

## Column One

### DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

That Pakistan features at the receiving end when it comes to both the highest and the lowest innings in limited-overs internationals. England scored 363 for seven (of course in 55 overs) against Pakistan at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, on August 20, 1990. Again it was Pakistan, who scored 43 against the West Indies at Newlands, Cape Town, on February 25, 1993.

They have also had many great innings in their favour including a World Cup triumph. Perhaps it goes to show the eccentricity of their cricket, definitely one of their hallmarks.

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- The final of the 1st Asian Test Championship will be held in  
Dhaka Calcutta Colombo
- The eighth SAF Games will be held in  
India Sri Lanka Nepal
- How many teams are taking part in the Janakantha Premier cricket league?  
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### SPORTS TALK



**Ronaldo**  
(Brazilian soccer superstar)  
"I am not what they say, a phenomenon, I am Ronaldo, trying to do my best."

### Khulna MSC clinch DSA Cup

KHULNA, Jan 28: Khulna Mohammedan Sporting Club clinched the championship of the District Sports Association (DSA) Cup cricket, reports APB. In the final MSC defeated Alphabet Krira Chakra by 8 wickets at the Khulna Stadium today.

Sent in to bat first, Alphabet were all out for 147 in 45 overs. Tapash top-scored with 44.

MSC scored the winning target 148 in 43.2 overs by losing two wickets.

Taz of MSC has been adjudged man-of-the-match after a four-wicket haul and scoring the highest 56 runs.

A total of 16 teams took part in the meet this year.

### No joy for Juninho

BARCELONA, Spain, Jan 28 (Reuters/Internet): Juninho suffered a disappointing end to a busy day on Wednesday when his Spanish league invitation side was beaten 4-0 by Barcelona in an anti-drugs benefit game.

The Brazilian had been in Birmingham to negotiate a possible transfer to Aston Villa from Atletico Madrid but made a late dash back to Spain to play the first 30 minutes of the game at the Nou Camp.

Second-half goals from Dragan Ciric, Garcia brothers Roger and Oscar, and Dutch defender Winston Bogarde - getting his first run-out since breaking his leg during France 98 - saw Barcelona pull away to a clear victory.

## Biman thrive on Manzoor's ton

Sports Reporter

Manzoor Akhter slammed his third century in the Janakantha Premier League to help Bangladesh Biman to an imposing total against promoted Sadharan Bima at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The Pakistani all-rounder smashed a run-a-ball 104 as Biman, electing to bat first after winning the toss in the morning, piled up 366 for seven in their share of 80 overs. This is also the highest total at the big bowl so far this season, which did half the job for the national airline outfit for their seventh win and a solo lead atop the table.

Coming into bat at his customary position of number five, Manzoor took the depleted Bima attack to the sword on his way to back-to-back centuries. The diminutive right-hander who scored a match-winning 111 against Abahani on January 16, took only 102 balls to reach the magical three-figure mark with the help of ten sweetly-timed hits across the rope.

Although Biman had a few anxious moments after starting solidly - they lost four of their top-order batsmen including national captain Aminul Islam and Faruque Ahmed in quick succession, Manzoor found a wily partner in Hasanuzzaman to rebuild the innings after opener Javed Omar departed for a plucky 67 off 147 balls.

Together with Hasan, the Pakistani put on 163 runs for the fifth wicket after Biman were reduced to 150 for four in 45.1 overs. Manzoor was eventually out in the 73rd over, but not before yet another bumper harvest at his favourite ground where he scored in first ton (124 not out) against Mohammedan.

Hasanuzzaman hammered a polished 54 off 74 balls, which included five fours. But it was Manzoor's compatriot Shahid Iqbal who took Biman past the 350-mark with a quickfire 40 off only 32 balls.

For Bima, captain Abdul Hadi and Iqbal Islam took two wickets apiece. But the Biman captain had to pay heavily for

seeing off the marauding Pakistani duo. The tweaker gave away 72 runs in his 12 overs.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day at the BKSP in Savar, a relegation-threatened Ajax Sporting Club scored a fighting 250 for nine against Wari Club, thanks to a brilliant



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96 from Sanchay. The middle-order batsman missed his first ton in the league when he was trapped in front of the wicket by Wari's Pakistani left-arm spinner Tariq Mehmud in the nervous nineties. But Sanchay played a lone hand to guide his side to safety after a terrible start with Ajax reeling at 59 for four.

In a spectacular rebuilding operation, Sanchay shared 117 runs for the fifth wicket Total scored a defiant 38 off 104 balls. Sanchay clubbed nine fours in his 160-ball vigil at the crease.

Among the Wari bowlers, Tomal returned with the most impressive figures of two for 19

in seven overs. While Tariq, a mean customer with the ball and a prolific run-getter with the bat, finished with two for 35 runs in his allotted 16 overs.

### SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the two Janakantha Premier Division cricket league matches began at different venues yesterday:

**Biman v Sadharan Bima**

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

**BIMAN**

Javed Omar c Rajinder b Ismail 67

Habibul c Tariq b Rajinder 36

Faruque run out 16

Aminul b b Ismail 12

M Akhter c Moin b Hadi 104

Hasanuzzaman run out 54

S Iqbal b Hadi 40

Atiar not out 7

Ziaur not out 1

Extras: (lb-10, nb-1, w-18) 29

Total: (For 7 wts in 80 overs) 366

Did not bat: Jahangir Alam

Talukder and Saifullah Khan.

Fall of wts: 1/70; 2/120;

3/145; 4/150; 5/313; 6/348;

7/358.

**Bowler**

O M R W

Nakib 6 0 36 0

Shafiqul 10 3 39 0

Ismail 11 0 50 2

Rajinder 12 1 28 1

Tashriqul 16 3 53 0

Moin 13 1 58 0

Hadi 12 0 72 2

**Ajax SC v Wari Club**

Venue: BKSP

**AJAX**

Nayem b b SH Khan 12

Imran c T Mahmood b A Islam 10

S Khan c T Mahmood b SH Khan 2

Sanchay b b T Mahmood 96

Nayan c Sajib b A Wasim 7

Tamal c A Wasim b Nasim 38

H Khan c Zahid b T Mahmood 21

R Islam c Nasim b Zahid 9

Suzan run out 9

Aminul not out 19

Extras: (b-3, lb-4, nb-1, w-19) 27

Total: (For 9 wts in 80 overs) 250

Did not bat: I Haider

Fall of wts: 1/23; 2/24;

3/38; 4/59; 5/176; 6/190; 7/211;

8/222; 9/250.

**Bowler**

O M R W

Zahid 12 0 44 1

A Islam 8 0 38 1

SH Khan 7 1 19 2

A Wasim 16 5 33 1

M Islam 4 0 18 0

Nasim 16 1 51 1

T Mahmood 16 3 35 2

Sajib 1 0 5 0

## India dominate the day

MADRAS, Jan 28: India's spinpace duo of Anil Kumble and Jagavallu Srinath ripped through Pakistan's batting on the opening day of the first cricket Test here today, reports AFP.

Kumble grabbed 6-70 and Srinath 3-63 on the unpredictable Chepauk wicket as Pakistan, playing their first Test on Indian soil in 12 years, were shot out for 238.

India's new opening pair of Sadagopan Ramesh and V Laxman rattled off 48 for no loss in eight overs before stumps to complete a satisfying day for the home team.

Left-hander Ramesh, making his Test debut on his home ground, remained unbeaten on a strokeful 30 off 22 balls. Laxman was 18 not out.

"We've made a good start, it's now upto the batsmen to continue the good work," Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin said.

"The wicket will continue to keep low, so it is important to get a good first innings score and put Pakistan under pressure in their second knock."

Wasim Akram's joy at winning the toss and opting to bat was short-lived as Pakistan slipped to 91-5 before wicket-keeper Moin Khan stemmed the rot with a typically gritty 60.

Moin put on 63 for the sixth wicket with Yousuf Youhana (53) and 60 for the seventh with Akram (38) to steer Pakistan to a fighting score on a wicket that will deteriorate over the next four days.

Some 35,000 home fans, who braved the tight security at the fortified ground to watch the long-awaited clash, were rewarded with an absorbing tussle between bat and ball.

"We did well to comeback after the bad start," Akram said. "There's a lot of cricket left in the game and I am positive we will fight back."

Leg-spinner Kumble, brought on in the 16th over struck in his first two overs and then polished off the last four wickets to help India seize the initiative.

Srinath sent Pakistan scurrying for cover at the start with the wickets of openers Saeed Anwar and Shahid Afridi for 41. Kumble chipped in with another two as the tourists slipped to 66-4 before lunch.

Afridi and Anwar survived two dropped chances by

Azharuddin in the slips to take the score to 32 when disaster struck.

Afridi, playing only his second Test match, made 11 when he edged Srinath's outswinger to Saurav Ganguly at first slip.

Anwar, who made a record on-day score of 194 at the same ground two years ago, was given out leg-before by Indian umpire Venkat Ramaswamy for 24 as he padded up to Srinath.

The ball appeared to be leaving the batsman, but Anwar walked as soon as the umpire raised his finger.

Kumble struck with his fifth ball when Inzamamul Haq drove back a simple return catch after being beaten in flight. The burly batsman, who made 100 and 96 in the tour opener against India A earlier this week, scored 10.

Kumble then removed Ijaz Ahmed for 13 in his next over through a dubious leg-before decision by New Zealander Steve Dunne.

Television replays showed the batsman well forward as he offered no stroke to Kumble's top-spinner and was rapped on the front foot.

Pakistan, who went to lunch at 83-4, lost Salim Malik soon after resumption when Srinath clipped his off ball with a superb inswinger.

Moin, who hit seven fours and a six, prospered in the company of Youhana and Akram, before the unplayable Kumble

hastened the end after tea with quick blows.

Dunne continue his bad day when he adjudged Saqlain Mushitaq caught in the leg-trap even as replays showed the ball bounce off the batsman's pads.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the first cricket Test between India and Pakistan on Thursday.

**PAKISTAN: First innings**

Anwar lbw b Srinath 24

Afridi c Ganguly b Srinath 11

Ijaz lbw b Kumble 13

Inzamam c and b Kumble 10

Youhana lbw b Tendulkar 53

Malik b Srinath 8

Moin Khan c Ganguly b Kumble 60

Akram c Laxman b Kumble 38

Saqlain c Laxman b Kumble 2

Nadeem Khan c Dravid b Kumble 8

Wagar not out 0

Extras: (lb-5, nb-6) 11

Total: (All out in 79.5 overs) 238

Fall of wts: 1-32; 2-41; 3-61; 4-66; 5-91; 6-154; 7-214; 8-227; 9-237

**Bowler**

O M R W

Srinath 15 3 63 3

Prasad 16 1 54 0

Kumble 24.5 7 70 6

Joshi 21 8 36 0

Tendulkar 3 0 10 1

### Sohail in town

Sports Reporter

Amir Sohail arrived in city yesterday to play for Abahani in the on-going Janakantha Premier League.

The former Pakistan captain in his first assignment as a player in Dhaka cricket, was accompanied Mohammed Hussain. Sohail is set to make his debut in Abahani's crucial encounter against arch-rival Mohammedan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday.

Sohail has recently been dropped from the Pakistan team along with Hussain. The latter, however, has been playing for the popular Dhammondi outfit for the last couple of seasons.

### Cricket crazy Chepauk crowd

MADRAS, Jan 28: Some 30,000 cricket fans, champing at the prospect of Pakistan's first Test on Indian soil in 12 years, were forced to endure lengthy security checks Thursday at the heavily-guarded Chepauk ground, reports AFP.

Even though Hindu militants have withdrawn their threats to disrupt the matches, some 6,000 security personnel were on hand in and outside the ground on the first day.

Their presence only added to the traditional tension created by the rare cricket clashes between the two South Asian rivals.

Long queues at the stadium entrances were still moving slowly an hour after the start, as each spectator was frisked and food packets and water bottles checked thoroughly before being allowed in.

There were to more checkpoints before the fan could claim his seat in the stands, where gun-toting commandos and plain-clothes police cast a stern shadow over the proceedings.

The team buses, which reached the ground two hours before the start, were accompanied by a host of escort vehicles during the 20-minute drive from their downtown hotel.

"I have never seen anything like this before," said 65-year-old Krishnan Ramamurthy, who has not missed a single Test match at the ground since 1981.

"But these are not normal times and this is no ordinary match. I pray that all the action is confined only to the field."

On Wednesday, even the media was barred from attending the match-even training sessions of both teams.

The precautions were deemed necessary following threats by Hindu fundamentalists to disrupt the Test series in protest at Pakistan's support for Muslim separatists in Kashmir.

The militants withdrew the threat just hours before the tourists' plane touched down in India, but the organisers are taking no chances.

The security for the Pakistani team is supervised by Yashovardhan Azad, an Indian intelligence officer and brother of former Test star Kirti Azad.

Azad will travel with the team through the two-month tour, along with Amrit Mathur, a representative of the Indian cricket board.

No visitor is allowed on the second and third floors of the luxury Taj Coromandal Hotel where the teams are staying without the written permission of Azad. Calls to cricketers are screened before they are put through.

### More bad news for Sri Lanka

PERTH, Jan 28: Sri Lanka's outside hopes of reaching the finals of the lucrative tri-nation one-day cricket tournament received a further major blow here today, reports AFP.

While practising for crucial matches against England on Friday and Australia on Sunday at the WACA ground, the world champions learned both sides will be played on the bouncy number four wicket on which they began their tour disastrously a month ago.

Ground assistant curator Rowan Mathews said, "The pitch may not be quite as bouncy as on January 3, but I believe there will still be a fair bit of bounce for the fast bowlers."

In their tour-opener, Sri Lanka crashed to 89 all out against an Australia side, with only four of their batsmen reaching double figures in an innings lasting a mere 25.1 overs.

Medium-pace Shane Lee (4-11) and express bowler Matt Nicholson (2-22) caused the devastation.



Biman opener Javed Omar square-cuts during his patient 67 against Sadharan Bima at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

## Keya Cosmetics Suhrawardy Cup U-19 Football

## Zonal matches begin today

Sports Reporter

The qualifying round of Keya Cosmetics Suhrawardy Cup National Under-19 Football Championship begin at different zonal venues this afternoon under the auspices of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF). The last championship for the under-19 booters was held in 1991.

A total of 61 districts and Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Prosthitan, split onto eight zones, will take part in the qualifying round which will end on February 5. The matches of six zones - Dhaka A, Sylhet, Jessore, Sirajganj, Noakhali and Kurigram, will begin today while the matches of Dhaka B and Chapinawabganj zone will begin from January 30 and 31 respectively.

The winners of the eight zones will join holders Tangail and hosts Rangpur in the ten-team Finals, scheduled to begin at the North Bengal town from February 9.

A press conference in connection with the championship was held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday with Zakaria Pintoo, captain of Swadheen Bangla Football team and an adviser of Keya Cosmetics, in the chair.

BFF general secretary Harunur Rashid MR, joint secretaries Badal Roy and Sirajul Islam Bachchu, members Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chunnun and Fazlur Rahman Babul, who is also the secretary of the tournament committee, were present on the occasion.

Speaking at the conference, Harunur Rashid MR revealed that Keya Cosmetics, the sponsor of the meet, will pay Taka ten lakh out of their Taka 11 lakh 96 thousand budget.

"We have already received six lakh," said Harun.

The following teams are taking part in the qualifying round. Each zone will have two groups for the robin league. Top two finishers will qualify for the zonal final.

**Dhaka A**  
Group A: Barisal, Barguna and Shariatpur.  
Group B: Faridpur, Patuakhali, Pirozpur and Bhola.

**Dhaka B**  
Group A: Munshiganj, Gazipur, Narayanganj and Manikganj.  
Group B: Dhaka, BKSP, Narshingdi and Kishoreganj.

**Sylhet**

**Group A:** Sylhet, Sunamganj, Feni and Khagrachari.  
**Group B:** Chittagong, Laxmipur, Habiganj and Chandpur.

**Jessore**  
Group A: Jessore, Satkhira, Gopalganj and Narail.  
Group B: Khulna, Magura, Madaripur and Bagerhat.

**Sirajganj**  
Group A: Sirajganj, Sherpur, Bogra and Jamalpur.  
Group B: Mymensingh, Naoaganj, Netrokona and Pabna.

**Noakhali**  
Group A: Noakhali, Brahmanbaria and Rangamati.  
Group B: Comilla, Cox's Bazar and Bandarban.

**Chapainawabganj**  
Group A: Chapainawabganj, Natore, Rajbari and Jhenidah.  
Group B: Rajshahi, Meherpur, Chuadanga and Kushtia.

**Kurigram**  
Group A: Kurigram, Panchagarh, Dinajpur and Lamorhat.  
Group B: Nilphamari, Thakurgaon, Joypurhat and Gaibandha.



Sri Lanka skipper Arjuna Ranatunga (L) having a chat with his England counterpart Alec Stewart before testifying to an ICC committee yesterday.