

Strauss back to hot seat

ANI, London England's Test skipper Andrew Strauss will resume the captaincy against Bangladesh at Lord's on Thursday after watching the Paul Collingwood-lead team to Twenty20 World Cup glory in his absence.



World and Olympic triple gold medalist Usain Bolt gives a thumb up after winning the 200m title in the IAAF Diamond League meeting in Shanghai on Sunday.

Bolt's solid start

Athletics AFP, Shanghai World and Olympic triple gold medalist Usain Bolt launched his IAAF Diamond League campaign in Shanghai on Sunday with a comfortable 200m win in 19.76 seconds.

and Bolt himself has said it could be the season to do it. But with Gay and Powell staying away from Shanghai, Bolt dominated the 200m race, part of what he is calling an "off-season" in which he intends to get as much rest as possible ahead of next year's world championships.

Ten teams for 2010 Champs League

CRICINFO The 2010 Champions League Twenty20 will be contested by ten teams, as opposed to the 12 that participated in the inaugural edition in 2009.

Rossi fixes

FROM PAGE 17 Czechoslovakia and Tunisia gave Ron Greenwood's team a 100 per cent record but, in the second round, a failure to score against Spain and West Germany saw them return home empty-handed.

Barry crucial

FROM PAGE 17 played down suggestions that the England players in action on Monday night would be preoccupied by the risk of injury.

James and West Ham's Robert Green. "It will be really important for him to play because the pressure at Wembley is really, really big," Capello said.

Greeks look

FROM PAGE 20 Katsouranis said Rehhagel understood the Greek mentality and that the only "negative feature, which also could be an advantage, is that he is stubborn. He does not easily change his mind."

Federer off the mark

FROM PAGE 17 razor-sharp Federer backhand. Despite the win, Federer, playing in his 42nd successive Grand Slam event, refused to look forward to a fourth Roland Garros final against old rival Rafael Nadal.

campaign and has cast a shadow over her entire claycourt season. A second-round loss in Madrid sapped her optimism while also helping Venus Williams displace her as world number two.

DAY'S EVENT Bangladesh League Farashganj v Abahani Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Sk Russel rout Feni

SHEIKH RUSSEL KC recorded an emphatic 4-1 win over Feni Soccer Club in the Citycell Bangladesh League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Moroccan Jamal Nakhli struck twice while his compatriot Salah Maslouh and striker Mohammad Rony netted one apiece for the winners, who raised their points tally to 50 from 22 matches to stay in the third position, the place they have already confirmed in the 13-team table.

SR DIV FOOTBALL Purbachal win

Purbachal Parisad tasted their first victory in the Bashundhara Senior Division Football League with a lone-goal win over Badda Jagarani Sangsad at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium yesterday.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

SPORTS REPORTER FIDE Master Mehdi Hasan Parag shared points with Indian International Master Satyapragyan Swayangsu in the third round of the 2nd SCS International Open Grandmaster Chess Tournament in Bhubaneswar, India on Sunday night.

In the other second round matches, Shirin beat Mishraz Nida Siddiqui of Pakistan. U-16 NATIONAL CRICKET The two-day final of Standard Chartered Young Tigers U-16 National Cricket Competition will start today at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Parag improved his tally to 2.5 points to share the second position along with 30 other players. GM Enamul Hossain Rajib, FM Abu Sufian Shakil, FM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar, Debaraj Chatterjee, Abdullah Al Saif and Hafizul Islam Chapal and FM Mohammad Javed secured 1.5 points each after the third round.

GIRLS' SCHOOL CRICKET The 3rd Girls' School Cricket Tournament will start today at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex in Dhanmondi. Viharunniss Nondia School and Colledge-B will take on Padaria (Nampara) Non Govt Primary and Junior High School in the opening match.

SIX SEASONS INTERNATIONAL CHESS National women's champion WFM Shamima Akter Liza won her second round board to share the lead with Enkhtuul Altanulzi of Mongolia in the Six Seasons International Chess tournament at the Narayanganj Club.

SCHOOL KABADDI Jatrabari Ideal High School and Haider Ali High School moved into the final of the Standard Chartered National School Kabaddi. In the first semifinal yesterday, Jatrabari Ideal beat Ansar and VDP High School by 69-65 points with five creditable lonas at the Kabaddi Stadium while Haider Ali High defeated Shaheed Nabi High School 59-51 with three creditable lonas in the second semifinal.

Clarke stays T20 skipper

AFP, Sydney Michael Clarke was Monday retained as skipper of Australia's Twenty20 squad for July's series with Pakistan in England despite his below-par batting performances in T20 cricket.

Lanka level USA series

AFP, Fort Lauderdale Sri Lanka beat New Zealand by seven wickets in the second of two Twenty20 matches on Sunday, part of international cricket's historic attempt to break into the US market.

Clarke's top score was just 27 in the Caribbean tournament and he ended the event with 92 runs at a meagre average of 15.33. ODIS SQUAD Ricky Ponting (captain), Michael Clarke (vice-captain), Doug Bollinger, Brad Haddin, Nathan Hauritz, Ryan Harris, James Hopes, Mike Hussey, Mitchell Johnson, Shaun Marsh, Clint McKay, Steve Smith, Shane Watson, Cameron White.

Sri Lanka triumphed in the low-scoring affair with more than four overs to spare to earn a 1-1 draw in the series. Nuwan Kulasekara tore through New Zealand's top order, taking three wickets in the second over as he removed openers Brendon McCullum and Aaron Redmond along with Rob Nicol.

Abahani

FROM PAGE 17 "Abahani's defence was solid with the inclusion of Rajani and Mishu while striker Enamul played a key role upfront."

Daniel Vettori and Nathan McCullum were the only New Zealanders to reach double figures, but the 81 runs amassed by New Zealand was no challenge for Sri Lanka even on the slow, lifeless pitch. Vettori's 27 gave New Zealand a glimmer of hope, and Nathan McCullum's 36 took their total to 81 before they were bowled out in the 18th over.

Italy open

FROM PAGE 17 minor injury to his left calf muscle. Lippi praised Inter Milan for winning the Champions League on Saturday, even though he didn't name any of the club's players in his group - a result of Inter's squad being made up almost entirely of foreigners.

Mirpur, in the very first over. Nazimuddin joined Mehrab Hossain to repair the early damage associating 73 runs for the second wicket before the latter was dismissed by Shillingford for 29 runs. Bangladesh again fell in trouble when Rokibul Hasan (4) and Farhad Hossain (1) were dismissed cheaply but Faisal and Sahagir steadied the rocking ship with a 75-run partnership in the undefeated sixth wicket stand.

A teams neck

FROM PAGE 17 the day's play was made mutually to give the West Indies A players time to attend their British Visa interviews. Earlier the visitors were bowled out for 268 runs after resuming the day on 230 for seven.

Wicketkeeper batsman Sahagir was not out on 26 runs. SCORES IN BRIEF WEST INDIES A: First innings (overnight 230-7 in 84 overs) 268 all out in 95 overs (Nash 99 not out, Walton 70; Rasel 5-59, Shuvo 5-85) BANGLADESHA: First innings 205-5 in 66 overs (Mehrab 29, Nazimuddin 72, Faisal 64 not out, Sahagir 26 not out; Brown 2-43, Pascal 1-27, Shillingford 1-67)

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across, Down, and Cryptquip. Includes a solution time of 25 mins and a key for the cryptquip puzzle.

Cryptquip puzzle grid and clues. Includes the text: 'Yesterday's Cryptquip: THE OLD IRON WASN'T GETTING THE WRINKLES OUT OF HIS PANTS, SO HE SHOUTED "FOR PLEAT'S SAKE!"'