



Different sports organisation in Chittagong staged a human chain in front of the Chittagong Press Club yesterday to press home their demand for awarding a venue in the port city for the 2011 World Cup. Chittagong City Corporation Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury is seen among them. Bangladesh is a co-host of the next World Cup and will stage two quarterfinals, six first round games, and the opening ceremony.

## India take Emerging Players title

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The president also gave a patient hearing about the problems the councillors addressed in the meeting and has assured them to improve the standard of shooting.

## HERITAGE OFF TO MALAYSIA

Heritage Cricketers leave for Malaysia today to play two limited-overs matches and one Twenty20 against Kuala Lumpur and Perak State teams at Kinrara Oval in the Malaysian capital.

The team, which became unbeaten champions in Banaras, India, later will travel to Kuantan, the east coast city, to participate in the 40th International Cricket 6's Tournament, said a press release.

## No show on

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"The decision to relegate three teams this season was taken by the B. League Committee and the committee wants to start the second-tier B. League from next season. However, it would consider the matter if the majority want a change," said Anwarul Haq Helal, a member of the B. League committee.

Helal informed that the second-tier league would consist of 10 teams.

Meanwhile, the first two editions saw as many as 11 clubs competing in the professional football league and this season three new teams have been drafted to promote the game in the other parts of the country.

## Peirsol finds his rhythm

### Swimming

AFP, Rome

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He admitted that the time owed something to his polyurethane Arena X-Glide swimsuit, one of the breed that have wreaked havoc on the record book at these World Championships.

"My 200, I've been struggling to get faster for a few years now and kind of when it rains it pours," Peirsol said.

"You've got to put some of it up to the suits, I don't know how I can relate to what I wore tonight versus what I did 1:54 in last year."

"I've known I can go 1:51 for a long time, that's the way I've trained."

## Gay storms to 100m win

### Athletics

AFP, Stockholm

American sprinter Tyson Gay stormed to victory in the 100m at the Stockholm Super Grand Prix on Friday in a time of 9.79sec, two-hundredths of a second slower than his world-best this season.

World champion Gay finished ahead of Darvis Patton (9.95sec), former world record holder Asafa Powell (9.98sec) and Churandy Martina (10.01sec).

Gay set the best time of the season, 9.77sec, in Rome on July 10 to further boost his hopes of upsetting Olympic champion and world record holder Usain Bolt at the World Championships in Berlin which start in two weeks' time.

"We knew that the wind was very strong (+2.6 m/s). But this race proved that I am in form and was important in terms of the world champion," said Gay.

Elsewhere, America's Allyson Felix ran the fastest 200m of the season, winning in a time of 21.88sec ahead of the former season-leader Debbie Ferguson.

"I was worried by the conditions," said Felix, referring to the cold, blustery night. "I wanted to

The US veteran had also lost to gold medalist Lochte in the 200m backstroke at the Beijing Olympics, and his 2009 worlds got off to a dismal start when an inexplicable mistake saw him fail to qualify for the 100m backstroke final.

Not surprisingly, Peirsol looked like a man on a mission. He took an early lead that he relinquished by a narrow margin at the 100m mark to Lochte before pouring it on in the final 100 to seize the crown.

"I wanted to win this," Peirsol said. "I saw that I pulled out at the beginning, and when I saw that I was pulling away that was like an extra fire in the belly to keep going."

"That was a fast heat, I don't know if I would have done that if I didn't have to."

Peirsol said his failure in the 100m backstroke may have helped him, since it gave him some extra time off.

"That was not a piece of cake, but I think I was more rested than everyone else. That was kind of a blessing in disguise," he said.

"I didn't get the chance to do the 100, obviously, in the week and a lot of my focus has been on this -- all of it has."

Gay broke down in tears on the podium and later explained that he had his mind set on gold and a silver was not what he'd come here for.

"I wanted to win but I came second. I'm very disappointed but I got my PB and I won a medal so I'm relieved," he said.

"I wanted to see the Japanese flag in the middle on the medal rostrum and it was such a shame not to see it there, that and the end of the race made me cry."

work the bend and it went well."

Ferguson's time of 22.23sec, was slightly faster than her previous best for 2009.

America's Jeremy Wariner cruised to victory in the 400m, winning in 44.83sec ahead of Britain's Michael Bingham and American compatriot Kerron Clement.

Despite two false starts, Cuban Olympic champion Dayron Robles easily won the 110m hurdles in 13.11sec.

The testing conditions in the Swedish capital played havoc with the pole vault where the winning height was only 5.61m achieved by Ukraine's Maksym Mazuryk and Sweden's Jesper Fritz.

Australia's Olympic champion Steven Hooker, who only succeeded at this height at his third attempt, was third.

In the high jump, America's Jesse Williams took victory despite sharing the winning clearance of 2.30m with Russia's Yaroslav Rybakov.

Both men failed at 2.32m but Williams was declared the winner courtesy of his successful first clearance of 2.27m.

In the women's 100m hurdles, Canada's Priscilla Lopes-Jones improved her personal best by winning in 12.51sec just ahead of world champion Lolo Jones of the US.

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## Tigers take it all

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A poor finish was in contrast to the great start provided by Fletcher. What stood out in Fletcher's innings was a delightful tendency to drive straight. Mahbubul Alam was getting some outswing and was looking pretty good but Fletcher countered him with his drives in the v. He started off with an off drive in the third over and upped the tempo in the fifth with two sixes: the first one was dispatched over long-on before he swung the other some 20 runs over the long-on boundary. Neither shot had any touch of violence as he covered for the outswing and drove cleanly and fluently through the line. Mahbubul lost his composure and in the seventh over, he pushed three deliveries on the legs of Fletcher, who put them away for boundaries.

With the seamers bleeding runs, the action swung to Fletcher versus the spinners.

Again, Fletcher won the first round, reeling off several meaty blows. There was a back-foot punch through the covers, a customary swing over long-on and a heave to the midwicket boundary, which brought up his fifty, against Abdur Razzaq, but he fell soon, launching one straight to long-on. Almost immediately, the run-rate dropped as Bangladesh applied the squeeze. More

agony lay in store for the hosts as Travis Dowlin, who gave admirable support to Fletcher, was run out on the last ball of the 25th over.

It didn't help West Indies' cause that their captain Reifer's travails against spin continued. He couldn't rotate the strike and it perhaps led to Dowlin's dismissal. He was allowed some breathing space by Sammy, who oozed intent from the start and kept unfurling the big hits. He swung Mahmudullah for two consecutive sixes and belted Naeem for a couple of fours but he fell rather tamely, scooping a caught-and-bowled chance to Razzaq. That was the final nail on the coffin as West Indies fell short of achieving a defendable target.

Fall of wickets: 1-54, 2-83, 3-

4-115, 5-124, 6-188, 7-190, 8-

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**Bowler** O M R W

Mahbubul 6 0 42 2

Nazmul 5 0 27 1

Razzaq 10 0 63 2

Shakib 9.4 2 28 0

Naeem 10 1 48 1

Mahmudullah 7 0 38 2

**BANGLADESH**

Tamim c Powell b Sammy 30

Zunaid b Roach 55

Ashraf c Thomas b Bernard 19

Rokibul c Reifer b Roach 5

Shakib c (sub) Richards b Roach 16

Mushfiqur c Thomas b Sammy 31

Mahmudullah not out 51

Naeem c Thomas b Roach 26

Razzaq not out 6

Extras: (lb-2, w-8) 10

**Total:** (For 7 wkt in 45.0 overs) 249

Did not bat: Mahbubul, Nazmul.

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**Bowler** O M R W

Reifer 9.5 1 63 4

Tonge 10 2 59 0

Sammy 10 1 37 2

Bernard 10 0 47 1

Miller 9 0 41 0

Result: Bangladesh won by three wickets and clinched three-match series 3-0.

**Man o f the m - e - t - h - e -**

Mahmudullah.

**Man o f the series:** Shakib Al Hasan.

**Toss:** West Indies

**Umpires:** C. Duncan (WIS), A. Hill (NZL)

**Match referee:** R. Mahanama

**Fall of wickets:** 1-1, 2-10, 3-86, (SRI)

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**Scoreboard**

Scoreboard in the third and final ODI between West Indies and Bangladesh at Warner Park on Friday:

**WEST INDIES**

Powell lbw b Mahbubul 0

Fletcher c Ashraf b Razzaq 52

Smith b Nazmul 4

Dowlin run out 29

Miller c Mahmudullah b Naeem 13

Sammy c & b Razzaq 40

Thomas not out 29

Miller c Mahmudullah b Naeem 10

Tonge run out 1

Extras: (lb-2, w-18) 20

**Total:** (All out in 47.4 overs) 248