



PHOTO: STAR

Pakistan women cricketers go through a fitness drill at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Shilpa buys

RR stake BBC ONLINE, undated Bollywood actress Shilpa

Shetty and a partner have bought a stake in an Indian Premier League (IPL) cricket team.

cent stake in the Rajasthan

Royals with her partner Raj Kundra. She will also be the

brand ambassador for the team. Rajasthan Royals won the inaugural edition of the tour-

nament last year.

Several other Bollywood stars like Preity Zinta, Shah Rukh Khan and Juhi Chawla are associated with the cashrich event.

Rajasthan Royals, led by Australian spinner Shane Warne, came out the surprise winners of last year's inauguralIPL

Sagar topples

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FIDE Master Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar won the seventh round board against Shamima Akter Liza to snatch the lead in the BASIC Bank 30th National Junior Chess Championship yesterday. Sagar improved his tally to

6.5 points while Liza, Abdullah Al Saif, Sharif Hossain, Rezaul Islam Babu and Masum Hossain secured six points each to share the second spot. Mohammad Imran Ali Elin,

Ikramul Haque Siam and Mahfuzur Rahman were in third position with 5.5 points each.

Gaibandha cricket OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Gaibandha

Club Infinity defeated Sammonoy Sangha by seven wickets and DCP Club beat Lenin Smrity Sangsad by 59 runs in the Gaibandha Second Division Cricket League yesterday. In the first match,

Sammonoy were shot out for 57 runs in 18.5 overs which was successfully chased down by Infinity in 13.2 overs for the loss of three wickets. In the other match, DCP

scored 137-4 in their quota of 20 overs and then bowled Lenin Smrity out for 78.

Dacourt

FROM PAGE 20 over at Inter.

Dacourt, capped 21 times by France, previously played in the Premier League for Everton and Leeds and he arrives at a Fulham side on the up under manager Roy Hodgson with the London club now ninth in the table.



Lonwabo Tsotsobo became the fifth South African player to take four wickets or more on debut in the fifth and final one-day international against Australia on Friday.

India take series

FROM PAGE 17 for two runs. He smashed 17 SRILANKA fours in his 90-ball knock for his 10th hundred in onedayers.

Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene used six bowlers, but none could stop the flow of runs as Yuvraj and Sehwag Shetty picked an 11 per | were quick to punish errors in

line and length on a slow pitch. Yusuf Pathan also feasted on an inconsistent Sri Lankan attack, hitting three sixes and

side plunder 83 in the last 10

Colombo on Tuesday: INDIA

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	Gambhirrunout	
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	Raina st Sangakkara b Mendis	
	Y Pathan not out	1
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١	Total: (For five wkts in 50 overs)	3
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similar, if not identical result

to give them an early boost of

concern about his main strike

bowler Harmison. He has fond

memories of his Test-best

seven wickets for 12 runs, and

would relish a chance of prov-

likely to give him and all the

faster bowlers generous assis-

Harmy bowls, the more

rhythm he gets into and the

quicker he gets it through as

the conditions in the

our own territory," he said.

"We know the conditions very

well, and we're happy to play

again in the sunshine, and we

that Sabina Park will produce a

result. The last 10 Tests have all

ended in victory, but West

Indies will be distraught to

the wrong side of four of the

WEST INDIES (from): Chris

Gayle (captain), Lionel Baker,

Sulieman Benn, Shivnarine

Chanderpaul, Fidel Edwards,

Amit Jaggernauth, Xavier

Marshall, Brendan Nash,

Daren Powell, Denesh

Ramdin, Dale Richards,

Ramnaresh Sarwan, Devon

ENGLAND (from): Andrew

Strauss (captain), Alastair

Cook (vice-captain), Tim

Ambrose, James Anderson,

Ian Bell, Stuart Broad, Paul

Collingwood, Andrew Flintoff,

Steve Harmison, Monty

Panesar, Kevin Pietersen, Matt

Prior, Adil Rashid, Owais Shah, by five wickets.

Smith, Jerome Taylor.

Recent history indicates

are far happier with the wickets for 11.

learn that they have been on overs (Rony 49, Nadif 30,

Caribbean to favour his side.

Dyson meanwhile expects

"We are playing at home, in

well," Strauss said.

weatherhere.

last five.

SQUADS

"We all know that the more

ing himself on a pitch that is enough.

Captain Strauss has some

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confidence.

tance.

Jayasuriya 6 1 40

Kulasekara c Tendulkar b Yuvraj

Mendis not out

Fernando run out

Extras: (lb-3, w-5)

PKumar

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Windies no pushovers

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Asoka De Silva.

Gazi

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fours and a six.

16.4 overs.

Total: (All out in 41.4 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-51, 3-

118, 4-132, 5-139, 6-184, 7-

10 0 38

7 0 30

3.4 0 14

189, 8-189, 9-189, 10-216.

Tendulkar 1 0 11

Result: India won by 147 runs

Man-of-the-match: Yuvraj

Div 3 soccer

Both the Citycell 3rd Division

ended in draws at the

Birshreshtha Shaheed

Mostafa Kamal in Kamalapur

Ryan Sidebottom, Graeme

Umpires: Rudi Koertzen and

salvaged the complete blushes

but their efforts were not good

Nasiruddin Faruque got off a

good start as the pair added 67

runs before the former was

dismissed. The right-handed

Shamsur clobbered eight eye-

catching boundaries while

Nasiruddin contributed 34 off

36 balls that featured three

in the Mohammedan innings

when they lost three quick

wickets in two overs but still

they reached 101 for five in

Biman will be held at the same

ABAHANI: 134 all out in 19.3

Rezaul 14, Zia 10, extras 8;

Mukter 1-13, Younus 1-16,

Rubel 4-24, Enamul 2-30,

GAZI TANK: 137-2 in 17.1

overs (Kayes 70 not out,

Mithun 16, Nafis 17, Ashraful

29 not out, extras 5; Sunny 1-

RESULT: Gazi Tank won by

BIMAN: 99 all out in 18.5 overs

(Mushfigur 13, Razzak 17,

Mahbubul 22, Shahadat 15 not

out, extras 7; Tareq 2-20, Sajidul

4-15, Dollar 1-18, Shuvro 1-26,

MOHAMMEDAN: 101-5 in 16.4

overs (Shamsur 43, Nasiruddin

34, Rokibul 10, Shuvo 10 not

out, extras 3; Shahadat 1-31,

RESULT: Mohammedan won

Shakib 1-22, Nabil 3-11).

Nayeem 1-28, Ashraful 1-4).

venue today from 9:15 am.

BRIEFSCORES

23, Rezaul 1-21).

eight wickets.

Murad 1-16).

Nabil Samad claimed three

There was a sudden hiccup

In reply, Shamsur and

Anirban Sangha held Govt

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and lead 5-match series 3-0.

Dilshan b Zaheer Javasuriya b Kumar Sangakkara c Yuvraj b Ojha 83 Jayawardene c Sehwag b Kumar 30 Kandamby c Yuvraj b Sehwag Kapugedera b Ojha Maharoof c Gambhir b Ojha

four boundaries in his 38-ball 59 not out for his second half-He added 85 for the unfin-

ished sixth wicket with skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni (35 not out). The duo helped their overs. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third oneday international between Sri Lanka and India at R Premadasa Stadium in

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yesterday. Printing Press 1-1 when Rony Mia cancelled out Press's lead given by Shahadat while Lalbagh SC and Rainbow SC failed to break the deadlock in their game.

Marathon at Cox's Bazar on Feb 7

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With a view to make friend-2 | ship with nature, two marathon competitions will be held on Marine Drive road in Cox's Muralidaran c Dhoni b Ojha 0 | Bazar on February 7.

Extremist, a fitness club, in association with Swiss Bakery, Lloyd Vision and Akiz Group, will organise the Bangla ·Marathon (42.195 kilometres) and half marathon (21.095 km). The second edition of the

competition will start at 6 am. The aim of the competition is to publicising Cox's Bazar sea beach, the longest sea beach in the world and incorporating the beach in the seven natural wonders of the world, organisers said at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity conference room yesterday.

Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation will provide residential facilities for the marathoners. Sajal Khaled, general secre-

tary of Extremist, said 97 participants took part in the mara-Football League matches thon's inaugural version in 2007 with 21 completing the race. Registrations will be held

on February 6 (from 12 to 6 pm) at Motel Prabal in Cox's

Extremist president Yahiya Khan, Ulfat Kader, proprietor of Swiss Bakery, and Hussain Mahmud Rasel, president of Lloyd Group, also spoke on the occasion.

Top seeds advance

AWR TENNIS

SPORTS REPORTER

BKSP International Junior Tennis Championships got off to sound starts when they won their respective matches convincingly at the tranquil settings of the country's lone sports institution in Saver yesterday. Boys' top seed David

The top seeds of the AWR 7th

Thomson from Britain thrashed Thailand's Nuttoon Tanchano 6-3, 6-4 while girl's number one Demi Schuurs of the Netherlands's sauntered past India's Jaanesh Kaur 6-1, 6-2.

A total of 18 matches, 15 in boys' and three in girls', were decided yesterday.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarkar formally declared the meet open in a colourful ceremony The third-place deciding match between Abahani and at BKSP's tennis complex.

> Apart from hosts Bangladesh, this tournament also features youngsters from India, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Korea, UK, Philippines, Romania, Thailand, Belgium, Netherlands and Sri Lanka.

Chess qualifiers from Feb 8

SPORTS REPORTER

The preliminary phase of the 30th National Women's Chess Championship will start February 8 at the federation hall-room. Interested players can

enroll their names without any entry fee on or before February 7 at Bangladesh Chess Federation office The event will be held in Swiss-League system and top

eight players will qualify for

the final-phase.

First Test BBC ONLINE, Kingston

Fred fit for

England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff has been passed fit to play in the first Test against the West Indies at Sabina Park, Jamaica on Wednesday.

Flintoff, 31, hurt his left side on Day One of the tour match with the St Kitts and

Nevis Invitational XI last week. But the Lancashire star came through a fitness test on

Monday before England drew against West Indies A. "All things are pointing to being all right, so barring a mishap tomorrow I should be

fine," Flintoff told 5 Live. "It's all right when you're fresh. Having bowled today I'll see how I cope tomorrow, send a couple more overs down and hopefully take it from there."

Flintoff bowled the six overs at Warner Park, building up momentum as he went along, and came through without any adverse reaction.

Lanka bring in rookies

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's cricket selectors on Tuesday named uncapped batsman Tharanga Paranavitana and paceman Suranga Lakmal in a 15-man squad for an upcoming two-Test series in Pakistan.

Opener Michael Vandort and fast bowler Dammika Prasad, members of Sri Lanka's Test squad in Bangladesh last month, were dropped. The first Test starts on

February 22 and the second on March 2, according to a Sri Lanka Cricket press release. SQUAD

Mahela Jayawardene (captain), Malinda Warnapura, Tharanga Paranavitana, Kumar Sangakkara, Thilan Samaraweera, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Prasanna Jayawardene, Chaminda Vaas, Muttiah Muralidaran, Ajantha Mendis, Chamara Kapugedera, Farveez Maharoof, Dilhara Fernando, Thilan Thushara, Suranga Lakmal.

Ponting, Clarke share Medal CRICINFO, undated

Clarke have jointly won the The decision to stand in my own time. Maybe I will "The way the BOA has Allan Border Medal, the first time in the award's ten-year history that it has been shared. At the end of a year of decline for Australia, it was notable that it was their captain and vicecaptain who stood at the top with 41 votes each. The other man who has led

the side in the past, Michael Hussey, was third with 38, while Mitchell Johnson, who had been the favourite in the lead-up to the ceremony, came in fourth with 30 votes. It was the fourth win for Ponting, who also collected the medal in 2004, 2006 and 2007, and the second for Clarke, who won the prize in 2005.

Women's TT

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Sreya beat Biman's Rumi to equalise for defending twotime champions Abahani but Biman never looked back after that as Snigdha edged national number one Saleha in a five-setter, setting up the stage for Kajol to come back and clinch the match with a come-from-behind win against Sreya in the final game. Biman finished on eight points in the five-team league

while Abahani on seven. In another match of the women's league, Freedom

Motors beat Dhaka Women's Club 3-0. In the men's league, new-

comers Palolic's championships hopes were dashed when they crashed 3-1 to Biman. Holders Sheikh Russel routed Wari 3-0 while Armanitola beat Ajax 3-0 in other super league matches. Biman will meet Russel in the league decider today, the

Chairman of KDS Logistics Ltd Khalilur Rahman will be present on the occasion as the chief guest.

final day of the competition.

Salma to lead

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BANGLADESH SQUAD: Salma Khatun (Captain), Shathira Zakir Jessy (Vice Captain), Shuktara Rahman, Ayesha Akter, Lata Mondol, Panna Ghosh, Mina Khatun, Tithi Rani, Champa Chakma, Irin Sultana, Jahanara Alam, Fatema Tuzzohra, Lily Rani, Sohely Akhter

STAND BY: Rumana Ahmed, Shamima Akhter, Papiya Hoq Babu, Shahnaz Parvin.

Stars unhappy with ECB

Cricket

BBC ONLINE, London

English players in the Indian Premier League (IPL) are said to be very unhappy at having to pay 10 per cent of their share of their auction price to their counties.

Kevin Pietersen, Andrew Flintoff, Owais Shah, Luke Wright, Samit Patel, Ravi Bopara and Paul Collingwood will be in the auction in make the cut. Goa on February 6.

have to pay Hampshire 45,000 pounds.

"Relations between the players and the England and Wales Cricket Board have rarely been as strained," he added. As the players' contracts are for three weeks, that means Pietersen and his colleagues could

end up having to pay substantial sums of money to miss just one four-day match. "Apart from the size of the levy, England's players are particularly upset that they have no say in how the money will be used," added

director of cricket, believes that his county dollars. need compensation for the pair of players they are set to lose to the tournament.

could be without Owais Shah and Tyron Henderson for basically six weeks, two months of the season," he said. "We've got to try and find someone to fill

"I think so, yes, certainly up at Middlesex we

that gap and I suppose this amount only con-

tributes slightly to that.

"Because for Owais Shah, if he goes for his pre-stated amount of 150,000 dollars, we would get 15,000 dollars from him, which is 10,000 pounds approximately. You're not going to get a huge player for 10,000 dollars."

At the start of the process there were four other England players in the running for the IPL. Ian Bell and Matt Prior withdrew from the process, whilst surprise veteran contenders

Dominic Cork and Darren Gough failed to England bowler Stuart Broad ruled himself BBC's Jonathan Agnew said Pietersen may out of the whole competition from the start in

order to concentrate on the Ashes instead. Five Pakistanis were in the original list, but none will feature after their country's Foreign Office refused to grant them permission to

travel to India. Pietersen has the highest base price in the auction at 1.35 million dollars while Flintoff will not go for lower than 950,000 dollars.

Australia vice-captain Michael Clarke has a minimum price of 1 million dollars while fellow Aussie Shaun Tait's price will be at least 250,000 dollars, South African batsman JP Duminy is But Angus Fraser, Middlesex's managing also one of the highest valued players at 300,000

> The IPL will run from April 10 to May 29, although contracted England players are only permitted to go for three weeks.

> The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) wants to ensure its centrally contracted players. which include Pietersen, Flintoff and Collingwood, return in time for the Lord's Test against the West Indies on May 6.

Symonds in hot water

FROM PAGE 17 his commitment needs testing

against new, tougher criteria we will finalise after consultation with his counsellors, the ACA [Australian Cricketers' Association) and Queensland Cricket," Sutherland said. "We have a responsibility to Andrew and his welfare, but we also have a responsibility to Australian cricket to ensure his commitment is as it needs to be before he can be considered for national selection".

bleak for Symonds, who will be ineligible for Australian selection until the end of the Sheffield Shield season, at which time Cricket Australia will announce its 25-man contract list. Symonds will have missed eight of Australia's last 12 Tests by then -- seven on behavioural

grounds -- and will turn 34 before the Ashes. With Shane Watson, Ashley Noffke and Andrew McDonald all expected to be available for the series in England, Symonds faces an uphill battle to be considered Australia's Ricky Ponting and Michael | pre-eminentall-rounder.

> Symonds down is intriguing just enjoy life." on several levels. Ricky Ponting's strong endorsement for Symonds' inclusion in the touring party has been all but ignored, which some will interpret as an erosion of the captain's power base. And be bracing for criticism over player like him again."

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their handling of the tempestuous Symonds. Many observers felt he was recalled to the national squad too soon after the Darwin controversy.

Symonds seldom appeared comfortable in his four matches in Australia this summer. He averaged 23.85 in Tests against New Zealand and South Africa, and was withdrawn from the game in Sydney to undergo arthroscop ic knee surgery. On his first-The future now appears class return for Queensland over the past week he managed 5 and 3 against Western Australia.

Au Revoir

FROM PAGE 20 which won the Champions League in 2001.

He won the French title with Monaco in 2000 but he has yet to make up his mind about rejoining the Ligue 1 club in a management capacity. "I want to have some time

for my children and my family," he explained. "I will consider everything | lished between them."

Hoeness thanked Sagnol for his service to the club and admitted his departure would

"He was always a perfect professional," Hoeness said. "He was a role model and it Cricket Australia will no doubt will be very hard to find a

leave a huge void.

respect to sponsors

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) yesterday accorded a reception to its sponsors and the organisations for giving their financial support to the sports federations. BOA president and Chief of

Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed handed over crests to the 65 organisations and Dr Omar Faruqe and Abul Kalam Azad for their individual supportat the NSC Tower. In all 36 corporate houses

provided about Tk 20 lakh to BOA and 20 banks have been sponsoring about Tk 3.5 crore to the federations. "We have been trying to

establish harmony between the federations and sponsors so that they complement each other. So the federations will have to be accountable to their respective sponsors as well as to the government," said General Moeen. "This way, a permanent relationship will could be estab-

showed honour to us is exemplary. We feel honoured at this recognition and want to be with sports as we had been before," said Dutch-Bangla Bank's MD Mohammed Yasin Ali on behalf of the sponsors.

Top BOA officials and representatives of the sponsors were present on the occasion.



PHOTO: COURTESY BOA president and Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed (C) hands over a crest to one of the sponsors' representatives at the NSC Tower at a reception yesterday.

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