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Indian WIM Kiran Manisha Mohanty (R) and Emon of Bangladesh ponder their next moves during their fifth round engagement of the Parachute Advansed International Chess Tournament at the Conference Room of Uni Resort in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

#### Beanibazar

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Mohammedan Sporting Club demanded scrapping of Beanibazar SC from the ongoing Bangladesh League at a press conference following the incident in Sylhet where seven players were allegedly injured after the spectators attacked on them at the end of their drawn match against hosts Beanibazar.

#### Shakib

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replace Rokibul but the team management was not ready to give the highest run-getter in the just concluded National Cricket League a chance in the eleven rather keeping faith with the experienced Aftab Ahmed as the newcomer was left out along with pacer Shafiul Islam and left-arm spinner Enamul Haque.

Shakib made it clear that they will rely on their spin attack against England, who are believed to be weak against slow bowlers especially in the subcontinent conditions.

Left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak was chosen as a specialist spinner after Shakib ahead of Enamul, who once again failed to make it to the final squad while Mahmudullah Riyad and Nayeem Islam will be also there to support them.

"We are relying on our spin attack in this condition and hope it will be a good contest," said Shakib.

And the Bangladesh captain above everything wants a good start to continue their

#### recent good run of form. Reminiscing

FROM PAGE 17 were many a time when he would give me a sympathetic pat on the back if I had failed to score runs in an important match. He would quip at times and say with a tone of seriousness and good humour "Beshi maal khelba tho team theke cho hoye jaba". Not only did he miss out on an opportunity to play for the national side, I write almost spontaneously from the core of my heart that many of my former mates of Azad Boys would have surely missed on what to all of us were great cricketing days if

mate like Manu Singh. (The writer is a former national and Azad Boys Club cricketer)

we had missed out on a team

#### MU humiliate

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Having escaped the attentions of Ignazio Abate, Nani curled a delightful pass behind the remodelled Milan back four and Rooney was able to tuck the ball past Abbiati.

Huntelaar spurned another opportunity when he headed Abate's cross over from four yards out but that was a rare moment of menace from a team that was begin-

ning to show its age. With the hour mark approaching, Park latched on to a Paul Scholes pass and, at full stretch, directed a low finish across Abbiati and

inside the far post. Beckham's entry for the last 25 minutes was greeted with the predicted ovation and, while there was little he could do about the outcome, he did offer a reminder of why he was such a favourite with the Old

Trafford crowd with a sweetly struck volley that van der Sar had to touch over the bar. United's fourth goal came three minutes from the end, Fletcher ghosting in at the

back post to head home Rafael's cross from the right.

WI v Zim, 3rd ODI, Kingstown

# Hosts' huge win

#### Cricket

AFP, Kingstown

Zimbabwe were undermined by Darren Sammy's career-best spell of four wickets for 26 runs from 10 overs as he led West Indies to a 141-run win over Zimbabwe in the third ODI againstWest Indies on Wednesday.

Chasing 246 for victory from their allocation of 50 overs, Zimbabwe were dismissed for 104 in 31.5 overs -- the lowest ODI total at the Arnos Vale Multiplex -- to hand West Indies a 2-1 lead in the five-match series.

"I am really happy with the result, and I am happy we continued from where we left off in Guyana," said West Indies captain Chris Gayle. Hamilton Masakadza hit the top-score of 35

for Zimbabwe, but no other batsman made more than 20, as the West Indies fast bowlers made light work of their batting line-up. Sammy's supporting cast of Kemar Roach

captured three for 28 from nine overs, and Dwayne Bravo in his 100th ODI appearance for West Indies took two for 23 from seven overs. Zimbabwe had allowed West Indies to wrig-

gle free, after their spinners again tied down the home team's top-order batsmen. The Zimbabweans, however, failed to keep a

lid on the West Indies scoring, and Shivnarine Chanderpaul hit the top score of 58 from 76 balls, as the home team fought back to reach a respectable 245 for nine from their 50 overs.

Zimbabwe then suffered an early setback, when Roach bowled Vusimuzi Sibanda for a duck with the third ball of the chase.

Brendan Taylor joined Masakadza, and got them moving with a stand of 51 for the second wicket before he gave a firm return catch to Sammy in the 10th over to trigger a collapse. In the space of 21 balls, Zimbabwe slid from

51 for one to 58 for five, as Sammy also removed Tatenda Taibu and Masakadza caught behind, and Bravo trapped Stuart Matsikenyeri lbw for a first-ball duck.

### left-arm spinner Nikita Miller formalised the victory for West Indies, when he had Ray Price

caught at short cover for four. The visitors lost their last five wickets for 32 runs in the space of 92 balls.

Earlier, Zimbabwe misread the nature of the hard, true pitch, and packed their side with five spinners, when they added teenaged legspinnerTimycen Maruma to their line-up. The decision seemed to have paid divi-

dends, when the Zimbabweans had restricted West Indies to 84 for one at the halfway stage, after Gayle was stumped off Utseya for 33 in the 16th over. Zimbabwe tightened their grip, when

Adrian Barath was caught at long-on off Utseya for 35 in the 26th over, but Chanderpaul and Denesh Ramdin revived West Indies with a stand of 65 for the third wicket.

Maruma made the breakthrough, when he had Ramdin caught at mid-wicket for 19 off the penultimate ball of the 39th over, and next delivery, Chanderpaul was run out, when he failed to beat Utseya's direct hit at the striker's end from backward square leg to leave West Indies 151 for four.

Zimbabwe then loosened their grip, as West Indies made a late charge with Dwayne Bravo getting 24 and Narsingh Deonarine 21.

Elton Chigumbura was the pick of the Zimbabwe bowlers with two wickets for 43 runs from his allotment of 10 overs, and Utseya took two for 47 from 10 overs.

The last two ODIs will be played at this venue on Friday and Sunday.

#### **SCORES IN BRIEF**

WEST INDIES: 245 for 9 (Gayle 33, Barath 35, Chanderpaul 58, Ramdin 19, Deonarine 21, Bravo 24, Pollard 17; Chirgumbura 2-43, Utseya 2-47)

ZIMBABWE: 104 all out (Masakadza 35, Taylor

19, Chigumbura 10, Utseya 13 not out; Roach 3-28, Bravo 2-23,

Sammy 4-26) Result: West Indies won by 141 runs and lead

five-match series 2-1.

#### The Zimbabweans never recovered, and Man-of-the-match: Darren Sammy. Waugh backs Clarke

#### Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Australian great Steve Waugh is backing Michael Clarke to make a name for himself as a future Test captain despite his current high-

profile off-field troubles, reports said Thursday. Vice-captain Clarke, 29, caused a storm when he quit Australia's tour of New Zealand on Sunday to rush home and sort out his troubled relationship with 22-year-old fiancee, swimsuit model Lara Bingle.

Newspapers have reported that Clarke wanted to be with Bingle, who has threatened to sue an Australian Rules footballer after a photo of her in the shower appeared in a gossip magazine.

Bingle told the same magazine, Woman's Day, this week that she felt "violated" by the photo, taken during a brief affair in 2006.

Debate has raged over Clarke's suitability to eventually replace Ricky Ponting as Australia's next Test and one-day captain.

But Waugh, who won 41 of his 57 Test matches as captain up until 2004 in a golden era in Australian cricket, said Clarke's leadership ambitions should be judged by his performances and not off-field dramas.

"I hope it doesn't affect his captaincy, I don't think it would," Waugh told The Australian. "Michael has captained the team in the past and I don't think this would stop that in the future."

Waugh said other Test players had experienced similar situations in the past without leaving the team.

"It's a difficult one, it's a personal issue. If it was for the benefit of the team and Michael then these things have to be negotiated," he said.

Thursday's press carried speculation that Australia's sporting glamour couple had broken off their engagement and split up.

There were reports of the appearance of a removals truck outside their Sydney apartment on Wednesday, and Bingle was photographed without her engagement ring.

### 'BCB didn't pay me any attention'

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retirement. He also refused to be drawn into any war of words with captain Shakib Al Hasan who termed it as 'emotional and silly'. He also informed that he

will not take part in domestic cricket for now and still hasn't considered his future before rushing up the stairs.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Cricket Board released their official version regarding the Rokibul episode yesterday.

"Batsman Rokibul Hasan his position. on Wednesday notified the Bangladesh Cricket Board that he was retiring from cricket

with immediate effect. The Rokibul to the selection proabrupt nature of this cess of the BCB. We take this announcement has come as a shock to everyone concerned as this was totally unexpected," read the statement.

"The Board understands that this was a unilateral decision on part of the player but also feels that it was rather pre-mature. We certainly do not wish to see a young talented cricketer like Rokibul leaving the game so early and hope that he will reconsider

"It has also come to our that he will return to mainnotice that certain quarters have related the situation with concluded the statement.

opportunity to reiterate once again that selection of Test, ODI and T20 Teams is based purely on performance and merit and is done at the discretion of the national selection committee which has its own criteria for picking players. Therefore, there is no scope

for emotion in this regard. "Rokibul Hasan is an important member of the Bangladesh National Team and it is our sincere expectation stream cricket at the earliest,"

### Poura Gold Cup cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Bandhu Ekadash defeated Provat Sangha by seven wickets in the Poura Gold Cup Cricket Tournament at the Shahid Miraj-Tapan Stadium in Manikganj yesterday.

Provat Sangha batted first and were all out for only 80 runs in 24.4 overs with Shimul scoring the highest 25 runs. Zamil picked up six wickets while Tanzu took two wickets for Bandhu Ekadash.

In reply, Bandhu Ekadash reached 82 runs in 18 overs expending three wickets. Zamil scored 33 runs and Prince made 24 runs for the winning team. Zamil of Bandhu Ekadash was adjudged man-of-the- match for taking six wickets and scoring 33 runs.

#### **Bolt, Williams** win Laureus

AFP, Abu Dhabi

Usain Bolt and Serena Williams won the 2010 Laureus sportsman and sportswoman awards on Wednesday at a ceremony in the Emirati capital of Abu Dhabi.

Bolt, the Jamaican sprinter and winner of three Olympic gold medals, was named for his achievements in 2009, while American tennis player Williams won the women's award.

Taking the Laureus award for the second time, Bolt last year picked up three gold medals at the athletics world championships, setting world records in the 100- and 200metre competitions.

Williams won Wimbledon and the Australian Open and retook the top spot in tennis world rankings.

Formula One driver Jenson Button received the Laureus Breakthrough of the Year Award after winning his first World Drivers Championship, and his team last year, the Brawn GP Formula One Team, was named Laureus World Team of the Year. Apart from the presence of

a plethora of former and current sports stars, the ceremony, hosted by US actor Kevin Spacey, was attended by a number of Hollywood names, among them Hugh Grant, Gwyneth Paltrow and Clive Owen. The winners are chosen by the Laureus World Sports

Academy, made up of 46 former sporting greats, including World Cup-winning footballers Franz Beckenbauer and Bobby Charlton, cricketer Ian Botham and three-time Wimbledon tennis champion John McEnroe.

The Academy is chaired by Edwin Moses, an American track and field athlete who won gold medals at the 1976 and 1984 Olympics.

Other awards went to Belgian tennis player Kim Clijsters, who won the Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award, South African swimmer Natalie du Toit, who received the Laureus Disability Award, and threetime World Surfing Champion Stephanie Gilmore, from Australia, named Laureus World Action Sportsperson of the Year.

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#### NZ v Aus, 4th ODI, Auckland

# Aussies retain Trophy

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

The Chappell-Hadlee Trophy has remained in Australian hands after Ricky Ponting and Cameron White led their team to a six-wicket win that secured the series 3-1. Rain played some part in the outcome of the fourth match on Thursday, but it was mostly New Zealand's watered-down batting display that left their fans feeling gloomy and consigned Saturday's fifth match in Wellington to dead-rubber status.

The hosts had only themselves to blame for failing to bat out their overs and after rain reduced the target from 239 off 50 overs to 200 from 34 overs, Australia found their way home with 17 balls to spare. Cameron White and Michael Hussey completed the chase, which was set up by Ponting and Shane Watson, and despite a couple of quick wickets in the middle from Daniel Vettori the visitors were on track for most of the evening.

The man-of-the-match, White was cool with an unbeaten 50 and Hussey finished on 28, easing any tension the Australians felt when Adam Voges (34) was caught at midwicket with 50 runs still required. Shane Bond had kicked things off well for New Zealand with Brad Haddin caught at slip in the first over but Ponting and Watson cruised from there.

Ponting was powerful with back-foot drives and pulls and, although he should have been lbw for 19, he reached his fifty from 34 balls before being trapped in front by Vettori from his next delivery. Watson (32) was also lbw to Vettori, hurried by an arm ball, but in the reduced contest New Zealand needed a bigger

run of wickets to have a good chance.

It was always going to be tough for New Zealand to defend their total after they were sent in and failed to bat out their overs for the second consecutive match. They enjoyed a quick start thanks to Brendon McCullum and an entertaining finish courtesy of some clean hitting from Daryl Tuffey but in between they struggled desperately and for 22 overs through the middle of the innings, failed to strike a boundary.

Failing to bat out your overs is considered a cardinal sin in one-day cricket and New Zealand will plead for forgiveness after the innings ended with a possible 35 balls to spare. Australia bowled well but wickets also were thrown away; Shanan Stewart and Ross Taylor were caught on the boundary early in their innings and the openers McCullum and Martin Guptill gave soft catches to the infield.

Nathan Hauritz picked up three wickets and there were two each to Watson, James Hopes and Mitchell Johnson as the early and late bursts from New Zealand bookended a painful grind. When James Franklin (10) was unluckily bowled off his leg attempting a sweep off Hauritz, they were 177 for 7 and a sub-200 total was on the cards.

**SCORES IN BRIEF** 

NEW ZEALAND: 238 (McCullum 61, Guptil 30, Hopkins 20, Tuffey 34; Hauritz 3-46, Johnson 2-40, Watson 2-34) AUSTRALIA: 202 for 4 (Watson 32, White 50 not

out, Ponting 50, Voges 34, Hussey 28 not out; Vettori 2-29) Result: Australia won by 6 wickets (D/L

method) and led five-match series 3-1) Man-of-the-match: Cameron White.

## Germany in final

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team's first penalty corner. Oliver Korn made it 2-0 five

minutes later when he deflected a pass from the right past the English goalkeeper James Fair. England, playing their first

World Cup semifinal since

1986, narrowed the margin in

the 19th minute with their lone penalty corner of the match when Richard Smith scooped the ball into the net. The Germans went to the break with a comfortable 3-1 lead as Martin Haner pumped

utes before half-time. England raided the rival defence in the second session

in a penalty corner four min-

without success and then saw Linus Butt make it 4-1 for the Germans with a penalty corner 10 minutes from the end.

The Germans, with just three players who helped win the last World Cup at home in Monchengladbach in 2006, remain the only unbeaten team in the current tournament with four wins and two draws. PAKISTAN FINISH LAST

Pakistan slumped to an embarrassing 3-2 defeat by Canada on Thursday to finish last for the first time in the sport's premier event. Scott Tupper scored a

golden goal two minutes

before the end of extra-time in

Earlier, four-time champions

the play-off for the 11-12 positions to hand Canada their first win in the 12-nation tournament.

A fuming Pakistan coach Shahid Ali Khan blamed senior players for the debacle and offered to resign.

#### Rocky times **FROM PAGE 17**

welcome him back. We're all a part of the reason he pulled out," he added.

It might not rock the current camp but definitely Bangladesh cricket will suffer if this kind of incident continues to happen.



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Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt of Jamaica poses with his Laureus World Sportsman of the Year award at Emirates Palace Hotel in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday.

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