

# MSC stunned again

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Victoria Sporting Club extended their lead to eight points at the top of the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League table with a comprehensive eight-wicket win over Young Pegasus at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Chasing a testing Pegasus total of 201 in 50 overs, the defending champions raced home making 203 in 36.3 overs with eight wickets in hand.

Opens Parvez Ahmed and Mohammad Salim got the Victorians off to a flying start as they put on 125 runs just in 19.4 overs.

Parvez remained unbeaten on 97 off 104 balls with a six and eleven boundaries while Salim hammered a solid 88-ball 72 that featured 14 hits across the rope.

Earlier, the Young Pegasus total was built around a fine century from Pakistani opener Fahadullah who hammered 104 off 141 balls with the help of four sixes and eight fours.

It was Victoria's seventh win in eight matches that raised their tally to 38 points, eight points above second placed Mohammedan Sporting Club who lost the day's other match to Kalabagan Kirra Chakra by seven wickets.

Opting to bat at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, failure of the top-order saw Mohammedan get bowled out for a meagre 150 in 44.3 overs.

One-down Javed Omar Belim top-scored with a patient 45 off 105 balls. Useful contributions also came from Fahim Muntasir and Naimur Rahman who added 32 and 25 respectively. No other Mohammedan batter could reach double figures.

In reply, Kalabagan took only 35.3 overs to score 155 with seven wickets in hand.

Pakistan opener Majed Sayeed coasted his side with an undefeated 87 off 100 balls that featured one six and 13 boundaries.

It was Kalabagan's third win in a row that raised their tally to 18 points from seven matches.

## SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the two GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League matches yesterday:

### Victoria SC v Young Pegasus

Venue: DCS

### YOUNG PEGASUS

Fahadullah c Parvez v Saiful 104

Imroz b Nuruzzaman 0

Murad run out 8

Nirala b Razzak 54

Rezwana c Saiful b Gowhar 3

Russell b Manzarul 4

Jamil lbw b Manzarul 0

Khokon c Salim b Manzarul 1

Shahzada run out 2

Mukta b Manzarul 12

Kamal not out 1

Extras: (lb-4, w-8) 12

Total: (All out in 49.1 overs) 201

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-17, 3-83, 4-100, 5-107, 6-107, 7-111, 8-115, 9-174.

### Bowler

O	M	R	W	
Saiful	7.1	1	29	1
Nuruzzaman	5	0	25	1
Gowhar	8	0	33	1
Razzak	10	2	32	1
Sabbir	6	0	31	0
Manzarul	10	2	27	4
Masudur	3	0	20	0

### VICTORIA SC

Parvez not out 97

Salim run out 72

Nuruzaman st Nirala b Kamal 8

Azam not out 9

Extras: (lb-5, nb-2, w-10) 17

Total: (For 2 wks in 36.3 overs) 203

Fall of wickets: 1-125, 2-147.

### Bowler

O	M	R	W	
Shahzada	4.3	0	38	0
Mukta	2	0	13	0

	O	M	R	W
Jamil	2	0	17	0
Murad	5	0	31	0
Rezwana	10	1	33	0
Khokon	3	0	20	0
Fahadullah	1	0	8	0
Kamal	9	0	38	1

**Result: Victoria SC won by eight wickets.**

### Mohammedan SC v Kalabagan KC

Venue: BNS

### MOHAMMEDAN SC

S Mahmud c Majed b Mahub 4

Nafees c Sharfuddowla b Mahub 8

Javed run out 45

Aftab c Imran b Zakir 4

Naimur lbw b Majed 25

Fahim c Imran b Sharfuddowla 32

Enamul c Zakir b Imran 4

Anwar run out 2

Yasir run out 5

Hasibul c Lovlu b Imran 3

Monir not out 0

Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-1, w-13) 18

Total: (All out in 44.3 overs) 150

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-13, 3-29, 4-77, 5-116, 6-120, 7-132, 8-140, 9-150.

### Bowler

O	M	R	W	
Zakir	10	1	27	1
Mahub	8	2	22	2
Jamed	8	0	33	1
Sharfuddowla	7.3	1	19	1
Imran	8	1	29	2
Imtiaz	3	0	16	0

### KALABAGAN KC

Imtiaz lbw b S Mahmud 16

Majed not out 87

Sadik b Enamul 1

Nahidul c Yasir b Enamul 18

Nasirul not out 23

Extras: (b-5, nb-3, w-2) 10

Total: (For 3 wks in 35.3 overs) 155

Fall of wickets: 1-62, 2-63, 3-94.

### Bowler

O	M	R	W	
Hasibul	4	0	28	0
Monir	3	0	11	0
Enamul	10	3	33	2
S Mahmud	9.3	2	43	1
Naimur	4	0	18	0
Fahim	5	1	17	0

**Result: Kalabagan KC won by seven wickets.**



Former world number four and top Japanese tennis player Kimiko Date takes a baby in her lap during a visit to the Maternal and Child Health Training Institute at Azimur in the city yesterday. Date came here on Monday on an invitation by Japan International Cooperation Agency. She will also conduct a training session for young girls at BKSP in Savar today.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

# Anglo-Indian classics

ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003

AFP, Durban

England and India have served up some memorable one-day encounters in the past and Wednesday's World Cup clash under the Kingsmead floodlights here promises to be no exception.

Below AFP Sport looks back at just three of the teams' one-day battles:

## FIRST

June 7, 1975, World Cup, Lord's: England won by 202 runs

The first ever World Cup match remains one of the strangest in the tournament's history.

England were certainly in the driving seat after piling up a huge 334 for four, Dennis Amis making an impressive 137.

But someone had clearly forgotten to tell opener Sunil Gavaskar he was playing in a limited-overs

match. The India great batted the entire 60 over innings for an unbeaten 36 in a bizarre display which he later attributed to a 'mental block'.

Gavaskar's impromptu 'net' stymied India's chase before it had started and ensured an easy England win.

## SECOND

June 22, 1983, World Cup semifinal, Old Trafford: India won by six wickets.

England, on home soil, were favourites to repeat their performance of four years earlier and again reach the final. But India's seamers, with inspirational captain Kapil Dev's three for 35 leading the way, restricted Bob Willis' side to just 213 all out in 60 overs.

All the England top order made a start but Graeme Fowler's top score of 33 spoke volumes about the accuracy of India's attack.

England's bowlers had too few runs to play with and Yashpal Sharma (61) and Sandeep Patil (51 not out) saw India home after Mohinder Amarnath had earlier

weighed in with a valuable 46.

## THIRD

July 13 2002, Nat West Series final, Lord's: India won by two wickets

Marcus Trescothick smashed 109 and Nasser Hussain 115 as England made a mammoth 325-5 off their 50 overs and immediately sensed victory.

However, they reckoned without the quality of the Indian batting line-up as Virender Sehwag and Saurav Ganguly got their team's reply off to a flying start by putting on 106 for the first wicket in just 14 overs.

Young guns Yuvraj Singh and Mohamed Kaif then piled on the pressure with a 121-run stand for the sixth wicket as India won with three balls to spare. Kaif top-scored with an unbeaten 87 while Singh hit 69 and Ganguly 60.

The Indian skipper celebrated the win by stripping off his shirt on the Lord's balcony and whirling it above his head just as Andrew Flintoff had done a few months earlier in Bombay when England levelled a six-match series 3-3.

# It's not new for Warne

ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003

AFP, Sydney

Shane Warne on Tuesday admitted he had first taken the banned diuretic which earned him a 12-month ban from cricket in December last year to get rid of an alcohol-induced double chin.

Warne said he had taken another fluid tablet given to him by his mother, Brigitte, in early December, before his shoulder injury and more than a month before taking the banned diuretic which threatens to end his career.

The high-profile Australian leg-spinner said a previous drug test had shown up small traces of similar substances to those which had emerged in the January 22 sample, for which he was called before an anti-doping panel last Saturday.

Warne said the earlier fluid tablet was taken for the sake of appearance and before his shoulder injury, proving he was not a drug cheat who had taken diuretics to mask other drugs to speed his recovery.

"I was (drug) tested on December 12 which was negative. This was before the injury I was injured on the 15th (December)," Warne told Channel Nine.

"It has since come up at the hearing that there were small traces of the same ingredients that

I was tested positive for in January.

"I admitted to the hearing that I had taken a tablet in early December.

"I was doing a lot of wine promotions. I'd had a couple too many bottles of wine and had a few late nights.

"I took a fluid tablet then that was the first time she (Mum) gave it to me. It was to get rid of a double chin.

"The December 12 test showed small traces of the same thing. That was before my (shoulder) operation that proves I didn't take the fluid tablet to mask anything."

Warne also admitted in the interview to being silly for not checking what tablets he was taking, and said he should have listened more to Australian Sports Drug Agency (ASDA) briefings on banned substances.

He also said the 12-month ban from all cricket could cost him around three million dollars (1.8 million USD), but that he was still considering whether to appeal the ban.

He was unsure what he would do with his life, but meanwhile had been offered jobs and, even, a cameo role in a movie.

Warne said his only crimes were vanity and "being silly", and again angrily denied taking performance enhancing drugs.

"I've never needed to, I never have and I never will take them."

Warne said he had a letter of appeal ready and written, but was

still deciding whether to fight the ban.

He has until Saturday to decide whether to lodge an appeal, which would be heard by the National Sports Disputes Centre.

"One side of me says 'get out there, appeal and get less penalty because it's not fair'.

"Another side of me says 'I'm a human being, I want to get on with my life, cop the penalty and just get on with it'.

"I don't want to rush into a decision... whether I just spend the 12 months or go away for 12 months, I just don't know at this stage.

"I don't want to be rushed into anything until it's clear what I want to do."

Warne's brother and manager Jason said Warne may take until Saturday the last day to decide whether to appeal.

Warne's camp hopes the Australian Cricket Board's decision to release the full findings of his drugs hearing to the public on its website on Wednesday will help him shed the "drug cheat" slur.

The ACB said it would publish the 10-page judgement by its anti-doping committee, which gave Warne half the standard two-year ban for the offence.

"We think that it's important to do that so the public can understand the reasons behind the judgement," said ACB spokesman Peter Young.

# Tikolo can afford to dream

AFP, Nairobi

Kenyan cricket captain Steve Tikolo said on Monday his team's chances of reaching the Super Six phase in the World Cup was no longer a dream after the east Africans pulled off an upset win over Sri Lanka.

"Our victory over one of the tournament's favourite teams, Sri Lanka, is reason enough to prove our mantle," said Tikolo, after Kenya scored a shock 53-runs win against the former title holders at the Nairobi Gymkhana club.

"We were confident and positive of beating the Sri Lankans, especially since we were playing our first match of the World cup before our home fans."

It was Kenya's second win in the tournament, taking their points tally to 12 in Pool B which puts them on equal footing with the former champions.

# Thorpe may be back to ODIs

REUTERS, London

England batsman Graham Thorpe has said he may reconsider his decision to retire from one-day international cricket.

Thorpe announced last year he would not play for England's one-day side again and withdrew from the Ashes tour of Australia following the collapse of his marriage.

"I'm really up for my cricket," Thorpe said in his column in the Daily Mail newspaper. "I'm confident that I can play my best and then it's up to others to decide whether I should play for England."

"I have missed it this winter and am keen to play all the cricket I can this summer including one-day internationals and Tests."

# Quips & Quotes

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India captain Saurav Ganguly in confident mood ahead of his side's match against England in Durban on Wednesday.

"It's just a question of closing my eyes and what will be, will be."

Zimbabwe's Andy Blythe whose quickfire 54 off 25 balls against Australia was the third fastest half-century ever in the World Cup.



Cricket World Cup 2003 Preliminary Round Bangladesh vs New Zealand Venue: Kimberley England vs India Venue: Durban GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League City Club vs BCB Dev Squad Venue: FCS Uttara Sporting vs Indira Road Venue: BKSP Brothers Union vs Orient SC Venue: BNS

# WORLD CUP STANDINGS

AFP, Johannesburg

World Cup standings after Tuesday's matches (played, won, lost, tied or no result, points, net run-rate):

## GROUP A

Australia	4	4	0	0	16	+1.77
England	4	3	1	0	12	+2.08
India	4	3	1	0	12	+1.19
Pakistan	4	2	2	0	8	+0.39
Zimbabwe	4	2	2	0	8	-0.09
Netherlands	4	0	4	0	0	-2.02
Namibia	4	0	4	0	0	-2.49

## GROUP B

Kenya	4	3	1	0	12	-0.39
Sri Lanka	4	3	1	0	12	+1.73
W Indies	4	2	1	1	10	+1.03
N Zealand	4	2	2	0	8	-0.08
SAfrica	4	2	2	0	8	+2.14
Canada	4	1	3	0	4	-1.46
Bangladesh	4	0	3	1	2	-2.64

**Note 1: Three teams from the group will advance to the super-six round.**

**Note 2: England forfeited four points to Zimbabwe for refusing to play in Harare.**

**Note 3: New Zealand forfeited four points to Kenya for refusing to play in Nairobi.**

# Cop and a cricketer

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looking for guys to come through because you need fast bowlers since top sides like Australia, Pakistan and South Africa have got quick bowlers of their own.

**DSS:** What was the turning point in your career?

**SB:** I probably played the best one-day games against Australia. The series in Australia and a few games against Bangladesh provided me a huge confidence in my career. It was just amazing the way things went in Australia. I have not had the same success in the World Cup so far, but things will change if I get a few wickets.

**DSS:** What was the story behind joining the police.

**SB:** I joined the police force in 1999 and have worked there a year and a half. I'm on leave at the moment just to play cricket.

**DSS:** Why not take cricket as a profession?

**SB:** I'm trying to be a professional cricketer. But it is hard to get a job once you are out of cricket. I