



PHOTO: STAR

**Five-year-old Nurjahan Mim receives the first prize, an 8-CFT Toshiba refrigerator, of The Daily Star-Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2010 Round 1 from Rume Hossain (L), managing director of sponsors Rangs Industries Ltd, during a function at the corporate office of Rangs Industries in Eskaton yesterday. Also seen are Ahsanul Huq Chowdhury (2nd from L) and Munir Ahmed Khan (R), the chief financial officer and general manager of Rangs Industries respectively.**

# Serena moves with ease

REUTERS, London



Serena Williams does not care much for first-round dramas, especially at Wimbledon.

Since debuting in 1998, the American has only lost one set at the first hurdle and the 28-year-old defending champion was at it again on Tuesday as temperatures soared into the high 70s Fahrenheit at the All England Club.

For a while the world number one looked unlikely to concede a game against Portugal's Michelle Larcher de Brito but eventually had to make do with a 6-0, 6-4 victory after some gutsy resistance from a teenage opponent more well-known for her shrieking.

Serena, sporting a white tennis dress with bright red undershorts, smacked down 15 aces in a 63-minute workout which was as routine as men's defending champion Roger Federer's opening encounter was tortuous the previous day.

"I'm relieved to get through because she [Larcher de Brito] is really good player," Williams, who now has a 43-0 record in grand slam first rounds, said in a post-match interview. "It's great to be here, fit and healthy."

"Hopefully I'll play in front of the Queen [on Thursday] but also hopefully not because I might get a little bit nervous."

First Tuesday is traditionally Ladies Day at Wimbledon and the beautifully landscaped grounds of the world's most famous tennis club were liberally sprinkled with some eye-catching summer dresses as fans lapped up the sunshine.

## Usman first Muslim player for Australia

AFP, Sydney

Batsman Usman Khwaja became the first Muslim picked for an Australian Test squad Tuesday as selectors announced a 14-strong party for the two-match series against Pakistan, the country of his birth.

Left-handed Khwaja, 23, admitted feeling "shocked" after being brought in for the July Tests, which are to be played in England after being moved from Pakistan due to security concerns following last year's extremist attack on the Sri Lanka team.

### SQUAD

Ricky Ponting (captain), Michael Clarke (vice-captain), Doug Bollinger, Brad Haddin, Ryan Harris, Nathan Hauritz, Ben Hilfenhaus, Mike Hussey, Mitchell Johnson, Simon Katich, Usman Khwaja, Marcus North, Steven Smith, Shane Watson.



### ESPN

2010 FIFA World Cup  
Slovenia v England  
Live from 8:00pm  
Ghana v Germany  
Live from 12:30am (Thursday)

### STAR Sports

2010 FIFA World Cup  
United States v Algeria  
Live from 8:00pm  
Australia v Serbia  
Live from 12:30am (Thursday)

### STAR Sports & SuperSport5

Wimbledon Championships  
First Round  
Live from 5:00pm



Premier Div Hockey League  
Abahani v Azad SC  
Time: 2:30pm  
Usha KC v Mariner Youngs  
Time: 4:30pm  
Venue: Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium

## Facile win for Bima

SPORTS REPORTER

Sadharan Bima recorded a 2-0 win over Azad Sporting Club in the Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, Enamul Kabir gave Bima a lead in the 43rd minute while Shahidul Islam sealed the fate of the game in the 46th minute.

## Queen's Baton Relay held

SPORTS REPORTER

The Queen's Baton Relay ahead of this year's Commonwealth Games in India was held in the capital yesterday with huge enthusiasm among the sports personalities as well as the general people.

Some hundred participants riding on horse carriages, rickshaws and bicycles in a bid to keep the environment pollution-free took part in the relay that had started at the Army Stadium and ended at the South Plaza of Sangsad Bhaban.

Speaker of the Parliament Abdul Hamid received the Queen's Baton to hand over to Alka Lamba, member of the Commonwealth Games organising committee.

Bangladesh is the 69th destination to receive the baton, en route to Pakistan as the Baton Relay, similar to the Olympic Torch Relay, had started on October 29, 2009 from Buckingham Palace and it will end on the inaugural day of the 19th Commonwealth Games to be held on October 3-14 in New Delhi.

State minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarker, Bangladesh Olympic Association president and Army Chief Abdul Mubeen, BOA secretary general Kutubuddin Ahmed were present on the farewell of the Queen's Baton.

## Olympic Day Run held

SPORTS REPORTER

With festive mood at all five divisional headquarters including the capital, the Olympic Day Run was held yesterday with a slogan of move, learn and discover.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarker inaugurated the Run in Dhaka. It started at the Engineers' Institute in the morning and ended at the Bangabandhu National Stadium followed by a band show.

Later, a blood donation programme in association with Quantum Foundation was also held at the National Sports Council and ten donors were awarded air tickets of Dhaka-Kolkata-Dhaka through lottery.

Bangladesh Olympic Association president and Army Chief Abdul Mubeen, BOA secretary general Kutubuddin Ahmed, organising committee of the Olympic Day Run Mizanur Rahman Manu were also present on the occasion.

# Maharoor stars with hat-trick

AFP, Dambulla



Sri Lanka's Farveez Maharoor grabbed 5-42, including a hat-trick, as defending champions Sri Lanka defeated India by seven wickets in the last league match of the Asia Cup on Tuesday.

The two teams will clash again in Thursday's final of the four-nation event that also featured Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The right-arm seamer trapped Ravindra Jadeja leg-before, bowled Praveen Kumar and had Zaheer Khan caught behind off successive deliveries in his ninth over at the Rangiri stadium in Dambulla.

Dinesh Karthik, who flew in from Chennai to replace the injured Virender Sehwag, hit 40 off 43 balls after an opening stand of 58 with Gautam Gambhir.

Sri Lanka, who rested three frontline bowlers in Lasith Malinga, Nuwan Kulasekera and Muttiah Muralitharan, reduced India to 110-4 by the 23rd over.

Rohit Sharma (69) and skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni (41) retrieved the situation by adding 79 for the fifth wicket, before the Indian captain was run out.

Dhoni's dismissal triggered a collapse as India slipped from 189-4 to 189-8 in the space of four deliveries as Maharoor sliced through the lower order.

The hosts banked on 73 from skipper Kumar Sangakkara and an unbeaten half-century from deputy Mahela Jayawardene.

# Latinos rule World Cup

AFP, Bloemfontein

The powerhouses of European football are struggling to make an impact at the World Cup but amid their woes South American teams are building

up a formidable record. Brazil, Argentina and Chile started with two wins apiece and Uruguay and Paraguay have also impressed. In total they have racked up a formidable eight victories in 10 games

## Graceful exit for hosts

FROM PAGE 17

And the Bafana Bafana doubled their lead on 37 minutes when Katlego Mphela poked the ball past Hugo Lloris after France failed to clear.

France threw on Florent Malouda for Andre Pierre Gignac at the start of the second half but the momentum was with South Africa, with Steven Pienaar directing play from midfield and Tshabalala terrorising the French defence.

Early in the second half Mphela went desperately close to extending South Africa's lead after a pass from Tshabalala but it hit the woodwork with the goalkeeper beaten.

Djibril Cisse lashed a shot over from the edge of the penalty box moments before Thierry Henry was brought on to replace him.

Mphela, who looked increasingly dangerous, then forced Lloris into a save from the edge of the box as the atmosphere in the stadium reached fever pitch and South Africa seemed certain to add to their tally amid intense pressure.

But France shocked the crowd when Malouda scored with 70 minutes on the clock, making Bafana Bafana's task almost impossible and the French were able to take the sting out of the game despite being a man down.

In a desperate last push Tshabalala went close but South Africa's World Cup dreams were snuffed out.

To squeeze into the last 16, 1998 World Cup winners France and South Africa were hoping to win by a big margin and for a positive result from the Uruguay-Mexico match.

Both teams made sweeping changes to their starting line-ups as they went in search of goals.

Domenech left captain Patrice Evra out of the team following a bust-up over the expulsion of star striker Nicolas Anelka from the squad.

with two draws and not a single defeat.

But it's a different story for Europe. Most spectacularly of all, 1998 winners France have imploded amid recriminations following an opening draw with Uruguay and a miserable defeat to Mexico.

Euro 2008 champions Spain and three-times World Cup winners Germany have also tasted defeat while England have laboured to two draws and defending world champions Italy were held by lowly New Zealand.

Argentinian legend Maradona had a rough assessment for sides from Europe, where most of the world's top talent ply their trade.

"I'm a bit disappointed with France," Maradona said. "France is not having the best of times. The intrinsic value of the players in France should get them on a higher level."

But despite Spain's shock opening defeat to Switzerland, Maradona tipped them to come good. "Spain, I think they will do well. The way Spain started, they were coming to pick up the World Cup and we were all playing for second place.

"Italy, my God. It must be a huge scandal in Italy when they see that."

# Portugal's goal-fest

QUAZI ZULQUARNAIN ISLAM

Portugal went goal crazy, Spain quelled the doubters and Chile and Switzerland fought out an intriguing training exercise as the last day of round two matches drew to a close.

Cristiano Ronaldo bagged his first goal for Portugal in ages as the Western Europeans ran riot in a 7-0 hammering of North Korea to ensure they have a good chance of qualifying for the second round.

Although the North Koreans fielded an unchanged line-up for this game, the most notable thing was that they pushed forward far more than in their first game. Their wing-backs fulfilled more conventional roles rather than filling out as full-backs in a five-man defence; they got forward and formed triangles on the flanks with the outside central midfielders. For thirty minutes they held sway.

But as with the Brazil game, the key to unlocking North Korea was the full-backs.

Just as Maicon had raided down the right for Brazil,

Portugal's Fabio Coentrao was the brightest spark as he raided down the North Korean left. That allied with the fact that both Ronaldo and Simao moved far narrower than usual meant that the full-backs had even more space to exploit.

North Korea were tight for the early half-an-hour of the game, but soon after the first



goal went in, they seemed demoralised. Sadly for them, the more they pushed forward, the more gaps they left at the back, and the more goals they conceded. Almost every Portugal player aside from the centre-backs broke through the Korea defensive line at some point to meet a through-ball, and whilst 7-0 was harsh on Korea, it was a fairly accurate reflection of how easy it

# Federer feels lucky

AFP, London



Roger Federer said he felt his luck was finally in this season after he scraped into

the second round as he bids to win a record-equaling seventh men's Wimbledon title.

Federer made it through to a clash with Serbia's Ilija Bozoljac -- but only after being given a real fright by Colombia's Alejandro Falla.

The world number 60 won the first two sets and served for the match in the fourth in what was shaping up to be one of the biggest shocks in Wimbledon history.

But top seed Federer, who has not won a tournament since claiming the Australian Open title in January, said maybe lady luck was smiling on him at last this season. But the six-time champion recovered to win 5-7, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7/1), 6-0.

"It came as a bit of a shock and it's not something I was that prepared for, but you have to draw from experience and physical strength. I live to fight another day," the world number two said.

"I've lost many matches this season I should have won and today I won a match I should have lost."

"I think I've been unlucky enough already this season, so I needed one lucky match. We'll see how important it is, depending on the run I go on now."

"I've lost a few matches this season with match points, 7-5 or 7-6 in the third. This is definitely some kind of a match I kind of needed. You can't win them all when they're that close, because they're being played on a couple of points here or there."

"One thing for sure you can

do is push the luck on your side. That's not something I have been doing maybe enough the last few months. I'm happy I gave myself a chance. Maybe some think I should have never put myself in that position."

In a key game at 4-4 in the third set, the Colombian had three break points, but Federer pulled it back to deuce and served an ace for a 5-4 lead.

Federer had a break for set point when Falla hit a shot long, but the Colombian took it to deuce.

Federer had the advantage when Falla hit the net, and won the set with a cross-court forehand winner to start his comeback.

In the fourth set, Federer had a break point at 4-3 down but wasted it. The

was for Portugal when Korea played a higher line.

Portugal were superb. They played a tremendous brand of football organised in defence, resourceful with the ball in midfield, and devastatingly effective upfront. And as always, when Cristiano Ronaldo has a smile on his face, it can only be good news.

Elsewhere, the confounding standards of referees continued. Valon Behrami of Switzerland was sent off for an absolutely nothing challenge as the Swiss rearguard failed to turn in another clean sheet. They still broke the Italian record for the most minutes without conceding, even though Mark Gonzales finally broke their resistance with a late header. For their part, Chile deserved the win and again impressed with their

attacking, exciting brand of football. But they struggled to extend their advantage, despite clear superiority in both possession and territory. It might be astonishingly unlucky, but they might still go out despite two wins from two games.

In the day's final game, Spain got their title winning ship back on course with David Villa inspired brace against Honduras. Villa also hit the bar and missed a spot-kick in a fine performance in a new role; he was used as an inverted wing-forward out on the left, supporting Fernando Torres. The Liverpool man was disappointing and missed several good chances as the Spanish predictably passed the Hondurans to death in a strong but not outstanding performance.

Set up a free Ovi Mail account from your device and enjoy 1GB email storage space.

Ovi

Visit [www.ovi.com](http://www.ovi.com)

## Sagar now has eight points

SPORTS REPORTER

FM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar maintained his solo lead in the preliminary phase of the 36th National Chess Championship at the close of the tenth round at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall-room yesterday.

Sagar drew against FM Aminul Islam to secure eight points from 10 games.

Seven players -- FM Abu Sufian Shakil, FM Mehdi Hasan Parag, Aminul, FM Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon, Debaraj Chatterjee, Abdullah Al Saif and Mizanur Rahman were in second position with 7.5 points each.

## Mohakhali notch up third win

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohakhali XI recorded their third victory in the Basundhara Senior Division Football League with a 3-2 win over Uttar Baridhara Club at the Birsreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Karmul broke the deadlock for Mohakhali just three minutes before the lemon break but Swapan restored the margin in the 61st minute.

Seven minutes later, Kamrul again put Mohakhali ahead and saw the advantage canceled by an own goal from his teammate Liton in the 74th minute. Golap finally struck the decisive goal six minutes from time to help Mohakhali raise points to 10 from seven matches.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>36</b> Prompter's job	<b>2</b> Geological period	<b>23</b> Greenpeace subj.
<b>1</b> Corral	<b>37</b> Star of westerners?	<b>3</b> Cream-filled oblong	<b>25</b> Faucet problem
<b>4</b> Competent	<b>40</b> String bound	<b>4</b> Threw in	<b>26</b> Poison remedy
<b>8</b> Fancy plan, e.g.	<b>41</b> Spell-bound	<b>5</b> Keg contents	<b>27</b> Middy
<b>12</b> Roth action	<b>42</b> Wallet	<b>6</b> Fond du —	<b>28</b> RuPaul's costuming
<b>13</b> Trans-action	<b>46</b> Anger	<b>7</b> Wapiti	<b>30</b> Basoon's cousin
<b>14</b> Took the bus	<b>47</b> Urban disturbance	<b>8</b> Ghost	<b>33</b> Trained relentlessly
<b>15</b> Old-fashioned music player	<b>48</b> Chemical element with the shortest name	<b>9</b> Sharpen	<b>34</b> Browse the Web
<b>17</b> Unsigned (Abbr.)	<b>49</b> Raised	<b>10</b> Pedestal occupant	<b>36</b> Indianapolis team
<b>18</b> Above	<b>50</b> Helps	<b>11</b> Fix	<b>37</b> Zinger
<b>19</b> Relinquish	<b>51</b> Schedule abbr.	<b>12</b> Tied	<b>38</b> Culture medium
<b>20</b> Bound bundles		<b>19</b> Tibetan herd	<b>39</b> Venetian magistrate
<b>22</b> Accomplishment	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>20</b> Mediocre opera	<b>40</b> Oaf
<b>24</b> Debtor's worry	<b>1</b> Pendulum site	<b>21</b> Verdi	<b>42</b> Push-up provider?
<b>25</b> Sailor, often		<b>22</b> Senses	<b>43</b> Square root of IX

Solution time: 25 mins.

GLAD	AMA	WHEW
AIDE	LAV	AURA
REAM	BRA	TSAR
BUREAU	TICK	
ATM	MACHINE	
PRONE	CRY	NIX
RAPS	PJS	UGLI
EVE	DUO	ONSET
PINN	NUMBERS	
DEEP	REFAST	
OBOE	KEN	EVER
ROOD	ITS	NERO
BARIS	NAT	TRAY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15			16					17		
		18					19			
20	21					22	23			
24				25				26	27	28
29				30				31		
32			33					34		
				35			36			
37	38	39				40				
41				42	43				44	45
46				47				48		
49				50				51		

### CRYPTOQUIP

AI TI TVVDLXV VP BPWOD  
VJD TMV VJADODB QMALDB,  
A I O D B V A K T V P M B T M D  
XWTIIAIK VP QTIOTB VJD TMDT.

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** IF A FASHIONABLE YOUNG STUDENT IS THE ENERGETIC TYPE, I GUESS HE COULD BE A PEPPY PREPPY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals T