#### **Ponting** backs Lee

INTERNET, undated

Ricky Ponting has no doubt veteran fast bowler Brett Lee can play a significant role for Australia at the upcoming World Twenty20 despite his lack of match practice.

The 33-year-old paceman was a surprise inclusion in Australia's 15-man squad on Tuesday, but there are still doubts over Lee's fitness considering he has played just a handful of games in the current Indian Premier League after elbow surgery in November which forced him to retire from Test cricket.

"He hasn't played a lot of cricket for a few months but it's great to see him back on the park now," said Ponting. "I watched him bowl the last couple of nights (in the IPL) and his pace has looked good.

"It's a good sign to have someone of that class and calibre in the team going into a big tournament."

He added: "I know he's got a few more games to play to get back to full fitness yet, but it's a really good sign for the Australian team he's back out on the park playing again.

"Brett's an experienced limited-overs bowler and I knew once he came back he would get back into the side."

#### Mirza rises in rankings

PTI, New Delhi

injury, tennis ace Sania Mirza has risen a couple of rungs to 90th in the latest WTA singles rankings issued on Monday. Sania, who is currently

Out of action owing to a wrist

busy gearing up for her marriage with Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik on April 15, has 740 points in the list.

Sania, however, slipped in the doubles chart and was down to 44th from last week's 36th with 1875 points.

#### IHF handball

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Local companies Exim Bank, Sun Life Insurance and South East Bank are together sponsoring the event providing a total of Tk 27 lakh.

BHF president Bulbul said that they were expecting to play the final to uphold the country's image through the tournament.

Meanwhile, except Yemen, all five participating nations recently played the handball event of the SA Games where Pakistan emerged champions, India runners-up and hosts Bangladesh finished third.

He also informed that the three courses -- coaches' coaching, referee coaching and physical trainers' course -- with the participation of all six participating nations will be held alongside the tournament and IHF technical persons have already arrived to conduct the courses.

Asked why they skipped the newly-built Handball Stadium, the BHF president said that to avoid the hot weather and arrange more seats for the spectators, they took the tournament to the Indoor Stadium.

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Action from yesterday's Citycell Bangladesh League encounter between Rahmatganj and Farashganj at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

## Waugh bats for day-night Tests

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Steve Waugh, the former Australia captain, has backed day-night Tests and suggested some unorthodox tweaks to revive interest in onedayers.

"I would have loved to play day-night Test cricket," Waugh said, speaking to Harsha Bhogle on Cricinfo's Opening Up interview show. "I think it is exciting, brings another dimension to

People want a bit of change, they want that excitement. Why not bring that into Test cricket? We have got it in Twenty20s. Let's get a pink ball in and play a day-night Test if it is possible."

Waugh said the concept needed to be thought through, however, since it wouldn't work everywhere. "Obviously in England it is not really possible because it doesn't get dark till 10 o'clock in summer. Maybe in the subcontinent the dew might make it impossible. So you've got to have common sense around it as well."

Waugh was optimistic about the future of Test cricket. "Quality always survives," he said. "As a cricketer I think you've got to be true to yourself. Why did you take up the game? To fulfill your potential, and you can't do that by playing Twenty20 because you can't bat for a whole day and you can't bowl 30 overs. And as a cricketer I think it wouldn't be that satisfying if I couldn't get out there and technically, mentally and physically challenge myself against the best players in the world over five days."

Waugh said a way to spruce up one-day cricket, especially the middle overs, could be to convert fours to sixes and sixes to nines to get the batsmen to play more shots. "Maybe the bowlers won't be too happy, but on the positive side, they have more chances of getting wickets when the batsmen are attacking them.

He was also in favour of giving the bowlers more incentives to restore balance in the game As a member of the MCC's World Cricket Committee, he said he had discussed some radical ideas to that end. "We talked about the possibility of getting the seams a bit larger, even increasing the number of seams to eight."

### Sania beside Shoaib

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media stating: "I will not apologise to Ayesha. She wants cheap publicity. She is just making statements behind the camera. Wouldn't like to lose respect I have earned. Ask Ayesha to come out and let the people decide what is wrong and what is right."

Shoaib's Delhi-based lawyer Ramesh Gupta said he had no apprehensions about the cricketer getting arrested in India.

"Shoaib's passport and mobile have been seized by police. We have not decided on seeking an anticipatory bail yet and we have no apprehension that he will be arrested," Gupta said.

#### ADMIT, APOLOGISE AND MOVE ON

Meanwhile, setting terms for

Shoaib, the Siddiquis on Monday asked Shoaib to come out clean and tender a public apology to Ayesha. The family said if Shoaib

agrees to divorce Ayesha, they will drop the case against him. The Banjara Hills police, who quizzed both Shoaib Malik and the Siddiquis Monday, said a case under Sections 420 (cheating), 498-A (dowry harassment) and 506 (criminal intimidation) has been booked against Shoaib.

A close friend of the Siddiquis, Dr Shams Babar,

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spoke to reporters after the police were handed over proof of Shoaib-Ayesha wedding, along with their lawyer Waliur Rehman.

Citing that the duo met 14 times ever since their marriage, Babar said, "We have given enough evidence to the police that proves that Shoaib did marry Ayesha and she is the cricketer's first wife. We cannot divulge details of the same now, unless the police give us a go ahead. However, we have proof that Shoaib and Ayesha met 14 times. They even lived together for few days in Dubai. But Shoaib has been denying that he met her all the while.

#### **PAKGOVTTO HELP SHOAIB**

Meanwhile, Pakistan government said it will extend all assistance to Shoaib.

It said it was in touch with Indian authorities in connection with the police complaint filed against Shoaib by the Indian woman.

Foreign office spokesman Abdul Basit told the media that the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi was in contact with Indian authorities and had asked them to share information on the FIR filed against Shoaib in Hyderabad.

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"We will give Shoaib all the assistance he requires. We will

proceed in the best interests of Shoaib," Basit said.

#### BRINGTHEBRIDE **HOME: AFRIDI**

Another report from Lahore says: Pakistan's T20 captain Shahid Afridi Monday hoped that his beleaguered teammate would tide over the legal storm caused by a past affair gone wrong and bring his bride home.

"Since he has gone to India he must now bring his bride home," Afridi said.

#### SHOAIB'S FAMILY MAY CHANGE TRAVEL PLANS

Meanwhile, alarmed by the development in Hyderabad where Shoaib had his passport seized by the police, his family is now considering altering plans to travel to India on Wednesday to attend the Pakistani cricketer's marriage with Sania.

A close relative of Shoaib's family said that they have contacted senior Pakistani government officials and the high commission in New Delhi for help and was considering changing their travel plans.

"Certain forces in India have become active to stop this marriage at any cost," the relative alleged.

(Sources: Times News Network, PTI, Times of India, The Hindu)

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#### CRYPTOQUIP

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## Roddick Miami master

Tennis

AFP, Miami

SPORL

Sixth-seeded American Andy Roddick ended the giant-killing run of Czech Tomas Berdych to secure the Miami ATP Masters 1000 title Sunday.

One break of serve in each set was enough for Roddick, who didn't face a break point in the entire match which he won 7-5, 6-4. "It's a surprising stat, especially on one

side," Roddick said. "It was real rough with the sun on first serves you're having to adjust your toss and seeing spots on the first ball. "I think that's what helped me break in

the first set, you know, but I think it was maybe a little bit of an advantage that I played out there in that time slot a couple times."

His victory brought an end to the impressive run of the 16th-seeded Berdych, who had survived a match point to shock world number one Roger Federer in the fourth round.

"He was really good today," Berdych said. "He was really strong, serving well. I was really looking for maybe to get one chance -- maybe one is enough.

"But he held pretty well. I didn't get any chance in the whole match during both

sets, so that's well-played for him." Roddick, who beat world number four Rafael Nadal in the semi-finals, added a

second Miami title to the one he captured

in 2004. In addition to a superb serving performance that included 13 aces, Roddick used a canny baseline game -- varying the pace of his groundstrokes to keep Berdych on the hop.

Roddick, who dropped only two service games in the tournament, surrendered just seven points on his serve in the second set.

He gave himself his third match point when he ended an exchange at the net with an overhead, and Berdych hit a backhand into the net to finish it off.

The Czech had saved two match points in the previous game.

Roddick improved to 26-4 in 2010, the best match record on the men's tour.

The American claimed his first ATP 1000 title since Cincinnati in 2006, and it came two weeks after his runner-up finish in the first of the prestigious events in 2010 -- at Indian Wells in California.



Andy Roddick of the United States holds aloft the winner's trophy after beating Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic in the final of the Sony Ericsson Open at Crandon Park Tennis Centre on Sunday. Roddick won 7-5, 6-4.

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AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Eight months ago, Felipe Massa's life -- let alone his career with Ferrari -- was in grave danger.

Horribly injured in an accident at the Hungarian Grand Prix, he fought for survival. He suffered serious head injuries, a fractured skull and grave damage to his left eye.

Thanks to superb medical assistance and a determination to rise again, he not only survived, but he kept his seat as a Formula One racing driver.

And on Sunday, after a measured drive to seventh in the Malaysian Grand Prix after starting at the wrong end of the grid -- he topped the world championship standings, three races into the 2010 season. But instead of celebrating,

the 28-year-old Brazilian demonstrated all the commitment and maturity that enabled him to complete that remarkable recovery.

He did not talk of glory or titles -- he knows the pain of missing out on a title after losing the 2008 crown to Lewis Hamilton in the final seconds of the final race, his home Grand Prix -- but, instead, warned of the speed of his

"It is always nice to be leading in the championship, but it means nothing now," said

Massa. "Things can change so fast in this title race. It is so competitive and I know and the Ferrari team knows we have to work very hard to improve our car because the Red Bulls are very strong, very fast, and McLaren are very strong, too."

#### BFF aims

**FROM PAGE 17** as to who holds the right to

organise football at district level, since DSA is also organising football besides DFA. Barisal DFA president

Alamgir Khan Alo alleged that no BFF officials accepted their invitations to be chief guests in different tournaments and leagues in Barisal district.

#### DB to monitor **FROM PAGE 17**

repeatedly said they would videotape matches of the Bangladesh League in a bid to identify the fixed matches. They have already had videotaped five to six matches of the second leg. BFF had never identified any fixed matches though this is common knowledge that number of matches in the top league are fixed each year.

#### Gunners plot **FROM PAGE 17**

with another alternative Yaya Toure also struggling with injury.

While the good news is that Iniesta has been able to train and may be fit to return, Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who scored both goals in London, picked up a thigh strain in the warm-up against Bilbao and is definitely

It could mean a starting place for an emotional Thierry Henry against his former club but he will have to battle it out with youngsters Bojan Krkic, who scored twice on Saturday, and Pedro Rodriguez. The outcome of the game

will depend on a fascinating battle for attacking supremacy between Lionel Messi, who has 26 goals in La Liga this season, and Walcott who score Arsenal's first goal at the Emirates and whose searing pace stunned the Spanish defenders.

## Massa's feet Tigers returns

Golf

AFP, Augusta

Tiger Woods was greeted with mild applause in a Monday morning practice round at the Masters, his first public golf appearance since the sex scandal that overtook him last November.

World number one Woods and Fred Couples went off the first tee at 8 a.m. just as the course was opened to paying spectators, who did not have far to go or long to wait to see the main attraction at Augusta National Golf Club. "Welcome back Tiger. We missed you," yelled

supportive spectators at the second tee, prompting Woods to turn and smile, appearing relaxed and at ease as he walked along the famed course where he has won four of his 14 major titles. Magnolia Lane, Augusta National's famed

entry path, could be the road to redemption for

Woods, whose admission of adultery in the wake

of more than a dozen women claiming sexual relationships destroyed his good-guy image. "No one is perfect. We thought he was, but no one is perfect," said Woods pal Mark O'Meara, who played a nine-hole practice round with

Woods on Sunday. "He's going to be fine. I think he will do well this week. If anybody can handle pressure, he has done a pretty good job."

More than 40,000 people were expected at Augusta National on Monday to watch Woods play in front of paying customers for the first

time after a five-month layoff.

Woods was greeted with mild applause at the first tee after some sunrise work on the practice area. Augusta National's famous undulating greens figure to be the sternest test for a man who has not played competitively since winning the Australian Masters in mid-November.

Dozens of spectators took pictures of Woods, wearing grey pants with a white cap and white shirt with horizontal grey stripes, as he strode off the first tee to a mostly hushed crowd after smashing the ball into the fairway. Woods swatted his second shot onto the

green to another smattering of claps, polite but

not especially welcoming. A couple of fans whooped a cheer and shouted, "All right, way to go Tiger," and he responded with a slight wave. The casual atmosphere of the round lent itself to Woods responding to supporters. He spent several minutes on the first green practicing

putts not only at the cup but at the expected positions where the pin will be placed at the weekend when the title will be decided. While there were no early hecklers bold enough to shout anything disruptive, several

people were quietly cracking jokes at Woods' expense, including, "Is that a cell phone in his pocket or is he just happy to be out here?" Woods has an afternoon news conference scheduled, at which he will face questions from

scandal erupted five months ago. Woods conducted two television interviews with hand-picked reporters last month and gave a televised apology statement in February.

global reporters for the first time since the sex

## निद्याश विख्डिख

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#### শর্তসমূহঃ

১- আবেদনকারীকে অবশ্যই বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরীক হতে হবে।

২- ২১-০৩-২০১০ ভারিবে আবেদনকারীর বরস ৩০(মুক্তিবোদ্ধার সন্তাদের ক্ষেত্রে ৩২) হতে হবে।

৩- কোন প্রার্থীর যে কোন একাডেমিক পরীায় ৩য় প্রেনী/বিভাগ/সমমানের শ্রেড পয়েন্ট থাকলে তার व्यादकन बाठिन बर्ग भना इरव।

৪- প্রাধীকে কম্পিউটার ব্যাবহারে দক্ষ হতে হবে।

৫- অফিসার পদে নিরোগ পেলে সকল প্রার্থীকে ক্যান বিভাগে ও কাজ করতে হবে।

৬- চাকুরিরত প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই ব ব কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। কোন অগ্রিম আবেদন वंश्न क्या श्रव ना ।

৭-একজন প্রার্থী তথু মাত্র একটি পদের জন্যই আবেদন করতে পারকেন। কোন প্রার্থী একাধিক পদের জন্য আবেদন করলে প্রার্থীতা বাতিল করা হবে।

৮-প্রাথীদের লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরিায় অংশগ্রহন করতে হবে।

৯-নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে কোটা সংক্রান্ত- সরকারি নীতিযালা অনুসরন করা হবে।

১০-অসমপূর্ন আবেদনগত্র বাতিল বলে গন্য হবে। এছাড়া আবেদনগত্রে অসংগতি বা আবেদনগত্রে কিবো সংযুক্ত কাগজ পত্তের তথ্যাদি ভূল বলে প্রমানীত হলে একজন প্রার্থীর পরীকায় অংশগ্রহনের পরও নিয়োগের খন্য অবোণ্য হবেন। কোন প্রার্থীর প্রার্থীতা বাতিলের খন্য কারন দর্শানোর ক্ষেত্রে ব্রপালী ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষের কোন বাধ্যবাধকতা থাকবেনা

১১-অভিং পদ্ধতিতে প্রকাশিত কলাকলের কেত্রে সর্বপের জারিকৃত প্রজাপন অনুযায়ী বর্তমান প্রচলিত জিপিএ বা ब्रमार, निकिनिय यत्र विनदीए ४म,२त ६ छत्र विकान/खनी निर्वातीक इरव।

#### वार्यमनगढ नक्षर ७ वर्ग ३

আমহী প্রাধীগন রূপালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এর বে কোন শাখা থেকে "রূপালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড,মডিজিল কর্পোরেট শাখা চাকা"-র অনুকূলে ৩৫০.০০(ভিনশত গঝান) টাকার ব্যাংক দ্রাগট/পে-র্বভার ক্রয় করে উহার কটোকপি করবেন। শে-অর্ভার /ভিভি-র ফটোকপি নিজের কাছে রেখে মূলকপি রূপালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এর বে কোন আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয়ে জমা দিয়ে সেখান খেকে আবেদনগত্র জমার নিরমকানুন ও সি আই এফ সহ थात्राचनीत्र अवन कार्यस अधार करतन ।नि चारै अक-व *शि-र्यकार/किक-त मसत* चननारे के**ता**र्य करता सत वनर व कांत्रल क्टोंकिन नर्जन करत तांचा सकति।पार्टमनगढ सभाद नित्रमार्टमी ७ शरतासनीय कांगसगढ সংগ্রহের জন্য আগ্রহী প্রাথিদের রূপালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এর বে কোন আঞ্চলিক কার্যালরে আগামী ১৮-০৪-২০১০ তারিব থেকে বোগাবোগ করতে অনুরোধ জানানো হচছে। উল্লেখ্য বে, প্র**ভিটি গলের জন্য পূর্বক সি আই** अर्थ बोक्टर अर्थ थांची ता नामत क्या चारकान कडावन अपूरांत ता नामत करा नि चाँहै अरू मधार कडावन। প্রাখী যে আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয় হতে আবেদনগত্র সংগ্রহ করবেন সেটি ব্যাতিত অন্য কোথাও আবেদনপত্র জমা গ্রহনহোগ্য হবে না। আবেদনগত্র জমা দেয়ার শেষ ভারিব আগামী ২৮-০৪-২০১০।

