

## Generations together!

PTI, New Delhi

Indian Premier League on Sunday witnessed one of its most memorable moments when Sachin Tendulkar walked up to legendary Sir Vivian Richards, who has just been engaged as an advisor with rival team Delhi Daredevils.

It was a scene worth capturing when Daredevils mentor TA Sekar informed Tendulkar about Richards's arrival.

Tendulkar, who was engaged in a knocking session, just dropped all work and trudged slowly towards the iconic West Indian as they were cheered lustily by all those present at the stadium.

First, they were engaged in bear hug and then Richards pointed at Sachin's abs and patted it as they shared a hearty laugh.

May be the king was pointing out that even at 40, Tendulkar doesn't have an inch of flab.

Then Richards took hold of Sachin's bat, had a close look and did a bit of shadow practice.

After a 10-minute session with Tendulkar, Richards along with Sekar walked towards his team's training session.

As the boys welcomed him with a clap, he again had some words of wisdom in his pep talk during the official team huddle before the players dispersed.

## London mourns Boston victims

AFP, London

Ethiopia's Tsegaye Kebede and Priscah Jeptoo of Kenya triumphed at a sombre London Marathon on Sunday, as runners paid tribute to the victims of the deadly bomb attacks at the Boston Marathon.

Kebede hunted down 2011 champion Emmanuel Mutai to win the men's race, while Jeptoo surged to victory in the women's event, eight months on from her second-place finish at the London Olympics.

The men's and mass start races were preceded by a 30-second silence in memory of the three people killed and around 180 injured in Monday's bombings in Boston, while competitors donned black ribbons in tribute.

After a frenetic start in the men's race, Mutai led Stanley Biwott, Feyisha Lilesa and Ayele Abshero past the 30-kilometre mark just 10 seconds outside world-record pace.

## African

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20/20 Chicken, Hookers Chicken Wings, Captain's Chicken. Best of them all, however, is Hatrick Chicken -- succulent chicken breast topped with gooey cheese and delicious mushrooms. A cricket fan could not ask for more than to watch live action from behind the long off fielder while relishing the hatrick.

## Digital

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backup, which managed two keeponetwo light work.

Meanwhile, the electronic scoreboard for the athletics events, which has been belatedly repaired, will be put to test today as the events of athletics start today.



Members of an International Cricket Council delegation inspect the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Sunday. This stadium is a proposed venue for the next year's ICC T20 World Cup. The six-member delegation yesterday also visited Cox's Bazar, where the Bangladesh Cricket Board is in the process of building a stadium that will host the women's T20 World Cup matches. The ICC team, which arrived here on April 17, has already inspected venues at Sylhet, Fatullah, Savar and Mirpur.

PHOTO: STAR

# Miller pulls off a thriller

## Delhi taste first win

INTERNET, Delhi

David Miller hit two towering sixes in the final over as Kings XI Punjab pulled off a nail-biting victory over Pune Warriors in an IPL match at Mohali yesterday.

And Luke Wright went from hero to villain in the space of 100 minutes. His cameo of 34 off 10 balls helped Pune Warriors post 185, but in the face of an assault from Miller (80 off 41 balls) and sensible support from Mandeep Singh (77 of 58 balls), Wright blinked and failed to defend 15 in the last over.

Miller finished it off hitting the penultimate ball, a full toss that crashed into the crowd over long off.

Earlier, Virender Sehwag hit an unbeaten 95 as Delhi Daredevils cantered to a nine-wicket victory over the Mumbai Indians to record their first Indian Premier League victory in 2013 with three overs to spare.

India star Sehwag came close to a ton, building his score off 57 balls alongside fellow opener Mahela Jayawardene who hit 59 before being caught lbw by Lasith Malinga late on.

Mumbai Indians won the toss and elected to bat in the Feroz Shah Kotla stadium in Delhi. They managed 161-4 off their 20 overs, with Rohit Sharma at number three topscoring with 73 off 43 balls.

Opener Sachin Tendulkar hit 54, off four more balls than that, Dwayne Smith (8) lasted just 12 balls at the start of the innings and Dinesh Karthik fell for just two batting at four.

Kieron Pollard made the total more competitive with 19 not out in the last few overs.

Before the game Delhi were the only team yet to record a win -- with the three teams above them in the table all having won two matches -- and they stay bottom while Mumbai are in mid-table having won three.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**MUMBAI INDIANS:** 161 for 4 in 20 overs (Tendulkar 54, Rohit 73, Pollard 19 not out; Yadav 2-31)

**DELHI DAREDEVILS:** 165 for 1 in 17 overs (Jayawardene 59, Sehwag 95 not out; Malinga 1-26)

**Result:** Delhi Daredevils won by 9 wickets.

**Player-of-the-match:** Virender Sehwag.

**PUNE WARRIORS:** 185 for 4 (Finch 64, Wright 34, Yuvraj 34)

**KINGS XI PUNJAB:** 186 for 3 (Miller 80 not out, Mandeep 77 not out)

**Result:** Kings XI Punjab won by 7 wickets

**Player-of-the-match:** Miller

## Effort, not expectation

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shots woefully inappropriate for the match situation at the time.

The skipper himself admitted after the four-day debacle that some of the batsmen had played at balls they could have left. The rush to 95 for one on the second evening probably did more harm than good. The batsmen seemed to have thought that chasing down 389 would be a breeze, and four runs an over would be the norm. Kyle Jarvis, Zimbabwe's best fast bowler, said that after that evening there were some harsh words spoken and the bowlers returned more disciplined the following morning. Zimbabwe's improved discipline and Taylor's batting, more than demons on the pitch or superb bowling, did Bangladesh in.

There are inferences to draw from this. In 2011 too it was the greater discipline of Zimbabwe that saw them winning a Test upon return from a self-imposed exile of five years. One final question would be: why are Bangladesh so willing to graft against Sri Lanka and so unwilling against Zimbabwe, even when the pitch warrants it? In 2011, the lasting impression from the tour was that Bangladesh did not pay Zimbabwe due respect. From the evidence of the first Test too, it seems that Zimbabwe were the side desperate to win the match, much like Bangladesh were desperate to draw the first Test against Sri Lanka after the hosts had piled up 570 in their first innings. But in Harare, the overwhelming impression was that they expected to win, but once the match began, had no idea how.

## SL wins High Commission match-up

SPORTS REPORTER

The Sri Lankan High Commission (SHC) beat the British High Commission (BHC) by eight wickets at the National Cricket Association Ground at Mirpur in a 20-over friendly cricket match yesterday. After electing to bat BHC were restricted to 186 for 5. In reply, SHC raced to their target in 15 overs.

## U-19s crash

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Jayasinghe's miserly figures of 2 for 12 in nine overs also played a key role in restricting the hosts.

In reply, Sri Lanka cruised to 133 for 4 in just 27 overs before the game was stopped due to the rain. The visitors were comfortably ahead of their Duckworth-Lewis target of 77 in 27 overs and were hence adjudged the winners. Sri Lanka's Sandun Weerakkoddy, who notched an 80-ball 62, was the top-scorer for the visitors.

The teams will play their next ODI on Tuesday.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**BD U-19s:** 137 all out in 47.1 overs (Abu 43; Binura 3-32)v

**SL U-19s:** 133 for four in 27 overs (Sandun 62; Jubair 2-34).

**Result:** SL won by 62 runs by D/L

## Romana

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Mahfizur's teammate Rubel Rana also kept his dominance in the 50m backstroke after grabbing gold in Bangladesh Games. Rubel made the 50m backstroke of his own since 2002.

Jewel Ahmed of Bangladesh Army won two gold medals in 200m butterfly and 400m individual medley while Nazma Akter of Bangladesh Navy won the 50m freestyle to become fastest woman swimmer.

Bangladesh Navy dominated the medal table with three gold and six silver and two bronze, followed by BKSP who grabbed three gold and two bronze.

## Games corner

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### BASKETBALL

Rajshahi, Chandpur, Gazipur and Khulna won their respective matches on the opening day of the event at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday. Rajshahi beat Kushtia by 64-14 points, Chandpur outplayed Comilla by 72-44 points, Gazipur defeated Rangpur by 68-40 points and Khulna thrashed Satkhira by 107-41 points in their respective matches.

## Vettel wins Bahrain GP

AFP, Manama

Defending triple world champion Sebastian Vettel extended his lead in this year's title race on Sunday when he claimed an impressive victory for Red Bull in an incident-filled Bahrain Grand Prix.

The race finished without any disruption amid tight security and despite earlier clashes between police and Shiite protesters in villages in the Gulf kingdom.

It was 25-year-old Vettel's second win in four races this year and the 28th of his career as he repeated his victory of 2012.

The German's victory saw him move into sixth on the all-time list of Grand Prix wins taking him past Jackie Stewart.

Starting second, Vettel took the lead on lap three and then controlled the 57-laps race as he came home 9.1 seconds clear of nearest rival Finn Kimi Raikkonen of Lotus.

"It was a fantastic race," said Vettel.

"I have to give a big, big thank you to the team today it was faultless from start to finish. The pace was phenomenal the car was great. We took good care of the tyres and it all paid off."

Frenchman Romain Grosjean finished third in the second Lotus, as the Renault powered team made the best of excellent tyre conservation.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 \$ dispenser

4 "— Miserables"

7 Trounce

12 Commonest

13 Matter-horn

14 Worn unevenly

15 2012 movie bear

16 Savage

18 Mid-afternoon, in a way

19 Long-legged shorebird

20 Pull an all-nighter

22 Freudian concept

23 Use a keyboard

27 Moreover

29 Rodeo outcries

31 Strong adhesive

34 Meal for Oliver Twist

35 Moral principles

37 Larry's pal

**DOWN**

1 Storage story

2 "— Finest Hour"

3 TV, radio, etc.

4 Chemistry class-rooms

5 On cloud nine

6 Parsley serving

7 Vegan's no-no

8 Bobby of hockey

9 Luau side dish

10 "Born in the —"

11 Corral

17 Huff and puff

**ACROSS**

38 Runs from the fuzz

39 Shooter ammo

41 Sharpen

45 Tureen accessory

47 Inseparable

48 Marian, in "The Music Man"

52 "Monty Python" opener

53 Wanted-poster datum

54 Hi-tech SFX

55 Prepared

56 Thick-soled shoes

57 Slight amount

**DOWN**

21 Long skirts

23 Pitched

24 Second person

25 "Ulalume" writer

26 Immigrant's study (Abbr.)

28 Big Apple letters

30 Past

31 Moray or conger

32 Sch. org.

33 Resistance measure

36 Practice pugilism

37 Sweet Spanish wine

40 Proclamation

42 Jack

43 Go in

44 Irritable

45 Glaswegian girl

46 Novelist Bagnold

48 Varnish ingredient

49 Under the weather

50 Life story, for short

51 Tatter

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Yesterday's answer 3-15

# Djokovic ends Nadal's reign



AFP, Monte Carlo

Novak Djokovic ended Rafael Nadal's dreams of a record ninth successive Monte Carlo Masters title with a 6-2, 7-6 (7/1) victory in the final on Sunday.

The world number one had been a doubtful starter this week with an injured ankle but played through the pain to lift his first trophy in the principality, the 37th of his career and 14th at the Masters 1000 level.

It was also a huge psychological boost ahead of next month's French Open where Nadal is a record seven-time champion.

Nadal had reigned supreme at the Monte Carlo Country Club since his last loss in 2003, when he was still a teenager, and had won every edition since 2005.

Djokovic, who achieved the win in one hour, 51 minutes, was overwhelmed to have beaten the king of clay.

"It's such a great pleasure to win here, it's very special," said the Serb who is based in the principality.

"I live here and love this event Rafa, it was a pleasure again, thanks for allowing

me to win here at least once," he joked during the trophy ceremony.

"I can't ask for a better start to the clay season."

The winner admitted that the ankle he rolled earlier this month had been a huge concern.

"I didn't know if I could be a part of this year. But I made the decision to play -- and it was the best decision I've made in my life."

Nadal, who returned to tennis in February after seven months out with a knee injury, stands 38-6 in clay finals, losing to only three players -- Djokovic (three times) Roger Federer (twice) and Horacio Zeballos (once).

Before the final, the Spaniard had lost only one set all week after playing in his fifth straight final since his return to the circuit.

"What Novak is doing is just amazing," said the losing finalist.

"Congratulations for winning my favourite event and all the best for the rest of your season."

"Last year was especially hard for me, but I had the support of my team and my fans. That was a very positive energy for me and gave me motivation to play here again."



Novak Djokovic finally conquers Rafael Nadal in the Monte-Carlo ATP Masters final in Monaco yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

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### CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I SUPPOSE SINCE THERE'S NO SECOND SPARE CONTAINER IN WHICH TO POUR THIS WINE, I CAN'T DECANT.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals Y