

## Indira Road, Uttara on course

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Indira Road Krira Chakra and Uttara Sporting Club kept their super league hopes alive in the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League after winning their respective matches at different venues in Dhaka yesterday.

Indira Road were awarded victory over Brothers Union as they lost fewer wickets after scores were tied at end of their exciting match at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium.

Put into bat, Brothers were all out for 182 in the last ball of the stipulated 50 overs with opener Shahriar Hossain making highest 48.

In reply, Indira Road reached 182 for nine when their 50 overs ended.

This was the second time Indira Road had won a game after scores have been tied this season.

In another match, Uttara Sporting Club defeated BCB Development Squad by 60 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Electing to bat, Uttara scored 251 for six.

They then bundled out the Development Squad for 191 in 43.4 overs.

Indira Road and Uttara are in joint fourth position in the 13-team league table with 20 points each.

Elsewhere, lowly Surjo Tarun Club beat Orient Sporting Club by seven wickets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

### SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the three GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League matches yesterday: **Indira Road KC v Brothers Union**

Venue: FCS

BROTHERS UNION				
Salauddin lbw b Arafat	15			
Shahriar c Hadi b Humayun	48			
Masroor c Papon b Raihan	5			
Mahbub c Imran b Humayun	15			
Halim Shah c Papon b Raihan	11			
Mustadir c Bappy b Humayun	35			
Bidyut c Kiran b Imran	23			
Iqbal c & b Imran	3			
Shahnewaz c Kiran b Arafat	4			
Mustakim c Sanjay b Imran	2			
Rana not out	1			
Extras: (b-5, lb-7, nb-1, w-7)	20			
Total: (All out in 50 overs)	182			
Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-65, 3-94, 4-97, 5-124, 6-164, 7-172, 8-177, 9-180.				

INDIRAROAD				
Humayun lbw b Shahnewaz	10			
Papon c Bidyut b Mustadir	44			
Bappy c Bidyut b Shahnewaz	5			
Kalim c Mahbub b Masroor	3			
Kiran run out	1			
Hadi c Bidyut b Rana	42			
Arafat b Bidyut b Rana	26			
Raihan c Mustakim b Rana	1			
Tushar run out	9			
Imran not out	16			
Sanjay not out	4			
Extras: (lb-5, nb-2, w-14)	21			
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs)	182			
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-20, 3-48, 4-49, 5-91, 6-132, 7-134, 8-156, 9-162.				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Sanjay	10	2	30	0
Arafat	9	0	35	2
Raihan	10	1	28	2
Tushar	2	0	6	0
Imran	9	0	34	3
Humayun	10	2	37	3

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shahnewaz	8	2	21	2
Iqbal	9	1	23	0
Mustadir	10	2	40	1
Masroor	9	0	36	1
Mustakim	5	0	18	0

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Result: Match tied. Indira Road earned full six points for losing less number of wickets.				
<b>Uttara SC v BCB Dev Squad</b>				
<b>UTTARASC</b>				
Moniruzzaman c Sagir b Ziaur	0			
Shahriar c Sagir b Ziaur	7			
Nayem c & b Arafat	42			
Faisal c sub b Ashiq	34			
Sumon not out	91			
Rashed lbw b Enamul	24			
Arman c Sagir b Enamul	4			
Shafiq not out	20			
Extras: (b-6, lb-3, nb-8, w-12)	29			
Total: (For 6 wickets in 50 overs)	251			
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-56, 3-56, 4-121, 5-170, 6-178.				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Ziaur	10	0	61	2
Rubaiyat	10	1	51	0
Arafat	10	0	37	1
Nayem	3	0	17	0
Enamul	10	2	35	2
Kamrul	3	0	17	0
Ashiq	4	0	24	0

BCB DEV SQUAD				
Nayem lbw b Rabbani	3			
Kafi c Moniruzzaman b Debabrata	17			
Nazimuddin lbw b Rabbani	0			
Sagir c & b Aslam	37			
Ashiq c Maruf b Sumon	29			
Rahman run out	5			
Kamrul run out	0			
Arafat b Aslam	52			
Rubaiyat c Moniruzzaman b Sumon	17			
Ziaur run out	0			
Enamul not out	0			
Extras: (lb-4, nb-7, w-20)	31			
Total: (All out in 43.4 overs)	191			
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-7, 3-36, 4-97, 5-105, 6-105, 7-115, 8-177, 9-177.				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Debabrata	10	0	54	1
Rabbani	8	0	32	2
Shafiq	2	0	13	0
Sumon	7	0	33	2
Faisal	8	2	18	0

Aslam 8.4 1 37 2

Result: Uttara SC won by 60 runs				
<b>Orient SC v Surjo Tarun</b>				
<b>ORIENT SC</b>				
Masum c Dhiman b Rafiqul	58			
Firoz b Monirul	14			
Shahid c & b rafiqul	1			
R Hanif c Nasiruddin b MAkhter	41			
Ashrek run out	41			
Nadim lbw b Ilyas	12			
Rezaul c MAkhter b Ilyas	3			
Sajit not out	12			
Kamal not out	0			
Extras: (b-5, lb-5, w-22)	32			
Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs)	227			
Fall of wickets: 1-52, 2-53, 3-131, 4-148, 5-194, 6-212, 7-225.				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Nazmul	5	0	26	0
Monirul	8	1	15	2
Zeeshan	4	0	25	0
Rafiqul	8	1	43	2
MAkhter	10	0	44	1
Ilyas	10	2	33	2
Ziaul	5	0	31	0

SURJO TARUN				
Dhiman c R Hanif b Sajit	89			
Zeeshan lbw b R Hanif	30			
Nasiruddin run out	12			
Sakib not out	55			
MAkhter not out	28			
Extras: (b-2, lb-1, nb-4, w-7)	14			
Total: (For 3 wickets in 48.3 overs)	228			
Fall of wickets: 1-120, 2-135, 3-154.				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Lucky	4	1	12	0
Kamal	3	1	17	0
R Hanif	10	1	41	1
Saju	9.3	0	53	0
Ashrek	10	1	41	0
Shjit	10	1	39	1
Rezaul	2	0	22	0

**Result: Surjo Tarun won by seven wickets.**

## 1st to fourth in 36 hours

REUTERS, Johannesburg

Australian Tom Moody woke up on Sunday morning as the scorer of the fastest fifty in World Cup history.

Some 36 hours later, however, the lanky former all-rounder will go to bed relegated to fourth on the list following a feast of attacking batting at the 2003 tournament.

First man to better Moody's half-century from 28 balls against Bangladesh in 1999 was West Indies opener Wavell Hinds.

Perhaps inspired by Canada's John Davison, who failed by only two balls to knock Moody off the top of the standings on the way to the fastest ever century at the World Cup, Hinds reached his fifty from 24 deliveries.

Hinds had barely lowered his raised bat, though, when his partner Brian Lara was plundering Barry Seabaran's gentle medium pace for 26 runs in a single over, posting his own half-century in 23 balls.

The two West Indians sat proudly atop the list overnight and, when Zimbabwe slumped to 142 for six against Australia in the next World Cup match on Monday, few people would have expected the record to be threatened again.

But enter unheralded Zimbabwe all-rounder Andy Blignaut.

The former model launched into the world champions' much-vaunted attack in blistering style, smashing two sixes and eight fours to reach his half-century in 25 balls, two more than Lara but still three fewer than the unfortunate Moody.

Davison's 30-ball fifty left him joint sixth on the list, tied with England's Chris Old, Pakistan's Imran Khan, New Zealander Martin Crowe and Sri Lanka's Sanath Jayasuriya.

Moody is now relegated to fourth, one place above former Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga.

## Hauritz in

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January as the Bradman Young Cricketer of the Year.

Australia chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns said Hauritz was a lively spinner with an ability to take wickets, field well and make runs when required.

"He has also showed just what a valuable contribution he can make in South African conditions, with some fine performances on last year's tour of that country," Hohns said in an ACB statement.

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hard way."

Pybus, an Englishman serving his third term as Pakistan coach, was also the coach for South African provincial side Boland.

The knives will be out if Pakistan do not qualify for the Super Six, but that is the least of Pybus' worries.

"At the moment I am not thinking about my position, all I am thinking about is the next three games," he said.

England's newest pace sensation James Anderson grabbed four wickets to rock Pakistan for a paltry 134 in reply to England's 246-8 in Cape Town on Saturday.

"I feel we gave 42 runs too many to England and when we batted our middle order did not come to the party," Pybus said.

"Conditions did change as we had to bat under lights and England bowled exceptionally well while we let them off."

The coach said he was worried over the repeated batting failures.

"In a way it is disappointing that we have batted so badly. The boys train exceptionally hard but it does not work out in the middle."

"It's not complicated, we just need to put together a collective batting performance and that can make our days in the remaining games."

Frontline batsman Inzamamul Haq has been the biggest let-down for Pakistan with scores of six, four and zero in the three matches so far.



Australia's Adam Gilchrist is about to have a go at a delivery during his knock of 61 against Zimbabwe in the World Cup in Bulawayo yesterday.

## Aussies first in Super 6

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boundary to move to 56 not out, while Martyn remained unbeaten on 50.

Earlier, Andy Flower hit back at critics who said he was underperforming at the World Cup with 62 and Andy Blignaut smashed the third-fastest half-century in the tournament to boost Zimbabwe's total.

Blignaut finished with a quickfire 54 after reaching the landmark off 25 balls, third behind West Indians Brian Lara (23 balls) and Wavell Hinds (24) who both achieved it against Canada on Sunday.

An unnamed official of the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) reportedly said before the match that Flower was more concerned about protesting against President Robert Mugabe's government than scoring runs.

Flower and team-mate Henry Olonga wore black armbands, later changed to black wristbands, a place in the squad.

Olonga was once again relegated to the reserves, like in the previous match against India, but Flower retained his place as the most experienced batsman in the team.

Andy and brother Grant Flower put on 84 for the third wicket after a double strike from Jason Gillespie reduced Zimbabwe 28-2.

Grant was run out after a misunderstanding with Andy, who was himself bowled by a ball that kept

low from left-arm spinner Brad Hogg.

Hogg ensured Australia did not miss the banned Shane Warne as he claimed the wickets of Dion Ebrahim and Douglas Marillier to finish with three for 46 from eight overs.

Left-handed Blignaut plundered eight boundaries and two sixes before falling to a brilliant return catch by Brett Lee.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the World Cup Group A match between Zimbabwe and Australia at the Queens Sports Club here on Monday:

ZIMBABWE	O	M	R	W
C Wishart b Gillespie	10			
F Whittall c Hogg b Gillespie	1			
A Flower b Hogg	62			
G Flower run out	37			
D Ebrahim b Hogg	15			
T Taibu b McGrath	23			
D Marillier c Ponting b Hogg	0			
A Blignaut c and b Lee	54			
H Streak not out	28			
B Murphy b McGrath	1			
D Hondo not out	1			
Extras: (b-4, lb-3, w-3, nb-4)	14			
Total: (For nine wickets in 50 overs)	246			

AUSTRALIA	O	M	R	W
Martyn	4	0	21	0
Hogg	8	0	46	3

Result: Australia won by seven wickets.
Man-of-the-match: A Blignaut.
Toss: Zimbabwe
Umpires: David Orchard (Rsa) and Billy Bowden (NZ)
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**Harper stays**

Trinidadian Logie, 42, played 52 Tests between 1983 and 1991. He has been the WICB's youth and A team coach for the past five years and is now coaching the Canadian team at the World Cup, a post made available through the WICB.

Antigua Baptist, 42 next month, had ten Tests as an all-rounder between 1983 and 1990. He has made a reputation over the past dozen years as player and coach with Eastern Province and KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa where he now resides.

King, 38, was coach of Queensland, the Australian state champions, from 1999 to 2002 when he took up his post at the academy. He spent a month at the Shell West Indies Academy in Grenada during his first session in 2001 and has advised the WICB on coaching programmes.

If Harper is replaced, the West Indies would start the home series against Australia in April with their sixth coach in the past seven years, following Andy Roberts, Clive Lloyd, the late Malcolm Marshall, Richards and himself.

## Quips & Quotes

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campaign."

New Zealand manager Jeff Crowe reflecting on the Durban nightclub bust-up which left star all-rounder Chris Cairns nursing cuts and grazes.

"We've got to be more accurate, more consistent. We've got to put five or six balls in the one area."

West Indies skipper Carl Hooper bemoaning his pace bowlers' lack of accuracy.

"In Zimbabwe, we are suffering. The Australians are not suffering, so perhaps this doesn't affect them."

Catholic Archbishop Pius Ncube accusing the world champions of being unsympathetic to the plight of Zimbabweans by agreeing to play their match in Bulawayo.

## Saurav shifts

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the first three World Cup games or during a recent one-day series in New Zealand.

"I wanted to spend as much time as possible at the crease," he said.

Man-of-the-match Sachin Tendulkar, who has mustered 321 runs in the tournament and topped in each of India's four World Cup games, said he was focusing on one match at a time.

"The important thing is I continue to maintain this form," he said. "All of us have to contribute with the bat to make the difference between winning and losing."

## Vaughan fit

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day)," an England spokesman told AFP.

"We have not been able to practise outdoors today because of rain although a few players did spend some time training indoors."

Both sides have three wins from four games in Pool A which also includes defending champions Australia, Pakistan and Zimbabwe, besides minnows Namibia and the Netherlands.

The match also represents a chance for England to bury memories of last year's triangular series final at Lord's where brilliant batting from Indian youngsters Yuvraj Singh and Mohammad Kaif denied Hussain's men what seemed certain victory.

Paul Collingwood, England's batting hero against Pakistan with a composed 66 not out, is one who cannot wait for the India game.

"We need to get into the Super Six, and it's a massive game again on Wednesday, so we have to put another performance in like that," he said.

"That's what we're here for: to get into the Super Six and go further."

