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South Africa fast bowler Dale Steyn bowls a delivery on the third day of the first Test against India in Nagpur yesterday. Steyn took 7 wickets to bowl India out for 233.

## India follow on

**FROM PAGE 17** quite wide delivery from paceman Wayne Parnell (1-31) to cover where Jean-Paul Duminy tookawell-judged catch.

Replying to South Africa's first innings 558-6 declared, India were off to a disastrous start, losing their three toporder wickets inside the first

Steyn got rid of Tendulkar (seven) and Vijay (four) after Morkel (1-58) had dismissed Gambhir (12) to reduce the hosts to 119-3 at lunch.

Gambhir, coming into the series with eight centuries in his last 11 Tests, was out off the first ball he faced when he was caught by wicketkeeper Mark Boucher after poking at an away-going delivery.

The second and final Test between the world's top two teams begins in Kolkata on February 14.

South Africa can snatch MishrabSteyn

prove that they are very much

capable of doing good on the

some other female athletes

went close to winning gold for

the nation, but luck was not on

their side and they had to be

an Indian by hundredth of a

second in photo finish while

swimmer Mahfuza Khatun

also saw gold slip through her

grasp only for 0.14 microsec-

onds. Both of them could have

been Bangladesh's first female

sprinter and swimmer to win

female athletes were serious

during their long-term prac-

tice and were also determined

to do well in the Games.

Besides their eagerness to do

something for the nation has

inspired them a lot which I

think was the main reason

behind their success," said

Hamida Begum, former

National Sports Council assis-

tant director and former

national awards winner

Oumrun Nahar Dana said the

Another former athlete and

female athletes grabbed the however, did not feel comfort-

athlete.

"What I believe is that

gold in international circuit.

Hurdler Sumita Rani lost to

content with silver medals.

Besides the golden girls,

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international stage.

back the number one Test ranking from India if they win the series while the hosts need just a draw to remain on top. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the first Test between India and South Africa at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Nagpur on Monday: **SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings

558-6 decl (Amla 253 not out, Kallis 173, De Villiers 53; Zaheer 3-96) INDIA: First innings (overnight

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opportunity with both hands

"Except two or three disci-

through their individual skills.

plines, there was very little

room to perform for the

female athletes earlier but this

time around they were given

enough space to prove them-

selves and they did not fail to

show their potential," Dana

said. "The results of the female

athletes could have been even

better had the organisers

provided them with more

practice matches as well as

finished the venues much

before the start of the Games."

success if the government

training after the completion

of the Games. Besides, the

authorities concerned have to

resume the school, college

and university competitions

chasing in on the SA Games

success as well as creating

more jobs in the government

sectors," urged Dana, who,

ensure their future.

Zaheer b Steyn

Hail the golden girls

Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-40, 3-56, 4-192, 5-221, 6-221, 7-222, 8-226, 9-228, 10-233. Bowler 51 Steyn Morkel 15 39 17 Harris

Sharma not out

Parnell

Extras: (b-13, lb-7, nb-4, w-5)

Total: (All out in 64.4 overs)

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Bowler	0	M	R	W		
Steyn	4	0	14	1		
Morkel	6	2	21	1		
Parnell	2	0	12	0		
Harris	7	3	12	0		
Kallie	4	2	5	0		

Pakistan's original Twenty20 captain Shahid Afridi will be part of the squad but cannot play in the first match following a ban of two Twenty20 international matches for ball-tampering.

"Alam is not sacked," PCB

"There is no decision on

into why Pakistan was routed in

Australia, summoning Alam,

team manager Abdul Raqeeb

and captain Mohammad

Yousuf to appear for question-

has already resigned following

the defeat in Australia, refusing

to reverse his decision despite a

A panel of four selectors,

"Akmal is our main player

without any chief selector,

chose the team for the two

and since we want to groom

other players as well we have

rested Akmal," said Bari. Akmal

was criticised for poor

wicketkeeping in Australia,

dropping several important

captain in January last year

after Pakistan's 2-1 home series

defeat against Sri Lanka, will

lead the team in the Twenty20

matches, to be played in Dubai

on February 19 and 20.

Shoaib Malik, sacked as

catches.

Twenty20 matches, said Bari.

Chief selector Iqbal Qasim

ing on Friday and Saturday.

request from the PCB.

Afridi was caught on television cameras biting the ball during the fifth and final oneday international against Australia at Perth, which is against the rules of the game.

Pacemen Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Aamir are also not part of the team. Aamir is recovering from a groin injury and Asif was not considered after UAE authorities refused to revoke travelling

restrictions imposed on him. Asif was deported from Dubai in June 2008 after he was found in possession of opium. He was detained for 19 days.

The squad includes promising pacemen in Wahab Riaz and Mohammad Talha.

**SQUAD** Imran Nazir, Imran Farhat, Khalid Latif, Umer Akmal, Shoaib Malik (captain), Fawad Alam, Shahid Afridi, Abdul Razzaq, Sarfraz Ahmad, Umar Gul, Saeed Ajmal, Yasir Arafat, Wahab Riaz, Mohammad Talha.

referee blew the final whistle to bring about a richlydeserved moment for the booters and fans to exult.

**TEAMS** 

BANGLADESH: Aminul Hague, Nasirul Islam Nasir, Wali Faisal, Mintu Sheikh, Rezaul Karim, Atiqur Rahman Meshu, Md. Yousuf (Abdul Baten Mojumder Komol), Mamunul Islam Mamun, Enamul Haque (Mithun Chowdhury), Zahid Hasan Ameli (Tawhidul Alam Sabuz), Shakil Ahmed.

AFGHANISTAN: Belal Arezou, Bashir Ahmad Darman (GK) (Fraidon Khatebi), Tooryalai Hakimi, Faisal Sakhi Zada, Zohib Islam, Moqaddar Qazizada, Masihullah Barakzia, Hashmatullah Hussaini, Faqir Hussain Hussaini, Zakria Rezai, Wahid Nadeem.

#### three bronze. Nepal and Sri Lanka won one silver each.

Bangladesh finished behind

India with two silver and three bronze while Sri Lanka grabbed one silver. In the team event,

Bangladesh trio Nur-e-Alam, Sajjad Hossain and Emdadul Haque Milon also surrendered the gold to India's Tarundeep Rai, Jayanta Talukdar and Mangal Singh Champia losing the final by 211-204 points.

The hosts' bronze came in the men's individual, women's individualandwomen'steam events.

Pakistan off to Findland sans Warne slams Strauss for skipping BD tour

Cricket

AFP, London

SPÖRI

Australia great Shane Warne has accused Andrew Strauss of showing a 'lack of respect for Test cricket' following the England captain's decision to opt out of the tour of Bangladesh.

Warne, speaking at Lord's here on Monday, said Strauss's absence for next month's two-Test series, when England are due to be captained by another opening batsman in Alastair Cook, would store up trouble for his side.

Strauss's place could be taken by Michael Carberry and after helping the 29-year-old revive his career when captain of Hampshire, leg-spin legend Warne said he would like nothing more than to see his former county colleague give the selectors a huge headache.

"I hope they are not taking Bangladesh too easy because they can be quite strong," Warne said.

"What if they (Bangladesh) win the first Test? Does Strauss fly out for the second? I hope it's not the start of a trend. It's a lack of respect for Test cricket. "It's disappointing that the captain of

England decides to have a rest from a Test series, I can't comprehend that. Any time you represent your country it's special and I cannot understand how you can rest your captain.

"Maybe a one-day game because you play 40 or 50 a year but you only play eight Test matches a year. It's special.

"He's got a style of captaincy and a new skipper can't be Andrew Strauss, he'll do it his way. So suddenly the players think 'how are we going to play under Alastair Cook?"

Strauss's decision has already provoked debate with many observers wondering why he needs to take a break during the Bangladesh tour given he is also set to miss the World Twenty20 in the Caribbean in April and March as he does not play in international cricket's shortest format.

Carberry, yet to make his Test debut, received a ringing endorsement from his old captain.

"I hope he gets the nod and peels off a couple of hundreds," Warne said.

"Then what are they going to do? Leave Andrew Strauss out? Michael is a wonderful player and I had a lot to do with him down at Hampshire where I was his captain for a few years. I saw a lot of good qualities and he just got better and better.

John Terry's sacking as captain of the England football team, following reports of an affair with the ex-girlfriend of a former team-mate, has once again thrown the spotlight onto sportsmen's private lives.

### Asif not cleared

AFP, Karachi

Pakistani paceman Mohammad Asif will not be able to play in the United Arab Emirates as its authorities have refused to revoke a travel ban on him, an official said Sunday.

The 27-year-old Asif was deported from the United Arab Emirates after being detained at Dubai airport last June when a small quantity of opium was found in his possession.

The fast bowler was detained for 19 days before the authorities deported him, saying the quantity of the banned drug was insignificant to make a court case.

Asif was on his way from India after featuring in the first edition of the Indian Premier League, where he tested positive for a banned drug. That earned him a one-year ban from all cricket, which ended in September last year.

Pakistan Cricket Board chief operating officer Wasim Bari confirmed a request was made to clear Asif.

Pakistan will be playing England in two Twenty20 matches later this month and some other series are also lined up, "so we made a request with the UAE authorities but they turned it down as it's not possible under their laws," Bari told AFP.

up and was given out lbw, but

Vettori and Franklin saw New

Zealand home in the 28th over

#### Tigers crash again midwicket and straight down Rubel Hossain bowled with

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well by Daryl Tuffey and Ian Butler in the first 15 overs. The New Zealand seamers ripped apart a spineless Bangladesh top order that capitulated to 25 for 5 and then 46 for 6, before Mushfigur and Nayeem Islam combined to bring up a record seventhwicket stand that gave the scoreline some respectability.

McKay, in just his second appearance for New Zealand, bowled an immaculate line, occasionally extracting swing and bounce from the Dunedin track, nicking out Tamim Iqbal with a short riser and knocking out Shakib Al Hasan's middle stump to end with the impressive figures of 17 for 2 from his ten overs. Tuffey did well to hold onto a sharp chance off his own bowling to dismiss the out of form Mohammad Ashraful in the ninth over, who toiled for 18 balls for just one run. Butler too picked up a wicket in the Powerplay overs, with Aftab Ahmed caught behind playing a loose cut shot

on just 10. Extremely poor running between the wickets compounded the problem for Bangladesh, with Imrul Kayes and Mahmudullah being found short of their ground after being sent back by their partners. Bangladesh were left in tatters in the 23rd over as Mahmudullah departed, with the total on 46 for 6.

Thankfully for Bangladesh, Mushfigur and Nayeem played intelligently, cautiously keeping the good deliveries out and picking up the singles on offer to get Bangladesh to a position from which they could attack in final ten overs. Even the threat of Daniel Vettori was negotiated without incident by the pair, who brought up 101 runs in 147 deliveries, a Bangladesh record for the seventh wicket. Mushfigur was especially superb in the batting Powerplay which ended in the penultimate over, clobbering some lacklustre death bowling by Tuffey and Butler over

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the ground for a valuable spate of late boundaries.

Despite Mushfiqur's late surge however, the damage had been done by New Zealand in the first half of the innings, and 183 was always going to be challenging to defend on a track that seemed to be getting better for batting as the day wore on. Bangladesh started reason-

ably well with the ball, dismissing Brendon McCullum early on for 9, but a quick Martin Guptill 32 effectively ended any hopes of a Bangladesh victory.

pace to induce a top edge from Peter Ingram to leave new Zealand at 100 for 3, before James Franklin joined Ross Taylor to see New Zealand to within striking distance of the Bangladesh total. Taylor continued his rich

vein of form, hammering 78 in a 56-ball innings which included five massive legside sixes and six fours, but was caught in the deep attempting to end the chase with a maximum over square leg. Neil Broom received a beauty first

with no further drama. In the end an all too easy five wicket win for the hosts. **SCOREBOARD** Scoreboard of the second oneday international between New Zealand and Bangladesh at University Oval in Dunedin on Monday: BANGLADESH Iqbal c McCullum b McKay Kayes run out

Ashraful c & b Tuffey Aftab c McCullum b Butler 10 Shakib b McKay Mushfigur lbw b Butler Mahmudullah run out Nayeem b Butler Shahadat not out Shafiul not out Extras: (b-2, lb-1, w-5) Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs) Did not bat: Rubel. Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-11, 3-14, 4-23, 5-25, 6-46, 7-147, 8-166. Bowler 0 R W

Tuffey 55 McKay Butler 43 24 Oram Vettori Franklin **NEW ZEALAND** McCullum b Shafiul Ingram c Mushfigur b Rubel Guptill b Rubel Taylor c Mahmudullah b Shafiul Franklin not out Broom lbw b Shafiul Vettori not out Extras: (lb-3, w-9, nb-2) Total: (For 5 wkts in 27.3 overs) 185 Did not bat: Oram, Butler, Tuffey, McKay. Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-52, 3-100,

4-179, 5-180. Bowler Shahadat Shafiul Rubel Shakib Naeem Result: New Zealand won by 5

series 2-0. Man-of-the-match: Ross Toss: New Zealand.

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New Zealand batsmen Ross Taylor (R) pulls one during his scintillating 52-ball 78 against Bangladesh in the second one-day inter-Taylor.

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# Masbah rises

**FROM PAGE 17** country, but to do that we need uninterrupted training with the government's assistance," said Masbah, who started his career in 1995.

"The Asian Games is our next assignment and we have to take it seriously. I must thank our Chinese coach and if we get a coach like him for a longer period of time, I am sure Bangladesh will be the best in South Asia in this competition," he hoped.



**SOUTH ASIAN GAMES** Closing Ceremony Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium National Cricket League

(Four-Day Match, Day Two) Dhaka v Sylhet Venue: Shahid Chandu Stadium, Bogra Rajshahi v Barisal Venue: Fatullah Cricket Stadium

Khulna v Chittagong

Venue: BKSP

Boxers come good boxing when Saranjoy Singh FROM PAGE 17 referee declared him winner in and Chhote Lal won medals in

the ring. "I am really happy and I thanked my coaches [Shafiul Azam and Kazi Shahadat] as well as my parents who inspired me a lot to play boxing," said Jewel.

Jewel also believed that the training he received in Thailand made him technically more sound and helped him become more confident. Jewel is now looking for-

ward to playing in the Commonwealth Games and Thailand's King Cup. After winning the semifinal,

Rahim was taken for a dope test after passing the test.

words and I can't express my feeling in words," said Rahim, who won bronze medal in the 2006 SA Games in Colombo.

Rahim grew in confidence during his training stints in Italy and Thailand where he fought against some good boxers.

Apart from Bangladeshi boxers, Afghanistan's

Mohammad Aref took the light flyweight 48kg category gold medal beating Indian Amandeep in the final. India also took two gold in

Nevertheless, it is now evident that long-term training can bring good results. The gold medalists and the female organisers urged the authorities concerned to continue with the training as well as

(Taekwondo). "It will be a momentary does not continue with the

Sultana (10m air rifles), Sumita, Jasmin Akther, Shamsun Nahar Chumki and Ishrat Jahan Chumki Sultna, Trippti Datta and position team event).

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tively. Pakistan also bagged

one gold with Naimutullah

winning in the bantamweight

hosts Bangladesh won two gold

and two bronze followed by

India, who also won two gold

and one silver. Pakistan won

one gold and one silver while

Afghanistan won one gold and

Of the six boxing medals,

54kg category.

this trend. Only the government can change it through creating more jobs opportunities for the athletes," opined

able to get her two children

involved in sports thinking

are coming from low-income

"Nowadays, female athletes

about their future.

groups and we should change The golden girls are Sharmin Akhter Ratna, Syeda Sadia Sultana, Tripti Datta

(shooting team event), Sharmin Akhter Ratna (individual event), Eti Islam (U-52 kg Wushu), Jaw U Pru (karate individual kata event), Moreom Khatun Bipasha (karate 45kg), Jaw U Pru, Munni Khanom and U Chinu Marma (karate team kata) Sharmin Farjana Rumi

Silver girls are Sumita Rani (100m hurdles), Mahfuza Khatun (50m and 100m breaststroke), Sayeda Sadia (4X100m relay), Sabrina Sharmin Silpa (50m Rifles 3

(Teakwondo) Shammi Akhter

Football's **FROM PAGE 17** 

Clean sweep

Madhurika secured gold and Pooja by 11-9, 17-15, 8-11, and Darshini and Nepali pair Basukala and Gita bagged bronze in this event. In the mixed doubles Indian pair Amalraj and

Madhurika defeated their compatriot Soumyadeep and Shamini 15-13, 8-11, 11-1, 9-11, 11-7). In this event Sri Lanka managed two bronze. The women's singles and

men's singles finals will be held today and both will be all Indian battles.

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