

WHAT'S YOUR SECRET? CAB coaching director Dav Whatmore talks to Shakib Al Hasan at the BCB offices at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday. The former Bangladesh coach, who was in town to catch a return flight to Kolkata after the Under-17 series, congratulated Shakib on "all that he has done" and spent a long time chatting with the all-rounder.

## Proteas bat ahead

AFP, Dubai

South Africa held the upper hand in the first Test against Pakistan after paceman Morne Morkel grabbed five wickets and off-spinner Johan Botha took three on the third day at the Dubai Stadium on

at stumps to increase their overall lead to 271 with eight wickets in hand and a deteriorating pitch which is likely to take spin and have low bounce

Jacques Kallis, on 32, were unbeaten at stumps after Morkel (5-54) and Botha (3-61) helped South Africa wrap up Pakistan's first innings on 248,

ened South Africa's position during their unfinished 63-

Sunny Dhaka

ensured Arif had the base to

work on as they added 93 for

advantage of their experience

as the innings of Riyad and

Sunny reflected. It wasn't the

same for Barisal though as

they depended on team unity

and individual brilliance.

Nafees, in the post-match

ceremony, urged the Bang-

ladesh Cricket Board directors

to improve facilities in the

"I would like to request the

board directors present here

to please take a look at

cricketing facilities and

improve the situation for us in

Barisal," said Nafees to a huge

England in the semi-finals was

also the best figures for a

bowler in international lim-

Gilmour also took a five-

wicket haul in the final for

Australia, though they lost the

West Indies captain Clive

Lloyd was the first batsman to

hit a century in a World Cup

final and also the first captain

Viv Richards, while not

making much with the bat,

converted three run outs out

of five in the Australian

innings, that ran up to 8:40pm

The full attendance was

26,000 and the paying crowd

produced receipts of £66,950,

a record for a one-day match

Kawsar Rony finished 36th

and 51st respectively among

52 shooters in the women's

10m air pistol event. Armin

shot 369 points while Rony

Nadimul Islam and Iqbal

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results in the men's 10m air

pistol. Nadimul and Iqbal

finished 42nd and 44th among

50 competitors in the qualify-

ing round scoring 557 and 555

In swimming, Kamal

game to the West Indies.

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division.

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run stand for the third wicket to pile pressure on their rivals. South Africa got off to

another confident start of 47 before Graeme Smith (34) and Alviro Petersen (26) fell victim to questionable umpiring decisions by Sri Lankan umpire Asoka de Silva. Petersen fell in the last over

before tea, adjudged legbefore to left-arm spinner Abdul Rehman, while Smith was given leg-before when he tried to sweep against Saeed Ajmal's off-spin, but television replays showed the ball missing the off-stump. Smith, who made 100 in the

first innings, also became the second highest scorer for South Africa in all Test cricket, when on 20 he overhauled former opener Gary Kirsten's tally of 7289 (101 Tests).

Smith, playing his 87th Test, is behind Kallis who has scored 11199 in 141 Tests before his second knock in this match.

In the morning session

South Africa staged a remarkable fightback.

Morkel, who registered his third five-wicket haul in his 27th Test, built on Botha's three wickets in the first session, removing Azhar Ali (56), Rehman (one), Wahab Riaz (five) and Saeed Ajmal (two) with the second new ball.

Ali fought a lone battle, hitting five boundaries during his defiant 172-ball knock.

Botha had dismissed Younis Khan (35), skipper Misbah-ul-Haq (nine) and Umar Akmal (four) in 38 balls to derail Pakistan who resumed the day at 144-2. South Africa piled on the

pressure with five close-in fielders to keep the batsmen in check and the tactic paid off as Botha induced Younis to drive uppishly towards short midwicket, where AB de Villiers pulled off a diving catch.

Younis, playing his first Test since July last year because of a disciplinary ban, hit three

Misbah, leading Pakistan for the first time, also fell victim to close-in fielding when a Botha delivery turned sharply and the ensuing edge was picked off by a diving Amla at short-leg.

Umar played a reckless shot trying to loft Botha over long-off but got a leading edge towards point where Steyn took a simple catch before Morkel destroyed the tail-end. The second Test starts in

Abu Dhabi from November 20. SCORES IN BRIEF

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 380 (Smith 100, Petersen 67, Amla 80, Kallis 73; Gul 3-100, Rehman 3-101, Riaz 2-61, Ajmal 2-95)

PAKISTAN: First innings 248 (Hafeez 60, Umer 42, Younis 35, Azhar 56, Akmal 10, Gul 12 not out; Morkel 5-54, Botha 3-61) SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings 139 for 2 (Petersen 26, Smith 34, Amla 44 not out, Kallis 32 not out)

# China dominate Day 2

AFP, Guangzhou



South Korean swimming superstar Park Tae-Hwan powered back to his best at the Asian Games on Sunday, but China dominated once again with another 17 gold medals.

The Games saw their first world records with Chinese weightlifter Li Ping setting new marks in the women's -53kg

Li snatched 103kg to beat the previous best of 102kg set by Ri Song-Hui of North Korea at the 2002 Busan Asiad.

The 22-year-old's best clean and jerk of 127kg was enough to see her rack up a combined total of 230kg to break the previous aggregate best of 226kg set by compatriot Qiu Hongxia in October 2006.

The records complete a hattrick for Li, who already held the world record for the clean and jerk of 129kg set in April 2007.

Kazakh teenager Chinshanio Zulfiya, the 2009 world champion, took silver with Olympic champion Prapawadee Jaroenrattanatarakoon of Thailand claiming bronze.

Li's victory helped the Chinese juggernaut rumble on from where it left off on the opening day.

gold, ahead of South Korea (13) and Japan (8). In a first, Macau won its first gold medal ever, in wushu.

The hosts dominated dance sport, collected five of the six titles in the pool and also tasted success in wushu, track cycling and canoe/kayak.

But it wasn't all one-way traffic with Park winning his nation's first gold in the pool, breaking his own Asian record in the 200 metres freestyle.

The Olympic 400m freestyle gold medallist never looked troubled, touching in 1:44.80 to shave 0.05sec off his own record set in 2008.

China's Sun Yang, ranked number one in the world in the men's 1,500m freestyle, finished second in 1:46.25, with Japan's Takeshi Matsuda taking the bronze in 1:47.73. "I'm satisfied with the performance

because I broke my record," said a clearly overjoyed Park, who won three gold, a silver and three bronze medals at the 2006 Asian Games in Doha. "China is a special place for me, I did

well at the Beijing Olympics and tonight I won a gold medal, my first Guangzhou Asian Games gold." But China again set the standard,

discovering a new star in 14-year-old Ye Shiwen who announced her arrival by streaking clear to win the women's 400m individual medley.

The teenager touched in 4:33.79, more They now top the medal table with 36 than four seconds clear of better-known compatriot Li Xuanxu with Taiwan's ChengWan-jung taking bronze.

"This is the first time that I have won a gold medal at such a big event, so it means a lot to me and a lot to my family," she

Japan had a lean day, but did win the men's triathlon when Yuichi Hosoda completed the 1.5km swim, 40km bike

race and 10km run in 1hr 52min 13sec. It was the Koreans who came good on the shooting ranges, winning four-out-offour gold, including two by eight-months

pregnant Gim Yun-Mi. They also captured the imagination on the cycling track with Jang Sun-Jae winning his fourth Asian Games career title.

"In qualifying I broke the Asian Games record," said Jang after winning the the individual pursuit.

"And today in the first round I did it again, one second faster. In the final I tried to break it for a third time but didn't make it. Anyway I was confident I would get the gold." While fans have turned up to the swim-

bers, other venues have been mostly bare despite Guangzhou having a teeming population of at least 10 million. This was evident at cricket's international debut in China on Saturday

ming, weightlifting and shooting in num-

despite claims that all tickets had been sold out. "It was definitely not a nice feeling to

see empty stands for what was a historic moment," Asian Cricket Council spokesman Shahriar Khan told AFP.

assault on the year-end ATP

"There were two pretty

"We could have had a

World Tour Finals in London.

extrordinary matches today,

Llodra-Federer final and it

turned into a Monfils-

Soderling final. What's disap-

pointing is that I was in control

of the situation with a break up

of the match points I had the

whole court open and I could-

"Of course it hurts. On one

said Federer.

in the third set.

### Big win for Pakistan

AFP, Guangzhou

Off-spinner Sana Gulzar took four wickets for just eight runs as Pakistan crushed Thailand in their Asian Games women's cricket opener on Sunday.

After Thailand had been restricted to 49 all out, Pakistan cruised to an eight wicket victory in just 8.3 overs to hammer home their credentials as gold medal favourites. The Thais lost their last

eight wickets for just 23 runs with opener Siwaporn Kosathong the only player to reach double figures with 10. Fast bowler Marina Iqbal

and spinner Nida Rashid claimed two wickets each.

In reply, Fatima Abidi and Bismah Maroof saw Pakistan to victory after Rashid (21) and Javeria Wadood (19) had put on 42.

Pakistan will tackle hosts China in their next match.

#### Lahm still

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With Bayern 15 points behind league leaders Dortmund before Sunday's home game against Nuremberg, Lahm says the defending champions can still catch Dortmund.

"The team (Dortumund) are playing very well, but they are very young," said Lahm.

"I would be really afraid if Bayer Leverkusen or Werder Bremen were 15 points ahead of us."

#### McClaren

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works and what he does, I am sure he will bring great things to the club.

communication between the coach and the players, the

Under McClaren, England failed to qualify for the finals of Euro 2008 and is the first English manager to coach in the Bundesliga.

#### Monfils shocks Federer appeared his for the taking and when the Swiss superstar must now steel himself for an netted a forehand at 7-8 down

Tennis

AFP, Paris Gael Monfils stunned top seed

Roger Federer 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 to reach the ATP Paris Masters final on Saturday, after Robin Soderling had edged Michael Llodra in an equally epic tie. Monfils, the French 12th

seed, fought back from 4-1 down in the third set to reach the final at the Bercy arena for the second year in succession, following his defeat by Novak Djokovic last year. The Frenchman will bid to

win his first Masters title against fourth seed Soderling, who is also yet to win a Masters event, after the Swede ended unseeded Llodra's fairytale run with a 6-7, 7-5, 7-6 victory. Monfils had lost all five of

his previous meetings with world number two Federer, but he took a well contested first set in the tie-break. The second set was every bit

as tight as the first, but Federer managed to level the match after sweeping his way imperiously through the tie-break.

The game appeared up for Monfils in the third set as he fell 4-1 down, but the world number 14, roared on by a typically boisterous Bercy crowd, dug deep to see off five match points and scrap his way into the final. "I went to the limits of

myself," said a jubilant and exhausted Monfils. "I feel better and better as

the tournament goes on. I ran out of juice a little bit at the start of the third set but the fans were there, they pushed me and I kept believing."

a Paris Masters final, was guilty of several uncharacteristic errors when the match

n't put it in, a bit like Llodra in his match." Earlier, two-time French Open finalist Soderling had to save three match points at 5-6 down in the third set, with Llodra notably netting a forehand when the Swede was at the net and the court was at his Federer, who is still to reach mercy. Llodra had never previously gone beyond the third round at a Masters event but he fought back to level from 5-2 down in the decisive tie-break, as a

roller-coaster encounter reached crescendo after two hours and 49 minutes. "My God, tennis is frustrating!" said 30-year-old Llodra, who along with Monfils is a

member of the France team set to take on Serbia in the Davis Cup final on December 3-5. "But there you go, I have nothing to reproach myself for.

I tried, I gave everything, I wasn't far away and even though I'm disappointed, there's still a great opportunity in the Davis Cup final.

Despite the pain of defeat the left-hander could console himself with the satisfaction of having produced arguably the best tennis of his career.

Having already beaten world number three Djokovic and world number 11 Nikolay Davydenko en route to the semifinals, he thrilled the Bercy crowd with his throwback style on Saturday.

## "There is no problem of messages are clear." France's Gael Monfils exults after winning against Switzerland's Roger Federer during their Paris Masters semifinal in Paris on Saturday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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## Cricket

South Africa reached 139-2

as the game progresses. Hashim Amla, with 44, and

gaining an overall lead of 132. Kallis and Amla strength-

## SL aim to keep it up

## Dhaka, finally, took full

Sri Lanka are determined to maintain their Test supremacy over the West Indies in

Sri Lanka won their last two home Test series against the West Indies in 2001 and 2005 and Sangakkara said they were keen to keep their unbeaten record.

who have won nine of their 16 Tests at the venue. They lost three and drew four matches. "We are determined and pretty confident that we have

"You can't go to the last two Test series [in Sri Lanka]. They are a different side and we are a different side. We don't have the likes of paceman Chaminda Vaas and off-spinner

"The key will be how our bowlers perform and at the same time the batsmen need to put a big score on the

AFP, Galle

their three-match series starting in Galle on Monday, skipper Kumar Sangakkara

said Sunday.

Galle has been a happy hunting ground for Sri Lanka,

the players to do that (maintain the record)," Sangakkara told reporters, while cautioning against overconfidence.

Muttiah Muralidaran [both retired).

board." Sri Lanka will be playing in Galle without Muralidaran,

He also played a major role in many of his team's wins at the

But Sangakkara said his

on the West Indies.

said Sangakkara.

one-day series in Australia. "That was one-day cricket, but winning habits are good. Now it's a five-day game. Batting and bowling in long partnerships are always going to be the key in Test cricket,"

said Sangakkara. "They (the West Indies) are determined to make a mark. They have got good fast bowlers and we look at them as a tough opposition. We are just going to try and concentrate on playing as best as we can."

### Siddikur's brilliant Sweden who turned pro in

play was stopped due to thunderstorm and bad light. Siddik's 7-under par was the best performance of the 4th

round so far and was highly appreciated by all quarters. "I'm happy to play well in the 4th round and thanks to almighty Allah to make me able to put up a good fight to

Siddik started the 4th round from back nine and scored birdies in seven birdies to go 7-under Par.

compete with the elites",

Siddik said after the day's play.

Hossain finished 25th out of "It was an amazing perfor-34 swimmers in the 100m breaststroke with a timing of mance and I was awed by his 31.16 seconds at the Aoti brilliance," said Siddik's 30under, one shot ahead of South year pair Peter Hedblom of Korea's Kang Kyung-Nam.

First Test against WI starts today Cricket who retired in July with a world-record 800 Test wickets.

> team had spinners in Suraj Randiv, Rangana Herath and Ajantha Mendis who were capable of keeping pressure

"Of course, we don't have Murali but we have three spinners who have been very impressive. The more they play the stronger they become. I think the Sri Lankan spin is in very good hands,'

"Randiv has become the main spinner in the squad, while Herath is an experienced bowler who has done a great job for us. We expect

Mendis to come back very strongly." Sri Lanka looked confident ahead of the Test, having recently clinched a maiden

pair of Siddik in the 4th round ing. was impressed with his determination "You need a lot of courage and determination to fight back in such a way to make it almost to the leader board from very bottom, I'm happy

1988. Gareth Maybin, another

to play with him and learned a few things as well" Meanwhile, overnight leader Adam Scott of Australia for his second crown and also extended his lead, picking up three more shots to go 17-under with 10 holes left to play on Monday. Defending champion Ian Poulter lies second at 14-

West Indies captain Darren Sammy said Sri Lanka's oneday series win in Australia would be a motivation for the

The West Indies have so far played six Tests in Sri Lanka,

losing five and drawing one. "You saw Sri Lanka just won in Australia where they had never won (a one-day series). It's an opportunity for the guys to use this as a motivation and go out there and be

competitive and consistent," said Sammy. "The guys are confident and each player knows the task ahead. It has not been easy to beat Sri Lanka at home. Not only the West Indies, but other

teams also have found it diffi-The West Indies skipper said his team were ready to

face the Sri Lankan challenge. "The guys have really worked hard and I've no doubt we are ready to go out there and face the challenge,"

#### said Sammy. "We have seen in the last few series in Sri Lanka that batsmen have put runs on the board. It's also a place where the ball spins and we have taken that into consideration.'

Vettel youngest FROM PAGE 17 the earlier stop of Webber. However the move proved disastrous as he was held up throughout the remainder of the race by Vitaly Petrov of

Spain's double world

champion finished seventh

ahead of Webber, whose own

race was equally disappoint-

Renault.

Twenty-three-year-old German Vettel was de facto race leader from start to finish and did not put a foot wrong, while a pitstop 0.6s quicker than that of another title rival Lewis Hamilton ensured he would not be challenged for the win.

held up for the majority of the race by an impressive Renault, with Robert Kubica kept out until lap 47 before his solitary pitstop. Vettel disappeared up the

The Briton was an outsider

road to claim a first world title.

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