvo 13;

Zia 1-7, Dollar 1-19). Result: Rajshahi won by eight

wickets.



J R Borota of France was the oldest participant at the Wimbledon Championships. He played in the gentlemen's doubles at the age of 65 years 317 days in 1964.



Bangladesh Olympic Association secretary general Kutubuddin Ahmed speaks at a press briefing in connection with the Olympic Day Run at the NSC conference room yesterday.

'Put heat on Ricky'

Cricket

INTERNET, undated

Former New Zealand offspinner Deepak Patel believes the pressure on Ricky Ponting and the huge amount of criticism directed at the Australia captain is something the Black Caps should exploit.

Ponting has come under fire from former Australia captain Allan Border and the Australian media for his decision to boost the over rate of his bowlers rather than attack the Indians after they had slipped to 166 for six in the final Test in Nagpur.

The Indians rallied late on the fourth day and eventually went on to win the Test and the series 2-0, with most laying the blame squarely on Ponting, who risked being suspended for the first Test it." against New Zealand if the over rate fell too far beyond what was

His detractors have accused Ponting of putting himself before the team, a charge the skipper has furiously denied.

But with the pressure on the Australia captain unlikely to ease ahead of the opening Test in Brisbane, which starts on November 20, Patel, who played 37 Tests and 75 one-day internationals for the Black Caps, believes New Zealand should look to make the most of it.

"I think they can take advantage of the situation in Ponting being under more than a fair bit of pressure," he told The Dominion Post.

"The pressure from the press there will be pretty negative, so it will make a change that we arrive and the pressure is on them rather than our guys. "If we are smart we can play on

Patel however shied away from

installing the Black Caps as favour-

shaped as the most daunting hurdle for the New Zealanders. "They can't get distracted by it because we need to play consistent cricket if we are to compete," he

ites, warning the hosts' pace attack

of Brett Lee, Mitchell Johnson,

Stuart Clark and Shane Watson still

"Australia will regret not playing (spinner) Jason Krejza earlier in the

series but it's more a case of how we can cope with their pace attack." Former New Zealand wicketkeeper Warren Lees is far less optimistic about the Black Caps chances and is expecting a vicious

backlash. "Whether they won or lost in India won't make a difference to how they play against New

Zealand," he said. "It's more about whether they are at home or away. No matter who they play at home they life because they have to represent their public.

Warne backs Ponting

Cricket

INTERNET, undated

Shane Warne has defended Australia's under-fire captain Ricky trouble. Ponting following the 2-0 series defeat in India.

Ponting's leadership came under scrutiny after some bizarre decision-making during Australia's fourth-Test defeat in Nagpur, a result that secured the Border-Gavaskar Trophy for India.

With the hosts in trouble at 166-6 in their second innings at the tea interval on day four, The Tasmanian opted to bowl part-time bowlers Michael Clarke and Michael Hussey to increase the over rate at the start of the final session.

Ponting has already been fined twice this year for his side's slow over rate and faced a possible onematch ban if they transgressed

But his decision allowed seventh-wicket pair Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Harbhajan Singh to mount a recovery, sharing a 108run stand to dig their side out of

skittled for 209 on the final day in pursuit of a target of 382. In the aftermath several

Australian legends -- most notably Allan Border and Ian Chappell -led a chorus of criticism. But retired leg-spinner Warne,

who played both alongside and under Ponting during his decorated playing career, refused to join in.

"I feel for (Ponting) as he has been copping it from all angles and all because he went away from what he does best -- attack," Warne wrote in his syndicated newspaper column in Australia on Wednesday. "But one of Rick's strengths as a

person is to admit when he has

made a mistake and I'm sure on the way home he re-lived every moment of the final Test and every decision he made throughout."

On the charge that Ponting put his own interests above those of the team, Warne added: "The reason he Australia were eventually is under pressure is that it looked like he put himself in front of the team, and that just isn't Ponting.

"Having played with him for a long time, he was one of the guys that put the team first -- always. "I just think he got it wrong this

time and I'm sure he will be a better captain for the experience. "Let's not hang him. Let's

encourage and support him. "Hopefully Ricky understands

where everyone's criticism is coming from, takes it on board.

"I'm sure if he thinks it through, he could do worse than ask Ian Chappell or Allan Border out for dinner and chat about it. He might just pick up something."

'Good for the game'

Cricket

AFP, Abu Dhabi

West Indian captain Chris Gayle Wednesday said Australia's Test series defeat in India could be a turning point in international cricket that will make the game better.

India beat Australia 2-0 in the four-match series, raising hopes that a team other than Australia could become world champions in the future.

"India beating Australia is a turning point for us. Getting more wins over such an opponent will make cricket even better," said Gayle who is here for a three-match series against Pakistan, which started here on Wednesday.

Australia's 2-0 loss to India has prompted experts to predict that the world champions' dominance of the game is nearing an end, particularly after the retirement of the likes of Glenn McGrath, Shane

Warne and Adam Gilchrist. But Gayle said he didn't believe that to be the case.

"Australian dominance fading, definitely not. Any team playing in India is difficult to beat. However we need to give credit to India for having beaten them," said Gayle, 29. Gayle said Australia still had a

lot of experience at their disposal. "I don't know what their cricket will lead to, but there are a lot of experienced players there and lot of guys who play a lot of first class

Gayle, who captained a side of West Indian players to victory over England in the Stanford Twenty20 finale in Antigua earlier this month for a 13-million dollar jackpot, said he hoped Caribbean cricket would

benefit from the cash boost. "It actually did a lot for Caribbean cricket and it got a tremendous response and a lot of money for the region," said Gayle, who was one of 11 players to earn a million dollars each.

Gayle said jackpots of that size would inspire West Indian young

"When the players get the benefit, more and more youngsters get inspiration to play the game but at the same time West Indies cricket needs more wins, which can lift us to a better position in world cricket," said Gayle.

The West Indies captain said he hoped newcomers would make their mark during the tour of New Zealand and then in the home series against England. "We have two more series com-

ing up and these are opportunities for the youngsters to make their marks and help the team to more wins," said Gayle whose team plays two Tests, five one-days and two Twenty20 matches in New Zealand next month.

The West Indies then host England for four Tests, five one-day matches and one Twenty20 international between February and April next year.

Tested organisers triumph

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places," said Sajjadul. He however said that it would not be a problem for him to work in

a split board. am sure they would also say the same about themselves," added

that of Category 3 where only one director will be elected from four nominees, three of whom are the Rajbari representative, lost out former national captains.

chairman Gazi Ashraf Hossain (22) who won by four votes over Faruque Ahmed, who finished on second spot with 18 votes.

Another former skipper Roquibul Hassan had a disappointing tally of just three votes while Abdul Qyyum Chowdhury also got three.

Earlier in Category 1, former BCB "I don't have a problem and I 'joint secretary swept the Dhaka division votes with 57 ballots. Jamalpur representative Abdullah Al Fuad Reduan (37) joined the But the much tighter race was former national footballer in the board after finishing second.

Umpire Sailab Hossain Tutul, by a single vote. From Chittagong, It was current cricket operations Sirajuddin Mohammad Alamgir (50) and Moinuddin Chowdhury (43) took the respective seats, while there was a tie in one of two Rajshahi votes. Although Mahmud

Jamal (37) won, Shamsul Huda and Joynul Abedin were tied on 34 votes

The election commission took care of the tie with a toss and it was Shamsul Huda who came out lucky. Jahid Hossain (47) and Shahidul Islam (31) won from Khulna. Asaduzzaman Khasru of Barisal and Imran Chowdhury of Sylhet, who were lone candidates form their respective divisions, won unopposed and were elected

directors. Twenty-three directorial posts were at stake for the 25-member committee with the president and a National Sports Council representative to be nominated.

Bangladesh blanked Nepal 3-0 yesterday to move to the second place in the Junior South Asian Tennis Championship.

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U Sue Sue beat Nepal's Sandesh Sing 6-1, 6-1, Mofazzal Hossain defeated Subhash Rajbahadur 6-0, 6-0 while Sue and Mofazzal beat Nepalese pair Sandesh and Dibakar Ojha 6-2, 6-0 in the doubles. India, who beat Sri Lanka 3-0, led the table with maximum three wins.

NATIONAL CRICKET

Moulvibazar (220-8) beat Habiganj (94) by 126 runs in the 29th National Cricket Championship at the Sylhet Stadium. In other matches, Comilla (280-4) thrashed Rangamati (111) by 169 runs, Faridpur (80-2) beat Manikganj (78) by eight wickets, Satkhira (91-5) beat Narail (88) by five wickets, Pabna (178-8) beat Rajshahi (177) by two wickets and Kishoreganj (192-9) beat Gazipur (179) by 13

DIVIISOCCER Dhanmondi Club and Prantik Krira Chakra shared points in a 1-1 draw in the Second Division Football league at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur. Mizan put Dhanmondi ahead after eight minutes while Al Amin scored level in the 53rd minute to secured the sixth point for the side in 13 games. Dhanmondi have 14 points also after 13

matches. DIVIIITRANSFERS

The Third Division Football League transfers will begin on November 20 in the city. The procedures will be held from 6-8.30 pm for the first three days and closes at 9 pm on the fourth and final day.

DIVIHOCKEY

UNB adds: Police AC and Dhaka Wanderers earned identical 1-0 goal wins in the Green Delta Metropolis First Division League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium. Police beat Farashganj SC with Ramjan Ali Babu's 61st minute strike while Chanchal Ali scored Wanderers match winner against Uttara Hockey Club in the 68th minute.

BBCC duo off to Delhi

SPORTS REPORTER

Maj (ret) Yaad Ali Fakir, founder member of Bangladesh Blind Cricket Council (BBCC), and Hafizur Rahman Bullet, captain of the BBCC cricket team, will represent Bangladesh in the annual general meetings of Asian Blind Cricket Council and World Blind Cricket Council.

The two-member delegation has already left for Delhi, where AGMs will be held on November 15 and 16.

Sonia begins

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in the 100m butterfly in 59.59s. In water polo, Jhenaidah beat Sirajganj 2-1, Rajshahi crushed Lalmonirhat 10-1, Bangladesh Air Force blanked Bangladesh jails 12-0, Kushtia trounced neighbours Chuadanga 15-1 and Bangladesh

Police defeated Gaibandha 5-0. Earlier, Maj Gen M Aminul Karim, Commandant of National Defence College, declared the fourday meet open as chief guest. Mercantile Bank's MD and CEO Dewan Mujibur Rahman was present as specials guest along with Bangladesh Swimming Federation officials.

Youngsters

FROM PAGE 17 because one can't compare his experience playing with the national team and other levels. I you want to perform here you have to have the quality or the intention to improve fast otherwise you simply can't survive," said the softspoken Nayeem, who however loves the South African pitches most for batting.

Making 27 runs in three matches hardly shows any batsman's ability but the team management has enough confidence on Kayes as they believe that the left-hander looks good in the middle and it's just matter of time before he scores enough runs.

"I need to adjust to the international cricket and I hope it will happen for me soon. It's bad luck for me that I had successfully overcame the initial stage which is most tough but couldn't convert it to something big," said Imrul. There is however no other choice for Siddons rather than

sticking by his young brigade after the departure of a few senior players and the Australian expressed his confidence that he will get the service from the newcomers if everybody gives them some time. "I think they are very good young talents. Again I would say it

will take time to shape the team because it is very tough to replace players like Nafees (Shahriar), Aftab (Ahmed) and Nazimuddin overnight. We have to find some new guys and we are doing that. I am confident," said the baldheaded coach. And he said that he has to solve

three issues quickly: Bringing balance in the bowling, finding a good opening pair and a reliable batsman at the number three position.

LOCAL SNIPPETS Gambhir has no regrets

tough fight to them.

they did."

Ishant Sharma.

Gambhir, who scored Test in

Delhi and a hundred before that in

Mohali, said Australians never

liked their opposition giving a

sition reacts the way we did.

Australians were never expecting

that we will come hard at them and

that's why they reacted the way

emerged the highest run-getter in

the four-match Test series with 463

runs, said he was unhappy for

being ignored for the Man of the

Series Award, which was bagged by

"I have never been that lucky,

may be I need to get 400! I'd be lying

if I said it didn't hurt. I take comfort

in the fact that the team won the

series and I am really happy for

Ishant who bowled his heart out in

The opener though said he

would never shed his aggressive

the series," Gambhir told ESPN

The Delhi batsman, who

"They don't like when the oppo-

Cricket

PTI, New Delhi

Gautam Gambhir had to sit out the Nagpur Test against Australia in the fourth Test in Nagpur for elbowing Shane Watson, but the India opener said he was provoked by the all-rounder and had no regrets for what he had done. "No gentleman can hear things

that Aussies were saying in Delhi. If what I did was wrong, then even sledging should be stopped, it has no place in the game," said the left-"They were sledging from all corners, they sledged at me in Bangalore, Mohali and then in

Delhi. I could have taken (their

sledging) only to a point but they

tend to get personal which is just

noton," he added. "I agree that I shouldn't have crossed a certain line but people should take the holistic view rather than blaming just me for the episode. Frankly, I don't regret the Watson episode," he said.

the Australians.

FROM PAGE 17 four boundaries in one Abdur Rauf over and then greeted first-change Gul with two powerful sixes as he

Chattergoon ably supported his skipper with four boundaries during his 55-ball knock before he

capitalise on a drop catch by Gul off Gul his own bowling and pulled straight into the hands of Shahid Afridi at mid-wicket in the same over.

wicketkeeper Kamran Akmal off Afridi in the next over. Chanderpaul and Xavier Marshall (26) gave the final touches

last ten overs. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the West Indies innings in the first day-night international against Pakistan at Sheikh Zayed Stadium on Wednesday: WESTINDIES Gayle c Afridi b Gul 113

Chattergoon c Manzoor b Malik 33

Chanderpaul c Butt b Tanveer

Baugh c Malik b Gul Nash run out Taylor b Tanveer Powell b Tanveer Millernotout Extras: (lb-6, nb-2, w-6) Total: (For nine wkts in 50 overs) 294

Did not bat: LBaker Fall of wickets: 1-125, 2-198, 3-213, 4-255, 5-276, 6-285, 7-294, 8-294. Bowler

66 0 43 0 45 0 15 Fawad Toss: West Indies

Daily Star FROM PAGE 17

contribution was seven.

the last two games. Shamim Ashraf played the perfect supporting act with Azad in a solid opening stand where his

Amader Arthoniti never looked comfortable in their chase after Daily Star pace demon Jasim Uddin Khan struck with his very first delivery.

The Daily Star will face The Independent in the semifinal at 10:00am today. The final will also

Marshall b Gul Tough task for booters

FROM PAGE 17 "Our players are motivated after the draw against the home side. We also don't know the recent performance of Indonesia but we will play positive and better football. The rest depends

on tomorrow's conditions." Although Ariful, the rightback in a five-man backline did not train, Emily and Arman joined training. "We are playing against the main

team of Indonesia but we have the confidence to play well as all players are mentally boosted. Tomorrow our target is to make something better for the nation," Bangladeshi Skipper Matiur Munna said. back Sujan thinks that the injury

Myanmar, said they would try to keep their promise to win a place in the last four. "We left Dhaka with a commitment to play at least in the semis. And our starting was good. Tomorrow we will play for a win or a draw against Indonesia. We are determined to qualify for the semis." Indonesia, coached by former

professional footballer Benny Dolo who played in Dhaka in the club championship in 1988, defeated their super league club Pelita Jaya 4-1 in a preparation match.

row. We have seen Bangladesh play in the opener and they were a very hard working side. But we will play to qualify for the semifinals." In yesterday's Group B opener, Malaysia took revenge of their defeat in the Merdeka Cup final when they

restore that pride and never you'd see me taking a backward step." And reacting to Shahid Afridi's comment that the ban on playing

country and will do everything to

Nagpur Test would help the India opener learn lessons, Gambhir said, "It is a joke coming from Afridi, actually, he should concentrate on his own game rather than telling me what to do. People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones at

others, I can't take Afridi seriously." On criticism against him for getting out in the 60s and 70s, Gambhir said, "Frankly, it doesn't really bother me what critics say as long as I help my team and my country win series after series and tournaments after tournaments,"

"VVS Laxman told me in Sri Lanka that my biggest challenge will be playing against Australia and I need to pass that test. I met him in Nagpur and asked him if did clear that test, he told me, 'you have not only passed the test but passed it with a distinction." image despite the recent tiff with

I don't think I need any more "I like to be aggressive, I am a approvals from anyone," said fighter who plays for his team, his Gambhir.

Gayle powers WI

reached his half-century off just 36 deliveries.

holed out to Shoaib Malik in the 20th over. Gayle, who reached a hundred with a single off Malik, failed to Rauf

Sarwan took the baton from Gayle and reached his fifty with a delightful cover drive off Gul for his fifth boundary. He then fell to smart leg-side catch by

as West Indies notched 71 off the

Tanveer Malik Afridi

Umpires: Steve Davis (AUS), Mark Benson (ENG)

perfect 35 and 30 respectively in

26 beheld today.

Sarwan c Akmal b Afridi

Vice captain and key centre-

would not be a big problem. "It's a

part of the game. I am hopeful to play good as a team and everybody is serious and committed." Hard working defender Rajani also believes that the draw against Myanmar has made the team's morale high. "We now have the will force to play better and everybody is confident to work hard for the

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Bangladeshi goalkeeper Aminul, who was in tremendous form against

Dolo was also confident of a place in the last four.

"We will play for a win tomor-

crushed Vietnam U-23s 3-0. The Vietnamese had won the Merdeka tournament beating hosts Malaysia

in the tiebreakers last month.

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Ishant, Ryan injured

AFP, New Delhi

Pace bowlers Ishant Sharma of India and Ryan Sidebottom of England will miss Friday's opening match of the seven-game one-day series in Rajkot due to

Sharma, 20, suffered an ankle sprain during the recent Test series against Australia and has been advised to rest for five days, the Board of Control for Cricket in India said in a statement. The lanky fast bowler was

judged the man of the series for

his 15 wickets as India took the Border-Gavaskar Trophy with a 2-0 win over Ricky Ponting's world champions on Sunday. Left-armer Sidebottom will sit out the opener due to an Achilles tendon problem picked up dur-

West Indies earlier this month. England were, however, hopeful that paceman Stuart Broad will play in Rajkot after suffering a knee injury during a practice match in Mumbai on Sunday.

ing England's brief tour of the

The seven-match series, which ends on December 2, will be followed by two Test matches in Ahmedabad (Dec 11-15) and Mumbai (Dec 19-23).

Tigers lament

that we had to play the first two

games under cloudy conditions and finally failed to play a match due to rain," said Ashraful. South Africa confirmed the series after winning the first two games by 61 and 128 runs respec-

tively but still Bangladesh skipper

found some positives in the "We were close to win the only Twenty20 match and the first oneday performance was also not bad but the second ODI was disappointing. But now we have to focus on the Test series and hope we will

get good weather for the series,"

Bangladesh will fly for

Kimberley via Johannesburg today

said the Tigers skipper.

from November 26.

where they will play a two-day warm-up match against South Africa A from November 15 at the De Beers Diamond Oval. After the preparation match Bangladesh team will travel to Bloemfontein to play the first Test from November 19-23 and then

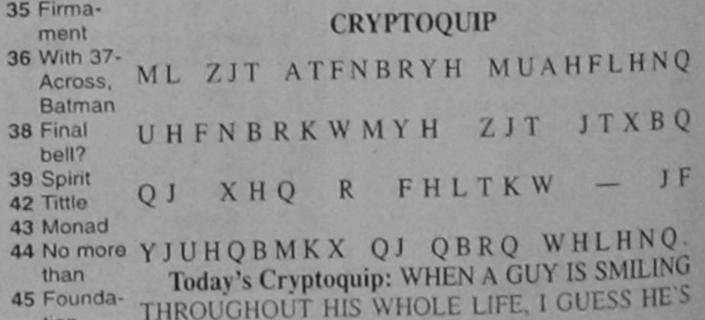
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