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The first day of the BTI

Professional Golf Cham-

pionship ended yesterday

At the end of the day's

play, Bangladesh golfing

sensation Siddikur Rahman

predictably leads the table

with a score of six under

par, while Shakhawat

Hossain with five under

par and Jamal Hossain,

another rising golf upstart,

with three under par are

placed second and third

are taking part in the tour-

nament, including

Siddikiur and Jamal. Also

competing are Indian

Professional Tour qualifi-

ers Mohammad Syum,

Shakhawat Hossain Sohail,

Lutfunnessa

Lutfunnessa Haq Bakul, a

former hurdler and

National Sports award

winner, died of cardiac

arrest on Saturday night at

the Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujib Medical Hospital at

Bakul, who left behind

two sons and a number of

well-wishers, was laid to rest

at Azimpur Graveyard after

her namaj-e-janaja was held

at Sultana Kamal Women

Sports Complex where she

served as a general secretary

on the track and field and

created a record in the 80m

hurdles in the 1960s during

the Pakistani regime. Her

longstanding record was

broken by Rawshan Akter

Chobi, another Bangla-

Bakul was awarded the

National Sports award in

1978 and the hurdler also

played a key role in holding

sports at educational insti-

tutes when she was assistant

director and deputy director

Olympic Association,

Bangladesh Football

Federation, Bangladesh

Handball Federation,

Bangladesh Athletics

Federation and state min-

ister for youth and sports

Ahad Ali Sarker expressed

their deepest sympathies

to the members of the

deceased's family.

High-ups of Bangladesh

of the Education Ministry.

Bakul was a good athlete

Haq passes

The tournament will

and Liton Howlader.

run till January 5.

away

the age of 70.

for a long time.

deshi athlete.

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54 professional golfers

respectively.

at the Kurmitola Golf Club.

Participants of the BTI Professional Golf Championship pose for photographs during the inaugural ceremony at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

Kallis fights SA back

Cricket

AFP, Cape Town

A solid half-century by Jacques Kallis held South Africa together on the first day of the third and final Test against India at Newlands yesterday. Kallis (63 not out) and Ashwell Prince (19 not out) took the hosts to 202 for four when the report was last filed, after the visitors put on a spirited display with the ball.

Earlier, an aggressive half-century by Hashim Amla enabled South Africa to fight back on a rain-shortened first day after Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni sent them in to bat under a heavily overcast sky.

Only nine overs were bowled in the morning. A further 12 overs after lunch came before the players had to leave the field because of bad light. By that time, opening batsmen Graeme Smith and Alviro Petersen had both been dismissed.

Amla (59) took the fight to the Indian bowlers when the players returned after a 27-minute break, hitting Zaheer Khan for three boundaries in four balls.

Amla and Jacques Kallis put on 72 for the third wicket in 15 overs before Amla played one attacking shot too many, top- Sreesanth 1-50, Sharma 1-18)

Borren to lead

Netherlands in

ICC World Cup

Peter Borren has been

named captain of the

Netherlands' squad on

Saturday for the 2011

World Cup. It will be his

first World Cup as captain.

The side includes an

uncapped player - seamer

Berend Westdijk - and

six players who will be

playing in their first

National selector Darrin

Murray said he was happy

with the progress the

Netherlands have made

over the last year. "Recent

series have shown we have

made progress in one-day

cricket, and we will be

looking to continue this

form during the Cricket

Peter Borren (captain),

Wesley Baressi, Mudassar

Bukhari, Atse Buurman

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Grooth, Alexei Kervezee,

Bradley Kruger, Bernard

Loots, Adeel Raja, Pieter

Seelaar, Eric Swarczynski,

Ryan Ten Doeschate,

Berend Westdijk, Bas

Reserves: Tom Heggleman,

Andrew Hoogstraten,

Abahani beat

have a toothless attack

until veteran Alfaz Ahmed

replaced Abadullah Parvez

on the half-hour mark and

the game sped up with

Awudu Ibrahim releasing a

well-judged cross from the

right for Frank, who

headed the cross home just

Ibrahim, who struck a

hattrick in the Federation

before the lemon break.

from time.

Muhammad Kashif

World Cup.

World Cup."

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edging a ball from Sree Sreesanth to Cheteshwar Pujara at deep midwicket.

He made his runs off 80 balls with eight fours and a hooked six off Sreesanth which raised his half-century.

With the series locked at one-all, play started on time despite early morning rain. Dhoni called correctly for the first time in the series and followed the exam ple of Smith in the first two Tests by sending his opponents in on a pitch which looked greener than usual for Newlands.

Petersen made a confident start by hitting two boundaries in Sreesanth's first over, a clip to the square leg boundary followed by an off-drive for four when Sreesanth over-pitched.

The left-armed Khan gave both batsmen problems, however, bowling a probing length and making the ball move both

He got his reward when Smith played around a delivery which struck him on the back pad to win a leg before wicket decision from umpire Simon Taufel. Smith was out for six.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 125 for 3 at tea (Petersen 21, Amla 59, Kallis 22 not out, De Villiers 14 not out; Zaheer1-52,

Schools football

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Masum slammed eight goals to power A Latif Charitable School to a massive 10-1 win over Shaheed Kazi Aref High School in the Ashiyan City Dhaka Metropolis School Football tournament at Sadek Hossain Khoka ground yesterday.

Apart from Masum's eight goals, Rijon and Razibul scored one goal apiece for the winners while Refat netted the consolation for the losers.

In the day's other matches, BAF Shaheen School routed Rajuk Uttara Model School 7-1, Islambagh Ashraf Ali High School blanked Nahar International School 5-0, Dolairpar High School routed Narinda Govt. High School 4-1, Milan Academy thrashed Segun Bagicha High School 3-1, St Joseph High School defeated Rahmatullah Model High School 3-0, Govt. Science School and College defeated Wills Little Flower School 3-1 in tiebreaker and Agargao Adarsha High School beat BAF Shaheen English Medium School 3-2, also in a tiebreaker.

I didn't have time

FROM PAGE 16

But when they lost quick wickets, our body language changed. I realised what teamwork is, everyone giving more than 100 per cent.

Before the Pakistan match, Wasim Akram told me that he would take me around the town after the game. Just as he promised, he came to our dressing room afterwards but we were so busy celebrating, I did not have any time to go with him. I remember this incident all the time.

DSS: Any World Cup memory that was frustrating? AK: The sacking of Gordon to be.

Greenidge just after the

I think whatever hapand it was just a poor place

where City striker Carlos Tevez missed a subsequent penalty.

fans on Friday after criticising their lack of support following the Wolves match, saw his side fall behind when Bolton's Kevin Davies headed in Matt Taylor's free-kick shortly before half-time.

the second half when Steven Gerrard fed Fernando Torres and the Spain striker

Cup final, also hit the volleyed home. woodwork six minutes

turned in a Maxi Rodriguez centre.

West Ham took a fortunate lead when Frederic Piquionne's cross went in off the knee off Wolves defender Ronald Zubar in the 51st minute at Upton Park before Freddie Sears sealed victory 11 minutes from time.

Stoke left Everton looking over their

Sunderland won 3-0 at home to

Pride on the line

Fifth and final Ashes Test starts today

Cricket

REUTERS, Sydney

The fate of the Ashes was decided last week in Melbourne but with the series and a huge amount of pride still on the line, neither Australia or England are calling this week's fifth Test in Sydney a dead rubber.

For England, with the Ashes already checked in for the journey home for the first time in 24 years, it is a chance to show their ruthlessness as they continue on a path they hope will take them to the very top of the world game. For an Australian team under the

temporary captaincy of Michael Clarke, it is an opportunity to put behind them the annus horribilis of 2010 and make a new start in a new year with a morale-boosting victory to level the series at 2-2.

defeat in Perth sandwiched between the innings triumphs in Adelaide and Melbourne was fresh enough for England captain Andrew Strauss to reissue his anti-complacency edict on Sunday, and warn against a backlash.

"Sometimes it can be a bit of a release knowing that you've got nothing to lose anymore," he said. "So I think we're quite conscious of

Australia coming back at us pretty hard this week and if there are any weaknesses to be exposed, it's important we do that."

injured Ricky Ponting on his home ground, the memory of Perth offers hope to a team including new caps Usman Khawaja and Michael Beer.

FRESHLOOK

England were the last visitors to win a Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground at the end of the 2002-03 Ashes tour -they lost the series 4-1 -- and Australia have since won nine of the 10 matches at the ground.

Ponting played in all nine and his absence from the Australian team for the first time since 2004 because of a fractured finger gives Khawaja a chance to become the first Muslim to wear the baggy green cap.

The debut of the freescoring Pakistan-born lefthander gives a The memory of the humbling fresh look to an Australian team which Clarke hopes can draw a line under the humiliation of failing to regain the Ashes.

The Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) is the most spin-friendly of the five Australian Ashes venues, which could mean another chance for England's off-spinner Graeme Swann to shine.

"I don't think it's going to rag all Bresnan, Chris Tremlett.

over the place, but definitely over the last couple of days he's going to come into it more," said Strauss.

"I think his spell in Melbourne in For Clarke, standing in for the the second innings was fantastic and if he bowls anything like that he's going to be a handful." SPINNINGWEAPON

> Beer is a secret spinning weapon. So secret, most Australians had never heard of him before he was selected in the squad for the Perth Test.

The left-armer gets his chance after two Tests as 12th man but will have no local knowledge in his armoury as he had never been inside the SCG before Saturday's training session.

As usual, England will announce their team just before the start of Monday's first day (2330 GMT Sunday) with Tim Bresnan hoping to retain his place among the seamers ahead of Steve Finn.

TEAMS

AUSTRALIA: Shane Watson, Phillip Hughes, Usman Khawaja, Michael Clarke (captain), Mike Hussey, Steve Smith, Brad Haddin, Mitchell Johnson, Peter Siddle, Ben Hilfenhaus, Michael Beer.

ENGLAND: Andrew Strauss, Alastair Cook, Jonathan Trott, Kevin Pietersen, Paul Collingwood, Ian Bell, Matt Prior, Graeme Swann, James Anderson, Tim

Strauss warns his charges there are other reasons for desperate to avoid. The well here this week."

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Skipper Andrew Strauss on Sunday warned his England team against easing off in the final Ashes Test with Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Monday.

The tourists have already secured the Ashes, but need to win or draw the fifth Test to become the first England team in 24 years to claim a series in Australia.

England outplayed Australia in heavy defeats in Adelaide and Melbourne to lead the series 2-1 while Australia won the third Perth Test and the first Brisbane Test was drawn. Strauss said he is wary of

his team feeling they have done their job going into the final Test. He said a defeat would

be disappointing in a series which the tourists have largely dominated.

"It's one of the challenges on the last game of the tour when you think about getting on the plane and seeing your family," Strauss told reporters.

"We're not in that position at the moment but

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us not to take our eye off the ball in this Test match and it's important we don't

you as a side. This one, in particular, because the Ashes are coming home and it's easy to take your foot off the pedal.

guys have been excellent in practice but we need to transfer that to the pitch. "It's a challenge for us

"Every Test is a test for and I'd be very disappointed if we don't respond well to that challenge. "After Melbourne, I

think it would leave a bit of a bitter taste in the mouth "That's something I'm if we weren't able to play Strauss said unease

about his players' mental approach to the final Test was the only concern he has had on a smooth tour where fringe players, Chris Tremlett and Tim Bresnan, have risen to the challenge as replacements for Stuart Broad and Steven Finn.



PHOTO: AFP Spain's world number one Rafael Nadal bites the winner's trophy after beating Swiss icon Roger Federer in the Mubadala World Tennis Championship final in Abu

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Nadal annexes Abu Dhabi title AFP, Abu Dhabi

World number one Rafael Nadal claimed his first title of the year when he battled past Swiss ace Roger Federer to win the Mubadala World Tennis Championship exhibition tournament here on Saturday.

The Spaniard needed two tie-breaks before coming through 7-6 (7/4), 7-6 (7/3) against world number two Federer.

The rivalry between the two tennis icons is set to continue next week when they compete in the Qatar

Swede Robin Soderling won his third-place playoff against Czech Tomas

Berdych 6-4, 7-6 (7/3). Dhabi on Saturday. CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A PERSON WINS DESPITE EVERYBODY'S BEST PREDICTIONS, IS THAT A CONTRADICTORY VICTORY? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals L

Cole keeps Liverpool

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At Eastlands, Adam Johnson's 34thminute goal proved decisive in a match

Hodgson, who apologised to Liverpool

However, Liverpool were level early in

They then snatched victory when Cole

1999 campaign ended; he was such a good coach. But above everything, the 2003 World Cup was the worst possible experience in my cricket career.

pened in 2002 and 2003 pulled Bangladesh back a long way. Inept coaches like Trevor Chappell and Mohsin Kamal did a lot of damage. I went to the 2003 World Cup as Mashrafe's replacement and I saw that it was a mess: nobody would talk to one another

shoulders following a 2-0 win secured by Kenwyne Jones's first half header and Phil Jagielka's 69th minute own-goal.

Blackburn Rovers after first half goals from Danny Welbeck and England striker Darren Bent were topped off by Asamoah Gyan's 89th minute effort.