

### Extras reign again in schools cricket

Sports Reporter

Extras excelled once again in the 12th Nirman schools cricket tournament as Ideal School and Dhaka University Laboratory School recorded facile victories at different venues yesterday.

Yesterday's two matches produced some 176 runs, quite a staggering statistics for one who is not familiar with this level of the game in this country.

The match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium between Ideal School and Shiddhanta had the dubious distinction of producing 97 extra runs, highest in the meet so far.

The winners batted first and made 187 for the loss of nine wickets in their quota of 35 overs by virtue of 60 extra runs.

Tushar, who scored 44 with the help of four fours, was second to Mr Sundries but top among the batsmen. Russell and Sajeed collected 21 and 20 respectively.

Milan bowled well to claim four wickets 28 while Masud's two wicket cost him 35 runs.

Siddhanta, in their turn, made 155 in 32.1 runs, thanks to 37 extras.

Masud and Enamul, who made 22 and 21 not out respectively, were the two batsmen to have made their mark on the scoreboard.

Bashar claimed three for 19 while Munir and Azdak chipped in with two apiece.

The other match at the Dhanmondi Club ground, that saw 79 runs going to Mr Sundries' credit, University Laboratory beat Shafuluddin Sarker Academy by 49 runs.

University Laboratory batted first and made 156 for six in 35 overs.

In reply, Shafuluddin Academy made 107 in 29.3 overs despite having 42 extra runs.

### Press Club, IFIC win

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Press Club and IFIC Bank recorded emphatic wins on the second day of the Office cricket league at different city venues yesterday.

At the Dhaka Stadium, Press Club registered a massive nine-wicket win against BCS Audit and Accounts.

Put into bat first, Audit and Accounts were shot out for 86 in 30.4 overs with Shabbir making 20 and Saeed and Masum chipping with eleven each.

For Press Club, S M Mamoon, Russell captured two wickets apiece while Obayed took one wicket.

Obayed's hard-hitting unbeaten 55 helped Press Club post 87 for one wicket in 14.3 overs.

IFIC Bank beat Rupali Bank by six wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Rupali Bank batted first and were all out for 124 in 41.1 overs.

Jahangir topscored with 34 for Rupali.

Selim of IFIC took three for 24.

IFIC needed 41.2 overs to be through with the winning challenge, posting 125 for four.

Mukul made 34 while Selim, who had earlier shone with the ball, scored 31.

### B Bank School sports held

Sports Reporter

The annual sports competition of Bangladesh Bank Ideal High School was held at the school premises yesterday.

The governor of Bangladesh Bank Khurshed Alam distributed prizes among the winners.

Earlier, the deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank Kamaluddin Ahmad inaugurated the meet in the morning.

### JB annual sports

Sports Reporter

The annual sports competition of Jiban Bima Corporation was held at the Rajarbagh Police Lines ground yesterday.

The wife of the director M A Malek gave away prizes among the internal department winners while managing director of Jiban Bima A K M Mostafizur Rahman distributed prizes among the external department participants.

The head office team became champions in the competition.

### Rummon wins Jabbar Memorial tennis title

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Rummon clinched the men's singles title of the M A Jabbar Memorial tennis tournament, beating Jhilon 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 in the final at the Engineers' Club court yesterday.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain gave away prizes among the winners.

## A day of yawning victories

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Satkhira, Nawabganj, Narayanganj and Nilphamari registered wins in their respective matches of the Beximco national youth cricket championship at different venues across the country yesterday.

Reefat captured five wickets for 17 runs to help Narayanganj register day's most emphatic win at Sunamganj.

Batting first, Sherpur found Reefat too hot to handle and were all out for only 42 in 17.5 overs. While none of the Sherpur batsmen made it to the double figures, extras totalled 11, the only double digit contribution in the innings.

Narayanganj knocked off the necessary runs in 10.2 overs.

Pappu with 25 and Apu with 12 remained unseparated as Narayanganj raced to a ten-wicket win.

Satkhira made short work of Meherpur in another match. At Jessore they notched a massive nine-wicket win, after having bowled the hapless Meherpur out for 94.

Shafiqur with 27 was the only notable run-getter in the 36 over old innings of Meherpur.

Satkhira needed 18 overs to post the minimum victory target of 95 for the loss of one wicket. Akhtar with 46 not out figured prominently in the victory chase.

Jewels all-round performance powered Nawabganj to a comfortable five-wicket win over Bogra at Pabna.

Jewel remained unbeaten on 67 as Nawabganj, chasing 145 for an outright win, posted 148 for five in 39 overs. There were useful contributions from Shamsul and Suman who made 24 and 23 respectively.

Bogra's Raju took three wickets for 20 runs but failed to halt Nawabganj's progress. Earlier, Nasir and Jewel bowled Bogra out for 144.

Nasir took three for 18 while Jewel, who later scored a match winning half century, bagged three wickets for eight runs only.

Sattar's belligerent 80 turned out to be differential factor in the Nilphamari-Rangpur match at Thakurgaon.

Batting first Nilphamari were all out for 164 in 37.2 overs with Sattar being the mainstay of the innings. Shohrat with 40 was the other notable run-getter.

Abid and Khaled claimed three wickets apiece as Rangpur were all out for 116 in their turn leaving Nilphamari winners by 48 runs.

In day's other match Kurigram got a walkover against Naogaon.

### ICC Trophy begins in Kenya today

## Holland tipped favourites



NAIROBI, Feb 11: Holland lead the chase for three places at the World Cup finals at stake when nations trying to break into cricket's big time start their own World Championship here Saturday, reports AFP.

The Dutch have twice been denied by Zimbabwe for a place at the World Cup finals. But their veteran captain Steven Lubbers is confident the jinx will be broken at the 20-nation International Cricket Conference Trophy for associate members.

Holland were beaten by Zimbabwe in the last two ICC Trophy tournaments. But with the Africans not taking part this time Lubbers said: "I don't see any problems in the opening rounds. The real action starts in the second round when we are likely to meet

Kenya, Bermuda or Bangladesh."

Cricket fans have come from across Africa for the three-week event which should also see a strong challenge from hosts Kenya, Denmark, Bangladesh and the United States.

The ICC has allocated for three places for associate members in the 1996 World Cup in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

There will be four matches in the opening day, Lubbers' side meet Malaysia at Nairobi Club, Canada take on Singapore at Impala Club and Papua New Guinea play Gibraltar at Jaffrey's Club. Kenya take on Israel at Premier Club.

Bangladesh and Bermuda hope to press claims to be taken more seriously on the international stage. Bangladesh, in particular, want Test status.

Group A: Holland, Papua New Guinea, Ireland, Malaysia, Gibraltar.

Group B: Bangladesh, United States of America, United Arab Emirates, Argentina, East Africa (Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi).

Group C: Kenya, Canada, Namibia, Singapore, Israel.

Group D: Bermuda, Denmark, Fiji, Hong Kong, West Africa (Nigeria, Ghana, Gambia, Sierra Leone).

Israel, Argentina and Gibraltar said they hoped to perform well and return home to improve on their schools' programmes. Israeli officials said that with about 300 cricketers, it hoped to invest the money which the ICC will give to every participating nation of its youth programme.

ICC Trophy preliminary groups.

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## Butter-fingered England pay



BRIDGETOWN, Feb 11: England fast bowler Devon Malcolm captured five wickets but Barbados' batsmen out some heavy punishment at Kensington Oval on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Malcolm took the five for 93 but also conceded more than five runs an over as Barbados sped to 289 for six at the close on the first day of the four-day match.

Opener Philo Wallace made a quick-fire 57, the elegant Sherwin Campbell underlined his promise with 83 and captain Roland Holder hit the top score of 85.

Barbados hammered 121 runs in the last session, but the loss of two quick wickets late in the day and an earlier tight spell of left-arm spin by Phil Tufnell helped to stop them charging away with the game.

A double strike by Malcolm reduced the Barbadians from 179 to two to 187 for four, and the Derbyshire pacesman and Alan Igglesden subsequently snapped up two wickets for four runs just before the close.

England, having lost the toss, made a deceptively good start when Malcolm dispatched Desmond Haynes for six with the total 14, the Test opener snicking an outswinger to Graham Thorpe at first slip in the day's fifth over.

But Wallace, who hammered eight fours and a six to complete his half-century off just 47 balls, featured in a second-wicket stand of 82 with Campbell and Barbados went to lunch on 90 for one.

Earlier G-Team, comprising old students of St. Gregory's School managed 77 for three with Partha hitting 30.

Mainul Huq Mainul, a former national player who played for G-Team won the best bowler's award while best batsman's mantle went to Holiday's Sujan.

Both won a Trade Link sponsored Dhaka-Calcutta-Dhaka air tickets.

Wallace was dropped on eight at second slip by Graeme Hick off Igglesden, and made the most of his good fortune.

He twice struck Igglesden for two fours in one over and also punished pacesman Angus Fraser for two fous in an over before posting his 50 with a pull over long leg for six off Fraser.

Campbell, with three centuries in this season's Red Stripe Cup, was missed on 16 by captain Mike Atherton in the guilty off Fraser.

However, he blossomed in the second session with a series of exciting shots, mostly well-timed drives through extra cover or over.

Campbell's innings was spiced with 12 fours and a hooked six over long leg off Malcolm, whose second delivery after tea proved the batsmen's downfall. He tried to pull and edged the ball on to his stumps.

Campbell, who with Holder put on 83 for the third wicket, was soon followed by Livingstone Puckerin. He made just six before flicking Malcolm straight into Robin Smith's hands at short backward square.

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### Plabon in, Saiful out

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Shariful Huq Plabon, an off-spinner who played for Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club CMCC last year, should keep his fingers crossed for his international debut as he boards a Kenya bound aircraft today to join the Bangladesh team, now in the Kenyan capital in connection with the ICC Trophy, beginning in Nairobi from today.

Plabon is being flown as a replacement for pacesman Saiful Islam Khan, who, according to a BCCB press release, has been omitted from the final list of sixteen cricketers.

Saiful a young right-arm pacesman who played for league champions Abahani last year has been kept out of the final 16 because of, as one highly placed BCCB official put it, the unresponsive nature of the wickets to pace bowling.

Having taken stock of the wickets, the coach and captain of the touring Bangladesh team opted for an additional spinner instead of a young and rather inexperienced pacesman.

### Numerical glitch

AUCKLAND, Feb 11: Umpires Steve Dunne and Dickie Bird are having problems keeping count of the number of balls bowled in the first Test between New Zealand and Pakistan, according to the official match scorers, reports Reuter.

They said New Zealander Dunne and Englishman Bird, the neutral umpire appointed by the International Cricket Council, had lost count no fewer than six times in the first two days play.

Dunne has twice called seven-ball overs, two overs were made up of five balls and one six-ball over lasted for eight balls.

Bird joined in when he called "over" after five balls in Waqar Younis' seventh over in New Zealand's second innings on Friday.

It has been a hectic match for the officials with 30 wickets falling inside two days. Pakistan will start the third day needing 135 to win with all 10 second innings wickets standing.

Umpires in New Zealand have experienced similar problems in the past.

In 1974, in the days of eight-ball overs, New Zealand batsman Brian Hastings was out for 101 to the ninth ball of an over from Australian left-arm Geoff Dymock.

Two years ago, Englishman Phil DeFreitas bowled a four-ball over against New Zealand at Eden Park.

Perhaps most memorable was an 11-ball over by New Zealand off-spinner John Sparling against England at Eden Park in 1963.

Umpire Dick Short had problems with his hand counter after five balls and, instead of a quick check with his colleague, started again.

### Rain defeats Aussie purpose

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 11: Australian batsmen Dean Jones and Matthew Hayden made up for lost time in a rain-hit start to their South African tour with useful innings in the opening match on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Jones struck 60 and opener Hayden made 40 before the one day game against the Nicky Oppenheimer XI at Halfway House had to be abandoned as a draw because of rain.

After four days of watching it rain in Johannesburg, it was probably no surprise to the touring team that their first match should be washed out, the Oppenheimer XI ending on 121 for four in reply to Australia's 223 all out.

Allan Border won the toss and chose to give his batsmen their first feel of South African pitches, but after Michael Slater (5), fell to former West Indies pace bowler Eldine Baptiste, only Hayden and Jones took advantage of the practice opportunity.

The local team relied heavily on Baptiste, who showed his pedigree with some sharp spells in which he added Jones, Ian Healy and Merv Hughes to his earlier wicket for a return of four for 56.

Slow left-arm Jacob Malao, who impressed when he played for the Transvaal invitation XI against England A recently, took some punishment from Jones but finished with the creditable figures of three for 59.

The Oppenheimer reply began poorly as Mandy Yachad and Roy Pienaar edged catches to wicketkeeper Healy off Hughes and Craig McDermott.

Adrian Kuiper then played the innings of the day, hitting nine fours in his 56 from 52 balls.

ANC President Nelson Mandela spent an hour at the ground and met the teams during the lunch interval.



ONE MAN DEMOLITION: Wasim Akram, the mercurial Pakistani fast bowler who almost single-handedly put Pakistan on the victory course by the second day of the ongoing first Test between New Zealand and Pakistan launches into a savage swat outside the off stump but the ball from Chris Cairns eludes his bat. Akram made 35 in Pakistan's first innings in Auckland, New Zealand yesterday. — AFP photo

## Pakistan poised for a win in three days Akram flutters Kiwi-cote



AUCKLAND, Feb 11: A career-best burst of six for 43 from pace bowler Wasim Akram today set Pakistan up for victory in the first of three Test matches against New Zealand, reports Reuter.

Akram's six-wicket burst was mainly responsible for New Zealand collapsing to 110 all out in their second innings, although the home batsmen aided the bowlers with appalling shots on a fast but true Eden Park wicket.

The five-day Test match has only lasted two days so far and appears likely to end on Saturday. Sixteen wickets fell today as Pakistan, resuming on 61 for four in their first innings, struggled to 215 in reply to New Zealand's first innings total of 242.

New Zealand were 44 for six at one stage and were saved from complete disaster by all-rounder Chris Cairns, who scored 31, and pace bowler Simon Doull, with 29, setting Pakistan 138 for victory.

Wicketkeeper Rashid Latif snapped up five catches today to follow four on the first day, setting a Pakistani catching record of nine wickets, just one less than the most ever taken in a Test match.

Fields were being crowded around the bat for both days and New Zealand started well today, Doull snapping up Pakistani captain Salim Malik for 18 and Cairns then having Basit Ali caught behind for 25.

Pakistan were in deep trouble at 93 for six and were pulled out of deeper trouble by a careful 43 from the strong-hitting Inzamam-ul Haq, 30 by Latif and a flamboyant 35 from the irrepressible Akram.

Doull, playing just his fourth Test, took a career best five for 66 and Pakistan's first innings was over one hour after lunch.

Starting with a lead of 27, New Zealand were constantly pinned down by the pure, unplayable pace of Akram and Waqar Younis, probably the world's most potent bowling combination.

Inexperienced openers Bryan Young, with a duck, and Blair Pocock, with 10, were dispatched with ease by the 27-year-old Akram, as was Andrew Jones, who scored 66 in the first innings.

Captain Ken Rutherford struggled to 18 before dragging a sizzling Younis delivery onto his stumps after watching Mark Greatbatch, Shane Thomson and Tony Blair beaten by the two fast bowlers' pure pace.

Cairns and Doull added a degree of respectability to the total before Akram mopped up the tail-enders. Akram was deposed as captain last month and revenge has been sweet for the left-armed, who has now taken 206 Test wickets.

Akram's final figures for the day were an impressive six for 43 from 16.1 uninterrupted overs following three for 50 in New Zealand's first innings.

Younis, who snatched four for 46 in the first innings, looks even faster than Akram and finished the day with two for 35 from 10 overs.

As if these two bowlers are not enough, youngster Ataur Rehman is coming up to pace and took two for 23. Pakistan only needed three bowlers in New Zealand's two and a half hour long innings.

Pakistan batted for one over before the close of play, ending at three for none. They now need 135 to be one-up in the series ahead of next week's second Test in Wellington.

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NEW ZEALAND: First innings 242

PAKISTAN: (overnight 61 for four)

Anwar c Blair b Cairns 16  
Sohail c Jones b De Groen 16  
Muftaba c Blair b Doull 8  
Mushtaq c Young b Doull 0  
Malik c Young b Doull 18  
Basit Ali c Blair b Cairns 25  
Inzamamul c Young b De Groen 43  
Latif lbw b Doull 30  
Akram c Blair b De Groen 35  
Younis c Cairns b Doull 11  
Ataur Rehman not out 2  
Extras: (nb-5, lb-6) 11  
Total: (57.4 overs) 215

Fall of wickets: 1-17; 2-36; 3-48; 4-50; 5-87; 6-93; 7-141; 8-176; 9-207

Bowling: O M R W  
Cairns 18 2 75 2  
Owens 7 1 28 0  
Doull 15 2 66 5  
De Groen 17.4 5 40 3

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings  
Young c Latif b Akram 0  
Pocock c Muftaba b Akram 10  
Jones c Latif b Akram 6  
Rutherford b Younis 18  
Greatbatch c Inzamam b Akram 0  
Thomson c Latif b Younis 0  
Cairns c Muftaba b Rehman 31  
Blain c Latif b Rehman 4  
Doull c Malik b Akram 29  
De Groen not out 0  
Owens c Latif b Akram 0  
Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-3) 12  
Total: (32.1 overs) 110  
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-8; 3-31; 4-35; 5-40; 6-44; 7-67; 8-103; 9-110

Bowling: O M R W  
Akram 16.1 4 43 6  
Younis 10 3 35 2  
Rehman 6 1 23 2

PAKISTAN: Second innings  
Sohail not out 1  
Anwar not out 1  
Extras: (nb-1) 1  
Total: (for no wickets) 3

Bowling: O M R W  
Doull 1 0 3 0

Pakistan need 135 to win

## Border to miss tour opener



JOHANNESBURG, Feb 11: Australia will