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Khulna City Corporation's panel mayor Ajmal Ahmed unveils the logo of the ATN Bangla-Shahjalal Islami Bank DC Gold Cup football tournament at the Khulna Stadium yesterday.

SA Games' training on

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A three-day training programme for the liaison officers of the 11th South Asian Games began yesterday at the Dutch-Bangla Bank Auditorium in the newly constructed building of Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA).

The 12-day SA Games will begin on January 19 in Dhaka and as well as four other divisional cities. BOA selected 300 liaison officers from 3,000 applicants to work with different teams, players, officials, coaches and NOC representatives of the eight participating nations.

Bhaji blasts

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any kind of cricket," Harbhajan said. "We should prepare wickets for Test matches, where fast bowlers can get advantage on initial days and later on spinners can show their talent."

India, Lanka

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ON JANUARY 24-28 at SBNS. SQUADS
INDIA: Mahendra Singh Dhoni (captain), Virender Sehwag, Gautam Gambhir, Virat Kohli, Suresh Raina, Rohit Sharma, Ravindra Jadeja, Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan, Ashish Nehra, Yuvraj Singh, Sudeep Tyagi, Dinesh Karthik, Sreesanth, Ashok Dinda, Amit Mishra.

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All eyes on Belgians

Tennis
AFP, Brisbane

All eyes will be on Belgian comeback queens Justine Henin and Kim Clijsters when the second Brisbane International tennis tournament begins on Sunday. Former world number one Henin is using the Brisbane tournament to launch her return to professional tennis, while Clijsters will be out to maintain the momentum of her 2009 comeback, which breathed new life into the women's professional tour thanks to her win at the US Open in August.

The Belgian spent a total of 117 weeks at number one and claimed 41 singles titles, including seven Grand Slams. She announced her comeback in September, soon after her compatriot and fierce rival Clijsters won the US Open, and said this week she would return to the tour a more relaxed player.

Oudin fears none

Tennis
AFP, Perth

They'll be the tournament's odd couple on the court but emerging US youngster Melanie Oudin believes she and teammate John Isner can be a threat in the mixed teams Hopman Cup, starting on Saturday. The Americans are seeded seventh in the unique eight-nation event, but Oudin showed at last year's US Open and Wimbledon that she was more than capable of springing a surprise.

Indian boxers

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Mohammad Ali Shah, the sports minister in Sindh province of which Karachi is the capital, promised fool-proof security arrangements in the wake of a suicide attack that killed 43 people in the city on Monday.

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Cricket
AFP, Kingston

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PTI, Karachi

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Proteas likely to change

Cricket
AFP, Cape Town

South Africa are set to make at least one change in their team as they go into a crucial third Test against England, starting on Sunday. "We're all under pressure," admitted South African coach Mickey Arthur, who said 'tough decisions' would have to be made about the composition of the side following their crushing innings and 98 runs defeat in the second Test in Durban.

give icon players a longer run because they deserve it." England, meanwhile, are concerned about the fitness of batsman Paul Collingwood, who suffered a dislocated left index finger during fielding practice in Durban.

Coach Andy Flower said Collingwood had made good progress, which included batting in the nets on Friday. "I was pleasantly surprised today," said Flower. "But he's still doubtful. He didn't face the quicker bowlers and he didn't do any robust fielding practice."

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record of 14 wins in their last 18 Tests at the ground, including three out of three against England.

"They're a very good side and it is still a huge challenge for us," he said. "They'll come hard at us but we'll come hard at them too." Flower said he did not believe there was a parallel between the current series and the Ashes series against Australia last year, when England went from a win in the second Test to an innings defeat in the fourth Test at Headingley in Leeds.

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