

## WOMEN'S WORLD T20

## India beat Pakistan

AFP, Taunton

India edged rivals Pakistan by five wickets in a low-scoring match at the women's World Twenty20 here on Saturday.

Pakistan won the toss and opted to bat first but quickly slipped to 27 for three. Rumeli Dhar claimed three for 13 with Priyanka Roy taking five for 14 in a total of 75 all out.

India lost five wickets in their response and might have struggled even more had it not been for opener Anjum Chopra's 37 not out.

"Am I happy?" said India coach Sudha Shah. "Well, we had to win and we did. But no, I'm not happy with the way we played at all. Our final game against Sri Lanka is another must-win. Hopefully we will click again."

Chopra added: "Wickets were falling like nine-pins, so it was a little tense. Fortunately the score wasn't too high and you could push it around for singles. You need matches like this - but not too often."

In the day's second match, New Zealand made it two wins from two by defeating the West Indies by 52 runs.

West Indies made only 106 for seven in their 20 overs chasing 158.

Suzie Bates (60) and Lucy Doolan (41) put on 94 for the first wicket for the Kiwis before Doolan returned with the ball taking three for 16.

## Murray ends 71-year wait

AFP, London

Top seed Andy Murray defeated James Blake 7-5, 6-4 in the Queen's final on Sunday to become the first British winner of the pre-Wimbledon warm-up event for 71 years.

Murray was the fifth British man to reach the final here since Bunny Austin's triumph in 1938 and he finally ended the long wait for a homegrown success with another dominant performance in west London.

The Scot's first grass-court title took his career haul of tournament victories to 12 and was also his fourth Tour triumph this year.

## Younus hails

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still have two matches to play against the Kiwis and minnows Ireland.

The top two teams from the group will advance to the semi-finals.

Pakistan next play Ireland at the Oval on Monday, while New Zealand take on Sri Lanka in their last match at Trent Bridge, Nottingham on Tuesday.

"We can't wait to play Ireland," said Younus, referring to Pakistan's shock defeat at Irish hands in the 50-overs-a-side World Cup in the Caribbean which knocked Inzamam-ul-Haq's side out of the tournament.

"My advice to the boys about that game? Just crush them."

## India crash

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same over after making 17 off nine balls.

Earlier, Kevin Pietersen top-scored for England with 46 off 27 balls, with three fours and a six, after sharing a second-wicket stand of 71 with opener Ravi Bopara (37).

Harbhajan picked up three wickets, but England's lower order retrieved the situation by adding 53 runs in the last five overs.

Pietersen and Bopara took charge after Luke Wright had fallen in the second over, top-edging a pull off Rudra Pratap Singh.

The duo brought up their 50 partnership off 35 balls before left-arm spinner Jadeja broke the stand in his first over by bowling Bopara.

Jadeja then claimed Pietersen leg-before as the batsman attempted to sweep. Harbhajan lured Owais Shah (12) to hole out to Jadeja on the mid-wicket fence before removing James Foster and Swann off successive deliveries.

## SCORES IN BRIEF

ENGLAND: 153 for 7 in 20 overs (Pietersen 46, Bopara 37, Mascarenhas 25 not out, Shah 12; Harbhajan 3-30, Jadeja 2-26)

INDIA: 150 for 5 in 20 overs (Yusuf 33 not out, Dhoni 30 not out, Gambhir 26, Jadeja 25, Yuvraj 17; Swann 2-28, Sidebottom 2-31)

Result: England won by 3 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Ryan Sidebottom.



PHOTO: STAR

Players engrossed in the war of wits on the opening day of the Grameenphone Ninth Special Chess Tournament for the blind at Bangladesh Chess Federation hall room yesterday.

## Sanya shines in Berlin

## Athletics

AFP, Berlin

American sprint queen Sanya Richards ran the fastest women's 400m of the season at Berlin's Golden League opener on Sunday to throw down the challenge to Olympic champion Christine Ohuruogu.

With the world championships to be held here in August, Richards blitzed around Berlin's Olympic Stadium track in 49.57secs to show Britain's absent Beijing champion Ohuruogu what she will have to beat to claim world gold.

Richards made no secret she was disappointed to lose to the Brit in Beijing, but the 24-year-old has been world number one since 2005 and is eager to underline her consistent form by winning the world crown here later this summer.

A share of the million dollar jackpot is up for grabs for any athlete in the 10 jackpot events who win all six Golden League meetings this year.

Kenyan middle-distance runner Pamela Jelimo was the outright millionaire winner last season, but one-lap specialist Richards is on track to become only the second woman to capture a piece of the jackpot for a third time.

World high-jump champion Blanka Vlasic is already out of the running after she was beaten by local hero Ariane Friedrich, the European indoor champion.

To the crowd's delight, Friedrich leapt 2.06m to set a new German record and claim victory in a bitter defeat for Vlasic who also lost out to the 25-year-old in Brussels' Golden League meet last year to be denied her share of the jackpot.

Ethiopia's Kenenisa Bekele, the Olympic champion and world record-holder at both the 5,000m and 10,000m, held off a strong Kenyan challenge to win the 5,000m here in a world leading time of 13 mins 00.76secs.

Russia's pole-vault queen Yelena Isinbayeva started the season where she left the last one as the world's best with a leap of 4.83m.

The double Olympic and world champion

again finished well clear of the field and has few rivals with two months to go before the world championships.

While triple Olympic champion Usain Bolt passed over his chance to claim a share of the million dollar jackpot, opting to run 10.00secs in Canada over the weekend, his training partner Daniel Bailey took the men's 100m here.

The Antiguan ran 10.03secs in a field minus any names who ran the Olympic final, while Bolt will be back at Berlin's Olympic Stadium in August to attempt to add world gold to his 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay golds from Beijing.

In the women's 100m, Jamaica's Kerron Stewart ran 11 seconds dead to claim victory despite a stumbling start.

Olympic silver-medalist and world indoor champion Godfrey Mokeona of South Africa won the long-jump with a leap 8.33m, while Germany's European indoor record holder Sebastian Bayer finished back in seventh after jumping 7.95m.

Finland's Tero Pitkamaki, the 2007 world champion, came out on top in his titanic tussle with double Olympic champion Andreas Thorkildsen of Norway who beat him in Beijing.

The Finn threw a season's best 86.53m while his Norwegian rival threw 85.48m to finish second.

Kenya's Augustine Chogele led a Kenyan clean-sweep in the men's 1500m when he ran the fastest time in the world since 2006 to claim victory in 3 mins 29.47 from compatriots Haron Keitany and William Biwott in third.

It was Chogele's third 1500m win in Berlin after success in 2006 and 2008.

Beijing Olympic finalist Damu Cherry opened her Golden League season in style when the United States sprinter won the women's 100m hurdles in 12.76secs from Jamaica's Lacey Golding-Clarke.

In the men's 110m hurdles, the United States went 1-2-3 with Dexter Faulk winning in a time of 13.18secs from compatriots Ryan Wilson and David Payne.

## Ray of hope for Pakistan

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The PCB (PCB) has proposed shifting its share of 14 matches to the United Arab Emirates, where it organised a one-day series against Australia in Abu Dhabi and Dubai in April-May.

The meeting on Monday where officials from all the four co-host nations will be present will debate the financial obligations of holding the matches in the UAE, the ICC spokesman said.

"I am certain a compromise will be worked out," he said. "The idea of having games in Abu Dhabi and Dubai is certainly an option."

PCB chairman Ijaz Butt declined to comment ahead of

the meeting, saying he had been advised by lawyers not to speak to the media till the issue was sorted out.

Morgan, the ICC president, was confident of reaching a resolution.

"I am grateful to everyone for agreeing to come together to work through the ongoing issues surrounding the hosting of matches in the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2011," Morgan said in a statement.

"I hope that, through discussion, we will be able to reach a resolution to this matter as soon as possible."

"It is a matter that is diverting resources and energy that could be spent elsewhere as,

with less than two years to go before the event, we need to be conscious that time is passing."

"The sooner we reach that resolution, the sooner everyone can proceed with the business of concentrating our efforts on working towards a successful event in 2011," he said.

## Aussies

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Australia are among nine bidders, along with Belgium-Netherlands, England, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Portugal-Spain, Russia and the United States, for the 2018 World Cup.

The same nine bidders are also in the running for the 2022 World Cup, along with Qatar and South Korea.

World football governing body FIFA will announce both the 2018 and 2022 World Cup hosts in December 2010.

## Cahill ejected

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Another witness told the newspaper that Cahill became aggressive when a member of the bar staff refused to serve him any more alcohol.

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## Biman rule nat'l TT

UNB, Dhaka

Asif of Bangladesh Biman earned a double crown in the AB Bank 30th National Table Tennis Championship winning the boys' singles and doubles titles at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday.

Asif clinched the boys' singles crown beating Polish of Dhaka 3-1 in the final. Earlier, Asif pairing with his compatriot Regan won the boys' doubles crown beating Himel (Biman) and Javed (Munshiganj) 3-0 sets.

The men's doubles title also went to Biman's Hamlet and Manash partner who beat Mustafa and Mahbub pair of Ansar 3-0.

The finals of the men's singles, women's singles and mixed doubles will be held today, the closing day of the meet.

## SL's sigh

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But a stand of 59 ended in the 10th over when Porterfield was caught behind by Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara off Muttiah Muralidaran.

Earlier Jayawardene, who came in at 14 for two, batted with typical elegance during a 53-ball innings featuring a six and nine fours before he was clean bowled by Cusack.

Ireland took a wicket off only the second ball of the match when the dangerous Tillekaratne Dilshan saw a miscued pull off Rankin held by O'Brien.

The keeper then took an even better catch when, standing up, he held an edge from opposing gloveman Sangakkara off Johnston.

Ireland complete their Super Eight programme against Pakistan at the Oval on Monday while Sri Lanka are in action 24 hours later at Trent Bridge when they face New Zealand.

## SCORES IN BRIEF

SRI LANKA: 144 for 9 in 20 overs (Jayasuriya 27, Jayawardene 78, Mathews 10; Rankin 2-27, McCallan 2-33, Cusack 4-18)

IRELAND: 135 for 7 in 20 overs (Porterfield 31, O'Brien 31, White 22, Mooney 31 not out; Mendis 2-22, Malinda 2-19)

Result: Sri Lanka won by nine runs.

Man-of-the-match: Mahela Jayawardene.

## Rybarikova's maiden crown

AFP, Birmingham

Slovakia's Magdalena Rybarikova defeated China's Li Na 6-0, 7-6 (7/2) on Sunday to capture the WTA Birmingham ham grasscourt tournament, her first career title.

The 20-year-old, ranked 58th in the world, eased to victory in 73 minutes over the fourth seeded Li who had defeated former Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova in the semifinal.

Victory will take Rybarikova to a career high of 42 when the new rankings are released on Monday.

## SA can win title: Smith

AFP, London



South Africa captain Graeme Smith said his side were well-placed to triumph at the World Twenty20 after extending their unbeaten record at the tournament with a 20-run win over the West Indies.

That victory, coupled with a seven-wicket defeat of hosts England earlier in the week, meant South Africa had won their opening two Super Eights matches.

The Proteas, who are within touching distance of the semi-finals, complete their second round programme against defending champions India at Trent Bridge on Tuesday.

"I really believe we can win it," said Smith after South Africa's win over the West Indies at The Oval.

"But there is a long way to go, a lot of cricket to be played and a lot of good teams in this competition."

"It's been a successful week but a tough one. We get an extra day now before we play India and I'm comfortable with where we are, you can't argue with the performances or the results we have turned out in this competition so far."

"As a team we try to challenge ourselves."

There are always things to improve but if we play our best and with our intensity, if we perform to our potential, then we will be difficult to beat."

South Africa made 183 for seven, Herschelle Gibbs top-scoring with 55, before holding the West Indies to 163 for nine in an innings where teenage left-arm quick Wayne Parnell took four wickets for 13 runs.

"You really need to be on top of your game against the West Indies, especially here at the Oval where the conditions suit them," explained Smith.

Parnell, 19, who took three wickets against England, said: "It's still a batsman's game but if you bowl well you can pick up wickets."

"I enjoy bowling at the death. I have developed my yorker in the last 10 months and I am adding other things to my game."

India went down to a seven-wicket loss to the West Indies at Lord's on Friday.

Before they play South Africa they face England on Sunday at Lord's and Smith said of his team's clash with the title-holders: "There is a lot of cricket in the group before that."

"India had not been really tested in the competition until Friday. I think they will have taken a lot of lessons from that."

"It was their first real competitive game so it going to be interesting to see how they go before Tuesday."

## Gayle wants it to end

AFP, London



West Indies captain Chris Gayle would love nothing more than to get the better of England when the sides meet at the Oval on Monday in the Super Eight stage of the World Twenty20.

Earlier this season England hammered the West Indies in both a Test and one-day series.

It was an unexpected tour of England for the West Indies, only drafted in after Sri Lanka pulled out because of their players' Indian Premier League commitments.

Gayle, who had to cut short his own stay in the lucrative Twenty20 event, then had his own commitment questioned after he said he would not mind too much if Test cricket died out.

But having hammered a blistering 88 in the West Indies' defeat of Australia at The Oval earlier in the World Twenty20, Gayle's enthusiasm for this form of cricket is not in doubt.

West Indies beat defending champions India by seven wickets in the second round Super Eights at Lord's late on Friday, only to lose by 20 runs to tournament favourites South Africa after the fixture schedule saw them playing in Saturday's early game across London at the Oval.

"It would be nice to get the last say for the summer against England by beating them," Gayle, who revealed he might need an ankle operation, told reporters at the Oval.

"This is the important one, they have been getting the better of us and it's a must-win. We have everything to play for and will give it our best."



PHOTO: AFP

Magdalena Rybarikova of Slovakia kisses the winner's trophy after defeating China's Li Na in the WTA AEGON classic final in Birmingham yesterday.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN PEOPLE DISPLAY FIRM COURAGE WITHIN A MILITARY STRONGHOLD, I WOULD CALL THAT FORTITUDE.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals E