

Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protishthan (BKSP) stepped into the 14th **BEXIMCO Nati-**

onship final in style, eliminating last year's runners-up Comilla by seven wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The winners will now play defending champion Dhaka in the final on Tuesday at the Dhaka Stadium.

Replying to a modest Comilla total of 158, BKSP reached the victory target of 159 for three wickets with their skipper Al Shariar Rokon hitting an unbeaten 60 with more than seven overs of the 45-over quota remaining unutilised.

After BKSP lost their opener Moni (13), with the total on 28. Rokon shared a 48runs stand with opener Ujjal for the second wicket.

Ujjai departed scoring 30 off 77 balls. Leaving BKSP on 76 in 21.2 overs.

Rokon then shared a vital 65-runs for third wicket with Morshed to seal the fate of the match.

Mar 7: Australia

must become on

ly the third team

in Test history to

score more than

Morshed, the left-handed batsman, scored a sparkling 33

400 in a final innings to beat

South Africa in the first Test

450 for nine after lunch on

the fourth day today, leaving

close but lost Matthew Hayden

for five and fellow-opener

they are to repeat India's feat

in scoring more than 400 to

beat West Indies in 1976 or

Australia's win over England

(31) and Allan Donald (15) saw

South Africa through to their

declaration total, putting on

44 in 47 minutes for the tenth

de Villiers took both the

Australian wickets to fall.

Their fellow bowler Fanle

ROME. Mar 7:

Midfielder Ste-

fano Eranio scor-

ed midway thro-

ugh the second

half Sunday, giv-

ing AC Milan a 1-0 victory over

Juventus and maintaining their

six-point lead in the Italian

First Division with eight games

Red and Black to 17-8-1 and

42 points and moved they one

step closer to their third

straight league title with eight

The outcome, which all but

Sampdoria kept alive their

rounds remaining in the sea-

dashed the title hopes of

Milan's closest challengers,

left Juventus alone in third

meagre hopes with a 1-0 vic-

tory over Torino on Ruud

Gullit's 14th goal of the season.

Sampdoria improved to 16-4-

6 and staved six points back in

second place heading into

their clash with Milan next

Sampdoria won their home

After a scoreless first half.

the Reggiana-Parma match was

suspended due to the injury of

the referee. A makeup date

Internazionale beat Udinese 1-

0; Cagliari and Cremonese

drew 0-0; Napoli beat Lecce 1-

1; and Foggia and Atalanta of

in a late match at Rome's

Olympic Stadium, fifth place

Lazio of Rome faced struggling

AS Roma in Italy's most

Jadukar Samad

football

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Sangha moved into the quar-

ter-final of the Jadukar Samad

Smriti juvenile football tour-

nament eliminating Mansur

Sporting Club by a solitary goal at the Outer Stadium yester-

Liton scored the all impor-

In the other match billed

tant goal in the 24th minute

for the day at the same venue.

Ganaktuli Kishore Eleven

carved niche in the last eight

after sharing points with

Bashaboo Sunflower in a 1-1

while Jahangir netted for

Nantu scored for Ganoktuli

Begumgani Udayan Juba

0; Piacenza and Genoa drew 1

Bergamo also drew 1-1.

colourful derby.

of the play.

draw.

Sunflower.

In other matches Sunday.

week in San Siro Stadium.

leg on Oct 31 3-2 in Genoa.

was not announced.

with 34 points.

The victory improved the

remaining in the season.

Bowlers Craig Matthews

Michael Slater for a fast 41.

the tourists a target of 453.

South Africa declared on

Australia got to 123 by the

They face an uphill task if

here, reports AFP.

in 1948.

wicket.

Sports Reporter

with the help of four hits to fence.

Rokon pulled Hassan to the long-on boundary off the first ball of the 38th over and took two runs to complete the victory. His 77-ball unconquared innings included five hits to the fence.

Earlier, batting first Comilla were all out for 158 out in 39.3

Javed with 42 was the only notable Comilla scorer while Anis made 18.

Nafiz was the pick of the BKSP bowlers with a haul of three wickets for 25 runs. He was followed by Rokon and Sohel who took two wickets

In the other match of the day, played at the Dhaka Stadium Satkhira earned a 64run win over Sylhet.

Batting first. Satkhira piled up 181 for nine wickets in the stipulated 45 overs with their opener Akhter hitting a patient 74.

He hit only one boundary in his marathon 152 minute innings made from 127 deliveries before being bowled in the 39th over with the scoreboard reading 160 for seven.

Parvez who just missed a hattrick in the 35th over fin-

side when vice-captain Mark

Taylor was struck by influenza,

was clean bowled in the sixth

over, adding another sorry

prolific run-scorers in She-

ffield Sheild cricket, has

reputation in South Africa.

77 in 107 minutes.

tury off only 86 balls.

simply failed to live up to his

Slater, however, has been

more successful. He and David

Boon restored order with a

second-wicket partnership of

faced 96 balls in his 41 and

Boon scored his 28th half cen-

the almost impossible task of

trying to score another 331

runs for victory or to bat their

way through a full day's play for

Scoreboard on the fourth

SOUTH AFRICA: First in-

AC Milan leave Juventus cold

At Turin, play was balanced

until the 60th minute, when

Eranio scored from close

range off a cross by Croatian

chance in the 37th minute.

but sweeper Dino Baggio shot

wide after getting a cross

in the 17th minute, but keeper

Angelo Peruzzi made acrobatic

Milan nearly took the lead

Juventus were playing with-

out striker Fabrizio Ravanelli

and German midfielder And-

reas Moeller, both of whom

Italian international striker

Roberto Baggio, who reinjured

his right knee in practice on

Thursday, said he would have

sat out the match had the

opponent not been AC Milan.

Sampdoria 1, Torino 0.

In an uneventful match at

Genoa. Sampdoria took the

lead in the 13th minute on

Gullit's goal, which moved him

within two of Roberto Baggio

for the league lead. Taking ad-

vantage an error at midfield by

sweeper Luca Fusi, Roberto

Mancini arrived at the penalty

area edge before passing off to

an unmarked Gullit. Meters

from the net, Gullit flipped the

ball past a helpless Giovanni

Internazionale 1, Udinese 0.

At Milan, Uruguayan stand-

out Ruben Sosa scored the

Juventus had their best

midfielder Zvonimir Boban.

from Roberto Baggio.

save on a Boban header.

were suspended.

day of the first cricket Test be-

tween South Africa and

nings 251 (J Rhodes 69, M

a draw SCOREBOARD

Australia on Monday

Hayden, drafted into the Hughes 3-59, C McDermott 3-

Slater hit six fours and

Australia were still left with

Havden, one of the most

chapter to his bad tour.

ished with four for 37 from his

nine over spell. Shanto who took the prize scalp of Akhter captured two wickets for 25 runs in his quota of nine overs.

Shanto was the mainstay of Sylhet batting. He scored 38 with the help of three boundaries while Nahid (14) and Nadir (13) were the other double-digit scorers for Sylhet.

Tapu and Bidyut claimed three wickets each for Satkhira while Khokon bagged

POINTS TABLE

The points table of the 14th BEXIMCO national youth cricket championship after completion of the round robin league matches. (tabulate under match played, won, lost, points).

Group A				
Dhaka	3	3	0	6
Chittagong	3	2	1	4
Jessore	3	1	2	2
Dinajpur	3	0	3	0
Group B	50#3	72	DOM:N	124.77

AUSTRALIA: First innings

248 (S Waugh 45 not out)

nings (overnight 335-5)

G Kirsten c Hughes b May

A Hudson b Warne

H Cronje c S Waugh

K Wessels c Border

McMillan b Warne

Matthews not out

Donald not out

Richardson c Border

7-366: 8-403: 9-406.

P Kirsten c Boon b May

De Villiers b McDermott

Extras: (b-13, lb-4, nb-5)

Total: (For nine wickets

3-258; 4-289; 5-324; 6-343;

Fall of wickets: 1-76; 2-123;

35

(Incomplete)

game's lone goal in the 53rd

minute, improving inconsis-

tent Inter's chances for a

Russian midfielder Igor Sha-

limov, dribbled past two

defenders and launched a

mid-range blast past keeper

the 45th minute, but veteran

keeper Walter Zenga made a

miraculous save on a long-

range blast by sweeper Stefano

Uruguayan striker Daniel

Fonseca converted on a long

baro in the 50th minute to give

Napoli their first victory at

Lecce in 45 years. Midfielder

Valerio Gazzani gave last-

placed Leece, who were never

in the match, their only

chance in the 67th minute,

but keeper Giuseppe Taglia-

latela deflected the long blast

penalty kick, missing a chance

to tie Baggio or the league

At Foggia, the hosts domi-

nated but failed to rally after

Giampaolo Saurini tied the

In a lacklustre match at

Cagliari, the hosts' Panamanian

striker Dely Valdes failed to

convert several first-half chan-

Fonseca blew a 75th-minute

to preserve the shutout.

Foggia 1, Atalanta 1.

match in the 45th minute.

scoring lead.

cross by sweeper Enzo Gam-

Napoli 1, Lecce 0.

The hosts nearly trailed in

Sosa stole the ball from

UEFA Cup berth.

Graziano Battistini.

Desideri.

MRW

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5 86

3 28

39 11 107

6 * 2 14

44.5 14 86

J Rhodes c Healy b S Waugh 14

SOUTH AFRICA: Second in-

Daunting task for Aussies

b Hughes

b Warne

b Warne

declared)

Bowling:

Hughes

S Waugh

M Waugh

S Warne

May

McDermott

Rajshahi

Comilla

Satkhira

Sylhet

Bipul's quick-fire ton went in vain as Orient Sporting Club lost to Ajax Sporting Club by seven wickets in the play-off match of the Second Division cricket super league at the Mirpur Pallabi ground yester-

Put in to bat first. Orient

After the loss of four early wickets in 15.2 overs, Orient's fifth wicket partnership, between Sahriar and Bipul, collected 90 runs in 33 overs.

Shahriar was run out on 36. Bipul, who gathered 103 with the help of four fours and six over boundaries, again paired with Liton and contributed a 69 run partnership off the concluding 42 balls.

Rosel was the pick of the Ajax bowlers with three for seven off eight overs.

Needing 192 to win, Ajax hammered 194 for three in 38.5 overs.

Their first wicket stand between Rafigul and Mortuza gathered 99 runs from 21.5 overs. Then Mortuza lost his wicket scoring 34 runs.

nership between Sohel and Rafigul took the total to 173 in 35 overs.

pavilion when he was on 85 and the total was 173. Sohel made 39 for the winners.

Bipul and Minto shared one wicket apiece for the losers.

Warne incurs the wrath of Aussie press

"It was only a matter of time before it landed him in trouble. Phil Wilkins, the cricket writer for the broadsheet Sydney morning Herald, said Warne's behaviour was



Pak-NZ 3rd one-dayer on Prime Sports

Touring Pakistan will take on hosts New Zealand in their third one-day international in Wellington tomorrow. Prime Sports will televise the match live from 3:30 am Bangladesh

Cricketers return today Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh cricket team returns home today, following a four-day stop over in Karachi after an abortive venture in the just concluded fifth ICC Trophy in the Kenyan capital Nairobi

Strongly tipped for at least a place among the top three finishers if not for the title. eventually won by the UAE, Bangladesh cut a real sorry figure in the world championship for the ICC associate members They bowed out from the quarter final stage of the meet following three successive de-

Bangladesh won their last match to raise the number of victory to four out of seven but it was too late by then as far Bangladesh's advancement in the meet was concerned

Bipul's ton goes in vain Sports Reporter

made 191 runs for five in the stipulated 40 overs.

Ajax's second wicket part-

Rafigul was sent back to the

SYDNEY, Mar 7: Shane Warne has been given little sympathy among the travelling Australian cricket press for his tongue-lashing of South African opener Andrew Hudson in the first Test at the Wanderers ground in Johannesburg, reports AFP.

Warne and fast bowling teammate Mery Hughes were reported for verbal abuse during a prickly third days' play in the Test, with the South Africans taking control.

The Australian media, covering their team's tour of South Africa, admonished the leg-spinning wonder for his verbal fusillade upon dismissing Hudson for 60 in South Africa's second innings of 335 for five.

"out of order."

England's captain Michael Atherton 'second from right' shows the ball the umpire while a dejected Andrew Caddick retraces his run-up during the 5th and final one-day international against West Indies at the Queen's Park ground in Trinidad on March 6. - AFP photo

Stewart shows England way

PORT OF SPAIN Trinidad, Mar 7: Half centuries from captain Mike Atherton and Alec Stewart and

more rain helped give England a moral-boosting five-wicket victory over the West Indies in the fifth and final one-day international on Sunday, reports Reuter. The West Indies reached a

challenging 250 for nine from their 50 overs after winning the toss and batting. But rain, three overs into the England innings forced a revision of the target to 201 in 40 overs. England swept to 201-5 in

just 36.4 overs to restore some pride ahead of the second Test later this month, although they have lost the one-day series

They got a flying start from man-of-the-match Stewart who struck 53 off just 38 balls with nine fours and a six. He put on 62 in 12 overs

with Atherton for the first wicket, of which the latter's contribution was a mere six Stewart was particularly severe on fast bowler Anderson

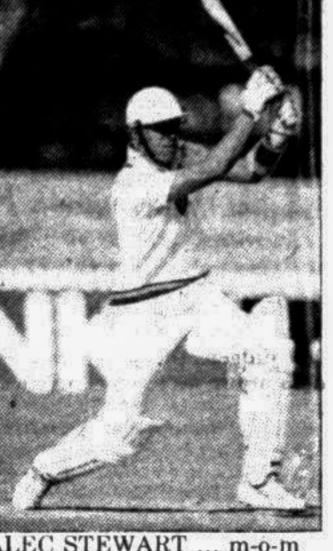
Cummins, striking him for 15 in one over. But Cummins had the last laugh, bowling him as he attempted to swing through the onside. Cummins also removed

Robin Smith for four but Atherton found a steady partner in Graeme Hick and the pair added 68 for the third wicket. Atherton's 51 took 79 balls.

but when he was bowled by Ken Benjamin at 151 he had already taken England within sight of victory.

The visitors had a minor scare when they lost Matthew Maynard (1) and Mark Ramprakash (10) but Hick (47 not out) and all-rounder Chris Lewis (16 not out) stayed together to add the 27 needed to win the match. Earlier, Lewis had taken

four for 35, but England failed again to sparkle in the field, dropping three catches. Opener Phil Simmons



ALEC STEWART ... m-o-m whose Test future has been in doubt, struck a fine 84.

SCOREBORD Scoreboard of the fifth 50over one-day cricket match between West Indies and England at Queen's Park Oval on Sunday:

WEST INDIES P Simmons b Salisbury J Adams c Atherton

B Lara c Stewart b Caddick 16 K Arthurton c Ramprakash b Lewis R Richardson c Stewart b Salisbury R Holder run out R Harper c and b Lewis A Cummins c Smith b Lewis 8 W Benjamin c Ramprakash b Lewis K Benjamin not out Extras: (lb-10, b-1, w-1, Total: (for nine wickets, 50 oversl

Did not bat: C Walsh. Fall of wickets: 1-89: 2-126: 3-135; 4-164; 5-164; 6-230; 7-232; 8-248; 9-250 Bowling: Fraser

Watkin 35 Lewis 0 Caddick 10 Salisbury 0 41 ENGLAND M Atherton b K Benjamin

A Stewart b Cummins R Smith lbw Cummins G Hick not out M Maynard c Adams b K Benjamin M Ramprakash o Adams b Walsh C Lewis not out

Extras: (b-2, lb-9, w-4, nb-4)19 Total: (for five wickets, 36.4) Fall of wickets: 1-62; 2-83; 3-151: 4-156: 5-174 Bowling:

W Benjamin 58 10 0 Walsh 0 36 Cummins K Benjamin 55 Result: England won by five

wickets (set reduced target of 201 in 40 overs after rain).

West Indies won the series 3-2.

Total: (for six wickets, 50 overs)281

3-201; 4-202; 5-211; 6-268.

Suji, R Ali.

Samarasekera

R Ponawala Ibw Tito

M Hussain b Suji

V Mehra run out

I Abbasi not out

S Butt not out

A Saeed c Odumbe b Tito

S Raza c T Tikolo b Suji

J Samarasekera run out

A Laig c T Tikolo b Suji

M Ishaq c Chudasama b Suji

Bowling:

Butt

Saeed

Zarawani

Raza

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-99;

Did not bat: A Karim, M

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Extras: (b-1, lb-13, nb-1, w-12) 27

Total: (for eight wickets, 49.1 overs) 282

Did not bat: S Zarawani

Fall of wickets: 1-141; 2-

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0 23

game, which starts on Thursday against a New Zealand XI to be led by Canterbury captain and wicketkeeper Lee Germon.

Azharuddin said the tourists would name their team for the tour opener after arriving in Dunedin.

India in

New Zealand

Zealand, Mar 7: A 15-man

Indian cricket squad arrived in

New Zealand on Monday morn-

ing to prepare for a short tour

which includes one Test

day matches leading up to the

one-off Test, which starts in

Hamilton on March 19. The

tourists also will play four lim-

retained the squad which re-

cently defeated Shri Lanka 3-0

Azharuddin said his team was

"confident and eager" but

looking forward to two days of

rest and practice in

over. We're all a bit tired at the

moment," Azharuddin said.

"We'll take a break and rest for

a while before getting into

some kind of routine tomor-

Kumble will be playing in New

Zealand for the first time. He

has taken 84 wickets in just

16 Tests and is expected to be

New Zealand are the wicket-

keeper Nayan Mongia, who has

replaced veteran Kiran More,

off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan

Dunedin on Wednesday morn-

ing for their first three-day

The Indians will travel to

and pace bowler Salil Ankola.

Others on their first tour to

Tall leg-spinner Anil

"It has been a hectic trip

The Indian selectors have

Mohammed

ited-overs internationals.

India will play two three-

match, reports AP.

in a Test series.

Captain

Christchurch.

a key player.

CHRISTCHURCH. New

The Indian touring squad is Mohammed Azharuddin (captain). Sachin Tendulkar (vicecaptain), Navjot Sidhu, Vinod Kambli, Sanjay Manjrekar, Manoj Prabhakar, Ajay Jadeja, Pravin Amre, Kapil Dev, Nayan Mongia, Anil Kumble, Rajesh Chauhan, Venkatapathy Raju, Javagal Srinath, Salil Ankola. Manager: Ajit Wadekar.

ACB's 5-yr deal with Packer

SYDNEY, Mar 7: The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) here Monday announced a new five-year deal with media baron Kerry Packer's Nine Network to televise Australian cricket, reports AFP. ACB chairman Alan

tract covered the sale of domestic free-to-air rights. Crompton did not disclose

Crompton said the New con-

the amount paid for the rights, but said the contract, for a significant sum, was a fair one.

The contract renewal comes amid widespread criticism of the network's decision not to show a full live telecast of Australia's current Test series in South Africa, which occupies Prime Time night viewing.

ACB chief executive Graham

Halbish asked at the ceremony if its board was dissatisfied with the network's reduced live coverage said the overseas rights to cricket in South Africa were not the ACB's to sell, but the United Cricket Board of South Africa's.

Partex b'ball **Sports Reporter**

Hornets Club beat Kurmitola

Apollo 72-64 in a keenly contested match of the Partex First Division basketball league at the wooden floor gymnasium vesterday

Angels Club who have already emerged champions this year, will play against former champions Azad Boys in their last league match today.

UAE make short work of hosts NAIROBI, Mar 7: The United Arab Odumbe made 87 from 115 E Tito run out balls, while Tikolo was fifth out M Orewa not out Emirates won the Extras: (b-1, lb-17, w-6)

International Cricket Confer-ence (ICC) Trophy wh-

en they beat Kenya by two wickets in the final at Ruaraka on Sunday, reports Reuter. The two teams had already

qualified for the 1996 World Cup along with Trophy thirdplaced team the Netherlands. But Kenya, hoping to sign off with a morale-boosting victory, found 281 for six was not

enough on a good wicket. Despite a late stutter, the UAE lifted the Trophy with five balls to spare, a fine performance on their first appearance in the competition.

early wicket when Dipak Chudasama was caught at mid on in the second over without scoring. But the prolific Maurice Odumbe joined Kennedy

Put in to bat, Kenya lost an

Otieno and the pair consolidated well. Otieno finally misjudged the flight of a delivery from slow left-armer Azhar Saeed and was caught and bowled for a 49

with the total on 99.

But that was the signal for Kenya to cut loose as Odumbe and Steve Tikolo got the measure of the UAE bowling. They added 103 in just 92 balls before Odumbe was bowled aiming a heave at pace man John S Kassamali c Abbasi b Raza 0 Emirates won by two wickets.

MADRID, Mar 7:

Real Madrid sank

further into the

mire of a miser-

able season on

Sunday with a

shock 2-1 defeat

Real Madrid's defence was

run ragged by Lerida's

Uruguayan striker Gustavo

Matosas and Dane Soren

Andersen, who scored both

for 54 made in 53 balls. Tikolo's elder brother Tom supervised the slog in the lat-

ter overs and finished on 42

But on a good wicket, the Kenyan score looked a shade light and so it proved. UAE openers Riaz Poonawala (71) and Azhar Saeed (59)

not out.

laid the perfect foundation with an opening stand of 141 in 28 overs. Then Mohammad Ishaq upped the run-rate in a 36-ball

innings which realised 51

The UAE looked home and dry at 233 for three in the 41st over, but pace bowler Martin Suji returned to the at-

tack to spark a mini collapse.

The UAE lost three wickets for 21 runs as the Kenyans put the pressure on in the field. But Vijay Mehra kept his cool and hit 34 runs in 34 balls to settle the issue.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the final of the ICC (International Cricket Conference) Trophy on Sunday:

KENYA

D Chudasama c Raza b Butt K Otieno c and b Saeed S Tikolo b Raza

M Odumbe b Samarasekera 87

Barcelona won 3-1 at Real

Oviedo with goals from Bristo

Stoichkov, Ronald Koeman and

Ivan Iglesias and made up

ground on leaders Deportivo

Coruna who were held 1-1 at

home by Real and scored just

148; 3-177; 4-233; 5-242; 6-254; 7-276; 8-281. Bowling:

Odumbe 44 56 Karim 0 Tikolo 14 52 Tito United Arab Result:

Real schuss further down Germain had sapped Real's

> Lerida opened the scoring in the 18th minute when Real goalkeeper Paco Buyo could only parry Sergi Pares's shot and Andersen snapped up the rebound.

strength.

Third-placed Real equalised Real's trainer Benito Floro, in the 22nd minute through back in the firing line after a brief respite, partly blamed the Fernando Hierro, but seven defeat on fatigue, saying minutes later Andersen made Thursday's Cup Winners Cup it 2-1 with a powerful shot match against Paris St. from 20 metres.

at Lerida, who had never previously beaten the Spanish giants, reports Reuter.

A Sunflower forward dodges his way past one of the Ganaktoli Sporting Club player during yesterday's Jadukar Samad Smriti juvenile football tournament encounter at the Outer Stadium. The match ended in 1-1 draw. - Star photo