



Sri Lanka pace bowler Dhammika Prasad (2nd from L) salutes wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara for holding onto a nick offered by misfiring England batsman Kevin Pietersen (C), who was dismissed for 5, in the fifth and final one-dayer at Old Trafford in Manchester yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Mukund learns from father

AFP, Roseau

India opener Abhinav Mukund said a piece of sage advice from his father and his ability to cope with short-pitched bowling have helped him on the current trip to the Caribbean. The left-hander scored 62 to help India to 308 for six at stumps on Day Three of the third Test against the West Indies on Friday at Windsor Park, giving them a first innings lead so far of 104. Mukund, playing in only his third Test, was relieved to pass 50 for the first time. "I have played a lot on matting pitches while I was growing up," he said. "My dad always told me that a lot of deliveries in international cricket are short-pitched, so I practised this a lot, and can play short bowling pretty well." Mukund said he still found it difficult to adapt to the pitches in the first two Tests in Jamaica and Barbados, where the fast bowlers gained appreciable bounce and movement.

## What the

**FROM PAGE 16** Salahuddin Kala, media officer of Rahmatganj MFS, facing a 3-year suspension from any football related activities, vowed to fight the proposals. "They do not have any evidence against me. How can they indict me without any evidence? I will move the court against BFF," said Kala, whose telephonic conversation with Muktijoddha coach was a vital clue in the investigation. Maruful Haque, coach of Muktijoddha Sangsad who faces two months' ban from coaching football clubs, was sarcastic as he felt he was made the scapegoat. "I am fortunate that the BFF considers a small person like me with so much importance. I absolutely deny any involvement or making offers to any officials of other clubs. If I am suspended for two months for just offering sweets, I think the others should be punished full 100 per cent for their deeds."

Iran Sheikh, Rahmatganj goalkeeper facing suspension of three years from any footballing activities, denied any wrongdoing taking oath on the holy book.

"I will talk to the Rahmatganj officials about the recommendations. But I can tell you I have never done anything like this. A person of my integrity and religious belief cannot do any such thing."

## Junaed makes

**FROM PAGE 16** impression on a wicket that kept really low at times.

Left-arm spinner Sohrawardi Shuvo bowled 14 wicketless overs, flinging up at least one short ball each over.

## BRIEF SCORES

**GREEN XI:** 361-4 in 90 overs (Junaed 98, Mushfiqur 82 retired, Riyad 70 not out; Robiul 2-37, Nasir 1-63, Ashraful 1-42)

# England in Suraj spin

## Cricket

AFP, Manchester

Suraj Randiv's maiden five-wicket haul did the bulk of the damage as Sri Lanka held England to 268 for nine in the fifth and final one-day international at Old Trafford here on Saturday. Off-spinner Randiv took five for 42 during his maximum 10 overs in a match where a win for either side would give them a 3-2 series win. Dhammika Prasad, in for injured fellow seamer Suranga Lakmal, responded impressively with two for 26 in six overs. England lost wickets either side of a fourth-wicket stand of 118 between Jonathan Trott (72) and Eoin Morgan (57) after captain Alastair Cook won the toss and batted in initially over-cast conditions. Craig Kieswetter (43) and Cook (31), who'd shared an unbroken stand of 171 in England's crushing 10-wicket win at Trent Bridge on Wednesday, enjoyed another rapid first wicket stand. But from 85 without loss, England slumped as three wickets fell for 10 runs in 19 balls. They scored a six and eight fours in the first nine overs but only managed five fours in the next 41. Cook, who had made 119 and 95 not out in his previous two innings, was deceived by a

ball from the 26-year-old Randiv that turned sharply away from the left-hander and was stumped by Kumar Sangakkara.

Kieswetter, who hit five fours and a six, was then bowled by a ball that kept low from Prasad. His exit meant England now had two batsmen at the crease on nought in Trott and Kevin Pietersen.

And Pietersen managed just five when he was caught behind off Prasad.

Trott completed his patient fifty in 63 balls with two boundaries, with former Ireland international Morgan reaching the landmark in 54 balls but with just the one four.

Left-hander Morgan was comfortably stumped by Sangakkara after 'charging' Dilshan to leave England 213 for four in the 37th over.

And Trott was out in unlucky fashion when an intended pull off Randiv got caught up in his body and hit the stumps before he could kick the

ball away.

Both Samit Patel, in for Stuart Broad, and Tim Bresnan holed out tamely to give Randiv a first five-wicket haul in his 27th ODI, surpassing his previous best return of three for 23 against Zimbabwe in Bulawayo last year.

## SCORES IN BRIEF

**ENGLAND:** 268 for 9 in 50 overs (Trott 72, Morgan 57, Kieswetter 43, Cook 31; Randiv 5-42, Prasad 2-26)

# India into the lead

## Cricket

AFP, Roseau

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni led four batsmen with half-centuries that put his side in a formidable position in the third Test against West Indies on Friday.

Dhoni, a struggler for most of the series, was unbeaten on 65, propelling India to 308 for six, replying to West Indies' first innings total of 204 at stumps on the third day of the rain-hit game at Windsor Park.

Left-handed opener Abhinav Mukund supported with 62, V.V.S. Laxman scored 56 and Suresh Raina made 50.

The visitors took advantage of a West Indies attack hamstrung by an illness that sidelined fast bowler Ravi Rampaul to give their strongest batting performance of the series.

Dhoni added 103 for the sixth wicket with Raina either side of tea, taking the fire out a West Indies fightback which saw India reach 182 for five at the break.

The India captain reached his 50 from 96 balls, tapping a delivery from his opposite

number Darren Sammy to mid-off for a single that also brought him his 3,000th Test run.

He has so far struck just three boundaries from 109 balls.

Raina brought his 50 up in 102 balls, working a delivery from Devendra Bishoo into square leg for a single.

But the left-hander fell in the very next over, when he was trapped lbw to Fidel Edwards in the first over with the second new ball, leaving India 275 for six. He hit three fours from 103 balls.

Earlier, Mukund and Laxman steadied India, carrying them to 102 for two lunch after losing Murali Vijay and Rahul Dravid.

Vijay's poor form on this trip continued when he was caught behind off Fidel Edwards for five, and Dravid, whose 212 runs prior to the match was a series-high, was bowled by Sammy for the same score.

## SCORES IN BRIEF

**WEST INDIES:** First innings 204 (Baugh 60; Sharma 5-77)

**INDIA:** First innings 308 for 6 (Dhoni 65 not out, Mukund 62, Laxman 56, Raina 50; Sammy 2-48, Edwards 2-80)

## Reds rally to hold MSC

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made most of the impression making the Muktijoddha defence sweat with pacy manoeuvres down the right flank. It took only eight minutes to take the lead through Nigerian striker Sunday Chizoba. The lead was doubled four minutes later, this time a left-footed corner from Touhidul Alam found Abdul Hamid Vashani unmarked inside the box and the shaven headed defender found the back of the net with a delightful volley.

Mutijoddha, despite seeing very little of the ball in the earlier exchanges, took a few attempts on target. First it was a chip from Alamu Bukola that missed the target by a whisker and then Mithun Chowdhury's bicycle kick brought an acrobatic save from Mohammedan keeper Al Hasan.

The Reds found a fortunate opening into the match when they were gifted a goal by Al Hasan on the brink of half-time. A Matuir Munna cross from the right was headed by Russian striker Boris Kotchikin which the goalie gathered safely, before he let it slip through his grips as he hit the ground. Bukola was lurking right in front, and tapped it in with utmost ease.

That goal proved pivotal in the course of the

match as Muktijoddha came back hard right from the beginning of the second-half and deservedly got the equaliser in the 51st minute through Mithun. Bukola's low cross deflected off Mohammedan defender Baybeck before the goalie could get to it, and Mithun finished it off with a clever flick.

Mithun should have sealed the match in the next twenty minutes as he found ample space and time to beat the goalie from a one-on-one situation, but each time he blasted awfully wide off the target leaving both clubs to share the spoils.

## TEAMS

**MUKTIJODDHA:** Biplop Bhattacharjee, Rajani Kanta, Motiur Munna (Rajon Miah), Mithun Chowdhury, Bukola, Yeamin Munna, Arman Aziz, Dami Emmanuel, Maruf Ahmed (Zahed Ahmed), Nasir Uddin, Boris Kothcikin (Alamgir Kabir)

**MOHAMMEDAN:** Al Hassan, Al Mamun, AH Vashani, Anwar Hossain, Akteruzzaman Liton, Shariful Islam (Rony Islam), Amani, Nche Francis, Baybeck, Sunday Chizoba, Touhidul Alam (Arafat Ali)

**Man-of-the-match:** Shariful Islam (Mohammedan)

# Bolt sets Paris alight

## Athletics

AFP, Paris

Jamaican sprint star Usain Bolt stole the limelight of a high-quality Diamond League meeting on Friday, dominating the field to win the men's 200m with ease.

Bolt, in just his second 200m of the season after setting a world lead of 19.86sec in Oslo last month, masterfully negotiated the curve before opening up down the home stretch to put a distance between himself and the field.

The 24-year-old eased up well before the line but still managed to clock 20.03sec ahead of France's triple European champion Christophe Lemaitre (20.21) and American veteran Darvis Patton (20.59).

"It was windy out there and I got cold in the delay," said the double world and Olympic sprint champion in reference to a delay of several minutes caused by a breakdown of the starters' equipment.

"In the straight my legs didn't feel good, but I got through injury free."

Controversial South Africans Oscar Pistorius and Caster Semenya had mixed evenings in the men's 400m and the women's 800m.

Pistorius, who is a double leg amputee now cleared to run in able-bodied races, failed in his bid to get the qualifying time of 45.25sec to compete at the August 27-September 4 world championships in Daegu, South Korea, coming in fifth in 45.84sec, Christopher Brown of the Bahamas victorious.

"I was hoping to do a bit better because I'm still running behind the minimum time for Daegu," said Pistorius, who uses artificial legs: springy, lightweight, J-shaped limbs called "Cheetahs".

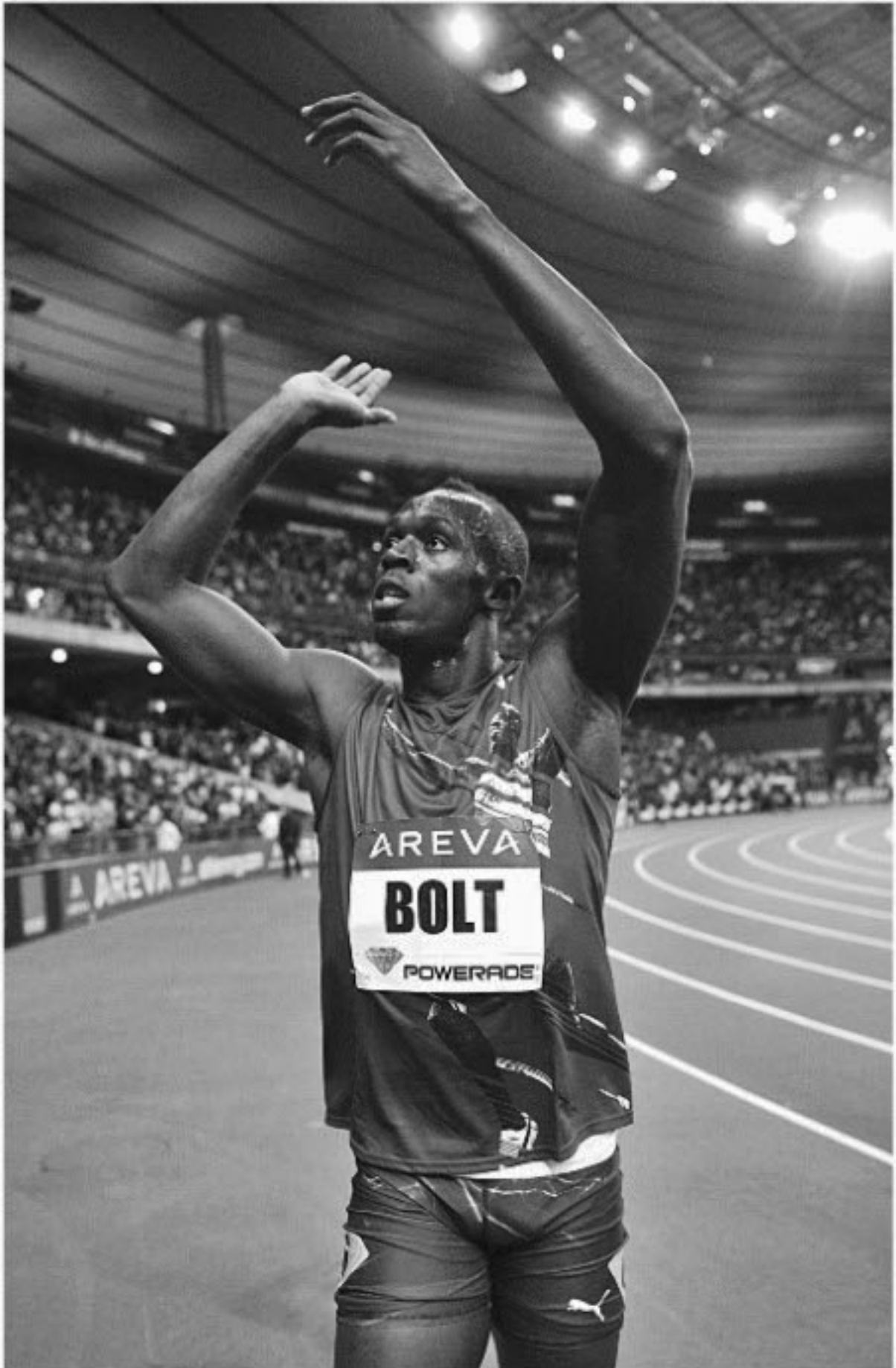
"But I think I should be pretty happy, especially being in the first lane where the curve was very tight: it wasn't an advantage for me."

It was smiles for Semenya, however, after two disastrous previous outings.

The world 800m champion, forced into a lay-off because of doubts over her true gender, shrugged off a sluggish first lap to win the two-lap event in 2:00.18.

"It's a good feeling to win here but I expected a faster race," said Semenya. "Now I need to go back home and train hard for the world championships."

Kiwi Valerie Adams scored a morale-boosting victory over fierce Belarus rival Nadezhda Ostapchuk in the women's shot put.



Jamaican sprint king Usain Bolt embarks on a victory lap after winning the 200m dash in the IAAF Diamond League athletics meet at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis on Friday.

PHOTO: AFP

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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## TESTS THROUGH TIME



## Welcome back

When the Indian legend Kapil Dev bowled to Jimmy Cook on a crisp November 1991 morning at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata, the world had officially changed. South Africa were being reinstated into the civilized world after half a century of Apartheid rule and in a hastily organised series, India decided to host the social pariahs for their first-ever encounter as sovereign nations.

The process began the year before after the National Party government in South Africa took the first step towards dismantling discrimination when it lifted the ban on the African National Congress and other political organisations. Nelson Mandela, the ANC stalwart who was imprisoned in Robben Island for 27 years, walked out a free man and became the president of South Africa after its first universal elections in 1994.

But before Mandela could become the head of the country, he kept tabs on the historic return Test match of South Africa. After the Basil D'Oliveira incident in 1968 and the subsequent suspension by the ICC in 1970, South Africa returned to Tests in 1992 when they toured the West Indies.

After an impressive performance at the World Cup, Kepler Wessels led a highly talented side to the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados the spiritual home of West Indies cricket.

In an attack led by the fearsome Alan Donald, it was Richard Snell, coming in at second change, who took out openers Desmond Haynes, Phil Simmons, captain Richie Richardson and Kenny Benjamin in the first innings as West Indies were all out for 262.

South Africa gave an apt riposte with opener Andrew Hudson eking out 153 in an innings that spanned more than eight hours. He survived two missed chances: on 22 by Courtney Walsh at long leg from the first ball Curtly Ambrose had banged in really short to him, and again on 66 by West Indies' new wicketkeeper, David Williams, off Patrick Patterson.

With help from skipper Wessels and all-rounder Adrian Kuiper, Hudson helped South Africa (345 all out) take a 83-run lead. Jimmy Adams and Brian Lara fought hard to give the first time tourists a fight but West Indies made only 283 in the second innings, leaving South Africa just 201 to win.

Debutant Adams was at his dogged best, hitting eleven boundaries in an unbeaten 79 while Lara fell for 64 to Donald who took four wickets. Snell impressed again, picking up four more and it was all down to the South African batsmen.

They began solidly as Day Four ended on a bright note for them. Beginning the final day on 122-2, only the bravest would have put money on a West Indies win but that is exactly what happened. The story goes that Richardson roused his two front-man, Walsh and

Ambrose into bowling a spell that defied belief. After getting rid of Wessels for 74, the duo barged into South Africa's batsmen, Walsh taking four for eight in 11 overs. Cutting the ball both ways, he finally found the form that eluded him earlier. Ambrose mopped up the tail as parity, at least for the time being, was restored.

It was a sign of things to come as South Africa are one of the top sides in world cricket at the moment and since that day in 1992, have presented some outstanding cricketers.

-- Mohammad Islam

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## CRYPTOQUIP

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** DURING THE CHURCH'S ANNUAL "CLERGY AGAINST LAITY" RACE, ONE SPEEDY LADY PASSED HER PASTOR. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals S