



Olympic sprinter Usain Bolt celebrates after winning the 150 metres sprint final in record time at the City Games in Manchester on Sunday.

'Banjo' Cassim at Wanderers!

PTI, Johannesburg
A key figure in the 2000 match-fixing scandal that rocked world cricket, Hamid 'Banjo' Cassim made a sly appearance at the Wanderers to watch an Indian Premier League match before the media forced him into a hasty exit.

Yet another Bolt

Athletics
Triple Olympic champion Usain Bolt ran the fastest ever 150m on Sunday in a street race held in a chilly and windy Manchester city centre. Bolt came home in 14.35sec, beating the previous best recorded by Italian Pietro Mennea of 14.8 in 1983.

"I still feel goose bumps when I hear or watch the Beijing 100m, it feels good to know I've done such a wonderful thing. But the 100m final was just another day for me. I knew I was going to win - I was feeling good, my starts were better and that was my main concern, so I wasn't really worried."

Bashar

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realised that it's not everything in life. Over the last eight months I experienced the other part of the world and realised that money is not everything. My message for the young players is that there is nothing comparable to national pride," he explained.

Bousquet stuns Phelps

Swimming
France's Frederick Bousquet beat Beijing Olympic hero Michael Phelps in a 100-meter freestyle final Sunday at the Charlotte UltraSwim, delivering the US star's second loss in a row.

straight-arm sprint stroke for 25 meters to the turn, switched to his usual stroke to approach Bousquet, then finished with the windmill stroke. "The biggest thing I'm upset about was my turn and my finish were awful," Phelps said.

Anderson abases WI

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after resuming on 115 for three. Bashar said that he cut the ties with ICL as he already asked the authority for a no objection certificate (NOC) and is now looking forward to making his comeback in the mainstream competitions.

England had been in charge here from the start with opener Alastair Cook's Test-best 160 the centrepiece of their total. Ravi Bopara, who made 108 and helped Cook add 213 for the second wicket, was named man of the series after he made a Test-best 143 at Lord's.

day of the second and final Test between England and the West Indies at the Riverside on Monday. ENGLAND: First innings 569-6 dec (Cook 160, Bopara 108, Prior 63, Collingwood 60 not out) WEST INDIES: First innings 310 (Sarwan 100, Ramdin 55; Anderson 5-87, Broad 3-62) WEST INDIES: Second innings (overnight 115-3) Smith lbw b Swann 11 Gayle c Strauss b Onions 54 Sarwan lbw b Onions 22 Simmons c sub b Anderson 10 Chanderpaul c Collingwood b Anderson 47 Nash c sub b Bresnan 1 Ramdin c Anderson b Bresnan 0 Taylor b Anderson 5 Benn b Anderson 0 Edwards c sub b Bresnan 4 Baker not out 4 Extras: (b-8, lb-5, w-5) 18 Total: (All out in 44 overs) 176 Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-88, 3-89, 4-141, 5-142, 6-146, 7-163, 8-167, 9-168, 10-176. Bowler O M R W Anderson 16 5 38 4 Broad 5 1 21 0 Swann 3 0 13 1 Onions 6 0 46 2 Bresnan 14 2 45 3 Result: England won by an innings and 83 runs and clinched two-match series 2-0. Man-of-the-match: James Anderson. Men-of-the-series: Ravi Bopara and Fidel Edwards.

Indo-Pak prelude to WC

PTI, Karachi
India and Pakistan will reprise the final of the inaugural Twenty20 World Cup in a practice match at The Oval on June 3. According to details, tickets for the match have already been sold out making it the perfect platform for the launch of the World Cup starting June 5.

Akhtar again

PTI, Karachi
Shoaib Akhtar could find himself in more trouble as the Pakistan Cricket Board was contemplating of taking disciplinary action against the controversial pacer for violating the central contract with regard to his medical report submitted for skipping the national camp held in the hill resort of Bhurban.

Stars approve

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said: "I've been so nervous. It was special. A real treat to be on court." Henman, a four-time Wimbledon semifinalist, was also a fan of the new-look court, where capacity had also been boosted by an extra 1,200 seats.

Bangabandhu

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have also targeted Mohan Bagan and East Bengal from India, as they are hugely popular in our country. The objective is to put together a good combination of teams so that we witness some quality football on the field," said the BFF boss.

RELOCATION OF WC 2011 SECRETARIAT Pak court's stay order

Cricket
AFP, Lahore
A Pakistani court on Monday issued a stay order against the relocation of the World Cup 2011 secretariat from the country's cultural capital to India on security grounds. "The civil court of senior judge Mohammad Younis Anees issued a stay order against the relocation of the World Cup secretariat from Lahore to Mumbai until June 2, 2009," said Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) legal adviser Taffazul Rizvi.

requested PCB chairman Ijaz Butt not to have a one-sided decision against the ICC. The ICC representative requested for an adjournment of the case," Rizvi told AFP. As the ICC decision stands, India will now host 29 matches, including a semi-final and the final, Sri Lanka 12 matches with one semi-final and Bangladesh eight matches and the opening ceremony.

Juve sack Ranieri

AFP, Rome
Juventus on Monday fired coach Claudio Ranieri and replaced him with junior team coach and former player Ciro Ferrara, the club said in a statement. Ranieri's future had long been the source of speculation and two weeks ago Italian media had reported that he would definitely be fired at the end of the season, and sooner still if Juve lost to AC Milan.

"It's the standings which have changed. They (the players) must absolutely start doing things differently and as of tonight Cira Ferrara will be pushing them," he said. "The fourth-placed team (Fiorentina) are just a point behind us, we needed to jolt everyone into action and now it is the player's responsibility. We have two finals to play. We wanted to give ourselves the opportunity to change our destiny."

Rach sees hope

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started. Also, the team is missing a lot of basic international skills," said a disappointed Rach. He also pointed fingers out to the poor fitness levels of the national hockey team, which is as much to blame for the lack of success as the dearth of skills.

national team over the next eight months, which includes camps in Russia and the German city of Cologne. Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) General Secretary Khondoker Jamil Uddin said that it was the lack of funds and sponsorship, which has been plaguing hockey. "We look at the sincere sponsors of cricket and football in our country which has taken the sports to new heights. But, hockey is not so fortunate in that regard as the federation has to come up with all the expenses so once we can manage a flow of consistent funds into hockey it will not be difficult to raise the standards."

National TT

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participate can submit completed entry forms at the BTTF office at the Bangabandhu National Stadium by 8:00pm on May 25. The BTTF will also start a system of player rankings from this championship onwards.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution time of 25 mins and a Cryptquip clue.

Cryptquip puzzle grid with letters CA Y H J Z P K X A G L X G N L and other words.

Yesterday's Cryptquip: WHEN YOU LOCATE THE DENSE SHRUBBERY GROWTH YOU'RE SEEKING, YOU COULD CRY "THAT'S THE THICKET!" Today's Cryptquip Clue: G equals P