Ctg Abahani v Sk Jamal

Live from 4:00pm

Bangladesh Premier League Ctg Abahani v Sk Jamal Time: 4:00pm Venue: Rafiq Uddin Bhuiyan Stadium, Mymensingh

Theft prone Village

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Security at Rio's Olympic Village was handed a further blow Wednesday when Danish athletes revealed they have had items stolen while organisers issued a public apology to competitors who have fallen victim to crime.

Denmark's chef de mission Morten Rodtwitt told broadcaster TV 2 that mobile phones, clothing and an iPad had gone missing. "In connection with the

many extra workers, cleaners and housekeepers who have been squeezed into the Olympic village because of our requirements and requests, we have been subjected to a series of thefts," he said, adding that he himself had his iPad stolen. "It's everything from

phones, iPads and clothes to something as trivial as bed sheets." Since July 18 the Danish

delegation has lodged around 150 complaints over problems in its 36 apartments in the Olympic vil-

"The buildings are simply not in order," Ulrik Wilbek, sports director of the Danish Handball Federation, told TV 2.



Brazil's Andressa Alves celebrates her goal with inspirational captain Marta against China. It was the home side's second goal in a 3-0 win in their Olympic Games opener at the Maracana Stadium on Wednesday. PHOTO: REUTERS

Marta dazzles fans

AFP, Rio de Janeiro



They share similar heavy burdens of expectation, but Brazil women's coach Vadao insists there is no battle between star footballers

Marta and Neymar to be Brazil's darling of the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Five-time World Player of the Year Marta was in sensational form as Brazil's women got off to a perfect start on the first day of competition at the Games on Wednesday with a 3-0 win over China.

Her assist for Andressa Alves second goal brought chants of "Marta is better than Neymar" from an enthusiastic if far from capacity crowd at Rio's Olympic stadium.

Brazil have never won a football Olympic gold, but hopes are high for a double on home soil as Marta attempts to topple the United States dominance of the women's game.

Barcelona star Neymar kicks off the men's campaign against South Africa in Brasilia on Thursday.

"There is no rivalry between the men's and women's team. Marta is Marta, she is not Neymar, " said Vadao. Marta was reluctantly replaced with 10

minutes remaining by Vadao to protect his star from injury with Brazil needing to negotiate six games in 17 days if they are to deliver gold.

And the Canarinha's next challenge is a special one for Marta as Brazil face Sweden, where she has played her club football for the past four years.

"She is ok, it is just a precaution. Her leg was hit during the game and she was complaining that she didn't want to come off, but she is very important for us so that is

ENGLAND: First innings 297 (Ballance

70, Ali 63; Sohail 5-96)

Aslam run out (Vince)

Younis Khan not out

Anderson

Broad

Azhar c Cook b Woakes

Extras: (b-2, lb-12, nb-1)

Total: (For 3 wickets in 90 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-181, 3-257

PAKISTAN: First innings

Hafeez c Ballance b Anderson

why we had this precaution," added Vadao.

"We have players that play in China so we had some information about the Chinese team and Marta plays in Sweden too, so we have some information about Sweden too.

"But the most important thing is that we have Marta in our team."

Marta was disappointed not to get on the scoresheet. She was denied a stunning solo goal by a fantastic save from Chinese goalkeeper Zhao Lina, but insists Brazil couldn't have asked for a better start.

Monica opened the scoring nine minutes before half-time before record Olympic goalscorer Cristiane added a third late on.

"Scoring three times against a team like China, with all the pressure we had, I think it's super-perfect.

"I almost scored, but the goalkeeper saved. I will do it next time."

The empty stands which hosted the day's opening game at the Olympic stadium as Sweden beat South Africa 1-0 caused embarrassment for organisers.

A healthier crowd gathered to watch Brazil, but there were still vast swaths of empty seats on show. Hundreds of thousands of football

tickets remain unsold for both the men's and women's football tournaments that are being staged in six cities across Brazil that also hosted the 2014 World Cup. However, veteran Brazilian defender

Formiga, who is competing in her sixth Olympics believes the crowds will swell at the competition develops.

"The supporters were marvellous," said the 38-year-old.

"The number of people will be growing as we go and they really help us a lot."

'Entrepreneurial spirit fostered by sports'

MUHAMMAD YUNUS

FAZLUR RAHMAN



Nobel laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus has lauded the International Olympic Committee (IOC), saying the Olympic movement has a unique power to promote and

energise the spirit among young people. In his address at the 129th IOC session in

Rio de Janeiro on Wednesday, the antipoverty crusader said the IOC had the capacity to draw the attention of millions of people on the planet to sport

in a way that very few others "The sports world has so much power because it draws

on the emotion, the excitement, and on all the hopes and aspirations of people," he said, according to the statement published on the official website of the IOC.

He reiterated how sport has a unique ability to capture the minds of young people and open up their imagination, helping them develop independence, selfconfidence, overcome odds and make the impossible possible -- all key attributes for

Professor Yunus gave a 45-minute speech which was followed by a question-andanswer session. 15 members of the committee asked questions on all aspects of social orientation of the IOC including on topics of what candidate cities should do, what the Olympic legacy in each city should be, how social business can handle issues of criminality, what retired Olympic athletes should do, etc. The question-and-answer

session lasted nearly 40 minutes, exceeding the 15 minutes originally allotted for that. IOC President Thomas

Bach joked that if he allowed all the questions then the opening session scheduled for August 5 may be delayed, according to a statement from Yunus Centre in Dhaka.

Bach, in his welcome speech, said social business was what connects the world of sport with Professor Yunus's work.

"We are looking forward to getting advice from you how can enhance our cooperation and how we can improve our performance and contribute together to make this world a better place for everybody," said Bach.

Mendis gives SL edge

AFP, Galle

Half centuries from the inform Kusal Mendis and skipper Angelo Mathews gave Sri Lanka the edge over Australia on the opening day of the second Test Thursday despite a five-wicket haul from Mitchell Starc.

Mendis followed up his maiden century in the first Test with a top score of 86 in Galle as Sri Lanka posted a total of 281 in their first innings before then grabbing two early wickets during the tourists' response.

Australia were 54 for two at stumps, still trailing the hosts by 227 runs in what is a must-win match for Steve Smith's side after they lost the first Test last weekend in Pallekele.

Vice captain David Warner was out in the last ball of the day when he edged Dilruwan Perera to slip after making a quickfire 42 off just 41 balls, an innings which included seven fours.

SCORES IN BRIEF SRI LANKA: First innings 281 all out (K Perera 49, Mendis 86, Mathews 54, De Silva 37; Starc 5-44) AUSTRALIA: First innings 54 for 2 (Warner 42, Khawaja 11 not out; Fernando 1-16, D Perera 1-14)

to see Russia

Tennis world number one Novak Djokovic said Wednesday he was happy dark episode for sport.

seen a deluge of appeals by

"What I have heard and going on over the last few months is not good for us, for international sport, for

"Russia is a global power. Whether it's all correct, I cannot say as I don't have adequate details and I don't

"But at least to some extent I am glad that there are some Russian athletes being part of the Games."

Ton-up Azhar

AFP, Birmingham



Azhar Ali's century helped keep England at bay before he was out to the final ball of the second day of the third Test at Edgbaston on Thursday.

Azhar's more than six-hour 139 ended when all-rounder Chris Woakes struck with the new ball to have him edging to England captain Alastair Cook at first slip. That left Pakistan 257 for three at stumps,

40 runs behind England's first innings 297.

Number three Azhar had come in just five balls into Thursday's play after Mohammad Hafeez had fallen for a duck to leave Pakistan none for one.

Azhar punished England for dropping him twice with his 10th century in 48 Tests.

Together with recalled opener Sami Aslam, who made 82, he put on 181 for the second wicket.

Aslam, a 20-year-old lefthanded opener, was in sight of a well-deserved maiden Test hundred when he was run out responding to Azhar's poor call.

Younis Khan was 21 not out, having helped Azhar add 76 for the third wicket.

England's tough day in the field was made worse when James Anderson was twice warned officially in one over by Australian umpire Bruce Oxenford for running on the pitch. One more such warning and Anderson,

England's all-time leading Test wicket-taker, would be barred from bowling again in the innings. Hafeez fell for a duck after lazily guiding

at point. Pakistan had seen Sohail Khan, one of

a short Anderson delivery to Gary Ballance

their two changes from the side beaten by 330 runs in the second Test at **SCOREBOARD**

Old Trafford as England levelled the four-match series at 1-1, take a Test-best five for

96 on Wednesday. Now all eyes were on Aslam, also playing just his third Test, after he had replaced struggling fellow left-handed

opener Shan Masood. Aslam's only prior innings this tour was his 17 against Worcestershire during last week's two-daywarm-up match.

Yet the well-organised opener played with a composure belying his years.

Azhar showed his class by turning Anderson off his legs for four.

Russians in show of defiance

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Russian Olympians turned out in force to see their flag raised over the athletes' village in Rio on Wednesday in an impressive show of defiance.

Numerous Russian sports stars, including their entire track and field squad, have been barred from the Games in Rio due to a string of damaging doping scandals.

But for tennis player Svetlana Kuznetsova, a twotime Grand Slam winner, it was vital for those allowed to compete to show their commitment to the cause by making their presence in the village -- and in front of the world's media -- highly visible.

"It's very sad that so many top athletes cannot be here with us because we're a big country," she said at the Russian welcome ceremony in the Olympic Village.

"It's important for us to see our flag raised in the village," added Kuznetsova.

Phelps wants clean sport

REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

entrepreneurship.

Michael Phelps, the most medalled Olympian of all time, questioned on Wednesday whether he had ever swum in a 'clean' sport as he prepared for a Rio Games overshadowed by the Russian doping scandal.

"We all want clean sports," the American told a news conference.

"I think I can honestly say as well in my career I don't know if I've ever competed in a clean sport,' added the 31-year-old, winner of 18 career Olympic golds and 22

medals. "And it's upsetting. However, his longstanding coach Bob Bowman was scathing about the situation.

"Clearly from a team perspective we are just focused on getting the best performances that we can, regardless of the circumstances," he said, sitting alongside Phelps.

"But I would have to say from a personal standpoint, it's very concerning to me that our governing bodies have dropped the ball in many ways on this. The system is broken and it has to be fixed."

Gatlin to feel 'full wrath'

REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro



Usain Bolt is promising to let American sprinter Justin Gatlin "feel his full wrath" as he zones in on an unprecedented trebletreble of gold medals at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics. Bolt was given a medical exemption by Jamaican officials

during the Olympic trials and Gatlin wasted little opportu nity in trying to get under the 29-year-old's skin. Gatlin said the six-time Olympic gold medallist had been given 'a medical pass' to compete and Bolt said on Wednesday that had only served to fuel his desire to shut the

to compete at the Rio Games after he pulled a hamstring

American up by proving himself on the track. "Yes definitely, I think they have not learned over the years that the more you talk, the more I will want to beat you," Bolt told Reuters on Wednesday.

"It's one of those things, but I'm looking forward to it, should be exciting and they will feel my full wrath as always." Bolt, who returned to action in the 200 metres at last month's Diamond League meeting in London, said he felt he was in better shape ahead of the opening race of his programme on Aug. 13 -- the 100 metres -- than he was for

"I'm feeling much more confident now," he added. "I'm much more comfortable with where I'm at.

last year's world championships in Beijing.

"I never try to predict times, because you never know what will happen. But for me the shape I'm in, I'll say I'm in much better shape, so I think 9.6 seconds definitely." Bolt's world record for the 100 is 9.58 seconds. He ran

year in Beijing. As for his preferred 200, Bolt said he and coach Glen Mills had been pleased with the work they had been doing on the bend after some "rust" in London, when he ran 19.89.

Djokovic glad

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

that Russia avoided a blanket Olympic Games ban but admitted the scandal was a

Russia avoided an allout ban from Rio but the build-up to the Games has athletes from the country protesting individual suspensions handed down by international federations.

read about what's been the Olympics," said Serb star Djokovic.

9.79 in clinching his third world championships title last want to make a stance.

Chase denies India win

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REUTERS, Kingston



plished an all-round feat last achieved by cricketing great Gary Sobers as West Indies escaped with an unlikely draw against India in the second Test in

Roston Chase accom-

Jamaica on Wednesday. After taking 5 for 121 with his offspin earlier in the match, Chase scored

an authoritative 137 not out to lead West Indies to safety, with the home team losing only two wickets on the fifth and final day at Sabina Park in Kingston. In just his second Test, the 24-yearold from Barbados became just the

century and take five wickets in the same Test, and the first to do so in 50 years. Sobers, the only player to accomplish the feat twice, last achieved that

fourth West Indies player to score a

The small crowd erupted in rapturous applause when Chase completed his century and raised his bat in celebration, with nobody clapping louder than retired batting great Viv Richards.

double in 1966.

"It's a great feeling I could help draw the test match for my team after we were behind the eight-ball by a long way," the softly-spoken Chase said after being named player of the match.

"My aim is to be equally capable both batting and bowling but I prefer



Chase celebrates his maiden hundred against India during their second Test match at Sabina Park on Wednesday. PHOTO: COLLECTED

batting more."

West Indies had reached 388 for six in their second innings, ahead by 84 runs, when India captain Virat Kohli conceded a draw with a few overs still remaining. "It was just outstanding," said West

Indies captain Jason Holder, who played his part with an unbeaten 64 batting at number eight.

"I just asked the guys to show fight and character. It was really good to see

say well played." **SCOREBOARD** WEST INDIES: First innings 196 INDIA: First innings 500 for 9 decl WEST INDIES: Second innings

Brathwaite c Rahul b Mishra

Roston batting an entire day."

about," he said.

batting as well.

India captain Virat Kohli lamented

"Testing, that's what test cricket is all

"Our bowlers tried their best. We

created a few chances that didn't go to

hand, beat them quite a few times but

at the end of the day it was really good

"You have to take your hat off and

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the rain that helped the Windies, but

also gave credit to the opposition.

Chandrika b Sharma Bravo c Rahul b Shami Samuels b Shami Blackwood c Pujara b Ashwin 63 137 Chase not out Dowrich Ibw b Mishra Holder not out Extras: (lb-2 nb-3 w-1) Total: (For 6 wkts in 104 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-41, 3-41, 4-48, 5-141, 6-285. Did not bat: Bishoo, Cummins, Gabriel Bowler 56 Sharma 82 Shami 90

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Ashwin Result: Match drawn. Player-of-the-match: Roston Chase