



Veteran shooter Sabrina Sultana aims at the bull's eye during the 50-metre rifles three-position event in the IFIC Bank 26th National Shooting Championship at the National Shooting Complex in Gulshan yesterday.

Brahmanbaria Gold Cup

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria Bijoybnagar Upazila football team won the Brahmanbaria Zila Proshsasok Gold Cup Football Tournament...

Misbah can't

FROM PAGE 16 Pakistan had also been fined for a slow over-rate in the opening ODI of the Asia Cup against Bangladesh in Dhaka on March 11, but that was a minor over-rate offence...

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Aussies will attack Eng

AFP, London

Australia coach Mickey Arthur has promised an aggressive approach from his side when they face England in their upcoming one-day international series.

Alec remembers Tom

AFP, London

Alec Stewart said Tom Maynard may well have gone all the way to the top as English cricket struggled to come to terms with the death of one of its most promising talents at the age of just 23.

Dhoni 'sprints' ahead of Bolt

PTI, London

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has pipped the likes of sprint king Usain Bolt, tennis ace Novak Djokovic and teammate Sachin Tendulkar in the latest list of world's 100 richest sportspersons...

England, France in last eight

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Germany coach Joachim Loew and Greece's players all tried to play down the significance of their match, with the German chancellor a hate figure in Greece for her insistence to Athens of harsh cuts to offset a crippling debt crisis.

watched them the other day and they played some good cricket. They are tough in their own conditions.

"We're a changing team and the aim for us is to stay number one while we keep evolving as a side. That's a challenge in itself."

Arthur said this tour would give some of Australia's rising stars, who could well feature in the 2013 Ashes, valuable experience of English conditions.

"This is purely about winning a one-day series, but it does allow us to give the likes of Pat Cummins and James Pattinson opportunities in conditions they will be facing for three and a half months next year," he said.

"We're now blessed with a really good array of fast bowlers. We can pick any one of eight without weakening our side."

"There will be injuries and it would be naive to think otherwise."

"I believe the Ashes next year will evolve around which team has the fittest attack and can keep that attack on the park for five Test matches."

England face the West Indies in the second of three one-day internationals at The Oval on Tuesday, having won last weekend's series opener in Southampton by 114 runs under the Duckworth-Lewis method.

Cook steers Eng to series win

AFP, London

England captain Alastair Cook led his side to a series-clinching eight-wicket win over the West Indies in the second one-day international (ODI) with an impressive hundred at The Oval here on Tuesday.

England, set 239, finished on 239 for two with five overs left after man-of-the-match Cook made 112 and shared stands of 122 and 81 with Ian Bell (53) and Jonathan Trott (43 not out) respectively.

Victory gave England an unassailable 2-0 lead in this three-match series and was their sixth successive victory at this level after a 4-0 clean sweep of Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates in February.

Significantly it was also the sixth straight ODI match where an England opener had made a hundred, with three of those belonging to Cook.

Earlier, Dwayne Bravo's 77 had been the cornerstone of West Indies' 238 for nine, an innings where Chris Gayle marked his return to international cricket with a rapid fifty.

But Gayle's exit sparked a match-turning collapse that saw four wickets lost for 16 runs.

West Indies, beaten 2-0 in the preceding three-Test series by England, came into this leg of the tour insisting one-day cricket was their stronger suit.

But this crushing loss followed a 114-run thrashing, albeit under the Duckworth/Lewis method, in the first ODI at Southampton on Saturday.

Cook and Bell -- who made 126 at Southampton -- were rarely troubled.

But just when it looked the pair would not be parted, Bell chipped a slower ball from Sammy to Gayle in the covers.

Cook had just hit Sammy for the only six of his innings when next ball he too holed out off the medium-pace to end a 120-ball stay featuring 13 fours.

It was the 27-year-old Cook's fifth century in 47 matches at this level and

fourth as captain.

Gayle's 53 took just 51 balls, with five sixes and three fours, in what was the Jamaica left-hander's first international match in 15 months after a dispute with the West Indies Cricket Board.

Having missed the series opener with a shin injury, it was not long before the 32-year-old Gayle -- in for the injured Darren Bravo -- resumed normal service after Cook won the toss and fielded.



Gayle Returns: Hard-hitting West Indies batsman Chris Gayle pulls an England offering for six on way to a 51-ball 53 upon his return to West Indian colours during the 2nd ODI at The Oval in London yesterday.

First change Tim Bresnan was slammed for 18 in an over as Gayle hit three sixes, culminating with a huge blow onto the roof of the Bedser stand.

But Gayle exited when he pushed tentatively at off-spinner Graeme Swann and New Zealand umpire Tony Hill, eventually, gave him out in response to a vehement lbw appeal.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns: WEST INDIES, Bowler, O, M, R, W. Lists players like Simmons, Gayle, Smith, etc.

ENGLAND

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Tigers lessen

FROM PAGE 16 blows kept coming as they raced to 70 in the seventh over before Levi skied Ziaur Rahman after making 37 off 21 balls.

Colin Ingram and Morkel batted to type before Jean-Paul Duminy provided the finishing thrust with a blazing seven-ball 23.

Bangladesh take on Zimbabwe tomorrow while the hosts play South Africa today, all at the same venue.

SCORES IN BRIEF SOUTH AFRICA: 209-3 in 20 overs (Levi 37, Amla 88 not out, Ingram 29, Morkel 22, Duminy 23 not out; Mashrafe 1-44, Razzak 0-28, Hasan 0-58, Elias 0-31, Ziaur 1-28, Riyad 0-17).

BANGLADESH: 170-8 in 20 overs (Anamul 1, Ashraful 33, Jahurul 12, Mushfigur 50 not out, Nasir 0, Riyad 34, Ziaur 18, Mashrafe 8, Hasan 1, Sunny 0 not out; Peterson 2-16, Tsotsobe 1-25, de Lange 2-33, Morkel 1-28, Parnel 0-61, Duminy 0-6).

Result: South Africa won by 39 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Hashim Amla.

Mendis gets

Test nod

Cricket

CRICINFO, Colombo

All-rounder Thisara Perera and fast bowler Nuwan Kulasekara have been included in Sri Lanka's 15-man squad for the first Test against Pakistan.

Left-arm fast bowler Chanaka Welegedara, who was ruled out of the second Test against England in that series with a groin injury, also returns. That means Sri Lanka will field a new-look pace attack: Suranga Lakmal, Dhammika Prasada, Nuwan Pradeep and Shaminda Eranga -- who had come in for the injured Welegedara -- have not made it to this squad.

Perera had not played the Tests against England, the last of his five Tests being against South Africa in January. He was Man of the Series in the recently concluded ODIs against Pakistan, and this has seemingly prompted his inclusion in the Test squad.

Following his six-wicket haul in the second ODI, Sri Lanka coach Graham Ford had said that Perera could establish himself in the Test side, if he could replicate that bowling performance with more consistency.

The Test begins on Friday in Galle.

SQUAD: Jayawardene (captain), Mathews, Dilshan, Paranavithana, Sangakkara, Samaraweera, Chandimal, Jayawardene, Welagedara, Randiv, Herath, Kulasekara, Pradeep, Perera and Mendis.

Sabrina

FROM PAGE 16 However, I am confident to score the same in the competition as I am enjoying this event because it is more challenging than the other pistol events," said Shahadat.

Shahadat will also compete in the 10m air pistol and 50m pistol, two events where he is yet to win any gold.

Though there was huge gap in the points attained in men's 25m standard pistol, the women's 50m Rifles 3 position saw tough competition among Sabrina Sultana, Suraiya Akhter and Sharmin Shilpa.

Veteran Subrina from Dhaka Rifles Club, who missed last year's championship due to suspension regained her 50m rifles 3 position crown with a score of 544 out of 600 though followed by Suraiya of Narayanganj Rifles Club, who scored 542 points. Sabrina's teammate Shilpa finished third with 541 points.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with ACROSS and DOWN clues. Includes solution time: 25 mins.

CRYPTOQUIP puzzle grid with letters and numbers for decoding.

Yesterday's Cryptiquip: WHEN YOU HAVE TO WRITE THE LEGAL TEXT CONCERNING ALCOHOL LEVIES, USE PROPER SIN-TAX SYNTAX. Today's Cryptiquip Clue: G equals N