Indo-Pak

India and Pakistan will reprise

the final of the inaugural

Twenty20 World Cup in a prac-

ticematch at The Ovalon June 3.

for the match have already been

sold out making it the perfect

platform for the launch of the

official said the ICC had

A Pakistan Cricket Board

World Cup starting June 5.

According to details, tickets

prelude

to WC

PTI, Karachi



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

at Wanderers!

PTI, Johannesburg

on Sunday.

A key figure in the 2000 matchfixing 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.

Cassim, who reportedly introduced the late South African skipper Hansie Cronje to an Indian bookie leading to the infamous 'Hansie-gate' episode, walked into the hospitality area of the -Wanderers with two ladies in tow, believed to be family members, to watch the Kings XI Punjab v Deccan Chargers match.

In white T-shirt, dark trousers and shades, Cassim took his seat and had barely settled down when a journalist recognised him and tried to rekindle his old acquaintance.

"How are you?" he asked the journalist and shook hands with him.

With other journalists also identifying him, Banjo, looked less than amused and repeatedly asked them not to pose any question, insisting he had moved on in life. "I'm here to watch cricket,

that's it," he said.

Just not interested in raking up his dubious past, Banjo about something I have been absolved of."

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.

"I could realise how much national pride meant and it's real value. The privilege a national player enjoys in his life simply can't compare with anything. I am a social person by nature and love to enjoy times with different kind of people, so it was hard for me to live a life as an unwanted cricketer," he said adding that he had a hope that the ICL would get the ICC's approval.

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.

"I want to return soon as I love to play and I believe that I can still play for another onetwo years. There is a six-month cooling period and I know I have to prove my fitness first. I am confident because board officials are very much cordial," he informed.

The former skipper also said that he is ready to help his other 'Dhaka Warriors' colleagues to make their comeback.

"I have taken my own decision because there were different opinions when we met before the board meeting. My lawyer is looking after the legal issues and I already informed everybody that I am ready to help them if they want to take the chance of amnesty," he said.

The man from Kushtia admitted that there has been some cracks in the relationship between the rebel cricketers and the current mainstream players and officials but he believes that everything would be okay with the passage of time.

'Banjo' Cassim Yet another Bolt

Athletics

AFP, Manchester

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.

previous best recorded by Italian Pietro Mennea of 14.8 in 1983. Britain's Marlon Devonish was second in 15.07sec, but 70cm behind in an event rarely raced.

In the women's event, American Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie clocked 16.54sec to beat Britain's Olympic 400m gold medallist Christine Ohuruogu, who ran 17.10sec.

Jamaican Bolt, 22, had earlier predicted he would smash his own world 100m record this year and on Sunday showed no signs of illeffects from a high-speed car crash in which he was recently involved.

He said bettering his world record of 9.69sec that he set in Beijing last August "shouldn't be a problem" this year.

"My coach expressed his views in Beijing, saying I could run 9.54, and I can definitely do that," he said.

"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.

"I don't really think about (breaking the Bolt came home in 14.35sec, beating the record again) but I think it's possible if everything goes well in training." Asked how long he hoped to remain a force

in world athletics, Bolt forecast he would be a threat until at least 2015. "I can be at the top for six years if I want," he

said. "That's the aim for me. My main goal is to make myself a legend and I'm going to work really hard to do that." World record holder Bolt added that he still had room for improvement as he builds up to the world championships later this year in Berlin,

and was also thinking about an attempt, at some stage, on the 400m world record of 43.18sec. That was set by America's Michael Johnson 10 years ago.

"I am not in my best form at the moment, said Bolt. "There's still a lot of work to do. I will try (to beat Johnson's record). My coach is pushing me to try it."

Bousquet stuns Phelps

Swimming

AFP, Charlotte

France's Frederick Bousquet beat Beijing Olympic hero Michael Phelps in a 100-meter freestyle final Sunday at the Charlotte insisted, "I am not talking UltraSwim, delivering the US star's second loss it's frustrating.

> 50m free world record last month, seized the lead at the start and won the showdown in 48.22 seconds with Phelps runner-up in 49.04 and US it for a whole 100. Olympian Ricky Berens third in 49.66.

"When you race that guy, you can't count on your back-end speed to beat him," Bousquet said. "I had to use my strength, my speed, and go out as

fast as I could - 22.08 was not too bad going out. "We came back at the same speed in the second 50. That's good forme. I'm happy with it."

Phelps, who had not lost a final in a year until world record-holder and Olympic champion Aaron Peirsol beat him in the 100 back on Saturday, suffered his second finals defeat in a row after 200 free and 100 butterfly victories on he posted the third-fastest time in 100 free Friday.

"I need to have some of Fred's front-end 50 speed," Phelps said. "Fred is swimming really

straight-arm sprint stroke for 25 meters to the turn, switched to his usual stroke to approach Bousquet, then finished with the windmill

"The biggest thing I'm upset about was my turn and my finish were awful," Phelps said "I'm kind of mad at myself because I wanted to break 49. To be .05 off with two stupid mistakes,

"I usually don't mess up the little things like Bousquet, in his first meet since setting a that. I have to go back and focus. It's a lot of small things I need to fix. There are some things I'm still perfecting. Before long I'll be able to do

Twin losses in his first meet since taking record eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics will send Phelps into three weeks of high-altitude training at Colorado with new

inspiration to work on his new stroke. "It's something that will motivate me," Phelps said. "I always train better after a meet. If you have things that upset you, that's what helps

you get back in the water to get things done." Bousquet wore the controversial red Jaked high-tech supersuit as he did last month when history with a 47.15 at the French national championships in Montpellier.

FINA will meet Monday in Switzerland to decide about the legality of the suit, which critics Phelps, upset at making an extra stroke at the say uses compression and buoyancy to help turn and another at the end, used his new boostspeed. FINA could ban Bousquet's suit.

Anderson abases WI

FROM PAGE 17 after resuming on 115 for

And after the break the match lasted just three overs.

Star batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul fell for 46 when he edged man-of-the-match Anderson through to Paul Collingwood, who took his first Test catch as a wicketkeeper having taken the gloves on Sunday after Matt Prior sustained a finger injury.

And Tim Bresnan, who before lunch had taken his first two wickets in Tests, ended the match when he had Fidel Edwards caught at fine leg by substitute fielder Karl Turner, who was appearing in front of his home crowd.

Anderson, who took four for 38 in this innings, had match figures of nine for 125 his second-best in Tests after his nine for 98 against New Zealand at Trent Bridge last

Bresnan had an innings return of three for 45 in 14

West Indies, who resumed Monday on 115 for three, lost five wickets in the first session.

Anderson, the only other bowler used alongside Bresnan on Monday, added three more wickets before lunch to his first innings haul of five for 87, including lefthander Suliemann Benn whom he bowled for nought off the final ball before lunch.

After a pair of rain breaks

saw nearly half an hour lost, day of the second and final the West Indies lost three wickets for five runs in 15 balls with Bresnan, in his second Test, taking two for none in three balls.

10 when he guided Anderson straight to substitute fielder Scott Borthwick at point to leave the West Indies 141 for four.

one run when seamer Bresnan, who'd seen some chances missed off his bowling, took his first Test wicket with Nash clipping him straight to square leg where Chanderpaul c Collingwood Durham's Borthwick took his second catch.

Graham Onions made his Test debut at Lord's, then reduced West Indies to 146 for six. Denesh Ramdin, who Bakernotout

made a first innings fifty, exited for nought when he edged a genuine outswinger from the 24-year-old Yorkshireman to Anderson at third slip before Anderson himself bowled Jerome Taylor.

England had been in charge here from the start with opener Alastair Cook's Testbest 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. SCOREBOARD Final scoreboard on the fifth

Test between England and the West Indies at the Riverside on Monday:

ENGLAND: First innings 569-6 dec (Cook 160, Bopara 108, Lendl Simmons was out for Prior 63, Collingwood 60 not

WEST INDIES: First innings 310 (Sarwan 100, Ramdin 55; Anderson 5-87, Broad 3-62) And they had added just WEST INDIES: Second innings (overnight 115-3)

Smith lbw b Swann Gayle c Strauss b Onions 54 Sarwan lbw b Onions Simmons c sub b Anderson 10 **b** Anderson

Nash c sub b Bresnan Bresnan, who along with Ramdinc Anderson b Bresnan Taylor b Anderson Benn b Anderson Edwards c sub b Bresnan

Extras: (b-8, lb-5, w-5) 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.

OMRW Bowler Anderson 16 38 Broad Swann 13 Onions 46 14 2 45 3 Bresnan Result: England won by an innings and 83 runs and clinched two-match series 2-

Man-of-the-match: James Anderson. Men-of-the-series: Ravi Bopara and Fidel Edwards.

arranged the match as a replay of the final of the first T20 World Cup. The match is a part of the warm up schedule of the participating teams before the tournament.

India beat Pakistan in the last over in a nerve-wrecking final of | Cup matches. the World Cup. Both the teams are once

again among the favourites to win the event. 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.

Sources in the PCB said chairman Ijaz Butt was not happy with Akhtar's medical report that allowed him to skip the conditioning camp.

Akhtar has missed the camp stating that he had a skin infection near his groin and the doctor had advised him seven to eight days rest. Incidentally, the maverick pacer later said he would be available for the practice matches in Lahore from May 21 ahead of the Twenty20World Cup.

Stars approve

FROM PAGE 17 said: "I've been so nervous. It was special. A real treat to be on

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.

"It was such a real treat to play in those conditions when it was so cold, miserable and wet outside," said the Briton.

Bangabandhu

FROM PAGE 17 have also targeted Mohan | matches ago they were Inter to act. 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

Meanwhile, Salahuddin confirmed that he also received the resignation letter from BFF national team's committee deputy chairman Nurul Alam Chowdhury. He however expressed his disagreement over the allegations against the committee, outlined in the

"I have received his resignation letter but I completely disagree with the allegations he's made in it. The national team's committee is working fine and there are no concerns of transparency in it. The letter is personal in nature and it should not have been circulated publicly."

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.

World Cup head office is one of a series of protests Pakistan has made against the nexthearing." International Cricket Council (ICC) decision late last month to strip the country of its World remove the PCB as a joint host, but only that

The decision to relocate Pakistan's 14 outside Pakistan. matches cited "uncertain security" in the nuclear-armed country, where Taliban and Al-Qaeda-linked militants have killed more than chosen to pursue its grievance with the ICC 1,800 people in extremist attacks since July 2007.

moved the World Cup 2011 secretariat out of Pakistan in its meeting held in Mumbai on April The PCB earlier this month mounted a legal

challenge against the ICC and wrote to request

international arbitration in the matter. Pakistan also sued the ICC, IDI (ICC Development International) and the COC World Cup 2011 in Lahore last week, saying the World Cup secretariat cannot be moved until the legal notice was resolved.

attended Monday's hearing.

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. The Lahore court order stops any operations on the World Cup 2011.

"The fact raised by the petitioner (PCB) needs consideration," said the order, a copy of which was obtained by AFP.

"The World Cup tournament director is The PCB's civil case against moving the restrained from operating the secretariat from any other place in any other city/country till the

The ICC said last week it had not decided to matches assigned to the PCB should be played

ICC chief executive Haroon Lorgat said: "We

are naturally disappointed that the PCB has through legal channels but, having received The Cup Organising Committee (COC) also correspondence from its lawyers, we have now responded. "We used our response to clarify inaccura-

cies and misunderstandings in the PCB's claim. including confirmation of the fact that the matter relating to the World Cup 2011 was on the agenda of the meeting."

The PCB has said it was given no prior warning of the decision, made at a meeting on April

"We also pointed out that the ICC Board agreed only that the matches should be moved Rizvi said an ICC representative also away from Pakistan, not that the PCB should be removed from its position as a joint host of the "The ICC President David Morgan eventitself," Lorgat added.

"It's the standings which

have changed. They (the

players) must absolutely start

doing things differently and as

of tonight Cira Ferrara will be

(Fiorentina) are just a point

behind us, we needed to jolt

everyone into action and now

it is the player's responsibility.

We wanted to give ourselves

the opportunity to change our

Chelsea and Valencia, is the

first Juve coach in 40 years to

club ahead of the start of last

season and guided them to

third place in Serie A in their

be fired from his post.

"We have two finals to play.

Ranieri, a former boss at

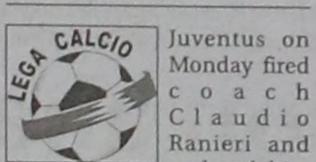
The 57-year-old joined the

"The fourth-placed team

pushing them," he said.

Juve sack Ranieri

AFP, Rome



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

end of the season, and sooner still if Juve lost to AC Milan. Juve battled to a credible 1-1 draw at the San Siro just over a week ago but Sunday's 2-2 home draw against Atalanta meant they have now gone seven league matches without

started. Also, the team is miss-

ing a lot of basic international

skills," said a disappointed

to the poor fitness levels of the

national hockey team, which is

as much to blame for the lack of

opponents were supreme. It

looked like we were playing

against monsters. But we need

to work on that and I have told

my players to use the gym, run,

swim and do everything possi-

ble to attain match fitness of

new training programme for

Rach has also unveiled a

international standards."

"The fitness levels of our

success as the dearth of skills.

He also pointed fingers out

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Rach sees hope

Milan's closest title challengers and now they face a fight to hold onto a top three finish with fourth-placed Fiorentina just one point behind with two

matches to play. Ferrara said he has little time to turn things around but was happy for the chance.

"I think the players need to understand that we're in a tight spot. They need to rediscover the right motivation to tackle our last two matches media had reported that he with the right attitude," he would definitely be fired at the said.

> "The players need to rediscover their pride and the right motivation. I want to thank those who thought I could be useful at this time, I really appreciate that." General manager Jean

Claude Blanc, who a month ago had claimed Ranieri They currently sit third in would still be Juve manager the table again but seven next season, said the club had

the national team over the next

eight months, which includes

camps in Russia and the

Federation (BHF) General

Secretary Khondoker Jamil

Uddin said that it was the lack of

funds and sponsorship, which

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 man-

age a flow of consistent funds

into hockey it will not be diffi-

cult to raise the standards."

"We look at the sincere

has been plaguing hockey.

Bangladesh Hockey

German city of Cologne.

first campaign back in the top flight since their relegation in 2006 for match-fixing. The pressure seemed to be easing off Ranieri after their fine performance against Milan,

destiny.

after which Ranieri claimed: "We have been reactivated. "Milan were the right team to help us return to the team we have been for the last year and nine months (since

Ranieri took over)." However, that proved a false dawn as the club's defensive frailties were ruthlessly exposed by Atalanta, who hit the bar three times as well as

National TT

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scoring twice.

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.

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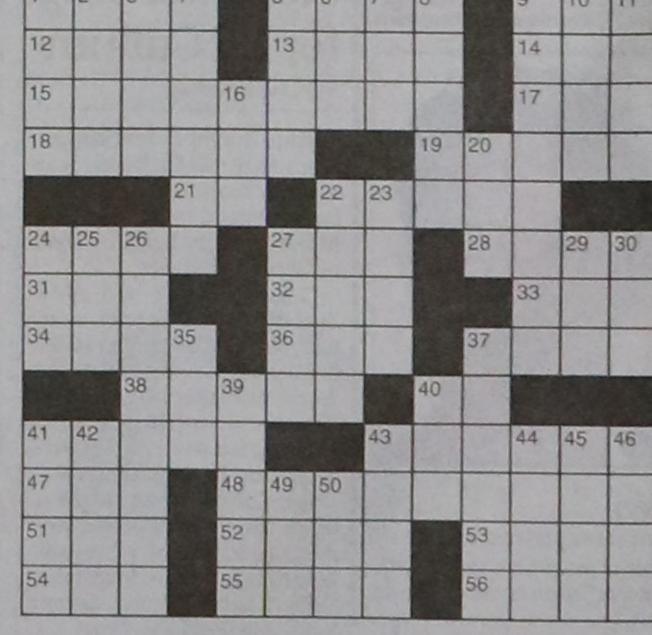
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