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The 2nd Standard Chartered National School Kabaddi Championship of Dhaka Zone begins today at the Outer Stadium Kabaddi Court with 24 teams taking part.

The teams, split into eight groups, will play the first round on robin league format and the top team from each group will advance into the knockout phase. Seven matches will be held on the opening day.

Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation (BKF) general secretary Monir Hossain revealed these at a press conference at the federation office yesterday.

Monir informed that they would also hold competitions at five other divisional headquarters before the 12-team final round takes place in Dhaka.

Sponsors Standard Chartered will provide Tk 1.9 lakh for this zonal champion-

"We hope that the Standard Chartered School Championship will help identify and nurture talents. This initiative will definitely enable the federation to find out talents who will be able to reach new heights at major events like SA Games, Asian Games and Asian Kabaddi Championship," said Bitopi Das Chowdhury, head of corporate affairs of Standard Chartered Bank.

The BKF general secretary said that they would pick the talent from the championship to form a national school team and send them to West Bengal to compete in a tournament in December.

Talent hunt for shooters

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The 16th Inter-Clubs Shooting Championship got underway at the National Shooting Complex in Gulshan yesterday. Some 450 shooters from 49 clubs are to take part in the two-day event.

On the opening day, the shooters took part in 10m air rifle and 50m open side rifle events and the final results will be decided today. This competition has been organised to hunt talents.

New president of BCF

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Ghulam Muhammed Quader, Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism, has been appointed as president of Bangladesh Chess Federation. This appointment came under the National Sports Council Law 1974 (Amended Ordinance of 1976). The position was vacant since the former president Muhammad Zamir, currently Chief Information Commissioner to the government, stepped down citing busy schedule in government ser-

Ballack out

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An early x-ray at the stadium showed he had not broken any bones but Ballack was still worried as he left Wembley stadium. Germany face Australia,

Serbia and Ghana in Group D at the World Cup. Loew is already under fire

for leaving Schalke 04 striker Kevin Kuranyi out of the squad, despite the player's impressive tally of 18 Bundesliga goals this season. In contrast, Loew's chosen

strikers, Miroslav Klose, Lukas Podolski and Mario Gomez have all struggled to hit the target.

Shuvo puts

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through when Devon Smith was caught by Hasan for 30

SCORES IN BRIEF

WEST INDIES A: First innings 285 all out in 81 overs (Bravo 102, Dowlin 75, Nash 44, Smith 30; Shuvo 6-124, Hasan 2-53,

Rasel 1-15, Nur 1-38) BANGLADESH A: First innings 22 for 1 in 7 overs (Nazimuddin 16 not out, Marshal 2 not out, Nafees 3)

English

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unbeaten Australian side at this tournament to eight for three, saw Kieswetter (63) and Pietersen (47) put on 111 for the second wicket at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados.

As far as the Guardian was concerned, the win meant the team had finally arrived in the

one-day game. "Suddenly England feel like a force in international oneday cricket. Winning this tournament is a major achievement," it said.

School kabaddi begins today Women's World T20 New PM hails T20 heroes title goes to Aussies

Cricket

AFP, Bridgetown

Ellyse Perry took three wickets and held her nerve in a tense last over as Australia beat New Zealand by just three runs in a thrilling women's World Twenty20 final.

With the White Ferns needing 14 off the last over, Perry -backed up by fine fielding from Rene Farrell and Shelley Nitschke -- didn't give up a boundary and the pace bowler finished with impressive figures of three wickets for 18 runs from her maximum four overs.

Victory came just hours after Australia's men's team had lost in the corresponding final to arch-rivals England on Sunday night.

The result was tough on Sophie Devine, whose 38 not out off 35 balls rescued New Zealand from a top order collapse to give them a shot at victory just a year after they were beaten in the final to England at Lord's.

New Zealand, chasing a modest 109 for victory after holding their rivals to 103 for six, slumped to 29 for four inside eight overs.

"We believed our total was going to be enough," said Australia captain Alex Blackwell. "I know our bowling attack has the levelmindedness to get through whatever challenge was in front of them," she added. Perry, the player of the

match, said: "From all the games we've played against New Zealand, they never give up and nor do we so we were all expecting it to go down to the Also an Australian interna-

tional football player, Perry said of her final over: "It's a fantastic opportunity to win a World Cup for your country rather than lose it. That's how you have to approach things like that. "I feel very grateful to Alex for

believing I could do it and I felt I had the support of my team which was really obvious in the fielding of Rene and Shelley down on the boundary."

Australia men's captain Michael Clarke put aside his own disappointment to watch the women's final along with some of his team-mates and



Australia captain Alex Blackwell (C) along with her teammates celebrates with the trophy after beating New Zealand in the Women's ICC World Twenty20 final at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown on Sunday.

Blackwell said: "That was fantastic, to have Michael Clarke and a lot the boys watching us.

"I think that really helped us stay in the game and fight to win this world cup for Australia."

New Zealand captain Aimee Watkins was left to rue her side's batting after fine work by the White Ferns' attack.

"It's obviously disappointing. We bowled really well and I thought after that we deserved to win the game. But we lost early wickets, had too many dot balls through the middle period and we dug ourselves into a hole. We just left our launch too late."

By the time Rachel Priest was out, New Zealand were in dire straits at 36 for five.

However, Nicola Browne (20) helped Devine add 41 for the sixth wicket.

And when she exited, Devine kept going, striking

Farrell for four and six off the

last two balls of the 19th over. That left New Zealand with 14 to win, off the final over from

Perry. A single got Devine back on strike and she then took several twos to leave the target down to

Another two left the Kiwis needing five off the last ball but they could only manage a single.

Earlier, Browne rocked

Australia with a new-ball burst of two wickets for 11 runs during an innings where the top score was Leah Poulton's 20. Browne forced opener Ellyse Villani (six) to spoon a

drive to cover and then dismissed Australia captain Alex Blackwell for nought, with the aid of a fine catch in the gully by Devine. In the end, Australia were

grateful for a late stand of 27 between Sarah Elliott and Lisa Sthalekar.

AFP, London

Britain's new Prime Minister David Cameron sent his congratulations to England's World Twenty20 winning team Monday.

AFP, Bridgetown

Australia Twenty20 captain

Michael Clarke admitted his

place was under threat after a

poor run of form continued in a

seven-wicket World Twenty20

Clarke, batting at No 3, was

WEST INDIES 2010 Seven-wicket World final loss to England.

runs at a meagre average of 15.33.

have a look at my performances.

involved in the run out of hard-hitting opener

David Warner as Australia collapsed to eight for

He himself made just 27 --- but that was still

More powerful hitters in Australia's top order

were largely able to cover for Clarke's lack of runs

and with remarkable frankness, he told report-

ers: "There's no doubt the selectors will need to

Australia skipper Michael Clarke reacts after

losing the ICC World Twenty20 final against

England at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown

his best score of the tournament -- in a total of

147 for six and Clarke ended the event with 92

three at the Kensington Oval here on Sunday.

Cameron said he hoped the seven-wicket victory over Australia in Barbados would be the "start of a great summer of sport for England", ahead of events including the football World Cup in South Africa, which starts in June.

"Congratulations to Paul Collingwood and the England Twenty20 team on becoming world champions for the first time with a magnificent victory over Australia," he said in comments relayed by his official spokesman.

"Let's hope this marks the start of a great summer of sport for England."

England cruised to victory with three overs to spare Sunday following a secondwicket stand of 111 between South African-born duo Craig Kieswetter and Kevin Pietersen.

Insult to injury!

AFP, Bridgetown

Australia's Brad Haddin was fined 10 per cent of his match fee after showing dissent when dismissed during his side's seven-wicket loss to England in the World Twenty20 final here on Sunday. The wicketkeeper-batsman

was caught down the legside by England gloveman Craig Kieswetter off Ryan Sidebottom for just one.

But he pointed to his thigh after being given out by West Indian umpire Billy Doctrove, clearly signalling his belief he hadn't touched the ball. Haddin's exit left Australia

deep in trouble at eight for

three inside three overs and, even though replays suggested he may have had a case, he was always likely to face disciplinary action for so clearly questioning the decision. He pleaed guilty to a level one charge of the ICC code of

conduct -- "showing dissent at an umpire's decision during an international match". As such, Sri Lankan match

referee Ranjan Madugalle imposed the fine without the need for a full hearing.

FROM PAGE 17 A draw would not have done for Real in any case and it didn't

with a surging run past two defenders and his perfect cutback gave Messi the easiest of tap-ins.

Toure set up Messi again on 75 minutes with the Argentine's quick feet and shot making it 4-0 and 34 goals for the season.

mark of Brazilian Ronaldo who scored 34 goals for Barcelona in the 1997 season.

joined Xerez and Tenerife in being relegated while Malaga and Racing Santander, 2-0 winners over Sporting Gijon, survived.

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ing world number one Swiss Roger Federer by 6-4, 7-6.

Captaincy at stake "I certainly know they haven't been up to

> probably in Twenty20 cricket in general. "I'm sure the selectors will sit down and have a look and if I'm not the right guy for No 3 and the captaincy then they'll make that decision,'

> scratch through this whole tournament and

added the 29-year-old. Clarke, the Test and one-day vice-captain, was the natural choice to inherit the leadership when regular skipper Ricky Ponting retired from

Twenty20 international cricket. Up until the final, Australia had been unbeaten at this World Twenty20, having been knocked out in the first round in England last

But in left-arm quick Dirk Nannes, fast bowler Shaun Tait and the Hussey brothers, Michael and David, they appear to have the nucleus of a

Clarke certainly relished leading his side to what was a first World Twenty20 final for both Australia and England.

fine Twenty 20 line-up.

"I've enjoyed every minute it," Clarke said. "Captaining your country is a wonderful thing and I've been very lucky to get that chance.

"I'm stoked to have been given this opportunity to lead the Twenty20 team. There are no guarantees in this world and it's about getting back and preparing for the next tournament.

"I'll be back as vice-captain [in the Test side] which I really enjoy and we have a wonderful leader [Ponting] back in Australia. England cruised to victory, with three overs to

spare, following a second-wicket stand of 111 between South Africa born duo Craig Kieswetter (63) and Kevin Pietersen (47). The win gave England another triumph over

Australia to put alongside last year's home Ashes win and set the scene for the return series 'Down Under', which gets underway in November. "I've seen them [England] celebrate twice in a short space of time now but they deserved it,

Clarke said. "We knew England were going to be tough, and losing those three wickets early didn't help.

It put a lot of pressure on our middle order.

"I thought we did well to scrape our way to 140-odd, although we were probably about 30 runs short, or 50 runs short the way England batted. We got beaten by the better team today."

Nadal Madrid master

Tennis

AFP, Madrid

on Sunday.

Rafael Nadal clinched a recordbreaking 18th career Masters title on Sunday when he defeated old rival Roger Federer 6-2, 7-6 (7/5) in the Madrid final, landing a powerful psychological French Open

blow in the process. The Spaniard, who will

reclaim the world number two ranking on Monday, became the first man to claim three major clay titles prior to the start of Roland Garros while victory also gave him an 18th Masters trophy, one more than Andre Agassi and two ahead of Federer. A year ago, Federer defeated

Nadal in the Caja Magica final

tum to Roland Garros where he lifted his first title at the venue with a defeat of Robin Soderling to complete a career Grand Slam. Nadal now heads to Paris with all guns blazing as he bids

then carried the victory momen-

round loss to Soderling and resume his trophy chase after winning the first four editions he played in the French capital. "Winning here at home is a dream," said Nadal, who took

to wipe out last year's fourth-

the victory honours over the past weeks in Monte Carlo, Rome and Madrid. "Never in my wildest

dreams did I imagine I would win all three of these big events," added the Spaniard, unbeaten this clay season with 15 consecutive victories.

Nadal, now with 39 titles to his name, leads Federer 14-7 in career meetings, winning ten

of their last 12. He now stands 28-2 in claycourt finals, his two losses coming at the hands of Federer,

including Madrid a year ago. Federer said that despite his loss, "the clay court season will

not be judged here but in Paris. "We will see what happens in three weeks. I feel I'm ready for Paris. I felt a major improve-

ment in my game compared to last week when I came here from Estoril." Federer missed out on chances repeatedly in the

final, which lasted just over two hours, converting on only one of seven break points in an hour-long opening set.

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Football comes

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Portugal were the next opponents but, in England's best display of the tournament, they, and especially Bobby Charlton, were too much for a team for whom Torres and

Eusebio again excelled. In the other game, Russia's Lev Yashin, a goalkeeper regarded as the world's best and previously playing superbly, made a calamitous error to let Helmut Haller score as a nine-man Soviet outfit were

well beaten. The final hinged on two moments. England had, after the early setback of a Haller goal, looked likely to win the game through Martin Peters's 78th-minute strike. But in the last minute, Weber equalised after England

Ramsey's famous stated belief in his pre-extra-time pep-talk that the Germans were 'finished' proved to be correct. Alan Ball's outstand-

failed to clear a free-kick.

said 'yes', remains a legend in English football. Hurst, of course, completed his hattrick with a blistering

goal in the last minute and

the cup was England's. The tone was set for 44 years of reminiscing and Scottish disquiet.

seven off the last two balls.

'English self-belief was the key factor' had a lot of potential," he

AFP, Bridgetown

England captain Paul Collingwood cited his team's self-belief as a TWENTY20 key factor in west indies 2010 their Twenty20

final victory against arch-rivals Australia at the Kensington Oval here on Sunday.

Collingwood's men cricket. reduced an Australia side previously unbeaten at the tournament to eight for three and then held them to a total of 147 for six. England won in convincing

fashion, by seven wickets with three overs to spare, after a commanding second-wicket stand of 111 between man-ofthe-match Craig Kieswetter (63) and man-of-the-tournament Kevin Pietersen (47).

It was all a far cry from last year's World Twenty20 where Collingwood was the captain of an England side that humiliatingly lost its opening match to minnows the Netherlands

at Lord's.

featured five survivors from that Dutch debacle --Collingwood, Luke Wright, Eoin Morgan, Stuart Broad

and Ryan Sidebottom. But it also contained Kieswetter and fellow opener Michael Lumb, neither of whom had played an international Twenty20 before this tournament but who provided a platform England have so often lacked in limited overs

Meanwhile Pietersen, fit and back in form after last year's Achilles problems, was in superb form.

England started this tournament with an unlucky Duckworth/Lewis loss to the West Indies in Guyana.

However, from the Super Eights on they reeled off several impressive wins. Collingwood, asked what had changed nearly a year on from a now infamous loss at

Lord's, told reporters: "I think belief has been the key. "As soon as we got the squad together, seeing how much power we have in the added. "I think belief has been a

huge thing -- you can see from the way the guys have gone out from first ball, believing in themselves and taking it to the opposition and playing a brand of cricket that is unlike

England in the past. "I think a lot of credit goes to every single player in the dressing room to have the confidence to go out there and really give it their best shots

and have no regrets. "I think we have done that throughout the tournament

and it has certainly paid off." England had never previously won a major one-day tournament, having lost in the 1979, 1987 and 1992 World Cup finals as well as falling in

the climax of the 2004 Champions Trophy. "This is right up there, with the best," added all-rounder Collingwood, twice an Ashes

"To be the first (English) team to win a 'World Cup' is very special. "We knew it was a monkey

winner.

on our back. "The bowlers have done a fantastic job," added Collingwood after a victory where left-arm quick Ryan Sidebottom took two early wickets and off-spinner Graeme Swann one for just 17 from his four overs.

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"No team has really got

"We're not going to get the next couple of days; we're going to savour the moment and enjoy it, because we deserve to.

"But good teams kick on, and that's exactly what we'll get drilled into the guys. We've got a lot more potential as well -- that's the scary part about it. We can go even further."

Messi leads

seem to matter as Messi scored to make it 3-0 against Valladolid on 61 minutes. Yaya Toure made the goal

Messi matches the record

The defeat meant Valladolid

Tenerife lost 1-0 at Valencia while Xerez drew 1-1 with

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