

## 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. Rumelia 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 against them."

Chopra added: "Wickets were falling like nine-pins, 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

FROM PAGE 17 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 Inzamamul Haq's side out of the tournament.

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

## India crash

FROM PAGE 17 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, Marnie 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

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 100m 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 golds 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 Mokoena 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 Choge 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 Choge'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 12.76seconds from Jamaica's Lacena 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) 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.

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## Building brick 3

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for their money.

The Americans, who have been winning over local fans with open training sessions this week, owe their presence in South Africa to a defeat of Mexico to win the 2007 CONCACAF Gold Cup.

The bulk of Bob Bradley's squad are based in Europe, including the English and Scottish Premier League quintet of David Moyes (Everton), Tim Howard (Everton), Brad Guzan (Aston Villa), Jonathan Spector (West Ham) and Craig Dempsey (Fulham).

All-time leading US scorer Landon Donovan, the Los Angeles Galaxy playmaker, is

one of the few in a squad which also features Bradley's son, Borussia Moenchengladbach midfielder Michael, plying his trade at home.

The USA, aiming to improve on their two third place Confed Cup finishes, arrive here on the back of a timely 2-1 North America World Cup qualifier win over Honduras.

The USA last played in the competition in France in 2003 where they finished bottom of a table comprising Cameroon, Turkey and Brazil.

In 1999 a 2-0 group win over Germany helped them into third place to match their finishing position in the inaugural four-team edition in 1992.

## Zidane reveals Ribery talks

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"When you want to bring the best players in the world together in one team, it costs money," said Zidane.

"It's true that, with Kaka and Ronaldo, Madrid wanted to make a big statement. It was the will of the new president, Florentino Perez.

"He's a magnificent player who would fit in at Real," Zidane said.

"And playing in this team is a huge opportunity in the career of a player, which I don't think you could refuse. After Munich, it would be a beautiful opportunity for Franck. The decision is up to the club."

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defined plans for the future.

"Currently, things are going well with Florentino. He took me into his team because he knows the Real changing room well," said the 36-year-old Frenchman, who retired after leading his country to a runners-up place at the 2006 World Cup.

"For the time being, I'm there to learn, to see how things work outside the changing room. Next year, we'll see what might interest me, in order to find something more precise at the club."

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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 Polash of Dhaka 3-1 in the final. Earlier, Asif pairing with his compatriot Regan won the boys' doubles crown beating Himesh (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 Eights 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

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

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## 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