SPORTS REPORTER

Rezaur Rahman Shohag and

Arif Shohel were elected presi-

dent and general secretary of

the Bangladesh Sports Writers'

Association (BSWA) on

Saturday for a two-year term.

annual general meeting of

Tower with former general

secretary Rafiqul Islam present-

are: Rafiqul Islam (vice-

president), Kamruzzaman Hiru

(joint secretary), Hasan

Mahmud Babli (treasurer),

Morshalin Ahmed (organising

secretary), Aminul Islam Liton

(office secretary) and Sanaul

Haq Khan, Selim Nazrul Haque,

Rafiqul Islam Bhuiyan, Arafat

Daria, Sikandar Ali and Khairul

Form makes

"What I realised that I do not

have that kind of technical

problem. Every cricketer has

to go thorough that kind of a

patch. Everyone has ups and

downs. I learnt a lot from that

bad patch. The support staff

boosted me very well. I am

very thankful to Veeru bhai

[Virender Sehwag] because he

has done something for me to

make me play in the first

Ishant also informed that

He also suggested that the

the bowlers' stint with the new

bowling consultant Eric

Bangladesh pacers needed to

be patient and bowl in the

right areas if they wanted to be

successful against strong

still doing the soul-searching

with her poor performance and

still struggling to improve her

scores. Sharmin has been kept

on standby as Sharmin Akhter

Ratna, Sadia Sultana and Tripti

Datta are almost set to compete

in both individual and team

Mission 100

'We were concerned about

new venues of the wooden

floor gymnasium, boxing

stadium, handball stadium

and shooting range. But the

shooters and handball players

have already begun training in

the newly-build venue while

the wooden floor is scheduled

to open tomorrow [Monday]

and the boxing ring has

already arrived here and it will

take a couple of days to be

have been visiting all the

camps as well as all venues

and inspiring the athletes. It

seems to me that they are very

much confident of putting

their best in the meet. That's

why we are dreaming high,"

Commonwealth gold

medalist shooter Asif Hossain

Khan will carry the national

flag in the march past during

the opening ceremony of the

Badal Roy said that the athletes

would meet Prime Minister

Sheikh Hasina on January 26

and the premier might declare

Deputy chef de mission

said the chef de mission.

Games, informed Manu.

awards for winners.

'For the last few days, we

installed," claimed Manu.

events of 10m air rifles.

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Simmons had been good.

Indian batting line-up.

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Asif's signs

match," he added.

Islam Shaheen (members).

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Hossain in chair.

# Australia abase Pakistan of BSWA

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Australia produced a commanding all-round performance to take a 2-0 lead with a 140-run demolition of Pakistan at the SCG on Sunday.

After being led by Shane Watson and Cameron White in their 6 for 267, the hosts delivered a stinging bowling display to knock over the tourists for 127 in 37.3 overs.

Pakistan lost their first five wickets for 42 in an awful opening and the result added further to the troubles of the captain Mohammad Yousuf, who is being replaced after the series. Yousuf had mistakenly chosen to bowl first in the hope of getting an advantage from the overcast conditions in the afternoon, but all the support came for the fast men as the sun started to go down. The ball seamed and bounced dangerously for Doug Bollinger, Peter Siddle and Clint McKay and the tourists could not cope.

Salman Butt (2) went in the fifth over nicking a shorter one from Bollinger and was taken at second slip by White. Three balls later the combination repeated the dismissal, dropping Pakistan to 2 for 7, when White dived to his left to catch the edge of Younis Khan.

Kamran Akmal was soon run out for 16 after chasing a quick single, having been sent back eventually by Yousuf and then beaten by McKay's direct hit in his follow through. Akmal's brother Umar joined him in the dressing room two deliveries later after his off stump was clipped by Siddle.

The hosts would not allow a recovery and lost their fifth man when Ricky Ponting leaped to his left at point for the superb one-handed take of Shoaib Malik (2). Yousuf was watching all the damage from the other end but was ultimately helpless, although he struck a strong six to long-on off Watson and was committed in his 58 off 94. Rana Naved-ul-Hasan kept

him company for an explosive 27 before being stumped off Nathan Hauritz, who caught Yousuf at short fine leg. There were few highlights for Pakistan on a night dominated by the hosts. Bollinger had 2 for 19 off nine, Siddle and McKay (3 for 15) also gave up less than three runs an over, and Hauritz collected 2 for 45.

Australia were challenged in Brisbane on Friday but they controlled most of match from the moment Watson struck the

"Yuvraj [Singh] told me that it

was a good knock although I

did not get a hundred. Bhajji

[Harbhajan Singh] also said

'well played'. I am not disap-

pointed for missing the cen-

tury. In the end we got a good

the scoreboard reading 106 for

six and the dismissal of Shakib

almost left them in a position

that crossing 150 would be

beyond imagination. But the

right-hander kept his cool and

got the assistance from his

partners to take the score to a

respectable 233 runs. Credit

must go to him for that he

rotated the strike just at the

tried to bat as long as possible

and score as many runs as

possible. That was my plan,"

Scoreboard at stumps on the

opening day of the second and

Zaheer Khan and Ishant

Sharma and a nightmare for

those who watched him bat

from the stands and on TV. But

was it all his fault that he didn't

find life so rosy having returned

to international cricket after

almost two years of isolation?

Was it his fault that he couldn't

negotiate Zaheer and Sharma's

swing and bounce straight

away whereas all he played in

this time was one-day and

"After Shakib was out, I

Riyad came in to bat with

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total," said Riyad.

right times.

he informed.

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SCOREBOARD



Australia opener Shane Watson drives on through cover in the second one-day international against Pakistan at the Sydney Cricket Stadium yesterday.

opening ball for four through point. While Watson lit up the innings with 69 off 71 balls and dominated a 100-run stand in 19.5 overs with Shaun Marsh, the chances of a massive total were upset by the frugal Afridi. In the end it didn't matter.

Afridi removed both openers and it was difficult for the hosts to increase the pace until White led the final thrust. White followed his century at the Gabba with 55 off 58 and benefited from delaying the batting Powerplay until the last five overs.

White belted a six and a four in an over from Navedul Hasan and scrambled to the finish, bringing up his fifty with a drive over point. He departed on the fourth-last ball - the wicket went to Mohammad Aamer, who returned 3 for 53 - and Brad Haddin helped out with an unbeaten 27 off 14. Afridi was central in regain-

ing control for Pakistan after the opening burst and gave up only 35 from 10, including a crucial eight-over spell of 2 for 25 after coming on in the bowling Powerplay. He picked up Watson and Marsh while Saeed Ajmal and Malik were also tight, going at slightly more than four an over.

Watson muscled nine boundaries and a six off Naved-ul-Hasan that landed not far from the dressing room

final Test between Bangladesh

and India at the Sher-e-Bangla

National Stadium in Mirpur

**BANGLADESH:** First innings

Kayes c Dhoni b Sharma

Zunaed c Dhoni b Zaheer

Ashraful st Dhoni b Ojha

Shakib c Dhoni b Zaheer

Mushfiqur lbw b Sharma

Shahadat st Dhoni b Ojha

Shafiul c Dravid b Sharma

Total: (All out in 73.5 overs) 233

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-4, 3-13,

4-44, 5-51, 6-106, 7-127, 8-155,

19

18

16

3

3

62

49

Mahmudullah not out

Rubel b Harbhajan

Extras: (lb-2)

9-213.

Bowler

Zaheer

Sharma

Harbhajan 18.5

Gambhir not out

Sehwag not out

**INDIA:** First innings

Selectors inconsistent too

is very understandable.

the best of shape, he looked

nervous in both innings which

is why the selectors chose him

for the toughest form of tests

instead of getting him used to

with a flavour of one-day

cricket, which many think he

rightfully deserved. And now

that he was tested and he

failed that test too, does that

mean he would not be able to

perform again? The selectors

Then the obvious question

Ojha

Yuvraj

Rokibul c Dravid b Sharma

Riyad run continues

on Sunday:

Igbal b Zaheer

at midwicket. After five overs he was 34 off 22 - Australia were soon speeding at 65 off 10 - and brought up his fifty from 42 deliveries before accepting a standing ovation.

Yousuf called for the bowling Powerplay as soon as possible and Watson was held back by the spin as Afridi arrived. Afridi struck when Watson tried for another clearance and was well taken by Malik at deep midwicket.

Marsh (41) also fell to Afridi when he attempted to hit to the leg side and got a leading edge to long-on in a troubling period for the home side. Ponting (13) lacked fluency for the second match in a row and Australia were 4 for 166 when Michael Clarke fell on 25. White rallied and the bowlers backed up his charge, giving Australia the chance to claim the five-match series in Adelaide on Tuesday.

#### **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the second oneday international between Australia and Pakistan at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday: AUSTRALIA

Watson c Malik b Afridi Marsh c Gul b Afridi 41 Ponting c Yousuf b Aamer 25 Clarke c Afridi b Gul White c Yousuf b Aamer 29 Hussey c Malik b Aamer Haddin not out

Extras: (b-1, nb-1)

Ojha.

Bowler

Shafiul

Rubel

Shakib

Ashraful

Toss: Bangladesh

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U-19s reach

guide the team home with four

wickets in hand and 56 balls to

spare. Shaker Ahmed was

New Guinea, who beat

Afghanistan by 30 runs in

another quarterfinal yester-

Bangladesh's batting in Tests

for the last two years and he

played in the last Test in West

Indies in July 2009 too. Then

why, in the first place, was

Zunaed not considered for the

first Test? Even though, he had

been struggling for runs in

now, his Test record was pretty

good. In fact, he got a score of

all about? As if the selectors

So, what was this tinkering

78 just two Tests ago.

shorter version for some time

day, in the semifinal today.

Bangladesh take on Papua

named man-of-the-match.

Shahadat

Total: (For no loss in 13 overs)

To bat: Dravid, Tendulkar,

Vijay, Yuvraj, Dhoni,

Harbhajan, Sharma, Zaheer,

13

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Hauritz not out Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-2, nb-1) 7 Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) Did not bat: McKay, Siddle,

Fall of wickets: 1-100, 2-114, 3-138, 4-166, 5-221, 6-261.

Bollinger.

Bowler	0	M	R	W
Aamer	9	0	53	3
Gul	10	0	70	1
Vavedul	7	0	47	0
Afridi	10	0	35	2
Ajmal	10	1	41	0
Malik	4	0	17	0
PAKISTAN				
Butt cWhite b Bollinger				2
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Akmal run out Younus cWhite b Bollinger 0 Yousuf c Hauritz b McKay U Akmal b Siddle Malik c Ponting b McKay Afridic&bWatson Aamer c & b Hauritz Navedul st Haddin b Hauritz Gul not out Ajmal c Haddin b McKay Extras: (lb-1, w-4) Total: (All out in 37.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-7, 3-32, 4-32, 5-42, 6-58, 7-71, 8-117, 9-

123. Bowler Bollinger Siddle 23 McKay 15 Watson Hauritz Clarke Result: Australia won by 140

runs. Man-of-the-match: Shane Watson. Toss: Pakistan

#### Pakistan offer to host SA in UAE

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan have offered to play South Africa in three Tests, five one-dayers and two Twenty20 matches in the United Arab Emirates later this year, an official said Saturday.

"South Africa were supposed to tour us but because of their security fears they declined to come and that's why we have offered them to play this full series of Tests, one-dayers and Twenty20 at the neutral venue of the Emirates," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ijaz Butt told AFP.

Butt said instead of coming to Pakistan, South Africa wanted to play the series on their grounds, which was not cost effective.

"If we play the series in South Africa, it would have incurred losses to us, so we have offered them to play in the Emirates and we hope they will agree to our proposal," said Butt.

The series would likely to be played in October-November this year.

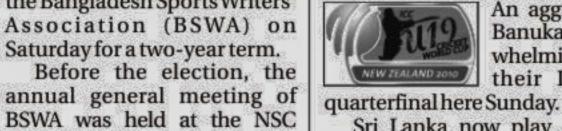
Pakistan has been a no-go country for foreign teams since the 9-11 attacks on the United States in 2001 and the ensuing war on terror for which the Washington counts Pakistan as an ally. Although South Africa

toured Pakistan in 2003 and 2007, they refused to play a match in Karachi over security Pakistan's reputation as a

"dangerous venue" was further hit by a terrorist attack on the Sri Lankan team bus in Lahore in March last year. The attack, which left seven

### SL, Aus complete semifinals line-up

AFP, Wellington



An aggressive 79 from rising Sri Lankan star Banuka Rajapaksa carried his side to an overwhelming 146-run victory over South Africa in their ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup

Sri Lanka now play Australia in the second semifinal on Wednesday with giant-killers Pakistan playing the West Indies in the first semifinal on Monday.

ing the report. Rakibur Rahman Australia qualified with a 62-run win over New Zealand on presented the audit report in the Sunday, a day after Pakistan knocked out defending champions meeting with president Sarwar India with a two-wicket victory and the West Indies beat England by 18 runs. The other new office bearers Man-of-the-match Rajapaksa belted 10 fours as he top-scored for Sri Lanka with 79 off 78 balls and put on 91 in 16 overs for the

third wicket with fellow left-hander Rumesh Buddika at Lincoln Green. Danishka Gunathillike added an unbeaten 24 from 16 balls at

the tail of the innings as Sri Lanka posted 293 for eight from their 50 overs. South Africa were two wickets down by the seventh over, when

rain stopped play and a revised target of 292 in 49 overs was set. After play resumed Josh Richards (46) and Colin Ackerman (21) put on 50 in 56 balls for the third wicket.

But the fall of Ackerman in the 16th over triggered a collapse from which South Africa never recovered and they were all out for 145 after 36.4 overs with medium-fast Charith Jayampathi taking 4-31.

At Rangiora, Australia batted first against New Zealand and scored 232 for eight with skipper Mitchell Marsh, son of former Australian wicketkeeper Rodney Marsh, top scoring with 53.

New Zealand launched a cautious reply, reaching 26 without loss in 10 overs before Jason Floras made the breakthrough when he bowled Harry Boam who had made just six from 27 balls faced. New Zealand were eventually all out for 170 in the 44th over, 62 runs short of their target.

towards the umpire and indicated her night was over.

### **Injury forces** Safina out

AFP, Melbourne

Russian second seed Dinara Safina's Australian Open campaign ended in misery Sunday when she retired injured during her fourth round clash with countrywoman Maria Kirilenko.

Safina, the runner-up last year, was trailing 4-5 and 30-40 when she pulled out with what appeared to be a left leg injury.

The 23-year-old battled with a back problem in late 2009 and withdrew from the warm-up tournament in Brisbane to receive further treatment, but had said the injury was behind her upon arriving in Melbourne.

She looked in good touch in the first three rounds, winning all her matches in straight sets.

After holding serve in a game that had eight deuces, Safina led 4-2 with a break of serve against Kirilenko, but called for the trainer after the seventh game.

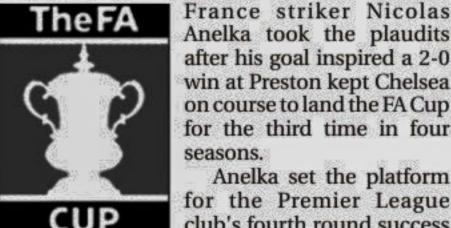
She did not get any treatment, but took some painkillers and played on. However, she dropped the

next two games.

Safina was in obvious discomfort and after netting a weak forehand at 30-all to hand Kirilenko set point, she strode

## Anelka fires Chelsea

AFP, Preston



four games.

Anelka took the plaudits after his goal inspired a 2-0 win at Preston kept Chelsea on course to land the FA Cup for the third time in four seasons. Anelka set the platform for the Premier League

club's fourth round success at Deepdale on Saturday with his fifth goal in

Young strike partner Daniel Sturridge doubled the holders' lead in the second half as Carlo Ancelotti's team saw off Darren Ferguson's Championship outfit.

But it was Anelka's performance which caught the eye of Chelsea assistant manager Ray Wilkins and he was keen to salute the former Arsenal and Real Madrid star. "He's playing some outstanding football at the

minute," Wilkins said. "He's clearly enjoying his football and training.

"He's an outstanding player and hopefully he will carry in this rich vein of scoring form."

Wilkins insisted Chelsea's professional performance against Preston is proof that the west London club are determined to retain the FA Cup they won last May after beating Everton 2-1 in the

"I thought our lads were extremely professional," he added. "This is not an easy place to come and the Preston fans really got behind their team.

"But we are the holders and we want to retain it. This is not an easy place to come and the fact that Carlo picked a strong team shows how seriously we are treating the competition."

Wilkins refused to blame referee Mike Dean for disallowing a goal by substitute Florent Malouda when the tie was goalless.

Malouda found the net soon after coming on in the first half for the injured Juliano Belletti. With the scores locked at 0-0, the goal was ruled out as the referee had blown for a foul committed on Chelsea midfielder Frank Lampard.

"In our eyes it was the wrong decision," added Wilkins. "But I'm not going to have a go at the referee. We got a free kick out of it and didn't make the most out of it.' Lampard was substituted in the second half

after suffering a calf problem, but Wilkins is hopeful he will be available for Wednesday's home game with Birmingham City. The tie might have had a different ending had Preston midfielder Darren Carter not missed from

three yards towards the end of the first half, when the score was 1-0. Ferguson, son of Manchester United manager Sir Alex, refused to criticise Carter for his astonish-

ing blunder, which came after Portuguese keeper Hilario had failed to hold a header by Chris Brown "At half time I said to him to keep getting stuck in," said Ferguson, taking charge of his first home

"I didn't want him hiding in the second half. The lad needed a bit of a lift, but that's football.

"A few minutes before half time we miss a great chance and two minutes in the second half we

concede a goal. "But I can't have any complaints about my players. We played some great football."

Ferguson revealed Celtic had made an inquiry

for Republic of Ireland international defender Sean St Ledger, but said: "Celtic have no chance of getting him on what they are offering.'

### Del Potro sent packing

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Hingis in 2006 and Jelena Dokic in 2009 also made the quarters -- and earned her a crack at Russian Nadia Petrova for a place in the semifinals.

Petrova, the 19th seed, made the last eight by beating third seed Kuznetsova, continuing her giantkilling ways having already ousted Kim Clijsters.

She won 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 and Kuznetsova admitted she deserved to lose. "It's very disappointing because I thought I

played very well in preparation," she said. "I was struggling a little bit, I was not good

today. I think I deserved to lose." Zheng's achievement was impressive, with the unseeded 26-year-old upsetting Ukrainian

31st seed Alona Bondarenko 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 as she

and Li Na, who plays her fourth round match on

Monday, continue to fly the flag for China. The victory sets her up against either second seed Dinara Safina or fellow Russian Maria

Kirilenko. Zheng proved to be marginally steadier than the Ukrainian in a match where both women struggled to hold their serves.

"I think Australia is lucky for me because I won my first Grand Slam doubles title in Australia (with Yan Zi)," Zhengsaid.

"I'm also so happy I'm in the quarter-finals." Argentina's del Potro crashed out of conten-

tion in a five-set epic with 14th seed Marin Cilic. The Croatian outlasted an exhausted del

Potro 5-7, 6-4, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3 to earn himself a quarterfinal against either American seventh seed Andy Roddick or former finalist Fernando Gonzalez of Chile.

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#### Twenty20 cricket, and that too thought let's give both of them and team management at club level? Sri Lankan players and their thought nought. They came to a fair share and see who comes **31** Sea USAROOMEVEN assistant coach injured besides 46 Ethereal Test cricket is not one's this realisation that he was not out on top. This sort of wavereagles GARBANZOBEANS killing eight people, laid to rest piece of cake, and making a up to the 'standard' they were ing attitude is not what you 33 9-Across OPSIRK any chances of Pakistan staging transition from 50-over club looking for. Wasn't that a thing expect from the national lobby org. holder CAD LYLED YLED? RAMIE FRA ALF UFJDB selectors when playing at the cricket to Test cricket is not a to be decided prior to the international cricket in the near 35 It ain't EVILSOSBRIO highest level. The fickle nature matter of joke. No matter how selection than afterwards? future. BED KIX SETTO climbing worth a good a batsman you are, you Of course, they had their of selection policy has had The International Cricket BINSPA nickel plant have to be at a very high level Council relocated Pakistan's 14 plans up their sleeves. Nafees detrimental impact on the GARBAGETRUCKS 36 Of birth 52 Extinct of fitness, temperament and and Zunaed Siddiqui both careers of many a promising matches in the 2011 World Cup ASEALUAU ANT **38** Dict. bird application, if not technique were picked for the one-down cricketer in past, and let's to the other host countries, SOU ERIN 53 "Slippery" informa-EARLSONG to do well over the five days. position. Zunaed had been a hope the same doesn't hap-India, Bangladesh and Sri Surely, Nafees was not back to regular feature in penwith Nafees. Lanka. tion tree

VERY, VERY LONG NAP? DRIP VAN WINKLE.

game since replacing Alan Irvine as Preston manager earlier this month.