White c K Akmal b Navedul 28

Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-5, nb-5) 12

Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) 286

Did not bat: McKay, Harris,

Fall of wickets: 1-63, 2-64, 3-

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149, 4-204, 5-284, 6-284.

Hussey c Younus b Gul

Haddin not out

Hauritz not out

Bollinger.

Bowler

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PAKISTAN

Butt lbw b McKay

Yousuf bWatson

Fawad b McKay

Afridi b Harris

Ajmal not out

8-226, 9-238.

Bowler

Harris

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Clarke

Hauritz

series 3-0.

Harris.

Bollinger

KAkmal lbw b Harris

Younus c Haddin b McKay 12

U Akmal c Haddin b Harris 59

Navedulc White b Harris

Gul c Haddin b Harris

Asif c Haddin b Hauritz

Total: (All out in 47.4 overs) 246

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-47, 3-

58, 4-60, 5-145, 6-168, 7-226,

Result: Australia won by 40

runs and led the five-match

Man-of-the-match: Ryan

R W

35

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Extras: (lb-11, w-3)

Afridi

Ajmal

Asif

Gul

SPÖRI

Cricket

In his second one-day interna-

tional, Ryan Harris kept a cool

head under pressure to deliver

Australia a 40-run victory and

an unassailable 3-0 series lead

after Shahid Afridi lit up a

match that had threatened to

fizzle out. Workmanlike half-

centuries from Shaun Marsh

and Michael Clarke, and a late

Michael Hussey blitz, set up

Australia's 6 for 286 before

Harris grabbed 5 for 43 to

from Harris, who finished up

as the Man of the Match hav-

ing only been called into the

squad late on match eve as

cover for Peter Siddle, who had

a sore back. He began with a

wicket in his first over and

returned with three in two

overs during the batting

Powerplay when Afridi and

Rana Navedul Hasan were

giving Pakistan hope of a

first three overs of the field

restrictions. Harris was intro-

duced with 65 needed from 42

balls and promptly yorked

Afridi, who had raced to 40 from

29 balls, and two balls later had

Umar Gul caught skying for a

duck. The fifth for Harris came

in his next over when Rana (33)

was caught at midwicket and

Nathan Hauritz finished things

famous fightback.

It was a remarkable effort

confirm Australia's win.

CRICINFO, undated

11TH SA GAMES

Khulna ready for cycling

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna is all ready to host the cycling event of the 11th South Asian Games, scheduled for January 29-February 9 in five divisions of Bangladesh.

An 86-member organising committee has already been formed to make the event a success. The road map has also been drawn up which includes the districts of Gopalganj and Bagerhat.

The event will begin on January 30 at the zero point of Khulna at 7:30am with Khulna Mayor Talukdar Abdul Khaleque inaugurating it.

Cycling comprises four events -- road team time trial (men) 80km, road race mass start (men) 170km, road team time trial (women) 30km, and road race mass start (women) 50km.

Some 48 competitors from Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan will participate in the event as a couple of races will touch some points of Shiromoni of Khulna and Mollarhat of Bagerhat.

11TH SA GAMES

Teams start arriving here SPORTS REPORTER

The foreign athletes and officials have started to arrive in Dhaka for the 11th South Asian Games which starts in the capital on Friday.

After the arrival of Bhutan football team on Monday, portions of India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal contingents arrived here yesterday.

The Indian delegation comprised the football team, which was scheduled to leave for Chittagong last night, chef de mission and administrative officer while the Pakistan's 123member contingent included football, hockey, weightlifting, volleyball, cycling and badminton players along with eight

The Nepal contingent comprised badminton and handball squads, which were accompanied by chef de mission, officials and journalists.

The Sri Lankan football squad along with chef de mission and assistant chef de mission are scheduled to arrive here today while Nepal's women football squad and volleyball squad are also expected to reach here today. A 172-member Afghanistan

contingent is also scheduled to arrive here today.

Zia wins again

SPORTS REPORTER

Ziaur Rahman recorded his second successive victory in the Chennai Open Grand Masters Chess tournament in India yesterday.

The Bangladeshi GM beat Indian CRG Krishna in the round to raise his tally to maximum two from two outings.

U-19s pound

FROM PAGE 17 overs. Only four batsmen managed double figures for the vanquished. Noor cleaned up the lower-order to finish with 4 for 11 from 5.5 overs. Leg-break bowler Shaker Ahmed and all-rounder Mahmudul Hasan chipped in with two wickets each.

Bangladesh will take on Ireland in the final of the Plate Championship (9th place play-off) tomorrow.

BRIEFSCORES BANGLADESH: 253 all out in 49.4 overs (Saikat 61, Noor 66,

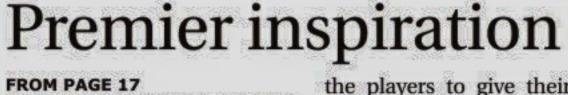
Tasamul 43; Kila 2-25)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: 85 all out in 32.5 overs (Ura 17, Kila 17; Noor 4-11, Shaker 2-7, Mahmudul 2-26)

Result: Bangladesh won by 168 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Noor

untrue." ment and the BCCI were quick Hossain. to distance themselves from



the athletes in future. She also sought cooperation from the private sector in sports.

Finance Minister Muhith said, "Athletes are the main attractions of the Games and the people of the country is a part of them. The athletes will not let down the country's people and I believe the athletes will keep up their spirit till

February 9." Sports Minister Ahad said, "There was an apprehension whether the Games would begin on time and I assure you everything is ready to host the

Games and we will not take a hour more to begin the Games." Kutubuddin said, "The

government has done its duty and it is time for the athletes to

prove themselves and I urge

the players to give their last drop of effort to make the nation happy."

Commonwealth Games gold medalist shooter Asif Hossain Khan spoke on behalf of the athletes and he promised to give their best.

"We all are mentally and physically ready for the challenge and we are also confident to give the nation a good result in the SA Games," said Asif. "I myself have been doing better scores of late and I believe I will be able to hoist our national flag

of green and red on the podium. After the programme, Sheikh Hasina, accompanied by deputy chef de mission Badal Roy and team manager Mahfuza Akhter Kiron, met every player at the lawn of Ganobhaban.

Arthur calls

it a day

AFP, Johannesburg

Australia pacer Ryan Harris celebrates after taking Pakistan's Kamran Akmal's wicket (not in picture)

volume on his equipment from

the preset level of 4 out of 10,

although the absence of

HotSpot and Snickometer

technology from the broad-

casting package provided by

the hosts, SABC, meant that he

might still have felt that the

evidence was insufficient to

overturn the decision of the

inconsistencies in the future,

the ICC told Cricinfo on

Monday that they intend to

meet with all broadcasting

companies in a bid to stand-

ardise the use of technology.

"The first step will be to get

together with the broadcasters

and the technology suppliers

and come up with a more

refined set of specifications,"

said the ICC's general man-

ager, Dave Richardson. "And

[then] to implement those

"The DRS is a ground-

protocols and practice them."

breaking system which was

introduced to eliminate the

obvious umpiring errors," said

'It's disservice to cricket'

the results of the auction after

Pakistan players reacted with

anger. The Pakistan sports

minister had also complained

to his Indian counterpart and

the PCB raised the issue with

the ICC. There have also been

calls for the Pakistan hockey

team to pull out of next

month's World Cup in India,

and a parliamentary commit-

tee canceled a trip to India in

response to the non-inclusion

Pakistan was over-reacting to

the issue, Chidambaram said,

"Well, you see, if no player

from a country is picked,

obviously the country does

feel insulted. But whether the

reaction is proportionate or

not it is not for me to com-

cials, sports minister Aijaz

Hussain Jahkrani and PCB

chairman Ijaz Butt, have also

reportedly ruled out the par-

ticipation of cricketers from

that country in next year's IPL

and the Champions League

Twenty20 tournament later

Two senior Pakistani offi-

ment."

Asked whether he thought

of Shahid Afridi and Co.

It later transpired that the ICC chief executive,

Harper had not adjusted the Haroon Lorgat.

ndia's

home minis-

ter, P Chida

mbaram,

has said the

In a bid to eliminate such

onfield umpire, Tony Hill.

in the third one-day international at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

Cricket

Advocate Brent Lockie, a senior

barrister from Edinburgh, will

team up with the former West

Indies captain, Clive Lloyd, to

carry out an independent inves-

tigation into the Umpire

Decision Review System contro-

versy that marred the fourth and

final Test between England and

South Africa at Johannesburg,

and led the ECB to make a formal

the second morning of the

match, when South Africa's

captain, Graeme Smith, was

adjudged not out on 15 when

England referred a caught-

behind appeal to the third

umpire, Daryl Harper. Although

an audible snick was heard by

most TV viewers at the moment

that the ball passed bat, Harper

claimed he had nothing heard

anything, and Smith went on to

score a vital 105.

CRICINFO, undated

MAR LEAGUE

were bid for.

exclusion of Pakistan players

from the third season of the

IPL was a "disservice to

cricket" and reiterated there

was no government advice to

do so. There has been outrage

in Pakistan over the snub to

their players at the IPL auc-

tion, where none of their 11

cricketers, several of whom

were tipped to be hot buys,

cricket that some of these

players were not picked,"

Chidambaram told the news

channel Times Now. "I don't

know why the IPL teams acted

in the manner they acted. But

certainly to suggest that there

was a hint or nudge from the

government is completely

Both the Indian govern-

"I think it is disservice to

The flashpoint occurred on

complaint to the ICC.

CRICINFO, undated

LL to lead UDRS probe

South African coach Mickey Arthur has resigned in the wake of the national team's failure to beat England in a recent Test series.

Arthur and Cricket South Africa chief executive Gerald Majola will address a press conference in Arthur's home town, East London, on Wednesday.

A South African newspaper report claimed on Tuesday that Arthur had resigned after a meeting with Cricket SA management to discuss South Africa's performances against England. The tourists beat South Africa in a rain-hit one-day series and drew a four-match Test series.

Arthur was appointed in 2005, originallyonatwo-yearcontract.But his contract was extended several times and he was due to guide the sideuntil2012.

The highlights of Arthur's tenure were Test series wins in England and Australia in 2008. South Africa achieved the official number one ranking in both Test and one-day cricket during his time in charge.

Meanwhile Darren Berry, a

member of the Rajasthan

Royals' coaching staff, wrote

in his column in the Australian

daily, the Age, that until a few

weeks ago highly rated 19-

year-old Pakistan batsman

Umar Akmal was the fran-

chise's main target at the

auction. However, for reasons

Berry wasn't sure of, Akmal

dropped off Rajasthan's radar.

coaching role with the

Rajasthan Royals - that a few

weeks ago Umar Akmal was

No. 1 priority on the Royals'

shopping list," he wrote. "All

of a sudden he was not avail-

able. As the auction unfolded

live on TV in India, it became

evident that it wasn't just

Umar Akmal who was in the

no-go zone, but all of the

dictated terms as they scored

263 for five against Barisal.

Khulna skipper Habibul

Bashar continued his consistent form with the bat as he

remained not out on 81

Bashar hit 14 boundaries in

144-ball knock. Opener

Nazmus Sadat scored 75 with

12 boundaries and a massive

six. Arafat Salahuddin was the

most successful of Barisal

bowlers with figures of 3 for 42.

DHAKA: First innings 195 all

out (Mehrab. 45, Sharif 54;

Saqlain 7-85, Shahajada 3-56)

RAJSHAHI: First innings 70 for

two (Zahurul 35 not out; Talha

SYLHET: First innings 207 all

out (Mabud 48, Golam 42;

CHITTAGONG: First innings

29 for one (Salauddin 12 not

KHULNA: First innings 263 for

five (Bashar 81 not out, Sadat

BRIEF SCORES

1-14)

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out; Jahid 1-5)

75; Salahuddin 3-42)

Saglain stuns

Pakistan players."

FROM PAGE 17

"I do know - due to my

off in the 48th over with

SPORTS REPORTER

European Standard Schoo (ESS) beat City Corporation High School by 43 runs in their Dhaka Metro zone quarterfinal match of the National School Cricket at the Brothers Union Club ground yesterday.

Batting first, ESS scored 124 before being all out in 25.1 overs. Ronik Islam top-scored with 35 while Ahnaf Mostafiz got 30. In reply, City Corporation High School managed only 81 before being bundled out in 30.5 overs. Kader Alam was the outstanding bowler for ESS with figures of 4 for 28.

In the Khulna Divisional zone, Khulna Zilla School became champions beating Jessore Municipal School by 4 wickets in the final match at the Khulna Stadium.

Richards

FROM PAGE 17 Richards will also witness the

opening ceremony of the 11th South Asian Games on Friday and watch Bangladesh' football match against Nepal the next day at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. Richards will leave Bangladesh on January 31.

Salahuddin had earlier sought help from Richards, who agreed to come to Bangladesh to see the existing competitions as well as the infrastructure.

The BFF boss also requested him to search for a good coach, who is more or less known, for the Bangladesh national team and that he was ready to spend whatever amount of money is needed.

School cricket | Tamim still not satisfied |

FROM PAGE 17

declared the innings with a 311-run lead, Tamim's counterattack was a treat to watch like his magnificent pull shots and reverse sweeps.

Australia clinch series

Pakistan, who had earlier missed run-outs and dropped

Clarke on 32. The 48th over,

bowled by Gul, featured three

consecutive no-balls - an

overstep, a full toss above

waist height, and a delivery

with too many fielders outside

the circle. The over took nine

who hit 49 from 28 balls, both

fell to Gul in the 50th over but

by then they'd done their job.

The platform had been built

by Marsh and Shane Watson,

who combine for a 63-run

opening stand that ended

when Watson was bowled

trying to slog a wonderful

for the seventh time in one-

day internationals and looked

set for his second hundred

when he was stumped for 83,

lured at a wide, spinning ball

from Saeed Ajmal. Ajmal was

the hardest of Pakistan's

bowlers to get away, with 1 for

41 from his ten overs, but

they'd dropped their other

spinner Shoaib Malik and

Australia handled the fast men

Scoreboard of the third one-

day international between

Australia and Pakistan at

Adelaide Oval on Tuesday:

Marsh st K Akmal b Ajmal

Ponting lbw b Navedul

with ease.

AUSTRALIA

Watson b Asif

Clarke b Gul

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innings

Mahmudullah

SCOREBOARD

Marsh went on to pass fifty

offcutter from Asif.

Clarke (80) and Hussey,

balls and cost 23 runs.

Mohammad Asif caught top-

and the series and consigned

the two matches in Perth over

the next week to dead-rubber

status, which will test the

patience of Australian fans for

ODIs in a summer featuring ten

of them. It would not have

escaped Cricket Australia's

notice that the crowd of 15,521

was smaller than the atten-

dance for the domestic

Twenty20 final at the same

venue on Saturday, when 17,722

in both innings and the hint of

a surprise comeback, but

overall the manner of

Australia's win won't do a lot

for the cause of the 50-over

game. Professional though

they were, from the start of the

20th over to the beginning of

the 44th Australia struck only

four boundaries and added

114 runs. It's precisely these

middle overs that the

come until he had 56 runs on

singles and twos to the defen-

sive field. Despite the lack of

pizzazz, it was the sort of

innings his team was hoping

for and he built three impor-

tant partnerships, 85 runs

with Marsh, 55 with Cameron

overs when, led by Clarke and

Hussey, Australia added 95,

helped by sloppy work from

The fun came in the last ten

White and 80 with Hussey.

Clarke's first four didn't

Twenty20 format eliminates.

They had taken 37 from the board as he gladly pushed

There were late onslaughts

turned up to the Adelaide Oval.

That wrapped up the match

"Our coach said to everydeclared.

Tamim also highly praised team.

"Salahuddin sir is a real mentor. He is no more with us [as BCB didn't extend his contract] but always lends a hand when needed. I could successfully play the sweep shots today because of him. Just last night [Monday night] he sent me an SMS with little tips that helped me a lot," he

He was a bit emotional innings.

innings to him," he said, holding his emotion back.

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second and final Test between Bangladesh and India at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur on Tuesday:

BANGLADESH: First innings

Gambhir c Mushfigur b Shafiul

Tendulkar c Kayes b Shakib

Vijay c Mahmudullah b Shakib

Harbhajan c Mushfigur b Shafiul

Sharma c Mushfigur b Ashraful

Extras: (b-3, lb-6, nb-10, w-1)

Did not bat: Yuvraj.

Zaheer c Shahadat b Shafiul 0

Total: (For eight wkts decl in 133 overs) 544

Fall of wickets: 1-103, 2-146, 3-

421, 4-436, 5-459, 6-467, 7-

BANGLADESH: Second

Iqbal c Dhoni b Zaheer

Extras: (b-7, lb-4, w-2)

Shahadat not out

Ashraful not out

Shafiul, Rubel.

Harbhajan 17

233.

Bowler

Zaheer

Sharma

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Sehwag

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SQR

Kayes c sub (Karthik) b Zaheer

Zunaed c Dhoni b Zaheer

Total: (For three wkts in 60 overs) 228

To bat: Shakib, Rokibul,

Mahmudullah, Mushfiqur,

Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-219, 3-

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Dhoni st Mushfigur b Rokibul

INDIA: First innings (over-

Then it was the confidence, which is something special in this current bunch of players and Tamim said that it was because of Siddons.

one; go there and enjoy your game. I think Jamie is the best coach ever in Bangladesh," he

former Bangladesh fielding coach Mohammad Salahuddin's contribution to not only his career but also to many other players in the

while recalling his late father whose absence he always felt whenever he played any good "I want to dedicate the

SCOREBOARD

honoured 233 (Mahmudullah 96 not out; Sharma 4-66)

AFP, Melbourne

One of the world's best doubles partnerships was hon-Sehwag c Mushfiqur b Shahadat 56 oured Tuesday as Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge were inducted into the Tennis Australia Hall of Fame.

> The pair, who won 61 doubles titles, including a record six Wimbledons, two Australian Opens, two US Opens and a French Open, said the recognition matched their Grand Slam achievements.

> "I think it's such an incredible honour and probably equal, if not better, than winning the Wimbledons and the Olympics because I think it just reflects back about how well you succeeded in the sport,"Woodforde said.

A Davis Cup win for Australia in 1999 and Olympic gold in Athens in 1996 and silver in their last tournament together at the Sydney Games in 2000 capped off their play-

ing careers. Confusing

FROM PAGE 17 to get him out at the end of the

day. It was very important for us," he said. Kirsten however was not

match after the third day's play but he was hopping for an early breakthrough in the fourth day's morning. "We still have 90 runs lead.

sure about the situation of the

We need to get early wickets tomorrow. We got two days left. We need to prepare for any end," he said.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals W

Idea Cup Test Series Bangladesh v India

Second Test, Day Four Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur Time: 9:30am National Cricket League (Four-Day, Day Two)

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