

FINN-ESSE: England paceman Steven Finn (R) celebrates dismissing Bangladesh's Mushfiqur Rahim with a gem of a delivery during the fifth day's play of the first Test at Lord's in London yesterday. Finn took five second innings wickets to finish with nine for the man-of-the-match award.

# Finn finishes Tigers' fight

Cricket

AFP, London

Steven Finn took five wickets on his home debut as England beat Bangladesh by a convincing eight-wicket margin in the first Test at Lord's here on Monday to go 1-0 up in this two-match series.

Bangladesh, following-on, were bowled out for 382 shortly before lunch on the final day with Middlesex fast bowler Finn taking five wickets for 87 runs in 24 overs.

That gave the 6ft 7in paceman, who played his first two Tests during England's 2-0 series win in Bangladesh in March, match figures of nine for 187.

England, set 160 to win in two sessions, finished on 163 for

Andrew Strauss, the England captain, in his first international match for several months after resting from the tour of Bangladesh and missing the World Twenty20 triumph, as he no longer plays that form of the game, made 82 before he was out with England 13 runs short of victory.

Jonathan Trott, whose Test-best 226 was the centrepiece of England's first innings, was unbeaten on 36 after ending the match with a boundary.

Kevin Pietersen was 10 not out.

Strauss, like Finn playing on his home ground, square cut the first ball of England's chase, from Shahadat Hossain for four, to spark several boundaries in quick succession. He was missed at slip against Mahmudullah's on 28 but the

off-spinner did take a wicket when Alastair Cook, England's other left-handed opener, was lbw for 23. Strauss went onto complete a run-a-ball fifty with five fours

before he was caught behind, by wicketkeeper Mushfiqur Rahim, cutting against the spin of opposing captain Shakib Al Hasan, to end a second wicket stand of 80. Victory gave England their seventh win in as many Tests

against Bangladesh and left the Tigers with just three wins from 67 matches at this level. But, compared to the corresponding Test between the two

sides at Lord's five years ago, which England won by an innings and 261 runs, there was no denying Bangladesh's progress. Earlier, Finn took three wickets for eight runs in 15 balls on

Monday to secure his place on the Lord's honours boards. Bangladesh began the last day on 328 for five having seen

Tamim Iqbal make 103 off just 100 balls on Sunday. Junaed Siddiqui, 66 not out overnight, and Shakib, unbeaten on two, took guard under cloudy skies favouring England's seam

attack. England did not have long to wait for a sixth wicket with Shakib cutting Finn straight to the bowler's county colleague

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### Brazil conquer New World

WORLD CUP 1994 CONTINUED

The hosts put up a brave showing against Brazil but lost to a late strike from Bebeto, Brazil's other striker. Germany struggled to get past the Belgians while Italy needed a late equaliser from Roberto Baggio against Nigeria. Baggio, rumoured to be at odds with coach Arrigo Sacchi, was the hero on the field as he converted an extra-time penalty winner.

The best game of the round saw the Argentines face the Romanians. Hagi, often termed the 'Maradona of the Carpathians', showed the Argentines what they were missing, supplying two goals for Ilie Dumitrescu and then scoring himself. Well though Argentina played, Maradona's cutting edge was lacking and they were overrun by Romania's incisive attacking.

Sweden, though, matched the Romanians in the quarterfinal and held their nerve in a penalty shootout. The other quarters were all thrilling games. Brazil fought off a late Dutch surge to win 3-2 through a Branco goal. Italy narrowly beat the Spanish with goals from Baggios -- Dino and Roberto. 'The Divine Ponytail' struck his winner in the 88th minute but there was still time for an improbable miss from Julio Salinas. Spain, once again, had flattered to deceive.

The story of the round came when Bulgaria, with only one recognised star in Hristo Stoichkov, staged a late comeback to knock out the Germans. Stoichkov rattled in a free-kick after Lothar Matthaeus had put

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Who's Dopey now? Dunga ends Brazil's long wait,

### watched by Romario (C), the best of the other dwarfs.

# Tamim's ton for Boycott

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AFP, London

Tamim Iqbal was delighted to England great Geoffrey Boycott scoring a blistering century in the Lord's here on Sunday.

Tamim, whose dashing approach is removed from that of Boycott, one of the defensive batsmen of his generation, marked his first appearance at Lord's with 103 in just a hundred balls as Bangladesh fought back in the opening fixture of their two-Test series with England.

The 21-year-old's third Test ton helped Bangladesh, made to follow-on, reach 328 for five in their second innings at the end of the fourth day --105 ahead of England's first innings 505.

Bangladesh had won just three of their Tests coming into this match -- and lost all six of their previous encounters with England.

Boycott, now a television commentator, had questioned their right to Test status and that annoyed Tamim, who starred with the bat during England's 2-0 series win in Bangladesh in March.

heard him say Bangladesh should not play Tests," Tamim told reporters after stumps. "It made me determined to do something. However, Tamim insisted he had no ill feeling towards

"I was watching television last [Saturday] night and I

Boycott and would love to pick the former Yorkshire opener's brains. "I would love to speak to Geoff Boycott. I would like

to learn lots of things from him. He was a good player. I want to learn because I love cricket." Asked what exactly Boycott could teach him,

Tamim replied: "Maybe defence. There are lots of guys who are attacking and they can teach me that. "Geoff was a good defender, I think."

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Tamim had made four fifties in five previous innings against England, including one in this match, but there was no disguising his joy when he completed a century that meant his would be alongside some of cricket's greatest names on the Lord's honours boards. "It feels great, because it's at Lord's, and I was just speak-

to Pete who looks after the honours board and the players, and I asked if he can make a fifty board for me, but he said 'no, you'll get there'.

"So I promised him I wouldn't leave Lord's without a hundred and now I've done it, I'm really proud,"

Tamim said. Bangladesh have only been a Test nation for 10 years and Tamim added that needed to be taken into account when their performances

were criticised. "If you start a chocolate company, you can't compete with Cadbury in the first ten years, because it's a big

company. "It will take time to be like them."

Tamim's century was all the more impressive as he came into this match with a left wrist injury which he aggravated while fielding at Lord's.

He thanked Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan and Jamie Siddons, the team's Australian coach, for trusting him to make a decision on his own fitness.

"Shakib, who is a good friend of mine,

came to me and said 'just have a go'. "Jamie said 'if you don't score in this Test

match, that's fine with us." Tamim, asked if he had any offers to play for an English county, replied: "No. Maybe they don't know my number. Maybe even I don't know my number actually. If I continue playing the way I am playing now, I think there will be lots of offers."

## Serena romps into qtrs

AFP, Paris



Top seed Serena Williams marched into the French Open quarterfinals on Monday with a dominating 6-2, 6-2 win over Israel's Shahar Peer.

She will next play Belgium's Justine Henin should the four-times former champion get past Samantha Stosur of Australia who were playing their fourth round tie out on the Suzanne Lenglen showcourt.

"I am so happy she is playing again," Williams said of Henin. "I would love to play her here again.' The American, who was champion here in

2002, lost the first seven points of the match as she struggled to get to grips with the cold, blustery conditions out on the Philippe Chatrier centre-court.

But she promptly won the next nine as she moved up the gears and then broke Peer for a

second time to take a 4-2 lead. Sportscenter India Williams held comfortably to make it 5-2 Sports News Live at 8:30pm and then captured the Peer serve for a third straight time to take the first set in just 28

Williams squandered three break points to go 2-0 up in the second and had to save two of her own in the following game as the Israeli battled valiantly from behind the baseline to cope with her opponent's greater weight of

There were no signs of the sickness that had affected Williams in her third round tie against Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova with sister Venus and her mother and father lending family support from the players' section.

Williams continued to dominate the rallies and Peer cracked once again in the fourth game hitting a forehand marginally long to hand Williams the break and a 3-1

Peer took advantage of a sloppy game from the American to break back in the following game, but she promptly gave that back as Williams pinned her back with her heavy groundstrokes.

From there on in Williams coasted in winning the last eight points of the match as Peer wilted.

#### Liton lifts Shuktara

Eoin Morgan at point.

SPORTS REPORTER

A brace from Rezaul Karim Liton helped Shuktara Jubo Sangsad of Narayanganj record a crucial 2-0 win over Arambagh KS in their penultimate game in the Bangladesh League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The Narayanganj outfit, who have been struggling to avert relegation, leapfrogged to the 12th position from the bottom place with 19 points from 23 matches. But they are still languishing in the red zone in the 13-team league.

On the other hand, after having already avoided relegation, Arambagh did not have anything to play for in the game and newcomers Shuktara took those opportunities with both hands though the first-half remained goalless.

Captain Rezaul Karim Liton gave Shuktara advantage three minutes into the second-half and doubled the margin in the 56th minute to ensure his side's fourth victory in the league.



### **Penalties** order of the day

SPORTS REPORTER

University Laboratory School and College, Trust College and St. Joseph School and College won their respective matches in the inter-college Clear Men Confidence Cup football tournament at the Army Stadium in Banani yesterday. St. Joseph recorded a soli-

tary-goal win over Safiuddin Sarker Academy College, University Laboratory beat BN College 3-1 in tiebreaker after the regulation time ended 2-all. Trust College defeated

Srishty Central School and College 2-1 in penalty shootout after the game failed to produce any decider in the regulation time.

### Henry's new joker role

AFP, Paris



Thierry Henry may be France's all-time top scorer and leader of his country's attack for over a decade yet he is set to fill an unaccustomed role as 'super sub' at the World Cup in South Africa.

Henry reportedly agreed to be deployed as what L'Equipe on Monday described as a 'joker de luxe' when national manager Raymond Domenech paid him a visit in Barcelona this month.

international goals, has started on the bench in both of France's warm-up matches in the past dew days.

He came on for Nicolas Anelka at the start of the second half in the 2-1 win against Costa Rica in Lens last Wednesday, and entered the fray at the same juncture, again replacing Anelka, in the 1-1 draw with Tunisia in Rades on Sunday.

Domenech was his usual guarded self when tackled on his reported tete-a-tete with the former Arsenal striker in Barcelona before he

unveiled his provisional World Cup squad on

"I am at Tunisia-France, other people's gossip is just gossip..." he said in Rades after Sunday's game. Henry himself appeared relaxed with his

newfound role. "I had a chat with the coach, he told me that I wouldn't be starting the game. As I've often

said, the most important thing is the team. I try to come on and to give something when I'm called on to be of service to the team," he told French television.

Henry, who has only produced two goals for And sure enough Henry, who has scored 51 Barcelona since January, added: "We're not here to know who will play and who won't play. No one is above the team, we're all in this to go as far as we can together."

The 2006 World Cup finalists fell behind to an early goal in Rades before William Gallas headed home a second half leveller, the Arsenal central defender's performance one of the few positives from this latest warm-up.

France have one remaining friendly scheduled against China in Reunion on Friday.

They open their World Cup campaign against Uruguay on June 11.

Federer tips

Roger Federer plans a triple

summer celebration of French

Open and Wimbledon glory

topped off by seeing

Switzerland make the knock-

out rounds of the World Cup.

whose national team have

been drawn in the same pre-

liminary group in South Africa

as Spain, the country of his

closest rival Rafael Nadal, is

campaign against European

champions Spain in Durban

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they're the huge favourites

and the way they played at the

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Switzerland open their

"It could be an advantage

quietly confident.

on June 16.

Keen soccer fan Federer,

**Swiss for** 

Round 2

AFP, Paris

### **LOCAL SNIPPETS**

SPORTS REPORTER

Jessore and Jhalakathi emerged zonal champions to qualify for the eight-team finals of the Grameen-Danone Nations Cup football tournament yesterday. Jessore defeated Satkhira 1-0 to clinch the title in the

Bagerhat zone while Jhalakathi beat Barisal 2-1 to win the Barisal

On the second day of the zonal phase, a total of 36 matches were held at eight different venues where seven matches ended in draws.

#### NO SECOND-TIER B LEAGUE THIS YEAR

The Bangladesh Football Federation has decided to suspend the inaugural second-tier Bangladesh League this year citing lack of playgrounds ahead of the 2011 ICCWorld Cup in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh will host the inaugural ceremony of the ICC World Cup on February 17 at the Bangabandhu Nationa Stadium. The second-tier League was supposed to start last year, but the game's governing body failed to get it rolled on the field and this time some nine clubs have applied to participate in the league after the BFF made it official to launch the meet.

The League committee at a meeting on Sunday also decided to provide direct entries to one or two clubs from those who had applied for a place in the second-tier league could be promoted to the fourth edition of the Bangladesh League next season, said a press release yesterday.

Meanwhile, two teams will be relegated from the ongoing Bangladesh League that is scheduled to end on June 6.

#### JOYDEEP CHAMPION

Indian FM Joydeep Dutta emerged unbeaten champion in the Six Seasons International Chess Tournament that concluded at the Convention Hall of Narayanganj Club yesterday.

Joydeep secured 10 points from 12 games after beating WFM Sharmin Sultana Shirin in the final round while FM Abdul Malek of Biman finished behind Joydeep with half-a-point less than the champion after beating Pakistani Nida Mishraz Siddiqui in his final board.

FM Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon and Mongolian Enkhtuul Altanulzii finished third and fourth respectively with seven points each. WFM Shamima Akter Liza with six points became fifth while

Shirin became sixth with 1.5 points. A total of seven players from India, Pakistan, Mongolia and **SEE PAGE 18 COL 5** 

### Bangladesh League Rahmatganj v Beanibazar

Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium, Dhaka