

Victoria crush Kalabagan

Cricket

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Victoria Sporting Club registered their eighth win in the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League with a six-wicket whitewash of Kalabagan Krira Chakra at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Chasing Kalabagan's 176 in 50 overs, Victoria scored 180 in 44.5 overs.

One-down Nuruzzaman top-scored with 46 off 71 balls followed by opener Salim and middle order Azam Iqbal who added 32 and 31 runs respectively.

Earlier, put into bat, Kalabagan were restricted to 176 for nine in 50 overs. Pakistani Majed Sayeed hammered highest 57.

The Victorians raised their tally to 44 points from nine matches, 14 points ahead of second placed Mohammedan Sporting Club.

Kalabagan tasted their fifth defeat in eight matches that kept them on 18 points.

In the other match of the day, BCB Development Squad beat Young Pegasus by eight wickets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Chasing a paltry Pegasus total of 118 in 50 overs, the under-19 side took only 35.1 overs to reach home.

SCOREBOARDS

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

Victoria SC v Kalabagan KC

Venue: FCS				
KALABAGAN KC				
Intiaz b Gauhar	1			
Sadik c Azam b Masudur	24			
Majed run out	57			
Nahidul c Azam b Masudur	7			

Nasirul c Salim b Masudur	0			
Tariqu b Sabbir	10			
Imran c Manzarul b Sabbir	9			
Lovlu not out	16			
Zakir c Razzak b Manzarul	5			
Mahbub st Salim b Razzak	12			
Sharfuddowla not out	1			
Extras: (b-6, lb-12, nb-1, w-15)	34			
Total: (For 9 wks in 50 overs)	176			
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-87, 3-105, 4-105, 5-128, 6-131, 7-143, 8-158, 9-				



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Nazimuddin of the BCB Development Squad sets off for a run during his unbeaten 43 against Young Pegasus in the Premier Division Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Total: (For 4 wks in 44.5 overs) 180				
Fall of wickets: 1-49, 2-59, 3-134, 4-134.				
Bowler				
172.	O	M	R	W
Saiful	8	2	22	0
Gauhar	5	1	15	1
Nuruzzaman	4	0	20	0
Razzak	9	2	31	1
Masudur	10	2	33	3

Manzarul	10	1	29	1
Sabbir	4	1	8	2
VICTORIASC				
Parvez c Sadik b Imran	16			
Salim b Mahbub	32			
Nuruzzaman c Sharfuddowla b Intiaz	46			
Azam run out	31			
Gauhar not out	17			
Anisur not out	28			
Extras: (lb-4, nb-2, w-4)	10			

YOUNG PEGASUS v BCB Dev Squad				
Venue: BNS				
Fahad lbw b Ziaur	7			
Junayed c Arafat b Nayeem	19			
Murad b Enamul	33			
Nirala c Nazimuddin b Nayeem	6			
Rezul b Enamul	1			
Rezanul b Nayeem	3			
Rasheduzzaman c Enamul b Arafat	7			
Tanvir c Nayeem b Arafat	14			
Jamil c Arafat b Ziaur	12			
Shahzada c Sagir b Ziaur	0			
Kamal not out	2			
Extras: (lb-4, nb-2, w-8)	14			
Total: (All out in 42.3 overs)	118			
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-52, 3-73, 4-76, 5-81, 6-82, 7-97, 8-114, 9-114.				

BCB DEV SQUAD				
Nayeem st Nirala	18			
Jahurul c & b Rezaul	19			
Nazimuddin not out	43			
Sagir not out	32			
Extras: (b-2, nb-1, w-4)	7			
Total: (For 2 wks in 35.1 overs)	119			
Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-54.				

Bowler				
Shahzada	7	2	18	0
Jamil	4	0	17	0
Rezaul	6	2	9	1
Kamal	9	1	28	1
Murad	3.1	0	16	0
Rezanul	4	1	16	0
Rasheduzzaman	2	0	13	0

Result: BCB Development Squad won by eight wickets.				
Bowler				
O	M	R	W	
Shahzada	7	2	18	0
Jamil	4	0	17	0
Rezaul	6	2	9	1
Kamal	9	1	28	1
Murad	3.1	0	16	0
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SA-BD first Test in Ctg

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South Africa will play two Tests when they tour Bangladesh in April.

The first Test begins at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on April 24 while the second Test will start at the Bangabandhu National Stadium a week later.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) advisor and Cricket Committee chairman Mahbubul Aman told The Daily Star Sport yesterday.

Before the Tests however, both teams will feature in a tri-nation on April 11 to 20. India are the other team.

All three countries will face each other twice in the robin league. The top two teams will play in April 20 day-night final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

India will play Bangladesh in the opening match on April 11.

Asian chess Zia, Torre split points

UNB, Dhaka

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman drew with Philippine's Grand Master Eugene Torre to advance to the third position in the 4th Asian Chess Championship after the fifth round match held in Doha on Wednesday.

At Modiaki of host Qatar dominated the meet with an unbeaten record securing 4.5 points.

Bangladesh's International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib (2.5 points) lost his fifth round match to Vietnamese Grand Master Dao Thien Hai.

Two other Bangladeshis - Abu Sufian Shakil (2 pts) and Sheikh Nasir Ahmed (1.5 pts) - drew with Alev Kerim of Turkmenistan and Janahi, Zeyaad of Qatar respectively.

Nipa stays on top

UNB, Dhaka

Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa dominated the 24th National Women's Chess Championship bagging 4.5 points after beating Farzana Hossain Anny in the 5th round match at the Chess Federation yesterday.

In the day's other matches, Mahmuda Haq Chowdhury beat Dilara Jahan Nupur and Nazrana Khan Eva defeated Kishoara Shazneen.



PHOTO: STAR

International Women Master Rani Hamid makes a move against Masuda during their fifth round engagement of the 24th national chess championship at the NSC yesterday.

Namibia numbed

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against a team who also set records, but for all the wrong reasons.

Their meagre total equalled the fourth lowest in all one-day internationals while seamer Rudi van Vuuren's figures were decimated by a last over onslaught from Darren Lehmann who smashed 28, the most runs ever off an over in the World Cup.

The Namibian bowler conceded 92 runs in his ten overs - the second most expensive figures in a World Cup match.

With five wins out of five, Australia top Group A and can look forward with confidence to their final group game against England in Port Elizabeth on Sunday.

Earlier, Matthew Hayden's 88 off 73 balls was spiced with nine boundaries and three sixes but Lehmann stole the show with some lusty late hitting.

The 33-year-old from South Australia hit four boundaries and two towering sixes off van Vuuren's last over, the fourth most expensive in all one-day internationals.

Before Lehmann's quickfire innings Australia had to thwart some disciplined bowling and fielding from

L Burger	10	1	39	3
D Kotze	10	0	54	1
ABurger	4	0	22	0

NAMIBIA				
ABurger c Ponting b McGrath	4			
S Swanepoel c Ponting b Lee	2			
M Karg c Gilchrist b McGrath	4			
D Keulder c Gilchrist b McGrath	3			
G Murgatroyd lbw b McGrath	0			
D Kotze c Gilchrist b McGrath	10			
L Burger c Gilchrist b McGrath	1			
M van Schoor c Gilchrist b Bichel	6			
B van Rooi not out	0			
R van Vuuren c Gilchrist b Bichel	0			
Extras (nb-5, lb-4, w-6)	15			
Total: (All out in 14 overs)	45			
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-14, 3-16, 4-17, 5-28, 6-34, 7-45, 8-45, 9-45				

SCOREBOARD				
Scoreboard in the World Cup Group A match between Australia and Namibia at North West Stadium here on Thursday:				
AUSTRALIA				
A Gilchrist b Van Rooi	13			
M Hayden b L. Burger	88			
M Bevan c and b L. Burger	17			
ASymonds run out	59			
R Ponting c D. Kotze b Burger	2			
D Martyn b D. Kotze	35			
D Lehmann not out	50			
B Hogg not out	19			
Extras: (nb-4, lb-8, w-6)	18			
Total: (For six wickets in 50 overs)	301			
Fall of wickets: 1-26, 2-104, 3-140, 4-146, 5-230, 6-231.				

Bowler				
O	M	R	W	
Van Vuuren	10	0	92	0
Van Rooi	6	0	24	1
B Kotze	10	0	62	1

Result: Australia won by 256 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Glenn McGrath.
Toss: Australia
Umpires: Russel Tiffen (Zim) and Brent Bowden (NZ)
TV umpire: Neil Mallender (Eng)
Match referee: Gundappa Vishwanath (Ind)

ENGLAND-INDIA SCOREBOARD

AFP, Durban

Scoreboard of the World Cup Pool A day-night match between England and India at Kingsmead here on Wednesday:

INDIA: 250 for 9 in 50 overs (R Dravid 62, S Tendulkar 50, Yuvraj Singh 42, D Mongia 32; A Caddick 3-69, A Flintoff 2-15)

ENGLAND

Trescothick c Tendulkar b Zaheer	8
Knight run out	1
Vaughan c Dravid b Nehra	20
Hussain c Dravid b Nehra	15
Stewart lbw b Nehra	0
Collingwood c Sehwaq b Nehra	18
Flintoff c Sehwaq b Srinath	64
White c Dravid b Nehra	13
Irani c Sehwaq b Nehra	0
Caddick not out	13
Anderson lbw b Zaheer	2
Extras: (lb-5, w-7, nb-2)	14
Total: (All out in 45.3 overs)	168
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-18, 3-52, 4-52, 5-62, 6-93, 7-107, 8-107, 9-162	

Bowler				
O	M	R	W	
Zaheer	9.3	1	29	2
Srinath	10	0	37	1
Nehra	10	2	23	6
Ganguly	6	0	34	0
Harbhajan	10	0	40	0

Result: India won by 82 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Ashish Nehra.
Toss: India
Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (Rsa) and Simon Taufel (Aus)
TV umpire: Asoka De Silva (Sri)
Match referee: Ranjan Madugalle (Sri)

Quips & Quotes

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good line and length as there was plenty of bounce in the wicket.

Indian seamer Ashish Nehra whose six wickets took his team to victory over England.

"Conditions did alter, the ball did start to zip off. That's not an excuse. It's how you use the conditions that's important."

England skipper Nasser Hussain after the Durban defeat.

"The record hasn't come up at all here. Maybe it's because it has been over two series and there have been a whole lot of issues in between."

Australian vice-captain Adam Gilchrist as Australia eye their 11th successive one-day win which would take them alongside the West Indies of the 1980s.

"We've played Australia a lot, we know their strengths and weaknesses. We know they are the best side in the world but let's just go out there and try to beat them after that it's down to the mathematicians."

Hussain on his team's make or break clash with Australia on Sunday.



Attack India

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from Britain in 1947.

The two countries have not played against each other since June 2000, after New Delhi banned bilateral cricket tying blame on Islamabad for fomenting unrest in parts of Kashmir state under Indian control.

Nehra

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played the game if team physiotherapist Andrew Leipus had not declared him fit just before the toss following a sprained ankle suffered in the previous Pool A match against Namibia.

Nehra slipped on his delivery stride while bowling his first ball against the Namibians, hobbled off the field and did not return for the rest of the game.

Ajit Agarkar was told to get ready for the England game before Nehra reported fit to play even though the swelling in the ankle had not subsided.

"I really wanted to play because it was a big game. I wanted to bowl a good line and length as there was plenty of bounce in the wicket," Nehra said.

An appreciative Saurav Ganguly, the Indian captain, lauded the youngster's efforts.

"Ashish's ankle was pretty swollen," he said. "It was down to his sheer determination that he wanted to play hats off to him."

"I just kept telling him he had to bowl 10 overs straight and it was up to him how he did it."

Jayasuriya

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But he is happy their fate remains in their own hands.

"We want to top the group and take forward as many points (as we can) into the Super Six, which means it is important to beat both West Indies and South Africa."

"We should not be concerned at what is happening to other teams. The aim is to win all our games."

They have won seven of their last 10 one-day matches against West Indies, but their recent record against South Africa is poor.

Since winning a home series 3-0 in July 2000, they have managed only two wins in 11 games against the World Cup hosts.

Forget Barmy

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here - including ones from Dubai, Northern Ireland, Norway, Canada, Australia and India.

"Our guiding principles are to have a passion and commitment that will inspire India's cricketers to perform well."

Shailesh even admitted they have exchanged ideas with the Barmies.

"They gave us some good advice on what has worked for them and where they have gone wrong in the past."

"There is banter between us but there are also some fundamental differences. Although we are all passionate cricket supporters, you will never find us nipping away from the game to get drinks."

"We have very strict family values. We bring our sisters, wives and mothers to watch the cricket."

"There were some Bharat Army supporters swearing so I went over and reminded them of our values."

Win toss

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ions that's important. There was a wind when we were bowling first. The first ten overs were the time to bat on that wicket," said Hussain of a period when Sachin Tendulkar was building a run-a-ball fifty.

"But when Sachin's batting like that it's tough for anyone," Hussain admitted.

The pitches themselves have not been as hard as expected, prompting Ganguly to say: "These are not 300 plus wickets, 250-260 totals are going to be hard to chase."

And the captains' concerns about conditions are shared by Australia coach John Buchanan.