



Did U Know?

Pakistan's total of 679 for 7 wickets declared in the first Test against India is their third highest in Test cricket.



Aiko Nakamura
(Japanese tennis star)
"I can't believe I'm in a Grand Slam third round. It is the first time I have gone this far. It is one of the goals I have had ever since I started playing tennis."
After winning the second round match in the Australian Open.



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Div I cricket

BDNEWS, Dhaka
Surjo Tarun Club and Dhaka Wanderers Club won their respective matches in the First Division Cricket League on Friday.
At BKSP, Nasir took four wickets for 25 to help Surjo Tarun defeat Bangladesh Boys by eight wickets.
In reply to Boys' 138, Surjo Tarun reached 141-2 with half centuries by Chayan (54) and Mithun (50).
Dhaka Wanderers defeated Azad Sporting Club by 19 runs at the Dhaka University ground.
Batting first, Wanderers made a challenging total of 254-8. Sony scored 83 and Hafiz contributed 67.
In reply, the Azad innings folded for 235 in 49.2 overs. Emon and Uzzal both scored 46 for the losers.

Hantuchova's heart wins it

AFP, Melbourne
Australian Open giant-killer Daniela Hantuchova said heart was the secret ingredient behind her victory over defending champion Serena Williams Friday.
The slightly-built 17th seed with only one tour title to her name was rated little chance in her third round tie against a seven-time Grand Slam winner who has already secured her place as one of the game's greats.
Asked how she achieved the upset straight sets win, Hantuchova replied: "Heart, I think."
"Just really being mentally strong and resistant and just keeping fighting for every single point and not giving up in any kind of situation, even though it was getting really difficult at the end."
The 6-1, 7-6 (7/5) victory was a landmark for the 22-year-old Slovak former world number five, who has struggled to rejoin the game's elite since she dropped from the top 10 in 2003.
"Finally I can say that I'm able to play and beat anyone and it just gives me so much confidence," she said.

DOHS closer to title

Mahmud outshines Ayub ton

SPORTS REPORTER
Khaled Mahmud made most of an early life to help Old DOHS shrug off a stiff challenge by Brothers Union on the opening day of the Aktel Premier Cricket League Super Six and take another step toward the title yesterday.
Dropped on nine, Mahmud smashed an unbeaten 71 off 66 balls as the defending champions - chasing a huge 279-7 - snatched a scintillating two-wicket victory with 20 deliveries to spare at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.
Mahmud's performance overshadowed a chanceless 102 off 82 balls by Brothers youngster Marshall Ayub, who scored the third hundred in the league after teammate Rashed Hanif and City Club's Shahriar Nafees.
DOHS's 11th win in 12 games gave them a six-point cushion atop the table after nearest contenders Victoria Sporting Club crashed to their second successive loss to Sonargaon Cricketers at the Fatullah Stadium.
Mohammedan Sporting Club, who handed Bangladesh Biman a 13-run defeat at BKSP, joined Victoria and Sonargaon at the second place with all three teams level on 16 points.

DOHS-BROTHERS
Brothers Union, the Super Six bottom-side who have no stake in the title race, got off to a decent start after electing to bat. National opener Nafees Iqbal made a 55-ball 42 while prolific run-getter Rashed Hanif of Pakistan made 61 off 83 deliveries but it was Ayub who dictated the terms coming in at number five.
Brothers' run-rate was exactly four when Ayub, a standby in the national under-19 squad for the Youth World Cup in Sri Lanka, came to the wicket. Pairing with Hanif, the 18-year-old right-hander from Barisal took the score to 222 from 88-3 before the Pakistani was dis-

missed by left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak, who was the pick of the DOHS attack with 5-68 from ten overs.
Ayub, ignored by the team management early in the season, began where he had left off in the previous round when he scored a match winning 41 not out against Mohammedan and hammered six fours and four sixes in a matured knock. He whacked Razzak three times out of the ropes including two in successive balls and completed his hundred in the final over of the innings before offering a return catch to Mahmud in the penultimate ball.
DOHS, in a bid to maintain a high asking run-rate, lost wickets at

regular intervals and were staring at a defeat when they were reduced to 185-7 at the start of the 36th over. The league's top run scorer Steve Tikolo (41 off 39 balls), skipper Akram Khan (4), Manjarul Islam (29) and Mahmudullah Riyad (2) departed in the space of 54 runs but Brothers did not put enough pressure on the opposition at this stage.
Even captain Ehsanul Haque, taking the ball at a crucial stage, bowled four wide-balls in the 45th over, conceding 13 runs. To say least about sloppy fielding by almost every one and 31 wides conceded, the skipper also did not use full quotas of his most economic bowlers, Enamul Haque (2-33 from 8.4 overs) and Hanif (2-29

from 7 overs).
Mahmud, however, never looked back after left-arm spinner Arifat Sunny dropped the former national captain's skied return catch. The man-of-the-match shared a significant stand, 92 with Razzak (24 off 27 balls), before centering the side home with his ninth boundary.
MSC-BIMAN
Mohammedan and national captain Habibul Bashar finally ended his lean patch in the ongoing league with a patient 85 not out as Mohammedan scored 246 for four after being put into bat. Man-of-the-match Bashar, whose 127-ball essay featured half a dozen fours, shared 141 runs with in-form Hannan Sarkar (79 off 121 balls) after they were reduced to 18-2.
Khaled Mashud also put an end to his miserable run with the bat, contributing an explosive 31-ball 45 studded with three fours and one six.
Despite losing an early wicket, Nazmus Sadat's quickfire 48 and half-centuries by Shahriar Hossain (67 off 86 balls) and Javed Omar (62 off 99 balls) kept Biman in the game. They past the 150-mark in the 35th over but choked under the pressure of a 7.6-run asking rate in the last ten overs, finishing on 233-6.



PHOTO: STAR
Brothers Union's middle-order batsman Marshall Ayub sweeps the ball on way to a magnificent century against Old DOHS during Friday's Premier Cricket League Super Six match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

SONARGAON-VICTORIA
A change in the captaincy has brought good luck for newcomers Sonargaon Cricketers. Since taking over the charge from Al Shahriar, Mohammad Ashraf has not lost a single match. And his predecessor has hardly failed with the bat.
The luck and performance mingled together as Sonargaon, who had confirmed their Super Six berth defeating a high-flying Victoria in the last match of the first leg, repeated the same feat against the same team with a thrilling seven-run win.
Opener Shahriar made 67 with nine fours and one six from 83 balls

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Sami making way for Asif?

Second Indo-Pak Test begins today

Cricket
AFP, Faisalabad
Pakistan plan to throw young fast bowler Mohammad Asif into the deep end in a bid to contain India's renowned batting in the second cricket Test starting here on Saturday.
Asif, who went wicketless against Australia in Sydney last year in his only Test match so far, could partner spearhead Shoaib Akhtar and Rana Naved in a three-pronged pace attack for the hosts.
The 23-year-old Asif is expected to replace Mohammad Sami, who conceded 67 runs in 12 unsuccessful overs in the high-scoring draw in the first Test in Lahore where India piled up 410 for one in reply to Pakistan's 679-7.
"Asif is one of the options we are considering because he has been bowling very well these days," said Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq.
The lanky pace bowler hit the headlines when he picked up 10 wickets in England's practice match at the start of their Pakistan tour last November.
Pakistan are confident the brown patch at the Iqbal stadium here will help the bowlers more than the one at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore that was heavily tilted in favour of batsmen.
"This is a wicket on which we should get a result provided the weather remains fine," said Inzamam. "There is a bit of dry grass on it which should help the fast bowlers at the start."
"This is definitely a better wicket than what we got in Lahore."
Bright sunshine over the last two days has helped in preparing a firm wicket but cold and wet weather has been forecast over the



PHOTO: AFP
FOLLOW ME: Pakistan paceman Shoaib Akhtar (R) gives some tips to Mohammad Asif (L), the paceman who is expected to replace Mohammad Sami for the second Test, during a practice session at the Iqbal Stadium in Faisalabad on Friday.

CRICKET UPDATE

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No Leeway for SA

Cricket
AFP, Melbourne
A stunning spell of fast bowling by Brett Lee demolished South Africa and upstaged a record-breaking knock by teammate Phil Jaques as Australia grabbed a 59-run victory in their triangular series one-day match here on Friday.
Lee sparked a massive middle-order collapse, claiming 5-22 from 10 overs as South Africa surrendered meekly to reach just 186 with three overs remaining in reply to Australia's 245.
His inspired spell, aided by Brad Hogg who claimed 3-32, saw the Proteas plummet from 114-3 to 124-8 as Australia took the game by the throat.
Four of Lee's victims were bowled.
Only a dogged late stand by veteran Shaun Pollock, who hit 46 off 32 balls, including successive sixes off debutant Brett Dorey, added respectability to the total.
Australian captain Ricky Ponting said Lee was now probably the best one-day bowler in the world.

"He'd certainly be pushing for it, yeah," Ponting said.
"I think he has been and the stats would probably back it up."
"Time and time again he takes wickets with that new ball. Once you get one or two down with that new ball and he's still in the middle of a spell it's going to be hard work for any opposition side."
South African captain Graeme Smith, who was caught behind off Lee for just nine, said the Australian was now a more disciplined bowler.
"He's bowling quick and he's swinging it, so at 150kmh when someone's swinging it like that it's always a battle," Smith said.
"We know he's a strike bowler and we know that when he comes back he's looking for wickets, and tonight we didn't handle those situations that well."
Lee himself said the Australians had formulated a plan, which relied on bowlers working in tandem.
"We've been working on bowling in partnerships - try to really dot (dot ball) the batsmen up and put the pressure back on them," he said.
Australia's innings had been saved by opener Jaques, who

blasted the country's highest one-day debut score of 94 off 112 balls, surpassing Kepler Wessels' 79 against New Zealand in 1982-83.
South Africa, who beat Australia by five wickets in their previous match, had seemed on top after dismissing Australia for a modest total on a good wicket.
Jaques, brought in for the rested Adam Gilchrist, was the only batsman to make a big score, with six of his colleagues dismissed for single figures.
Newcomer Johan van der Walt ended his party with a sharply rising delivery ruled gloved to wicketkeeper Mark Boucher.
Television replays showed the dismissal was harsh on the Australian, with the ball appearing to come off his shoulder.
Australia lost 68-6 in 16 overs with Jaques' dismissal but James Hopes with 38 and Michael Clarke with 34 helped steady the innings.
Andrew Hall was the best of the South African bowlers with 4-35 off 9.2 overs while Shaun Pollock took 2-31 from 10.
The Proteas have now lost two of their three matches so far in the



PHOTO: AFP
IN FULL FURY: Australian paceman Brett Lee appeals against a South Africa batsman during their VB Series ODI match at the Telstra Dome in Melbourne on Friday.

Now comes Serena shock

Australian Open
AFP, Melbourne
Defending champion Serena Williams tumbled out of the Australian Open Friday and top seed Lindsay Davenport stumbled before getting back on track.
But it was business as usual for Maria Sharapova and men's second seed Andy Roddick, who pressed all the right buttons to motor comfortably into the fourth round.
Others through include number eight seed Justine Henin-Hardenne and David Nalbandian, the fourth seed.
Williams saved four match

points but didn't have keys to unlock Slovakian 17th seed Daniela Hantuchova, who came away a 6-1, 7-6 (7/5) winner to set up a clash against Sharapova.
Williams, the 13th seed who had faced pre-tournament jibes about her fitness, joins sister Venus on an early plane home.
It was her worst performance at Melbourne Park since 1999, when she also fell at the third hurdle.
"I just couldn't find my shots today. Everything I was trying just wasn't working. It was just one of those days," she said, denying that she had not put in enough pre-season training.
"I had enough preparation, I just didn't play my best today, I was hitting balls every which direction."

In contrast, Sharapova is coming good at the right time, seemingly untroubled by the blisters that hobbled her in the second round and the dislocated rib that threatened her participation.
On another day of scorching temperatures that caused play on outside courts to be suspended, the glamorous 18-year-old kept her poise to overcome the 71st-ranked Jelena Kostanic of Croatia 6-0, 6-1.
"It was the first day that it's been really hot like this, it's good to get through these kind of matches," said the fourth seed, adding that "I had to be extra patient."
Roddick was equally as impressive in his 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 romp over French qualifier Julien Benneteau, to set up a showdown with unseeded Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus, who outclassed Denis Gremelmayr of Germany.
Ichiro Fujita, BFF vice-president Sirajul Islam Bachchu and general secretary Anwarul Hoque Helal were present.
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Top two teams of each group will play in the semifinals. The final is slated for January 31.
A total of 57 teams participated in the qualifying rounds at eight venues.

JFA Cup finals from today

BDNEWS, Dhaka
The final round of the 2nd JFA Cup Under-16 Football Tournament begins today at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.
Rangamati face Dhaka in the inaugural match at 2.30 pm in Group-A while Gaibandha meet Bagerhat in the day's second match at the same venue at 3.45 pm.
The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is organising the tournament with the financial assistance of the Japan Football Association (JFA).
Member of the International Committee of JFA Ichiro Fujita will inaugurate the final round as the chief guest.
The JFA will provide Tk 16,80,000 out of the total Tk 18,00,000 budget, told tournament committee chairman and BFF vice-president Abdur Rahim at a press conference at the BFF Bhaban on Friday.
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PHOTO: AFP
Serena Williams of USA vents her frustration during the third round match of the Australian Open against Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova in Melbourne on Friday.

Zia shares third place
SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh Grand Master Ziaur Rahman was sharing the third place with four others at the end of the eighth round of the Parsvnath International Open Chess Tournament in New Delhi on Friday.
FIDE Master Alexei Fedorov led the table with 7.5 points, followed by GM Pavel Kotsur of Kazakhstan and IM Satyaprajah of India with seven points.
Zia, who beat International Master R Laxman in the eighth round, stretched his collection to 6.5 points.
Fellow GM Niaz Murshed and IM Abdullah Al Rakib, who drew their respective matches, were closely following with six points while IM Enamul Hossain Rajib and FM Sheikh Nasir Ahmed were on 5.5 points.
Nasir defeated Ashwani, Taibur beat Nirej while Rajib, Parag, Shakil and Emon all lost their boards.

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