# SPORT

### School h'ball

SPORTS REPORTER

The semifinal lineups of both boy's and girl's groups in the 18th Bata School Handball tournament completed after the last day's group matches held at Dhanmondi Sports Complex ground yesterday.

St Gregory's High School, BIS, Narinda Govt High School and BAF Shaheen School and College moved into the semifinals in the boys groups while Scholastica, Sunnydale, BIS and Viquarunnisa Noon School and College advanced into the girl's semifinals.

Scholastica defeated DPSSTS 4-0, Viquarunnisa blanked Marie Curie 10-0, Sunnydale ousted South Breeze 7-0 in the girl's group.

In the boy's group, BAF Shaheen School overwhelmed DPSSTS 15-0, BIS crushed Marie Curie 12-0, St Gregory's thrashed Scholastica 16-2, South Breeze defeated Rahmatullah Model High School 5-3 and Oxford International School beat South Point 5-3.

#### U-19 football

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh suffered another defeat in the AFC U-19 Qualifiers when they were beaten 1-0 by Vietnam in the second match at Royal Thai Army Stadium in Thailand.

Bangladesh on Monday conceded a massive 5-0 defeat to South Korea in their first match at the same venue.

### Wicket

#### FROM PAGE 17 **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the fourth oneday international between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe at the Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong on

Tuesday:

ZIMBABWE Masakadza c Ashraful b Nazmul Vermeulen lbw b Razzak Taylor c & b Razzak Coventry c Mushfigur b Nazmul Waller c Nazmul b Shakib 13 Matsikenyeri c Ashraful b Enamul 11 Chibhabha b Enamul Chigumbura c & b Enamul Cremer not out Price lbw b Shakib Jarvis c & b Shakib Extras: (w-3) Total: (All out in 24.5 overs) 44 8.5-32, 6-32, 7-36, 8-36, 9-39.

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-Bowler Nazmul Razzak Enamul Shakib 6.5

BANGLADESH Tamim c Cremer b Price Zunaid c Vermeulen b Cremer Ashraful lbw b Price Rokibul not out Nayeem c Chibhabha b Cremer Mushfigur not out Extras: (lb-2, w-4, nb-2)

Total: (For four wkts in 11.5 overs) 49 Did not bat: Shakib, Mahmudullah, Enamul, Razzak, Nazmul.

Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-33, 3-36, 4-38. Bowler

2 0 21 Jarvis Chiqumbura Matsikenyeri Price Cremer 2.5 0 11 Result: Bangladesh won by six

wickets and lead five-match series 3-1. Man-of-the-match: Nazmul

Hossain.

Toss: Zimbabwe Umpires: Aleem Dar, Nadir

Shah. Match referee: RS Madugalle.

### Foreign stars

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dead, was forced to release him when Berbatov's father Ivan intervened on his behalf. "It was an horrific ordeal," Berbatov told The Times.

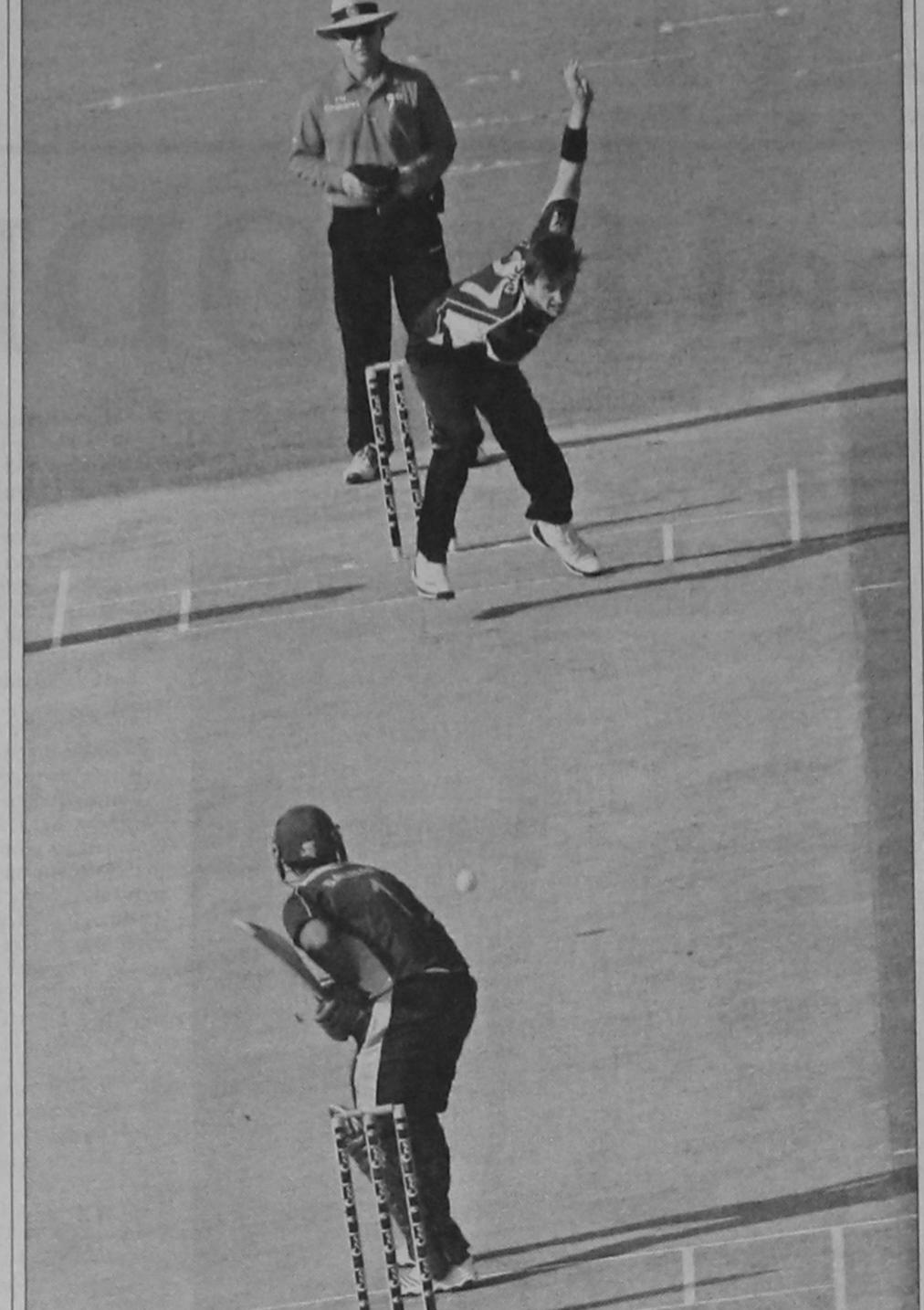
Footballers based in South America have often been targeted by gangsters recently 12 members of a Colombian amateur team were kidnapped and 10 of

them murdered. The most notorious example of a player falling victim to the criminal underworld was that of Colombian defender Andres Escobar, who was shot dead following his side's surprise first round exit at the 1994 World Cup finals.

Colombia's fate - and that of Escobar - was sealed after his own goal allowed the United States to win 2-1.



Karate was first trained in the Island of Okinawa in Japan.



New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond bowls to Pakistan's Salman Butt during the first one-day inter-

### national at the Abu Dhabi Stadium yesterday. Pakistan pile up big total

### Cricket

AFP, Abu Dhabi

Shahid Afridi, Kamran Akmal and Khalid Latif hit halfcenturies to help Pakistan reach 287-9 in the day-night first one-day international against New Zealand at Abu Dhabi Stadium here on Tuesday.

hit a quickfire 50-ball 70 and opener Latif a snail-paced 64 to help Pakistan recover from a precarious 75-4 after Younus Khan won the toss and opted to bat on a flat pitch.

Akmal gave the innings final touches with a belligerent 43-ball 67 laced with four sixes and five boundaries as Pakistan ran rampage, collecting 107 in the last ten overs.

Afridi, vice-captain of the side, was instrumental in initially stepping up the runrate with his bold hitting as he smashed three sixes and four boundaries during his 30th half-century.

He added 101 runs for the fifth wicket with Latif after New Zealand paceman Shane Bond dismissed opener Salman Butt and Younus -both without scoring -- in his

incisive five-over spell. Latif, who scored 19 in his only previous one-day in January last year, was also involved in a 57-run stand for the third wicket with Mohammad Yousuf, who Dashing all-rounder Afridi shaped well for his 30 before KAkmal not out being run out.

Afridi hit Vettori for a six before smashing two off successive deliveries off Nathan McCullum. He hit Bond for a straight drive to reach halfcentury off 36 deliveries, his first after 33 matches.

Afridi's last ODI fifty came 271,9-277. against Zimbabwe at Multan last year.

Paceman Jacob Oram Southee finally got Afridi off a miscued shot, caught at short fine-leg in the 39th over to break a repair-damaging partnership. Latif followed, bowled by Vettori's viscious arm ball two overs later.

Latif hit only two boundaries during his 112-ball knock.

#### **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the Pakistan innings in the first day-night international against New Zealand at Abu Dhabi Stadium on Tuesday: **PAKISTAN** 

Butt c B McCullum b Bond Latif b Vettori Younus c B McCullum b Bond Yousufrun out U Akmal b Vettori Afridic Butler b Oram Razzaq c Styris b Butler Gulrunout Aamir c B McCullum b Southee

Ajmal not out Extras: (lb-8, nb-2, w-11) 21 Total: (For nine wkts in 50 overs) 287 Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-0, 3-57, 4-57, 5-176, 6-184, 7-270, 8-

R W Bowler 61 10 Bond 10 2 54 Butler 54 47 Oram 1 34 Vettori 10 29 N McCullum NEW ZEALAND: B McCullum, Redmond, Guptill, Taylor, Styris, Oram, N McCullum, Southee, Bond, Butler.

## Full-strength Windies make Aussies happy

Toss: Pakistan

### Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Australian cricket was relieved to learn a full-strength West Indies touring squad would be heading here later this month, Cricket Australia said on Tuesday.

Reinstated captain Chris Gayle and fellow senior players, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Ramnaresh Sarwan and included in the touring team ers. after missing a home series

against Bangladesh and the really good performance this Champions Trophy over a contractual dispute with the West Indies Cricket Board.

The West Indies, currently ranked eighth of the nine Testplaying nations, are scheduled to tour Australia for three Tests, Twenty20 and one-day matches from this month.

"We've seen in recent times where a West Indies side has struggled against Bangladesh and others and it's a great relief to know they're going to be full strength," CA chief executive Dwayne Bravo have been James Sutherland told report-

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summer.

"I think they'll have a renewed spirit after coming back and having had a bit of time out of the game, it's a summer of cricket that we're really looking forward to."

Cricket Australia had faced a revenue hit if a weakened West Indies side had toured, but Sutherland said it was more significant that Australian fans would have been denied the chance to see the best players in action.

"What we can look forward to now is a fantastic atmosphere at matches," he said.

### Frustration at dire

"Our bowlers bowled well but The matter was also discussed actually the Zimbabwean batsmen spoiled the party. We had an expectation of a good match but ultimately it's a mismatch. I had to convince my boss to give me a day-off for watching the match but it's a frustrating cricket match. Anyway our team won the game," said Arman, an

employee of a retailer shop. surface as per the home side It was the lowest score at desire as Shakib Al Hasan's this venue after Scotland were side played the match with all out for 153 runs in December 2006.

five specialist spinners. The curator Shafiul Alam event missing in this match Belal got the special attention was entertainment. after the match and many

### Gayle chosen **FROM PAGE 17**

Champions League Twenty20 last month. However Ganga's modest international record -he averages 25.71 after 48 Tests -- meant he didn't even find a place in the squad.

"His name actually came up but I don't think we thought that Daren Ganga at this time would have got into a West Indies team," Butts said. "Looking at the history of his batting and looking at how he has batted over the past year or so in the regional tournament, I don't think he's actually made a lot of runs in the tournament."

AGENCIES, New Delhi

Injury-plagued Australia suffered yet another blow on Tuesday when fast bowler Peter Siddle was ruled out of the rest of the one-day series in India because of a side strain.

Siddle is the fourth player after fellow fast bowler Brett Lee, all-rounder James Hopes and wicketkeeper Tim Paine to be sent home with injury.

The tourists were already missing one-day regulars Michael Clarke, Brad Haddin, Callum Ferguson and Nathan Bracken, all out of the tour with various niggles.

Siddle bowled five overs during his team's 24-run win in the fourth match in Mohali on Monday before experiencing stiffness near his left rib cage.

Kevin Sims said Siddle's injury for the last three games of the seven-match series.

A statement from Cricket | should have scored. Australia said selectors were "discussing the possibility" of a replacement for the rest of the series.

The tourists have already flown in all-rounder Moises Henriques and wicketkeeper Graham Manou to reinforce the depleted squad.

Clint McKay has also joined the squad to boost the attack and the selectors will need to scour the state ranks for a third fast man to add to the group. Their options will include Dirk Nannes and Brett Geeves, both of whom have been part of the squad over the past year.

India and Australia are tied 2-2 with the fifth match to be played in Hyderabad on Thursday.

### 'No regional meet before World T20'

CRICINFO, undated

Ernest Hilaire, the newly elected chief executive of the West Indies Cricket Board and Australia here. (WICB), has said it won't be possible to conduct a regional Twenty20 tournament to give the West Indies players sufficient practice before the ICC World Twenty20 in April-May, in the Caribbean.

Hilaire said West Indies' international schedule, starting with the tour of Australia this month, was too packed to accommodate a tournament.

"I think it will be difficult between now and the tournament in April next year to have a Twenty20 tournament, Hilaire said at the launch of the World Twenty20's ticket sales in Barbados.

### Inter-district football

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Rajbari defeated Narail 2-0 in tiebreaker in the Inter-District Deputy Commissioner Gold Cup at the Magura Stadium vesterday. Sharif, Manna, and

Koushik converted the spot kick after both side failed to produce any decider in the 90minute regulation time.

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# It gets worse for Australia Dhoni blames batters

### Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

India's powerful batting line-up has often had to compensate for errant bowling and slack fielding in the past but the tables were turped in Mohali on Monday. Captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni praised his bowlers for restricting Australia to 250; he said the fielding effort was easy." India's best in the last one-and-a-half years; but he criticised the batsmen for a lack of partnerships which ultimately led to a 24-run defeat in the fourth ODI in Mohali.

"It was a good effort by the bowlers to restrict them to a total like 250," Dhoni said. "We got a decent start to our chase also. But subsequently, we failed as a batting unit. We should have batted the full 50 overs but that was not possible because we kept losing wickets at regular intervals."

the dew factor would have made it difficult for takes." the bowlers to grip the ball under lights. "Dew is a big factor that always plays on your mind. Team physiotherapist | From overs 15-40, generally the spinners do the job for us. That would have been taking a risk. was not serious but he was Of course, it can backfire as well, so it's difficult told to leave the tour because to choose. But we knew in Mohali, the wicket chance. Virat is a talented batsman, good on the he was unlikely to be available | would not break much and ball would come field and brings in lot of energy. nicely onto the bat with a bit of dew. I think our

Virender Sehwag caning Mitchell Johnson for November 5.

30 runs off 14 balls. Australia began to fight back after Sehwag fell but India were on course while Sachin Tendulkar was batting. However, his dismissal for 40 -- the highest score of the innings -- was the beginning of the end as

wickets fell frequently thereafter. "We badly needed some partnerships going," Dhoni said. "We got the start but we could not take advantage of that. If at least one batsman got going, it would have made things

Dhoni also said the younger batsmen like Suresh Raina, Ravindra Jadeja and Virat Kohli would need to learn how to overhaul a difficult target. "Raina today got out to a beautiful delivery, while Jadeja was run out after a mix-up," Dhoni said. "Batting at No. 6 or 7 is not easy, since you don't get much opportunity to bat. You cannot pace your innings either, for you have to play according to the platform given to you. Sometimes, you have to accelerate or keep a partnership going. They are still inexperi-Dhoni defended his decision to field, saying enced and I hope they learn from their mis-

On the decision to send Kohli at No. 3, Dhoni said: "The best way to give someone an opportunity is to let him bat higher. At No. 6 or 7, you score 20-30 in quick time or can get out for 10-12 also. I think it's important to give them a

India's defeat in Mohali prevented them bowlers did a great job and 251 is something we from taking Australia's No. 1 ranking in ODIs and the gap between the teams is now three India's chase had a terrific start with points. The next match is in Hyderabad on

### Indo-Pak talks in 2010

### Cricket

AFP, Mohali

India's cricket board will resume talks with Pakistan next year, a top official told AFP here on Monday, rekindling hopes of a revival of ties between the neighbours.

calendar is crammed but we will resume talks with Pakistan six-seven months later," said in the post-2012 schedule, Rajiv Shukla, vice-president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

after Pakistan Cricket Board the 10 member countries. (PCB) chief Ijaz Butt held talks with his Indian counterpart the new FTP had Tests, one-Shashank Manohar on the dayers and Twenty20 matches security concerns. sidelines of the fourth one-day with India. international between India

few months because of their international commitments. After that we will resume talks. "In the meanwhile we have venues," Butt said. to ensure the Indian govern-

be conducive for the talks to resume."

Bilateral ties between the nuclear-armed neighbours the Indian team refused to tour Pakistan amid heightened tension over the Mumbai

terror attacks in November.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) had to re-draft "At the moment India's the Future Tour Programme (FTP) after the PCB complained of being marginalised having no series with India.

The FTP, introduced in 2006, aims to provide a struc-Shukla's comments came tured schedule of cricket for

India, but the ICC is also "The BCCI president told making efforts to revive bilat-Butt that the Indian players eral ties between the two were not available for the next countries as it is imperative other in the FTP and we will month. discuss the option of neutral

the two countries also need to venues.

"We will cross the bridge when it comes. First let us

resume our talks." Three months after India were snapped a year ago after cancelled their tour of Pakistan, international cricket suffered a severe blow when the Sri Lankan team bus was attacked in Lahore.

The March 3 attack, which killed eight people and wounded seven Sri Lankan players and an official, ended any hopes of Pakistan staging top level cricket in the foreseeable future.

The ICC was forced to strip Pakistan of its share of 2011 World Cup matches.

Even before the attack Butt last month said that foreign teams had refused to tour Pakistan because of

In the last 12 months, "Not only Pakistan and Pakistan played one-dayers against the West Indies and Australia in the United Arab Emirates. Pakistan will also play New Zealand in a limited that we play against each over series in the UAE next

Pakistan were forced to move their home Test series to Shukla however refused to New Zealand late in ment's point of view. The speculate on whether India November and will play two diplomatic relations between could play Pakistan at neutral Tests against Australia in England next year.

### MSC maul Muktijoddha

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70th minute when Komol and left-back Nasir played a cute one-two to advance into the danger zone before Nasir shrugged off his marker to lash a drive past goalkeeper

lethal attack to give Muktijoddha defenders some worried times before the latter struck a brace in the next month's SAFF space of nine minutes.

Picking up a long ball from Wali Faisal, Emeka ran down the Muktijoddha box and created a space on his right to let loose a powerful drive past Nizam, who was later

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> TEAMS: Mohammedan: MN Shakil, Wali Faisal, Ariful Islam, Paul Emanuel Dami, Arman Aziz (Enamul Haq Sharif), Nasiruddin, Zahid

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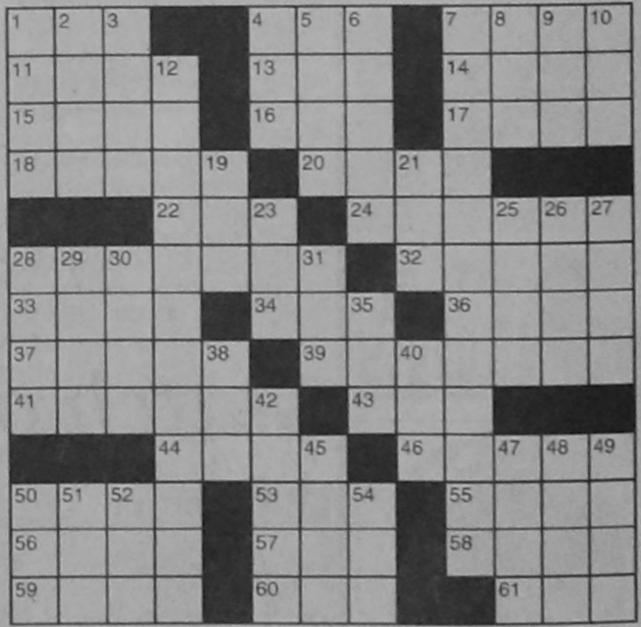
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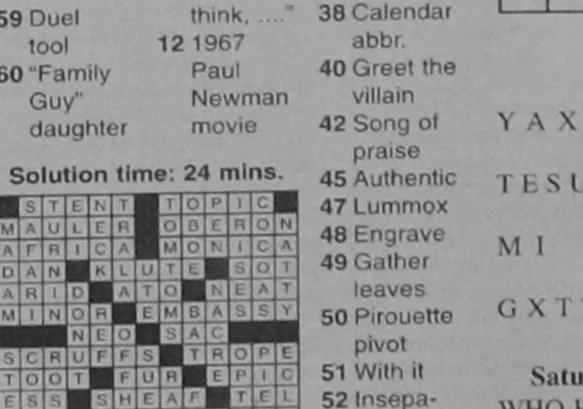
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