

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. PHOTO: STAR

Australia coach Mickey Arthur has prom-

ised an aggressive approach from his side

when they face England in their upcoming

one-dayers against their oldest foes which

will serve as something of a scene-setter for

next year's tour where they will look to

But while England may be the world's

top-ranked Test side, Australia are the num-

ber ones in the 50-over game -- a position

they will look to cement when, after a

warm-up against Leicestershire and this

weekend's clash against Ireland in Belfast,

they face England in the first one-dayer at

"We are world number ones and we aim

"We have an exciting team. We have

"England are playing really well. I

to come out and play a really good, exciting

and sustainable brand of cricket," Arthur

some real firepower in our attack and we're

looking forward to a good, interesting

told Sky Sports in Leicester on Monday.

series," the South African added.

Australia have arrived in England for five

one-day international series.

regain the Ashes.

Lord's on June 29.

# Brahmanbaria Gold Cup

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Bijoynagor Upazila football team won the Brahmanbaria Zila Proshsasok Gold Cup Football Tournament defeating Sadar upazila team 3-0 in the final at the Niaz Stadium yesterday.

Local MP Ubaidul Muktadir Chowdhury handed over the cup to the winners as chief guest during the prize-giving ceremony.

## Misbah can't

FROM PAGE 16 players received a 40 per cent

fine [10 per cent for each of the first two overs and 20 per cent for the additional over],' the ICC said in a statement, ... the imposition of two suspension points means that Misbah will now miss Pakistan's first Test against Sri Lanka which starts in Galle from Friday, since such suspension points are to be applied to the subsequent international matches in which Misbah is most likely to participate on a chronological basis immediately following the announcement

of the decision." 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 and not a "serious"

The suspension will cost Misbah the chance to break the Pakistan record for most consecutive Tests as captain. Misbah was on 15 Tests, with nine wins, five draws and one defeat. Abdul Hafeez Kardar was captain for 23 matches in a row, while Imran Khan and Waqar Younis had led Pakistan in 16 consecutive Tests.

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Mohammedan could have won the game with a bigger

margin had Rony and Oladikpikpo W Okalawon not squandered a lot of chances. Rony put Mohammedan

ahead with a close-range tap in the third minute but the Black and Whites had to wait 65 minutes for the second goal. Nduka doubled the lead in the 68th minute when he rose high to nod a Rajani Kanta Barman cross from the left flank and sealed the fate of the game in the stoppage time through a close-range powerful shot.

Away at Tangail Stadium, a brace from Ismael Bangoura guided newcomers Team BJMC to a 2-1 win over Arambagh KS while Feni Soccer Club handed a single-goal defeat to Brothers Union at the Feni Stadium, thanks to a deci-

sive goal from Iqbal. BJMC are in third position with 30 points from 18 matches while Feni Soccer lifted their position to seventh with 19 points from 18 matches. Brothers Union and Arambagh stay at the ninth and tenth places with 18 and 16 points respectively after playing 18 matches.

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

Aussies will attack Eng

"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.

# Alec remembers Tom Cricket

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.

Maynard, the son of former Glamorgan and England batsman Matthew Maynard, was killed after being hit by a London Underground train early on Monday morning, the day after playing for Surrey in a 40-over match against Kent.

He'd only been at The Oval for 18 months after joining Surrey from Glamorgan but former England wicketkeeper-batsman Stewart, now Surrey's executive director, told the BBC that he'd become "a hugely popular figure" at the club.

And Stewart was convinced Tom, a batsman for the England Lions, the national A team, could have gone on to the senior side, arguing decent career statistics of 2,384 runs in 48 first-class matches at 32.65 with four hundreds did not reflect the true depth of Maynard's talent.

"I remember meeting Tom a few years ago during a holiday in Dubai when he and his father Matt Maynard -- a good friend of mine from our England days -- happened to be staying at the same hotel," Stewart said.

"Tom must have been about 17, but he was putting in the hard yards in the gym. Even back then, he knew where he wanted to go and that may well have been to the very top.

"Tom was a very good trainer and a quick learner who did nothing by half-measures. It was all about getting the

best out of what talent and ability he had been given. "He was an attacking, aggressive batsman and excellent fielder who enjoyed taking responsibility and playing to

the situation, whether it was one-day or four-day cricket. "Having toured with England Lions last winter, he was

being talked about in England circles." Stewart, who spent his entire career with Surrey, said it was hard to put into words the "sense of loss" pervading the club.

"He is the third cricketer we have lost in 15 years after Graham Kersey and Ben Hollioake were killed in car accidents in Australia, and everyone is feeling horribly numb and empty."

### Dhoni 'sprints' ahead of Bolt

PTI, London

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has pipped the | today, all at the same venue. likes of sprint king Usain Bolt, tennis ace Novak Djokovic and teammate Sachin Tendulkar in the latest list of world's 100 richest sportspersons, released by the Forbes magazine.

According to the list, Dhoni is ranked 31st, which is way ahead of Djokovic (62nd), Bolt (63rd) and Tendulkar (78th).

Star footballers Wayne Rooney and Fernando Torres are also behind Dhoni on the latest list.

Boxer Floyd Mayweather tops the list of 100 Highest-Paid Athletes in the world between 2011-2012 beating fellow boxer Manny Pacquaio and Tiger Woods. Mayweather got a huge payday amounting to a total of 85 million dollars for his fights against Victor Ortiz and Miguel Cotto. Pacquaio's earnings have been estimated at 62 million dollars. Woods landed in the third rank with total earn-

ings of 59.4 million dollars. Dhoni's earnings have been recorded at 26.5 million dollars -- he earned 3.5 million dollars as salary or bonuses and a hefty 23 million dollars through numerous endorsements.

## England, France in last eight in Gdansk, Poland, on Friday.

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scoring in the 54th minute, volleying in a spectacular rightfoot volley from 12 yards out while Sebastian Larsson made it two minutes before time.

The results leave England on seven points and France on four, with both Ukraine and Sweden on three.

England will play Italy on Sunday in Kiev, while France will take on European and world champions Spain in Donetsk on Saturday.

The other quarterfinals see the Czech Republic play Por-Group C game in Poznan, tugal in Warsaw on Thursday and Germany against Greece Poland, on June 14.

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. Meanwhile, UEFA faced criticism for fining the Croatian Football Federation 80,000 euros (100,000 dollars, 64,500 pounds) after a section of fans racially abused Italy's Mario Balotelli during their

A stiff penalty had been expected after Russia were threatened with a six-point deduction from their Euro 2016 qualifying campaign for further serious crowd trouble and because of UEFA's repeated insistence of "zero tolerance" on racism.

But many people highlighted the harsher punishment meted out to Denmark's Nicklas Bendtner, who on Monday was slapped with a one-match suspension and 100,000 euro fine for displaying sponsored underpants during a goal celebration.

Cook steers Eng to series win

Cricket

AFP, London

England captain Alastair Cook led his side to a seriesclinching 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 a Southampton on Saturday.

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Colin Ingram and Morke

batted to type before Jean-

Paul Duminy provided the

finishing thrust with a blaz-

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the hosts play South Africa

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21 balls.

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-pacer 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 32year-old Gayle -- in for the injured Darren Bravo -resumed normal service after Cook won the toss and fielded.

lbw appeal.

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

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 hen he

pushed tentatively at offspinner Graeme Swann and New Zealand umpire Tony Hill, eventually, gave him out in response to a vehement

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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. All-rounder Jeevan Mendis, who is yet to earn a Test cap, has also been picked. Angelo Mathews has been named vice-captain, replacing Thilan Samaraweera who was the second in command in Sri Lanka's last Test series, against England in March-April.

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 Prasad Nuwan Pradeep and Shaminda Eranga -- who had come in for the injured Welegedara -- have not made it to this squad Batsman Lahiru Thirimanne has also missed out.

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.

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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

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.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals N