CRICINFO

Sulieman Benn, the West Indies left-arm spinner, has been fined his entire match fee from the fourth ODI against South Africa after he was ordered off the field by his captain Chris Gayle. Benn had upset Gayle by failing to follow his instructions, and was told he was no longer required.

"The Management Group of the West Indies team met with Sulieman Benn late on Monday in relation to an onfield incident during the fourth one-day international against South Africa on Sunday, May 30 at Windsor Park, Dominica. Following the discussion, Benn accepted a fine of 100 per cent of his match fee and the matter was closed," a release issued by the West Indies Cricket Board said.

"I actually asked him to leave the field," Gayle had told reporters after the game. "As a captain, it was a situation like you ask a particular bowler to do it and he said he had never done certain things before. That's why you have practice sessions, to practise. I asked him to simply bowl over the wicket. I don't see why it should be a problem."

LOCAL SNIPPETS

FROM PAGE 17

who finished behind thirdplaced Sheikh Russel with 33 points from 24 matches. Brothers Union finished with 26 from their allotted 24 games.

NATIONS CUP **FOOTBALL**

The finals line-up of the Grameen-Danone Nations Cup football was completed yesterday when Comilla and Tangail emerged zonal champions at different venues.

A hattrick from Rasel powered Comilla to a 3-0 win over Chittagong at the Brahmanbaria Stadium while Tangail defeated Netrokona 4-3 in a tiebreaker after the game ended in a 1-1 draw in regulation time at the Gazipur Stadium.

Kushtia, Bagra, Rajbari, Thakurgaon, Jessore and Jhalakhati had earlier qualified for the eight-team finals to be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on June 6-7.

SNR DIV FOOTBALL

Holders Fakirerpool Youngmens Club posted their third victory in the Bashundhara Senior Division Football League with a 2-0 win over Agrani Bank at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, Abzal Hossain drew first blood striking in the 85th minute before Khaled Kari doubled the lead and sealed the match in the dying minutes.

Youngmens have now 10 points from 4 outings while Agrani have collected six from four matches.

DIVISIONAL KARATE Dhaka emerged champions in

the Electra 4th Divisional Karate Championship grabbing seven gold medals at the National Sports Council Gymnasium yesterday.

Chittagong finished second with two gold, four silver and as many bronze. Gold winners are: Munni

Khatun (kata), Sharifa Khatun (-45kg), Huma Khatun

(-53kg), Farhana Halim (-60kg), Nazma Akhter (+60kg), Parvez (kata), Hossain Ali (-50kg), Mohammad Sharif (-55kg), Shamim Osman (60kg), Lokman Hossain (-67kg), Mamunur Rashid (+67kg).

MSC end on

FROM PAGE 17

left to cut it back for substitute Nasir, who then put it for unmarked Mamun and the playmaker drove a left-footer past Abahani goalkeeper Biplob Bhattacharjee.

"After beating Abahani, we feel that we are unbeaten champions because we did not play any compromised or fixed matches as some other teams played so," said Mohammedan coach Poniruzzaman Ponir.

"Now we have no dissatisfaction," said Mohammedan injured captain Arman Aziz while stand-in-captain Wali Faisal said, "It is always something to beat Abahani and it is a big achievement for me as I led the side."

Abahani coach Amalesh Sen, however, said that they are disappointed for not beating Mohammedan in the last match and that his team played careless, unimpressive throughout the game as well as squandering at least four scoring chances.



Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal is all smiles as he is ready for his turn in the nets at Old Trafford during Bangladesh's practice session yesterday. The Tigers will look to the dashing left-handed batsman for more heroics after his swashbuckling century in the Lord's Test when the second and final Test begins here on Friday.

Soderling slays Federer

REUTERS, Paris



Rafael Nadal's world laid to waste last year and now Roger Federer ruthlessly put to the sword, Sweden's Robin Soderling is clearly the undisputed cham-

pion-slayer of Roland Garros. As rain fell from a dark Parisian sky on Tuesday, Soderling towered through the murk, unleashing thunderbolt serves and ferocious forehands to leave the Swiss defending champion reeling and silence a pro-Federer crowd

on Court Chatrier. His 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 victory was the biggest upset at the claycourt Grand Slam since... well 12 months ago when he ended Nadal's fouryear stranglehold on the French Open with an equally destructive show of force.

Soderling had lost all 12 of his matches

against Federer, including last year's final when the world number one completed a career Grand Slam. Tuesday's rain-interrupted contest seemed

to be heading the same way until the Swede turned the tide and then seized the initiative near the end of a pivotal third set. Fifth seed Soderling thoroughly deserved

his victory, a reward for persistence if ever there was one. He has clearly acquired a taste for battering

"Of course, it's nice to beat the world num-

Sweden's only man in the world's top 100 told reporters. "I think both times I played really good tennis. It's a great feeling.

ber one two years in a row on the Centre Court,'

"This is a big win, but it's not the final."

Soderling will start as favourite in his semifinal against Czech Tomas Berdych who will make a long overdue appearance in the last four of a Grand Slam tournament after a straight 6-3 6-1, 6-2 sets thrashing of Russia's Mikhail Youzhny.

Elena Dementieva will not be treading new ground though.

The Russian fifth seed, playing in her 46th consecutive Grand Slam tournament, surged past a limping Nadia Petrova 2-6, 6-2, 6-0 in a match played out in light rain. Dementieva, 28, runner-up at Roland

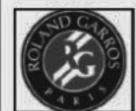
Garros in 2004, will contest her ninth Grand Slam singles semifinal on Thursday when she takes on another of the "late 20s" brigade Francesca Schiavone. Schiavone, at 29 the oldest player to in this

year's women's quarterfinals, had too much claycourt nous for Danish teenager Caroline Wozniacki, winning 6-2, 6-3 to become the first Italian woman in the Open era to reach the last four of a Grand Slam.

"Heart attack", was her succinct response when asked to describe her feelings. "I think in that moment you remember many things from when you were young. It is special because it is your space, your time, your opportunity."

Swedes hail Robin Hood

AFP, Stockholm



Swedish media on Wednesday hailed Robin Soderling's French Open

win over Roger Federer as a "super-sensation" which could lead to a second successive Roland Garros final for the player. "An epic exploit", "a super-

sensation" for "Robin Hood", said the tabloid Aftonbladet after Soderling's win over the defending champion, his first in 13 matches with the world number one.

"Thirteen, Robin's lucky number," was the headline in the Expressen.

"A sensational victory," said the Svenska Dagbladet, under a photograph of Soderling celebrating his 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 win in the quarterfinal.

brought an end to Federer's record, six-year run of 23 successive Grand Slam semifinals appearances.

Soderling's win came a year after he had sent fourtime champion Rafael Nadal, who was also defending champion, to a first defeat in Paris.

"The king has been dethroned by an audacious Swede, the world number

seven, who was neither unsettled by the hour-long rain delay nor the jeers of the crowd when he contested line calls," added the newspaper.

Expressen assured its readers: "Nobody could have The quarterfinal victory defeated Soderling in the last

Sweden's Davis Cup captain Thomas Enqvist told Aftonbladet: "I can't find the right words. Robin played a

fantastic match." Soderling, coached by compatriot, and 2000 French Open runner-up Magnus Norman, will face Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic for a place in the final.

Roger to move on

FROM PAGE 17

disappointing. And honestly, I don't look too deep into why I lost today. "For me, it's very clear, very

quickly. That's why I think I can move away from this rather fast and concentrate on the grass season coming up."

The quarterfinal loss meant the end of Federer's record of 12 wins in 12 meetings with the Soderling and, should Nadal triumph on Sunday, an end to his chances of equalling Pete Sampras's mark of 286 weeks as world number one.

"It was a great run. It started here when I lost to Kuerten back in '04. If then I

could have signed for all those semis in a row, I would have done it right away," added the 28-year-old.

"I've made incredible progress in terms of my play at the highest of level to be able to always come back and play semis after semis after semis in Slams and give myself

chances to win. Federer also insisted his European claycourt swing had been badly affected by the weather with the damp, heavy conditions here virtually identical to those he endured in early losses in Estoril and Rome in April.

His lack of serving strength also played a part in his defeat.

"I'm not blaming the conditions, but I think they were in his favour towards the end," explained Federer.

"These were serious, tough conditions. If you serve 225kmh, 230, you can still hit through the court on the serve.

"I may be lacking those 5 to 10ks extra on the serve to hit through a guy, but that's the way conditions are. I can't complain, because it was the same for both of us.

"But of course I'm disappointed to have lost three matches in the rain on clay this season -- in Estoril, in Rome, and now here again. So I just couldn't come up with the plays when I had to today."

Zidane starts a legacy **FROM PAGE 17** Even without Laurent Blanc, suspended

There was speculation his ailing knee had finally given out but then a different story emerged. Ronaldo had suffered had some form of fit while sleeping in his hotel room. Roommate Roberto Carlos had alerted doctors and worries over damage to his brain had led to his omission from the team-sheet. But when the teams lined up, a rather nervous Ronaldo was there -- at least in body. Rumours persist that he had been given a sedative by doctors and that team sponsor Nike, for whom Ronaldo was their leading endorsed player, had forced his inclusion. Whatever the truth, his zombified performance reflected a young man in turmoil who did not want to be playing.

Without him, Brazil looked lost and fell to a France side empowered by a rush of football fervour from the home support. Despite the errant efforts of hapless striker Stephane Guivarc'h in front of goal, the French still overpowered Brazil.

following a red card after a terrible piece of play-acting from Slaven Bilic in the semifinal, the defence easily smothered what few Brazilian attacks there were. Zidane, who had improved steadily as the tournament went on, reached a crescendo when, unmarked on both occasions, he headed in two identical goals from Emmanuel Petit corners. And though pivotal defender Marcel Desailly

was sent off for a horrible foul on Cafu in the 75th minute, France finished the stronger, eventually sealing their win with a breakaway goal from Petit. Brazil had been thrashed, their dreams of a fifth World Cup perhaps dying in Ronaldo's hotel room, but few could argue with the validity of France as winners.

Skipper Didier Deschamps lifted the trophy, fans partied on the Champs-Elysees and cycling perhaps became France's second favourite sport.

India blow for Asiad cricket

AFP, New Delhi

Regional powerhouse India will go unrepresented when cricket makes its debut at the Asian Games later this year, providing a body blow to the competition.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said on Tuesday it would not field the men's and women's teams at the November 12-27 Games in the Chinese city of Guangzhou due to prior commitments.

"We would not be able to send our team, both men and women, for the Asian Games in China because of international commitments," BCCI chief administrative officer Ratnakar Shettytoldreporters.

"We have communicated the same to the Indian Olympic Association."

India has huge cricket-mad television audiences, making the team an attractive proposition for any organiser. But the national side is due to host New Zealand in November.

There was no immediate comment from the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), which had earlier said that cricket was included only after the four Asian Test nations -- India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh -- promised to send their best teams to the Games.

"India and Pakistan were the drivers," OCA president Sheikh Ahmad Al-Sabah said in May last year while announcing that cricket's newest and popular Twenty20 format would be played at the Guangzhou Games."

1ST ROUND WINNERS

FIRST PRIZE Nurjahan Mim AR Memorial School,

Golapbagh

SECOND PRIZE Md. Abdul Qayyum 23 Golapbagh, Dhaka

THIRD PRIZE Nazmul Hasan

FOURTH PRIZE Morium Begum 75 Lake Circus, Kalabagan

Ka-131/Ga Khilkhet, Dhaka

Dhaka FIFTH PRIZE Monirul Hasan

F/43 Sher-e-Bangla Govt Quarters Agargaon, Dhaka

CORRECT ANSWERS

- Who scored the first-ever goal in World Cup history? Lucien Laurent
- Who is the highest scorer in World Cup history? Ronaldo
- What is the name of the official ball of the 2010 World Cup? Jabulani
- When did South Africa play their last World Cup? 2002
- Who is this player? Materazzi

A game **FROM PAGE 17**

1 Golf

4 Put

legend

Hogan

wrongly

Bonheur

(Abbr.)

gants'

seat

34 Scratch

eyes

snake's

35 Like a

23 "Peer

18 Monty

soil, face Cameroon, Netherlands and Denmark in Group E at the finals in South Africa beginning on June 11.

Ivory Coast are in Group G alongside Brazil, Portugal and North Korea.

SA seek clean sweep

Final ODI against WI today

Cricket

AFP, Roseau

South Africa enter the fifth and final one-day international against West Indies on Thursday at Queen's Park Oval, with a victory and a third straight clean sweep on Caribbean soil clearly in mind.

The South Africans lead the series 4-0, following a 66-run victory, under the Duckworth-Lewis Method, in the first ODI two Saturdays ago at the Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in Antigua, where they also won the second ODI by 17 runs last Monday.

The Proteas then won the third ODI by 67 runs last Friday at Windsor Park in Dominica, where they also completed a seven-wicket victory last Sunday. Five years ago, South Africa swept a five-

match rubber in the Caribbean, and when they hosted West Indies two years ago, they again nailed their opponents. The South Africans have not lost to West

the ICC Champions Trophy by six wickets with 36 balls to spare four Novembers ago. The results may suggest differently, but the Proteas have hardly played at their ruthless best, and their captain Graeme Smith would

Indies, since their hosts won the semifinal of

"We would love to win this last game," he said. "It may be difficult, since we have been playing back to back matches in sweltering heat, but I think the guys have handled themselves well in the conditions.

"We have not bowled and fielded as well as we would like, but we had a few days in between to regroup, and we will see what we want to do as a team.

Smith again emphasised that a clean sweep

in the ODI series would help to condemn his

side's failure in the preceding Twenty20 World Cup, which was staged in the Caribbean, to a bad, and distant memory, as well as help give the visitors some momentum going into a three-Test series over the next month. "For us, the players that comprise the limited-overs squad, it would restore a lot of confi-

dence in us, after we peformed so poorly in the T20World Cup," he said. Beleaguered West Indies have endured a tumultuous few days, following a fall-out between their captain Chris Gayle and

Sulieman Benn. Gayle controversially sent Benn off the field, when the beanpole left-arm spinner refused to follow a strategic move during South Africa's successful run chase in the fourth ODI, having delivered just four overs out of his maximum

allowance of 10. West Indies coach Ottis Gibson was on compassionate leave on Sunday to attend his grandmother's funeral in Barbados.

Mim has a refrigerator

like to finish strongly.

have been holding this competition successfully for more than a decade, and I feel proud to start this draw from the renowned BM College," said Hossain.

Captain of the Swadhin Bangla Football Dal Zakaria Pintoo himself was a student of BM College and he was the chief guest in the event.

golden old times of his playing days, he regretted the declining trend of today's football. "We used football as a tool

to raise public opinion during the War of Liberation in 1971. We played with a commitment for the country, but since those days regretfully our football has only taken backward steps," rued the legend-

ary footballer of the country. While reminiscing the "We need dedication and commitment to uplift the sport. Only money cannot change the picture," said Pintoo.

> The speakers cited the example of Musa Ibrahim, the first Bangladeshi to conquer Mount Everest, and said we should take inspiration from his achievement to take our football to the next stage.

Brazil brighten Harare

FROM PAGE 17

and Brazilian hearts pumped a little faster 10 minutes before half-time when star midfielder Kaka briefly clutched his right leg after a hard but fair challenge.

Left-back has been a problem position for Brazil since father time caught up with legend Roberto Carlos and Lyon man Bastos did his claims for a permanent place no harm by opening the scoring.

A free-kick outside the penalty area and right of the near post presented the opportunity and he notched his first international goal with an unstoppable shot that flew into the roof of the net.

If Zimbabwe suspected football gods can be

wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday. The event starts on Friday.

member

Johnny

Apple-

seed

26 Melody

27 Shooter

28 Pos-

ammo

sessed

29 Parched

need

output

34 Actress

35 Hollan-

daise

instrument 32 Brewery

25 Emulate

they failed to cut out a Maicon pass and Robinho brought his national team goal tally to 21 with a close-range shot.

a combative midfielder, rang the changes during the interval by introducing defenders Dani Alves and Luisao and midfielder Julio Baptista. Zimbabwe skipper Benjani Mwaruwari, a

Coach Dunga, a World Cup winner in 1994 as

doubtful starter for the biggest football fixture in the 30-year history of the nation, gave way early in the second half for Kingston Nkatha. Brazil were in cruise control and went three

goals ahead when Dani Alves burst into the penalty area and passed to Elano, who had all the time and space in the world to stroke the



Bangladesh Badminton Federation president Rubaba Dowla makse a point while addressing a press briefing in connection with the Citycell 30th National Badminton Championships at the newly built

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer **ACROSS** 3 Egg 24 Swarm

container

24-Down

4 Material

wealth

6 Dilbert's

work-

place

passes

8 Casino

supply

9 Reed

10 Arizona

city

ending

pfeffer,

abbr.

19 Hasen-

e.g.

11 List-

7 Sur-

5 Like

36 Atlantic City hot spot, with "The 37 Shade

47 First O,

to pyro-

technics

38 The together 8 Arrive well-to-do 12 Exist 45 Place 13 Top point 46 Sail 14 Assist support

15 Fleurmaybe 48 Probability de- — 16 Catchall 49 Vaulted abbr. recess 17 Parks or 50 Reaction

Hall's 51 Nuisance 52 Crystal show 21 Huge gazer 53 Expert amount 22 Navy rank

2 Ontario Gynt" neighbor writer 26 Toss in 27 Third Solution time: 27 mins. degree?

1 Good time

DOWN

30 Catcall? 31 Greek conso-H I S S M O W S A M E nants P E N N E W T O N
B E A U T W I M P S
O L D M A N Y E S 32 Tolerate 33 Congre-

ASPABAFT TOELOSER O L D S M O K E Y P E R E S

ALOEEVESOAR

37 "Steppen-**20** Moreover wolf 23 Mischieauthor vous tyke 38 Hoofbeat sound 39 Staffer 40 Cincinnati squad

> 41 Be slackjawed 42 Surmounting 43 A-line

creator M A I M S C O O
N E W J E R S E Y E R G
A D I O S I N N A T E
M O N T H T I C N A T 44 She loved Narcissus as much as he

did

12 13 16 17 15 19 20 22 24 28 32 34 35 31 Sleepover 39 43 45 Zetterling ingredient 52 36 Have faith

CRYPTOQUIP

KT ZYOUKGIMKRM RNOV WOBIR

YSMR ST NQJI WKRMOBIR

LIUTSUWKGJ, MNIG VNKYI

RQLLSRI OUMKI ZNSBIR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A CROSS BETWEEN A WARTY AMPHIBIAN AND A THICK-SKINNED

REPTILE MAY BE CALLED A CROAKODILE. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals O