#### SARADO meet, workshop in city

SPORTS REPORTER

The South Asian Regional Anti Doping Organisation's (SARADO) board meeting and a workshop will begin today in Dhaka.

Dr. Omar Faruque, chairman of Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) medical committee, will supervise the two-day event, which will be held at Hotel Purbani.

SARADO chairman Ibrahim Nazeem of Maldives will preside over today's board meet-

World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) education manager Jennifer Sclater will conduct

tomorrow's workshop. Representatives of Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, WADA and Regional Anti Doping Organisation will attend the event.

#### Keraniganj cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Kalindi Krira Chakra defeated Mandail Pragti Sangha by 145 runs yesterday in the Keraniganj Cricket League.

Kalindi batted first and accumulated 257 runs for the loss of 9 wickets, and later bowled out Mandail for 112 runs.

In the other match, Rahmatpur K.P beat Rasulpur by 74 runs. Chasing Rahmatpur's score of 250-8, Rasulpur managed 176 and lost all their wickets.

The league is being sponsored by Dhaka Hospital and organised by Kalindi Krira Chakra.

#### Focus on Gazi

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"I think Gazi Tank are a very good side and they beat us in the Twenty20 semifinal. We are looking forward to play a good match tomorrow. We need to play our natural game to continue the winning run," said the Bangladesh vice-captain.

Biman take on Young Pegasus at BKSP while Mohammedan face Partex at Fatullah in the day's other fixtures.

#### Pathans power

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start after winning the toss as Sanath Jayasuriya (33) and Dilshan added 53 off just five

Dilshan, dropped by Irfan at mid-off off paceman Zaheer Khan, held the innings together before falling in the 17th over.

The Sri Lankan captain cracked one six and seven fours in his 47-ball knock before being caught by Raina at mid-off while attempting a big shot off paceman Ishant Sharma.

Dilshan reached his fifty when he firmly drove Sharma past point for his sixth four. He also hit a boundary and a six off the next two balls before falling in the same over.

Jayasuriya went for big shots from the beginning, pulling Sharma for a boundary and then lofting over the covers and mid-wicket for two sixes in the same over.

His 18-ball knock ended when Sharma held a onehanded catch at mid-on off seamer Irfan.

The run-rate declined after Jayasuriya's dismissal as only 26 came in the next five overs, with spinners Yusuf and Jadeja bowling tightly.

Yusuf struck in his third over when he held a return catch to dismiss Mubarak (13). He took his second wicket in his next over when he had Chamara Kapugedera caught by Sehwag at point.

Sri Lanka scored 50 runs in the closing five overs, with Dilshan and Chamara Silva (21 not out) doing the bulk of the

#### scoring. **SCORES IN BRIEF**

SRI LANKA: 171 for 4 in 20 overs (Dilshan 61, Jayasuriya 33, Silva 31 not out, Kapugedera 16, Mubarak 13, Weeraratne 10 not out, extras 17; Yusuf 2-23, Irfan 1-34, Ishant 1-40)

INDIA: 174 for 7 in 19.2 overs (Raina 35, Irfan 33 not out, Yuvraj 32, Yusuf 22 not out, Gambhir 13, Dhoni 13, Jadeja 5, Rohit 4, Sehwag 1, extras 16; Bandara 3-32, Mubarak 1-9, Jayasuriya 1-10, Thushara 1

Result: India win by three wickets. Toss: Sri Lanka.

Man-of-the-match: Yusuf

Pathan.

# 'No need for change'

#### Cricket

BBC ONLINE, Kingston

England opener Alastair Cook claimed there is no need for radical change ahead of the runs or take wickets." second Test against the West Indies in Antigua on Friday.

Cook was the first man dismissed in England's humiliating 51 all out at Sabina Park which led to an innings defeat in the first Test.

"We cannot act too hastily. The players are ultimately responsible, we've got to take it on the chin," he said.

"We hope we can get a fresh start when we get to Antigua." England have limited options when it comes to changing to their batting line-

up, with only Owais Shah in

reserve. The current batting unit has come in for heavy criticism after it collapsed in Adelaide during the 2006-07 Ashes tour to hand Australia victory, and was dismissed for just 81 against Sri Lanka in Galle last winter, but Cook denies that England's batsmen are too comfortable.

"If you don't perform then you know what is going to happen," he said.

"If it happens again, then things have to change. But those are three isolated incidents over three years, so it is not as though it is happening every week."

Cook, unofficial vicecaptain for the Caribbean Tests, insisted he had felt fairly confident at Sabina Park before the surprise collapse.

"We were just behind the eight ball after the first innings, with them having a lead of 70-odd, and I have never experienced that happening before," he said.

"It has obviously happened before in other sides, but we hope it won't happen again. "The one thing we must do

have to retain your self-belief said Cook. as individual players.

"You go through lots of ups and downs. But ultimately if you don't believe in yourself out there you will not score

recapture his glittering early form for England, which saw him score seven Test centuries before his 23rd birthday, and the opener has not managed a century since the final Test in Sri Lanka in December 2007.

"It is a monkey I would like replace him.

is stay together as a side, you to get rid of as soon as I can,'

"There is no better feeling than scoring Test hundreds; if you could do it every day you would.

The West Indies will make at least one change to their Cook has struggled to winning line-up from Kingston.

Xavier Marshall has been dropped from the 14-man squad after his second ball duck with Lendl Simmons, who hit a stunning 282 against England for West Indies A, and Ryan Hinds are in the frame to

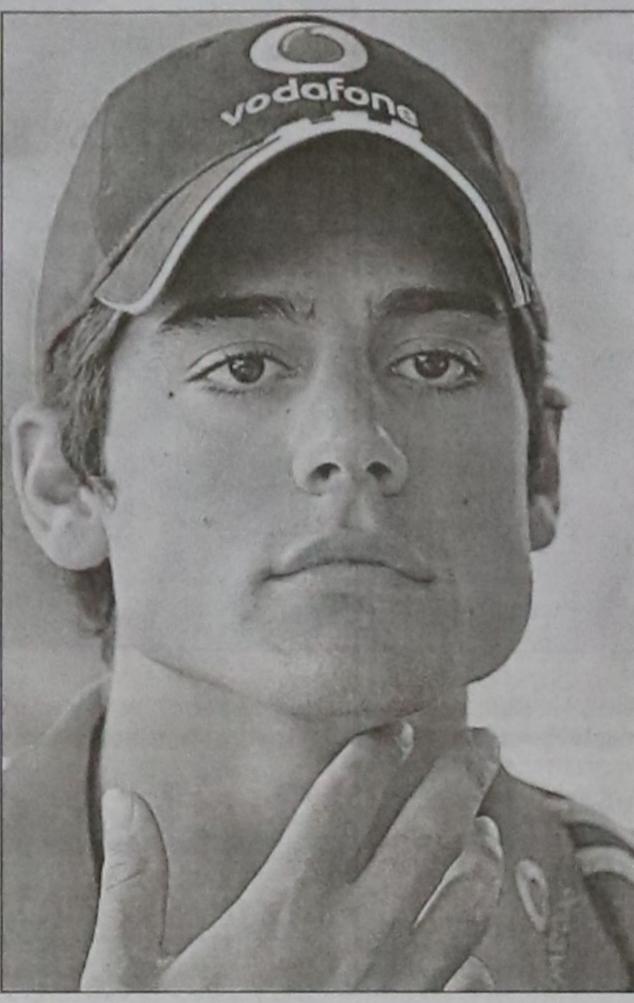


PHOTO: INTERNET England opener Alastair Cook speaks during a press conference in Kingston on Monday.

## Serena plots 'Family Slam'

Tennis

AFP, Paris

Grand Slams titles at the same time, newly installed world number one Serena Williams has a fresh target in her sights the 'Family Slam'.

The American won the French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open in 2002 before securing the 2003 Australian Open to achieve what she refers to as the 'Serena Slam'.

Last month she added the Australian Open to her 2008 US Open crown, and with her elder sister Venus the current Wimbledon champion, she hopes one of them will prevail at Roland Garros in June.

"We're trying to complete the Williams Slam," Serena said on Tuesday, ahead of her first-round match against the Czech Republic's Iveta Benesova at the WTA Paris

We only have one more to go. One of us has to win the French and then it'll be like a Family Slam, which isn't bad."

Paris would be a fitting setting for such an achievement. The Paris Open is the first professional tournament Serena won in 1999, and she says it has a "special meaning" for her.

So enamoured is she with the city that she now owns a

flat here, and describes it as her "second home".

"I absolutely adore Paris. I don't know what it is, but I actually love the cold weather. Having already held all four Maybe it's because I live in Florida," she said.

> "I love my flat. Every morning I wake up and I can go outside and buy a croissant. I could totally live here full-

> Being based in Paris means Serena can devote even more time to her interest in fashion, a subject close to her heart.

"For me, it's the fashion capital of the world," she said. "It has the best couture shows, stuff you don't get in the States, the real avant garde

couture. The 10-time Grand Slam winner, though, is a steelyeyed competitor, and she gives short shrift to claims that she could be distracted by her clothing line and her interest

in acting. "There's a big danger of that so I guess I'd better be really careful," she said sarcastically when quizzed about the strength of her focus.

The 27-year-old also laughed off suggestions that there were any problems with doping in women's tennis, but praised New York Yankees baseball star Alex Rodriguez for revealing that he once took performance-enhancing drugs.

'Kudos to him for admit-

ting it. I know there's a lot o

"We try our best to keep the sport clean and that's what gives it its honour. Everyone's playing only with what they have inside them.

#### Frings puts Loew spat behind him

AFP, Berlin

Torsten Frings returns to the international fray fo Germany in Wednesday's friendly with Norway intent on putting his public spat with Joachim Loew behind him.

Tuesday.

The 32-year-old added "My last cap goes back to the Euro 2008 final. I reckon that I've regained my best level, but

Loew let it be known that he was planning to start Frings against Norway in Dusseldorf

"He's shown in the past few weeks that he's stepped up a gear."

The Frings affair prompted captain Michael Ballack to state Loew lacked respect in the way he treated established players. Frings himself threatened

to quit the national team, before retracting the threat and apologising to Loew. "The way I reacted in mak-

mistake," the 32-year-old conceded. "I should have resolved the problem differently. We've talked, there's no problem, Frings, who will be earning his 79th cap on Wednesday,

added.

#### LOCAL SNIPPETS

SPORTS REPORTER

The Sunnydale Mini Handball Tournament will start from today with 22 school teams split into 7 groups participating. Banani Bidya Niketan will play Rifles College at 3.45 pm in the opening encounter.

The tournament has been organised by Bangladesh Handball Federation and is sponsored by Sunnydale School.

Najrul Islam Mozumdar, Chairman, EXIM Bank will be present during the occasion as the chief guest.

#### **DUSPORTS**

Dhaka University Haji Mohammad Mohsin Hall celebrated their annual sports competition at the DU central playground yesterday.

An estimated 100 students participated in a total of 15 events, where Ibrahim Hossain, a Masters student from Department of Bengali and Saidul Islam from Information Science and Library Management became the joint champions.

Jahidul Islam Sheikh from Department of Public Administration became the runner up.

DU Vice Chancellor Arefin Siddique was present during the event as the chief guest.

#### **US** revamps for London Olympics

AFP, Indianapolis

USA Track and Field will revamp Olympic preparation and training methods in the wake of a disappointing Beijing performance under recommendations revealed on Monday from a ninemember panel.

Creation of a general manager for high performance athletes, a shorter US Olympic trials and a union for US competitors were among the initiatives proposed after the worst US men's track medal showing in Olympic history.

The Project 30 Task Force, named for USA Track and Field chief executive Doug Logan's medal goal for US athletics at the 2012 London Olympics, included US legend Carl Lewis and analyzed American struggles six months ago at Beijing.

"It's not that everyone is catching up. We're going backwards," Lewis warned. "We're headed toward having single digits in (medals in) the next few Olympics if we don't make these changes."

### Khelaghar

FROM PAGE 17 their game against Motijheel by one wicket at the City Club Ground. Motijheel batted first and accumulated 193 runs losing all their batters, which was successfully chased by Prime by losing nine scalps in the last over of the match. Prime's Jihad scored a fine 82 of 114 balls to see his team clinch their first game.

### Husseys do

**FROM PAGE 17** Australia and New Zealand at Adelaide Oval on Tuesday: **NEW ZEALAND** 

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0 M 30 Mills 10 61 Southee O'Brien 0 54 0 54 Vettori 0 47 Result: Australia won by 6 wickets and level 5-match

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## Malik a loner: report

#### Cricket

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's humiliating defeat against Sri Lanka in the one-day series last month forced the removal of captain Shoaib Malik, rubbished as a "loner" who lacked leadership, a report said not have the confidence of his players. Monday.

Younus Khan after Pakistan suffered their worst ever one-day defeat -- by 234 runs -- in the third and last one-day match in Lahore, handing the the mind when we looked around in the team." visitors a 2-1 win in the series.

in his own little world, which is okay, but not when the team required a fully committed captain which he wasn't," wrote coach Intikhab Alam and manager Yawar Saeed of

The confidential report, prepared as part of forms of the game -- Tests and one-day. an inquiry initiated by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) into the defeat, was made public at a senate committee meeting on Monday.

Malik, Alam, Saeed and chief selector Abdul Qadir gave their point of view in the marathon session. The report said Malik lacked leadership

cation between players and captain other than can perform better as a player than as a cap-Malik's five-minute talk during the team meet- tain.

ing. Such meetings are necessary," the two team officials wrote in their report.

"Malik also did not spend quality time with his players, which a successful captain must do. He also lacked in that."

The report said Malik -- appointed captain after Pakistan's first-round exit from the World Cup held in the West Indies in March 2007 -- did

"To be honest, it is very evident that the team Malik was replaced by senior batsman is not looking up to their captain. We believe that this team... needs a new leader so we suggested the name of Younus Khan which came to

The report also said the team needs a spe-"We found Malik a loner, aloof and involved cialist spinner and showed lack of confidence in wicketkeeper batsman Kamran Akmal's performances.

> "The team needs to play a specialist spinner in both forms of the game and suggest that Danish Kaneria should be considered for both "No doubt Akmal has done a very good job

> as a keeper and a batsman but we feel that at times his keeping is not up to the mark."

> "We have suggested these facts to improve team's overall performance."

Malik refused to comment on the report. "I will not comment on the report which is the opinion of coach and manager. I take "We do not see any meaningful communi- responsibility of the defeat and now feel that I

## Boycott blasts England

ning. But haven't England

been getting their backsides

kicked around the world for

the past two years?"

### Cricket

AFP, London

current side for "spinelessly" side on the plant. But what collapsing during their about the rest of this sorry lot? innings-and-23-run first Test in Jamaica.

backroom staff of "virtually series. wiping the players bottoms for them", adding their presence the first hint of pressure," inhibited team members from Boycott, one of the best defenthinking for themselves.

England were bowled out added. for just 51 -- their third lowest innings total of all-time -- at hot and cold. And Monty Sabina Park on Saturday and Panesar still bowls the same former Yorkshire opener ballsixtimes an over." Boycott said too many players - Boycott added an extensive had enjoyed an extended run backroom staff was preventing in the side which was not players taking responsibility justified by their form.

capitulated so spinelessly at tain Andrew Strauss. Sabina Park and you will see that almost all of them easy," Boycott said. "There is appeared in Peter Moores's no motivation to improve first series as coach back in when they have more than a 2007," Boycott wrote in his dozen backroom staff to anacolumn in Monday's Daily lyse their techniques, put out Telegraph.

continuity if a team are win- them.

England great Geoffrey Andrew Flintoff are still great

"Alistair Cook still has the defeat against the West Indies same technical issues outside off-stump that the Australians He also accused England's exploited in the last Ashes "Ian Bell still keels over at

sive batsmen of his generation,

for their performances -- the "Look at the players who mantra of new England cap-

"These lads just have it too the cones at training, and "I have nothing against virtually wipe their bottoms for

## Butt won't resign

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"Butt's appointment was political and we request the president to change it," Senator Tahir Mashhadi told the meeting.

Another senator said fears that the PCB was going bankrupt were false. "The current bank balance

of the PCB is 2.7 billion (34.15 million dollars) and so fears of the PCB going bankrupt were unfounded," said Haroon Akhtar. Butt claimed last month that PCB's reserves had fallen

from 3.3 billion to 1.5 billion

rupees over the past two years after several teams refused to tour Pakistan over security fears. Akhtar also refuted Butt's claims that renovation of

Gaddafi Stadium, in the eastern city of Lahore and the biggest in Pakistan, had run over budget. architect and former chief

operating officer Shafqat

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pleted in 31 million rupees and not in 47 million as claimed by the PCB," said Akhtar. Referring to PCB director

general Javed Miandad's resignation last month, Butt told the house that the former great's appointment was a "bigmistake." "I accept that appointing Miandad without a valid

contract was the biggest mistake of my life. Miandad was demanding 1.6 million rupees (20,000 dollars) which was not acceptable," said Butt. Miandad was appointed

but resigned protesting that he had been unable to change the structure of Pakistan cricket. "I did not resign over

money," he told the meeting.

director general in November

"The scope of work given to me initially was totally different from the one which was "We had summoned the written in my contract. The PCB wanted to confine me to domestic affairs which was Naghmi who told the house not acceptable to me," that the project can be com- Miandad added.

"I feel sorry for these modern players, because they don't have the chance to think

"Kevin Pietersen and theirowncharacters." The second Test of this Boycott has slammed the players who would get into any four-match series begins on Friday in Antigua.

for themselves and develop

Pakistan turn

to Kamal AFP, Lahore

Pakistan's cricket selectors Tuesday recalled middle-order batsman Asim Kamal in a 22-"Steve Harmison still blows man training squad for the two-Test series against Sri

> Lanka later this month. The 32-year-old left-hander played the last of his 12 Tests against England in 2005 before losing his place due to poor batting form.

Kamal has been brought back in a bid to fill the huge void in the Pakistan batting line-up left by the absence of batting mainstay Mohammad Yousuf, who last year defected to the unrecognised Indian Cricket League (ICL) and was subsequently barred from playing for

Pakistan. The Sindh High court last week suspended the ban, but the Pakistan Cricket Board is due to submit its reasons for the ban before the court on Wednesday.

Chief selector Abdul Qadir said stability in the middleorder was important.

"We have a good cushion in the middle-order with batsmen like Kamal, Faisal Iqbal and uncapped Saeed Bin Nasir," said Qadir, who singled out Kamal as a possible

Frontline paceman Shoaib Akhtar was ruled out of the series because of an injured knee, while fast bowler Rao Iftikhar was ignored. "Iftikhar is a good fast bowler

replacement for Yousuf.

for one-day cricket, but we have depth in our fast bowling for Test matches," Qadir said. Qadir said the squad would be cut down to either 14 or 15

players by February 18 after a

short training camp, starting in Karachi from February 15.

**PROBABLES** Younis Khan, Salman Butt, Nasir Jamshed, Khurram Manzoor, Shoaib Malik, Misbahul Haq, Faisal Iqbal, Asim Kamal, Fawad Alam, Bazid Khan, Saeed Bin Nasir, Sohail Tanvir, Yasir Arafat, Danish Kaneria, Shahid Afridi, Kamran Akmal, Umar Gul, Mohammad Talha, Sohail Khan, Abdul Rauf, Saeed Aimal, Sarfraz Ahmed.

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## Too much rest

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defended the schedule. "We are going to give the footballers two months off: that would be June and July when the rains take control. With the transfer window opening in August, the teams will actually start preparation for the next season in the same month," said Helal yesterday.

"We think the players should be given at least two months to get fit again. So these two months are part of their active time," he opined. The calendar's international part also did not include

the proposed Bangladesh-Sri

Lanka home and away football series, which was billed for next month. "Yes, Sri Lanka were due to arrive here on March 15 to play two matches on March 17 and 19 after the Prime Minister's Cup in Nepal. But we cannot accommodate them at that

time for the Super Cup," Helal

informed. "We have decided to cancel ahead of the SAFF."

it and the Lankan federation will soon be informed of this. We don't know when we can plan the reciprocal tours because we both would be busy for the Challenge Cup. "We have also decided to

host an international tournament in November instead of December so the next B. League is not interrupted much. With the SAFF Championship scheduled for December, it would take more than four months to complete the B. League." Helal informed that

whether it would be a national or club competition depends on availability of the teams. "We won't get the South Asians for the SAFF

Championship. So it would be South East Asians or teams from the Asean, like Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Hong Kong or Singapore. If we can get those teams, it would also be a good preparation for us

players in baseball still denying it, but tennis is a great sport because we get drugtested all the time," she said.

The Werder Bremen midfielder fell out with the Germany manager after being dropped to the bench for last October's World Cup qualifiers against Russia and Wales and not even picked for November's friendly against England.

"I see my role as exactly the same as it was before. Players have never had a guarantee of getting picked. Rudi Voller, Jurgen Klinsmann or Joachim Loew never said 'You, my boy, you will systematically play as long as I'm the coach'" Frings told a press conference on

it's the manager who decides."

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ing public statements was a Elliott series 2-2. Man-of-the-match: David Hussey.

(Sri Lanka)

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