



International Cricket Council (ICC) president David Morgan (C) and England & Wales Cricket Board's Chief Executive David Collier (2nd from L) with BCB president AHM Mustafa Kamal, (3rd from R) on their arrival in Dhaka yesterday.

Swimming to hunt talents

Bangladesh Swimming Federation (BSF) is going to hold a talent hunt programme across the country as an Australian sports organisation has come forward to contribute Tk 10 lakh recently to conduct the programme.

Ridon ravages Shuktara

Striker Akbar Hossain Ridon became the first person to score four goals in the Bangladesh League this season, as Chittagong Mohammedan thumped visitors Shuktara Jubo Sangsad 5-1 in their home match at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

Four in the lead

Four players were sharing the lead in the Prime Bank 30th National Sub-Junior Chess Championship at close of third round at the Sankar Gobinda Chowdhury Stadium in Natore yesterday.

NEW ZEALAND V AUSTRALIA 1ST TEST McCullum's rescue act

McCullum, who is happiest when he's slashing boundaries, focussed successfully on batting for a long time and usually avoided the big shots that could have led to his departure.

Ljubicic lifts Indian Wells title

Ivan Ljubicic beat American Andy Roddick 7-6 (7/3), 7-6 (7/5) Sunday to win the Indian Wells men's title, the first elite Masters 1000 triumph of the Croatian veteran's career.

Men in white

Monday: BANGLADESH: First innings 419 (Tamim 85, Naem 59 not out; Swann 4-114) ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 171-3) Cook c Kayes b Razzak 21

Sachin seals easy win

Sachin Tendulkar hit a sublime unbeaten 71 as Mumbai Indians cruised to a seven-wicket win against Kolkata Knight Riders at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai yesterday.

BFF distances itself with concert

Following advertisements of holding a concert at the Birshreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in different newspapers and radio and television channels, Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday claimed that it had not given any approval to hold the concert.

Jankovic clinches title

Former world number one Jelena Jankovic jump-started her 2010 season Sunday with a straight-sets victory over Caroline Wozniacki for the Indian Wells WTA title.

Frustration

"I was expecting more from Razzak, especially when we both were bowling. It was very important to have a partnership between us to create pressure from both ends, but he ended up making the same mistakes from the first Test, because the main thing is patience. Whoever loses his patience first will be a loser.

Saptarshi becomes a Grand Master

The 28-year old player, who came to chess at the age of 7, achieved the IM title in 2004 and then he had to wait for four years to gain the first GM norm in 2008 and the next year he achieved the second GM norm.



SAPTARSHI ROY CHOWDHURY

Umpires for the Empire?

FROM PAGE 17 Of course it would have been difficult and political more astute if the ICC had appointed at least one umpire from one of the south Asian Test countries. But diplomatic and political savvy has never been one of the ICC's strong points; it has not woken up to the heavy racial undertones that underline the sport even after the Darrell Hair affair, which means that it will probably never wake up to it.

CITY CLUB WANT TO PLAY PRO LEAGUE

The City Club has shown their interest in playing the second-tier professional football league as it expressed its desire to the Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday, two days after the deadline for submitting application.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Cryptoquip section with a grid of letters and a clue: 'Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER I STICK THIS CARVING KNIFE INTO THE PUMPKIN, YOU MIGHT SAY I'LL HAVE A GORED GOURD.'