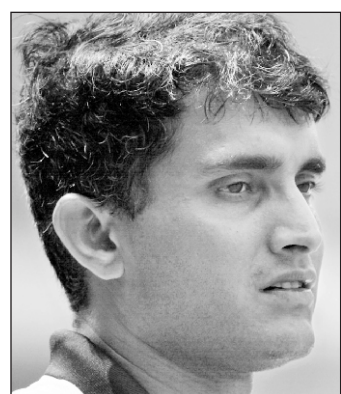




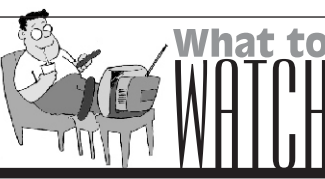
## Did U Know?

India's opener Sunil Gavaskar batted through the full 60 overs in the opening match of the 1975 World Cup against England at Lord's to score just 36 runs.



## Saurav Ganguly

(Indian cricket captain)  
"We're not number one, that's for sure because the number one team is Australia. I don't know what people have understood when I said we wanted to be at the top because any side should look to be the best."



### What to Watch

**ESPN**  
Western Union World Football Repeat at 11:30 am  
**Football Focus**  
Live at 6:30 pm  
**Sportscentre Hindi**  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
**STAR Sports**  
New Zealand vs Pakistan  
First Test, Day Five  
Live at 3:57 am  
**Sportslive Tonight**  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm  
English Premier Football League  
Highlights at 8:30 pm

### Star Whizz Kid COMPETITION 203

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- Who won the FIFA player-of-the-year award?  
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## No 2nd trip for Javed?

SPORTS REPORTER

Opener Javed Omar Belim will probably miss the tour to Zimbabwe next February after doctors suggested that he needs more time to recover from a surgery on his right shoulder.

The right-hander underwent an operation in Bangkok on November 12. But now his surgeon has advised him to take at least two months break from the game.

"The shoulder was really giving me pain for long time and I'm afraid I will miss the tour of Zimbabwe," said the player.

Bangladesh will fly to Namibia

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AN AIR RAID! Brothers' Rajani (R, flying) and Kanchan of Muktiyoddha are locked in an aerial tussle during their Premier Division Football League clash yesterday.

# Big disappointment

SPORTS REPORTER

The first big match of the Western Union Premier Division Football League failed to live up to the hype when National League and Federation Cup champions Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra and a big-spending Brothers Union Club shared points in a goalless draw yesterday.

While the clash of the title-contenders drew blank the response from the crowd at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur was just as disappointing. Roughly three thousand football fans turned up at the 50,000 capac-

ity arena.

In terms of gains Muktiyoddha might have won their first point after their shock 0-1 defeat against Victoria in the opening match and Brothers stayed two points behind leaders Abahani who have maximum six, but the result gave observers little indication where both teams stood strength-wise.

It was obvious from the moment both teams took to the field that the rival coaches wanted to keep their cards close to their chest at the nascent stage of the League.

Muktiyoddha's mindset appeared bent on defence as their master tactician Shafiqul Islam Manik built a six-man wall to keep the

prosperous Brothers attacking line-up at bay.

But after their 5-0 demolition of Arambagh a re-designed Brothers were predictably cautious going all-out.

The 'play safe' attitude and hit on the break confined the battle into a mid-pitch affair that did not produce much action at both ends during the entire 90 minutes.

Despite a mundane 45 minutes both Muktiyoddha and Brothers came very close to breaking the evening's duck.

It was in the 29th minute when Muktiyoddha's right wing-back Hasan Al-Mamun whipped in a bending cross that striker Rokonzaman Kanchan headed

from the near post. But the ball sailed over with Brothers custodian Biplob at his mercy.

Just before the breather Brothers' first attempt looked more like to pay off when their Ugandan forward Okelo's header off a Monwar cross beat Muktiyoddha keeper Aminul, but only to be cleared off the line by defender Papal Pahmud.

The orange men from Gopibagh stepped on the gas after the break, but all their efforts were bellowed into an accord by the Muktiyoddha defense.

Veteran striker Alfaz Ahmed, w

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# Moin makes the Pak day

Cricket

AFP, Hamilton

Moin Khan defied the heroics of New Zealand fast bowler Daryl Tuffey as he steered Pakistan to safety on a rain-shortened fourth day of the first cricket Test here Monday.

A draw seemed almost inevitable after Pakistan were all out for 463, 100 runs behind New Zealand, with only a day to play on a placid pitch.

The Black Caps felt they were in with a chance when Tuffey snapped up two wickets with the second new ball after lunch to reduce the tourists to 285 for six and needing a further 79 runs to avoid the follow-on.

Inzamamul Haq was back in the pavilion for 51 and Abdul Razzaq out for 48.

But enter Moin the saviour with an able lieutenant in Mohammad Sami. The pair put on 152 for the seventh wicket and effectively saved Pakistan.

Sami contributed just 25 runs with the bat, but most importantly he directed as much of the strike as possible to the experienced wicketkeeper who had no difficulty against a bowling line-up that was often astray on a batting-friendly wicket.

He worked the ball around with no sign of panic apart from one anxious moment after some sharp fielding by Chris Cairns led to an apparent run-out.

But a detailed video analysis ruled in his favour when it was unclear whether Daniel Vettori had dislodged the bails with the ball in his hand.

Moin's long stint at the crease eventually came to an end when he was trapped leg-before by Jacob

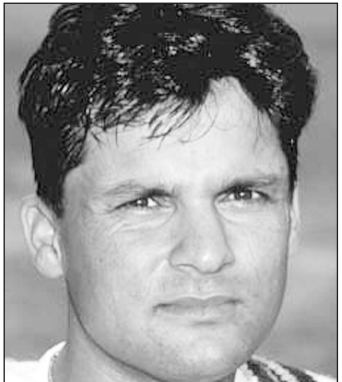
Oram, but by then he had ensured New Zealand would have to bat again.

The Pakistan tail folded quickly with the last four wickets falling in the space of 26 runs but the damage had been done.

New Zealand were required to bat for two overs before stumps with a four from Mark Richardson the only scoring shot to increase their lead to 104.

The Black Caps made the worst possible start to the day when Lou Vincent put down a regulation slips catch after Inzamam edged the first ball he received from Chris Cairns.

It was a 29-run wait before the Pakistan skipper was eventually out, trapped leg-before by New Zealand's



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standout bowler Tuffey.

He ended the innings with five for 87 from 33 overs, his second five-wicket haul in Test cricket, and his victims were all in the top order.

Fast bowler Ian Butler proved very expensive, giving up 113 runs from his 24 overs, while taking the last two wickets to fall to extract a

small element of credibility from his performance.

Oram with two for 55 and Vettori with one for 117 were New Zealand's other wicket takers.

After losing three hours play on Sunday, another two hours were lost Monday because of the rain and the time needed for the outfield to dry.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the fourth day of the first Test between New Zealand and Pakistan on Monday:

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 563 (Fleming 192, Vettori 135 not out, Richardson 44; Shabbir 5-117)

**PAKISTAN:** First innings (overnight 227-4)

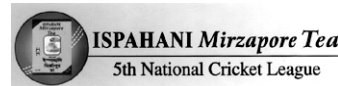
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Farhat c Hart b Oram	20			
Umar c Butler b Tuffey	27			
Hameed lbw b Tuffey	80			
Youhana c Vincent b Tuffey	28			
Inzamamul lbw b Tuffey	51			
Razzaq c Hart b Tuffey	48			
Moin lbw b Oram	137			
Sami c Hart b Vettori	25			
Shabbir c Hart b Butler	8			
Gul c Vettori b Butler	3			
Kameria not out	0			
Extras: (lb-4, nb-21, w-11)	36			
Total: (All out in 144.4 overs)	463			
Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-55, 3-134, 4-209, 5-256, 6-285, 7-437, 8-453, 9-462				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Tuffey	33	8	87	5
Butler	23.4	6	113	2
Oram	23	7	55	2
Cairns	17	0	60	0
Vettori	36	3	117	1
Styris	12	4	27	0

**NEW ZEALAND:** Second innings  
Richardson not out 4  
Vincent not out 0

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Total: (For no wkt in 2 overs)	4			
Richardson not out	4			
Vincent not out	0			

# Dhaka drub Chittagong



SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka completed a Chittagong whitewash, Rajshahi turned the table on Sylhet and Khulna made up for their disappointment in the rain-affected four-dayer with an easy win over Barisal in the abridge version of the Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League at different venues yesterday.

Khaled Mahmud's Dhaka celebrated a delightful double over Akram Khan's Chittagong with a comfortable seven-wicket victory at the Bangabandhu National Stadium a day after their 226-run success in the four-day fixture.

Dhaka's first one-day victory after their heart-breaking defeat against Barisal in the opening match last week was never in doubt once Chittagong, sent into bat, crashed to 71 in 32.2 overs. It was the port city outfit's lowest score the one-day version of the first-class competition.

Dhaka recovered from an early hiccup to post the required 72-3 in 19.5 overs and collected full eight points from the second round.

Away at Rangpur, Habibul Bashar played a captain's knock of 81 as four-day holders Khulna scored 238 and then bundled out Barisal for 157 with spinner Tamim Bashir claiming five wickets.

The 81-run victory was Khulna's first success after their defeat against Sylhet in the opening round.

Rajshahi tasted their first win in the competition when they beat

Sylhet by 52 runs after their shock four-day loss at Jessore.

**DHAKA V CHITTAGONG**

Chittagong included three under-19 batsmen for a reversal of fortune but that hardly helped to end their batting blues against the home team.

The port city outfit perished so quickly that national selector GM Nowsheer Prince missed the chance to see the fall of first six wickets.

Among the under-19 trio opener Nafees Iqbal scored two, Aftab (2) and Nizamuddin made 16. The highest contribution once again came from the bat Faisal, who has been in a rich vein of form since the start the League. He made 20.

Mahmud led the Chittagong demolition taking the first three wickets. Arafat Sunny then combined with senior spin colleague Rafique to share the last seven wickets.

Missed the four-dayer, Sunny made an instant impact finishing with 4-17.

Rafique showed his one-day appetite is no less than the long version by scalping three wickets after his ten-wicket haul in the four-day affair.

Sunny was adjudged man-of-the-match.

**KHULNA V BARISAL**

Bashar took out all his four-day frustration with a typically aggressive 81 to fashion an 81-run victory over Barisal at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore.

The prolific right-hander struck three boundaries and two sixes in his 110-ball knock.

National discard Tushar Imran followed up his four-day century with a quick-fire 69 off 80 balls that contained three fours and two sixes.

Chasing a huge Khulna total of 238-4, Barisal were never in the hunt as their innings folded for 157 runs in 40.3 overs with Imran Ahmed making 49 and left-handed Nahidul Haq hitting 43 off 49 balls.

Bashir was the wrecker-in-chief for Khulna with 5-32 in his 9.3 overs.

**RAJSHAHI V SYLHET**

Sylhet skipper Parvez could not design a double over Rajshahi despite scoring a superb 76 as they went down by 52 at the Cricket Garden in Rangpur.

Parvez, who scored a match-winning half century in the four-day game, started where he had left off and Sylhet were looking on course to topple Rajshahi's 223 with him at the crease. But once Parvez was out, Sylhet tumbled to 171 in 42.2 overs.

Earlier, Anisur Rahman scored 54 in Rajshahi huge total in a reduced 45-over-a-side match. The young right-hander struck two boundaries in his 83-ball knock. He also captured two wickets to win the man-of-the-match award.

Opener Imroz scored a vital 43 off 63 deliveries that featured five hits across the rope.

**SCORECARDS**

Scoreboard of the three Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League

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## Mushfiq on way home

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh A team captain Mushfiqur Rahman will return from Karachi by the next available flight after leading the side in the opening match of the Inter-Department Cricket Championship in Pakistan against Defence Housing Authority (DHA).

The all-rounder is not taking part in the second match against Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) because

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# Hossain keeps it up

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Reborn opener Shahriar Hossain continued with his good form as Bangladesh A reached 201 for seven on the first day of the four-day Patron's Trophy match against Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) at the Karachi National Stadium yesterday.

A stylish right-handed batsman, Shahriar, who became the first Bangladeshi to score a double century in first class cricket last week, made a solid 84 off 146 deliveries that included 10 fours and a sixer.

The tourists got off to a shaky start, losing two wickets with only 31 runs on the board, after deciding to bat first.

Shahriar's opening partner Hannan Sarker (3) fell cheaply while Mohammad Ashraful was also on his way after making seven.

Shahriar then paired with Rajin Saleh to rebuild the innings and for the third wicket they added 108 runs in 173 minutes.

Rajin was a bit patient to score his 47 that came off 157 balls, featuring six hits across the rope.

For the home side, Riaz and Naeem claimed two wickets each.

Left-handed Manjarul Islam was batting on 15 while Anwar Hossain Monir was at the other end with one when the bats were drawn for the day.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of a four-day Patron's Trophy match between Bangladesh A and PTCL at the Karachi National Stadium yesterday:

BANGLADESH: First innings				
Hannan lbw b Yasin	3			
Shahriar c Zaidi b Naeem	84			
Ashraful c Zulqarnain b Nauman	7			
Rajin c Zaidi b Naeem	47			
Ehsanul c Zaidi b Riaz	16			
Jamal c Shiraz b Riaz	12			
Selim c Aqeel b Shiraz	3			
Manjarul batting	15			
Munir not out	1			
Extras: (lb-2, w-1, nb-10)	13			
Total: (For 7 wickets in 90 overs)	201			
Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-31, 3-139, 4-164, 5-170, 6-174, 7-193				
To bat: Tareq, Alamgir				
Bowler				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Nauman	18	2	52	1
Yasin	11	2	44	1
Shiraz	8	5	15	1
Riaz	28	12	31	2
Nawab	7	0	24	0
Naeem	14	7	15	2
Fayyaz	9	2	18	0

# Brett in, Jason out

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

Australia on Monday named in-form paceman Brett Lee in the side to play India in the third Test here on Boxing Day.

Lee has been out with an abdominal injury but impressed selectors with a five-wicket haul for his state team New South Wales against Tasmania on the weekend.

He is a direct swap for Jason Gillespie who injured his groin during the second Test in Adelaide in which India produced one of Test cricket's greatest fighting comebacks to win last week.

"Brett is an established Test player and has demonstrated that he is back to full fitness following injury," chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns said.

"The two Sheffield Shield matches he now has under his belt have been ideal preparation for his

comeback, and we were encouraged by his recent form against Tasmania in Sydney.

"Brett always adds some zest to the attack and will be supported by our other bowlers who we felt, despite the loss, served the side well in Adelaide."

Lee is the only change to the Australian team which crashed to defeat despite posting 556 in its first innings. India won its first Test on Australian soil in almost 23 years by four wickets and took a 1-0 lead in the series.

Hohns acknowledged it was a tough assignment for Australia.

"These are the best batsmen our attack has come up against in the past 12 months," Hohns said.

Asked if he thought the Indian batsmen, led by in-form duo Rahul Dravid and VVS Laxman, were the best in the world, Hohns replied: "My word they are and we have to accept that."

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Dhaka's Fahim Muntasir is clean bowled by Gazi Alamgir of Chittagong during their National Cricket League one-dayer at Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

**Western Union Premier Div Football League**

Dhamondi vs Sk Russell (3:00 pm)

Arambagh vs Badda Jagorani (5:00 pm)

Venue: Sher-e-Bangla Nat'l Stadium, Mirpur

**Patron's Trophy 4-day match**

Bangladesh A vs PTCL (Day-2)

Venue: Karachi National Stadium