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	102	103	104		
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How many centuries have so far been scored in the Janakantha League?

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SPORTS



Christopher Cairns (New Zealand all-rounder) "I am enjoying my cricket. feel like an old man in the side. After being reminded that he was now a veteran of 10 years in international cricket.

### Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Feb 6: Lotus Junior Club and Nowab Smriti Club recorded their victories in the second Hassan Imam and Ali Imam Pintu smriti cricket tournament today at Rajshahi Medical College ground. Lotus Club scored 212 for

three in the stipulated 25 overs. In reply, Soptosy were bun-dled out for 116 in 22.3 overs. Patan Para (Green) collected

102 for nine in allotted 22 overs in the other match of the day. In reply Nowab Smriti reached their winning target in 19.2 overs conceding four wick-

Meanwhile, the Mayor Gold Cup volleyball tournament organised by Rajshahi City Corporation will begin from February 15 at Rajshahi Collegiate School playground.

A total of five teams including a local team will participate in the tournament.

### Mannan passes away

M A Mannan, former gen-eral secretary of Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation (BAAF) and assistant general manager of Janata Bank, died yesterday of jaundice at BIR-DEM hospital aged 52, reports

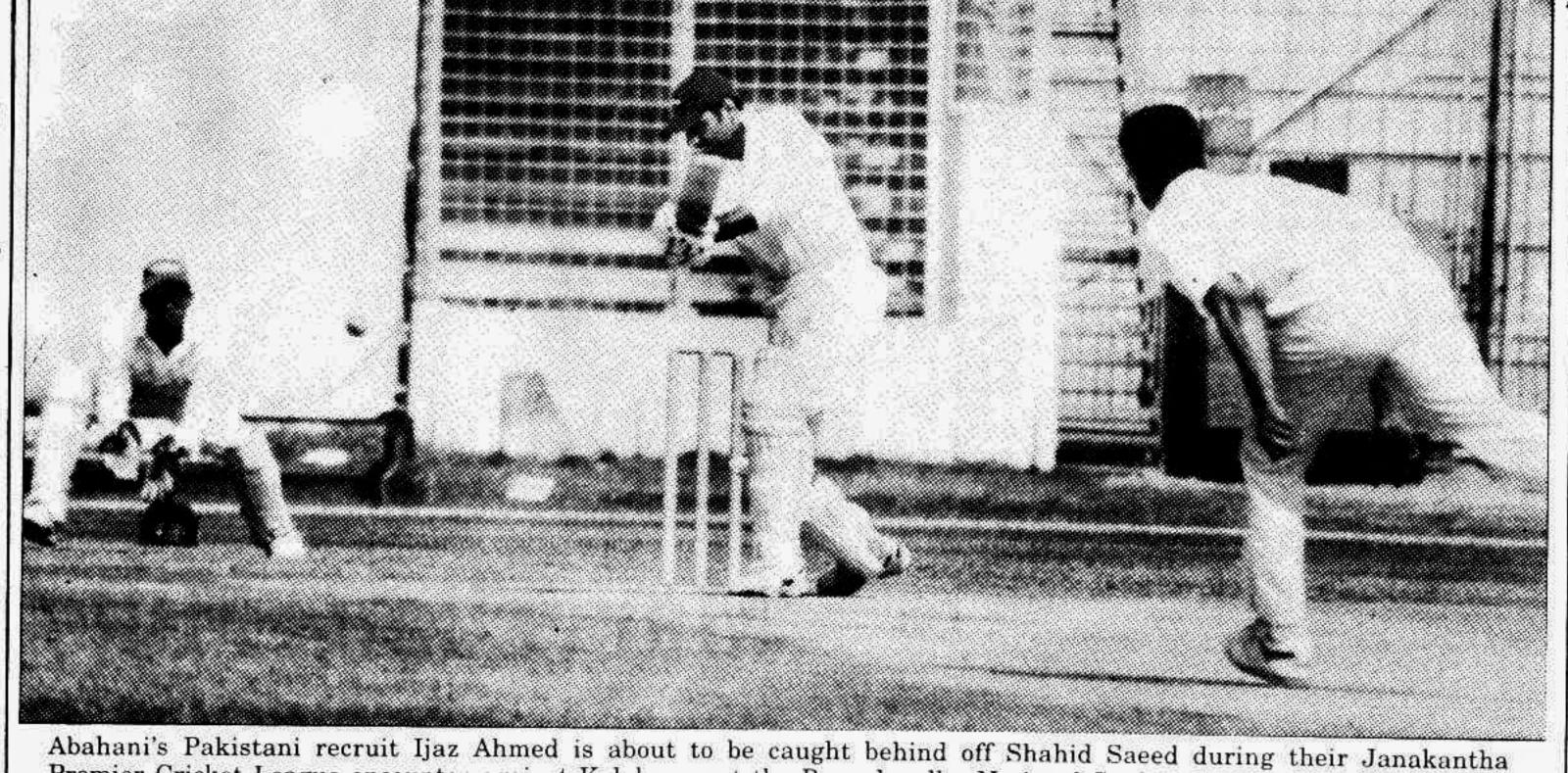
Mannan, who was a Rajshahi University Blue, was buried at Gabtoli graveyard.

ing ahead of Steffi Graf of Ger-His body was taken to Mirpur Stadium, where a namaz-e-Top-seeded Davenport, a janaza was held. His friends, semifinalist in the Australian fellow athletes attended the Open, was eliminated in the janaza. quarterfinals Friday by No 7 seed Amanda Coetzer of South

He was sports secretary of Rajshahi University Central Students' Union (RUCSU) twice. Mannan East Pakistan champion at 110 m hurdles from 1966-70 and Bangladesh champion from 1973 to 74, became national coach after completing diploma from East Germany in 1974-75 and se-

cured first-class. He was joint secretary of BAAF for ten years from 1981 and general secretary from 1991-96. He was a member of Bangladesh Olympic Associa-

Mannan left behind his wife. son, daughter, seven brothers, three sisters.



Premier Cricket League encounter against Kalabagan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

## Orient, Ajax get relegation slap

# Abahani, Brothers keep hopes alive

Abahani Krira Chakra and Brothers Union Club cruised to their eighth win in the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league defeating Kalabagan and Orient Sporting Club respectively at different city

venues yesterday. At the Bangabandhu National Stadium, holders Abahani handed Kalabagan Krira Chakra a five-wicket defeat while last year's runners-up Brothers thrashed babes Orient Sporting Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium by six wickets.

The results of yesterday's matches have helped both Abahani and Brothers join Biman atop the table, with the two teams collecting 16 points each from 10 matches in the 12-team Among the three top-notch-

ers Biman have a fair chance to win the title as they are enjoying a superior neat run rate (1.26) compared to Abahani (.61) and Brothers (.50) The national airline outfit

will have to beat lowly Wari Club in their last match, beginning at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium today. On the other hand, Abahani

and Brothers, who will lock horns on February 9, will be waiting with their fingerscrossed for a last minute Biman debacle to pip them at the post in the last match of the League Tuesday. Back into the match at the

Bangabandhu from the world of statistics, Abahani, resuming on 45 for two, hardly faced any trouble to overhaul the modest Kalabagan total of 199 in 80 overs. They raced on to score 203 for five with 20 overs to

Former Pakistani Test cap ljaj Ahmed scored a polished 77 off 114 balls while young opener Hannan made a patient half-century to lay the founda-

tion of an easy sail for Abahani. The two overnight not out batsmen put on 119 runs for the third wicket as Abahani, who were shakily placed at 19 for two on Friday, garnered 138 before Hannan departed for a 53 off 105 balls. The right-hander clubbed half a dozen bound-

ljaj added another 18 runs with skipper Akram Khan be-

TOKYO, Feb 6:

Martina Hingis,

fresh from win-

ning the Aus-

tralian Open last

week, regained

the world's top

singles ranking Saturday as she

beat Wimbledon champion

Jana Novotna 6-3, 6-4 in the

Toray Pan Pacific Open

The WTA, the world's gov-

erning body for the woman's

professional tennis Tour, is

scheduled to release a new

The Swiss teenager has been

ranked second to Lindsay Dav-

enport of the United States

Hingis was just 16 years old when she first climbed to the No

1 rank on March 31, 1997, surg-

In the final Sunday, second

seed Hingis meets Coetzer, who

ousted fourth-seeded Monica

Seles of the United States 6-4, 6-

2 in the other semifinals

couple of errors and a double

fault cost Hingis a break in the

opening game, but her 20-year-

old doubles partner from the

Czech Republic suffered from

errors and lost her serve twice

Novotna fought back with

good serves and aggressive play

to start the second set with a

love game. But she couldn't keep

to lose the first set.

In the day's first match, a

weekly ranking on Monday.

semifinals, reports AP.

since last October 12.

Africa.

fore being dismissed by his compatriot Shahid Saeed. In his 145-minute stay at the crease, ljaj hammered twelve

Although Abahani lost the wicket of Neeyamur for 11, Akram ensured the victory without further damage, putting on 23 runs for the undefeated sixth wicket with Mohammad Hussain. Hussain, the other Pakistani import of Abahani, made 12 while Akram remained unbeaten on 21.



Away at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Brothers. aided by a solid performance from the top-order, walloped their way to a facile victory in the high-scoring match against Orient.

Opner Ehsanul Haque, onedown Jahangir, skipper Khaled Mahmud and Pakistani Aamir Hanif scored half-centuries in style as Brothers, chasing a commanding Orient total of 284 in 80 overs, reached 286 in only 48.3 overs with six wickets in

Opener Ehsanul Haque scored highest 65 off 73 balls with the help of nine boundaries followed by Hanif who chipped in with 49-ball 61 spiced with seven fours and two sixes. Mahmud blasted 60 not out and Jahangir scored a runa-ball 52

With the outcome of the match Orient joined Ajax Sporting Club in the relegation march from the Premier League even before playing their last match against each other on February 9. Both have so far managed to win one match

SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the two Janakantha Premier League matches held at different city venues yesterday:

up the pressure, slipping back

No 1 rank," a jubilant Hingis

said. "I just hope I can now hold

on to it longer, maybe as long as

into the match because I have

better winning record against

Jana." Hingis said. In their

"I was 16 when I first got the

"Today I was confident going

into error-prone play.

I play tennis.

ABAHANI VS KALABAGAN (Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium) KALABAGAN: 199 all out in 69.3 overs (Sajjad 68, Mushfig 26; Hasibul 4/41)

ABAHANI: (Overnight 45/2 in 12 overs) Hannan c Masudur B Fahim 53 Mehrab c Mahbubur b Saikat 0 Naimur b Saikat Ijaz c Ishtaq b S Saeed Akram not out Neeyamur b S Saeed M Hussain not out

Extras: (lb-1, nb-2, w-14) Total: (for 5 wkts in 60 overs)203 Fall of wkts: 1-3; 2-19; 3-138; 4-156; 5-180 Bowler OM Shahid Saccd 15 2 56 Saikat Masudur Rahman 13 Fahim Muntasir Mushfigur Rahman 6 Abul Hasan Sajjad Ahmed 5 0 20

Result: Abahani won by 5 wickets. BROTHERS VS ORIENT (Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket

Stadium) ORIENT: 284 for 7 in 80 overs (Mofizul 55, Asif 52 Mridul 52; Imran 2/53) BROTHERS

Shahriar c Jewel b Mofizul Ehsanul lbw b Mofizul Jahangir b Mridul K Mahmud not out A Hanif lbw b Newaz Zahid not out Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-11, w-4) Total: (For 4 wkts in 48.3 overs) 286 Fall of wkts: 1-64; 2-131; 3-159; 4-281 Bowler

M R W Mizanur Rahman 6 22 18 Aminul Islam Newaz Islam 44 0 Sohail Islam 0 74 0 Mofizul Islam 12.3 54 2 Mridul 0 57 Rizwan Omar 0 15 0 Result: Brothers won by 6

wickets. TODAY'S MATCHES

Janakantha Premier Divi-

sion Cricket League Biman v Wari Club

(Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Mohammedan SC v Victoria

(Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium) Surjo Tarun v Agrani Bank (Venue: BKSP) Hingis returns to the top

seven encounters since 1997.

Novotna won just once, in the

brate after losing the final to-

match, there were five service

breaks in the first set before

Coetzer held it for 5-4 and then

"I hope I don't have to cele-

In the other seminar

1998 Wimbledon semifinals.

morrow." Hingis added.

took control of the match.

### Suhrawardy Cup soccer

A golden goal by Selim steered Chapainawabganj to a 1-0 victory over Kushtia and romp into the 10-team final round, as zonal champions in Keya Cosmetics Suhrawardy Cup national youth (under-19) football tour-

nament yesterday, reports APB.
The teams finished goalless at the end of 90 minutes. Selim scored the winner in the 20th minute of the extra-time.

Earlier, Barisal, BKSP, Chittagong, Jessore, Sirajganj and Rangamati moved to the final round to be held in Rangpur while holders Tangail and the hosts will directly play.

In the last zonal final match of the meet, Dinajpur will take on Nilphamari in the Kurigam zone today.

### Div II basketball league deferred Sports Reporter

The Second Division Basketball League, scheduled to begin at the Dhanmondi gymnasium from February 16, has been deferred for unavoidable reasons.

Although the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation (BABF) has yet to announce a Test haul of 434. fresh date, but it was learnt that the League may start sometime later this month. Meanwhile, the BABF has also extended the date of entry till February 18. Besides, it also shifted the date of inter-club cagers transfer, which will now be held from February 22 to February 24.

### Ctg DC Gold Cup cricket from today

CHANDPUR, Feb 6: Chit tagong Divisional Commissioner Gold Cup cricket tournament 1999 begins at the local stadium here tomorrow, reports

The inaugural match will be held between the hosts and Bandarban District team. The other teams are: Chit-

tagong, Noakhali, Cox's Bazar, Brahmanbaria, Khagrachhari Laxmipur, Comilla, Rangamati and Feni.

### Munshigani cricket

MUNSHIGANJ, Feb 6: The final of Sheikh Russell Smriti cricket tournament, arranged by Gazaria Government College Students' Union, was played in the thana parishad ground on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Karim Khan Juba Sangha emerged champions defeating Mathabhanga Eleven by eight wickets in the final.



Martina Hingis falls victim of autograph hunters after her second round match at the Toray Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo on Wednesday last. The Swiss teenager regained her number one spot on the WTA rankings after defeating Jana Novotna at the Tokyo tournament yesterday. - AP/UNB photo

## Ramesh misses maiden ton

# India assume control



NEW DELHI, Feb 6: Saurav Ganguly led a remarkable fightback by India's lower-order batsmen to pin

Pakistan against the ropes in the second cricket Test here today, reports AFP.

Pakistan set themselves up for a challenging chase when they reduced India to 199-6 in their second innings before tea on the third day - an overall lead of 279.

Left-hander Ganguly, however, frustrated Wasim Akram's men by making an unbeaten 58 as India added 125 more runs for the loss of just one wicket to end the day at 324-7 and with an almost impregnable lead of

Ganguly, taking advantage of the tired Pakistani attack. put on 32 for the seventh wicket with Anil Kumble (15) and then an undefeated 93 for the eighth with Javagal Srinath (44 not

India, who lost the first Test at Madras by 12 runs, have two days to bowl out Pakistan on the deteriorating Ferozeshah Kotla wicket and square the short two-Test series.

A 400-plus chase has been achieved only twice before in history - by Don Bradman's Australians against England and Bishen Singh Bedi's India against the West Indies.

Pakistan's highest fourth innings score to win was 315-9 against Australia at Karachi in 1994 when Inzamam-ul Haq scored an unbeaten century.

Their best winning score abroad was 192-7 against Zimbabwe at Harare during the 1997-98 season.

India's young Test opener Sadagopan Ramesh shored up India's innings with a defiant 96, but missed his maiden Test century when he drove a full toss back to bowler Mushtag Ahmed

The 23-year-old left-hander, playing only his second Test. followed his 60 in the first innings with a five-hour vigil in which he hit 15 boundaries.

Ramesh put on 85 for the second wicket with Rahul Dravid and 68 for the third with Sachin Tendulkar as India moved to a commanding 168-2 soon after lunch. Tendulkar's dismissal for 29

triggered a middle-order collapse in which India lost four wickets in the space of 31 runs to slip to 199-6. An unusually sedate Ten-

dulkar, who needed 25 balls to get off the mark, survived a confident leg-before appeal off Mushtaq before driving the same bowler for an easy catch at mid-on in the next over.

Pakistani captain Wasim Akram bowled his counterpart Mohammad Azharuddin and trapped Nayan Mongia of successive balls to become his country's most successful Test bowler with 363 wickets.

Akram, playing his 85th match, equalled his mentor Imran Khan's tally of 362-wicket from 88 Tests with Azharuddin's dismissal and surpassed him next ball.

Kumble denied Akram a hattrick by digging out a yorker so perfectly that the ball raced to mid-off for a boundary.

Earlier Ramesh and Rahul Dravid took the overnight score from 46-1 to 100 then Pakistan earned a lucky break.

Dravid, unflappable while making 29, suddenly lost his concentration after the drinks break and top-edged a sweep of Saqlain to be caught easily at first slip by Ijaz Ahmed.

India went to lunch at 126-2 and added 94 runs in the afternoon session for the loss of four wickets.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of 'the second Test between India and Pakistan on Saturday:

INDIA: First innings PAKISTAN: First innings INDIA: Second innings (overnight Ramesh c and b Mushtag Laxman b Akram Dravid c Ijaz b Saqlain

Tendulkar c Akram b Mushtaq Azharuddin b Akram Ganguly not out Mongia lbw b Akram Kumble c Ijaz b Saglain Srinath not out Extras: (nb-9, lb-9, b-13) Total: (for 7 wkts in 109 overs) 324

To bat: Venkatesh Prasad and Harbhajan Singh. Fall of wkts: 1-15; 2-100; 3-168; 4-183; 5-199; 6-199; 7-231

Bowler Akram Waqar Saqlain 13 Mushtag Afridi

# Akram leaves Imran behind



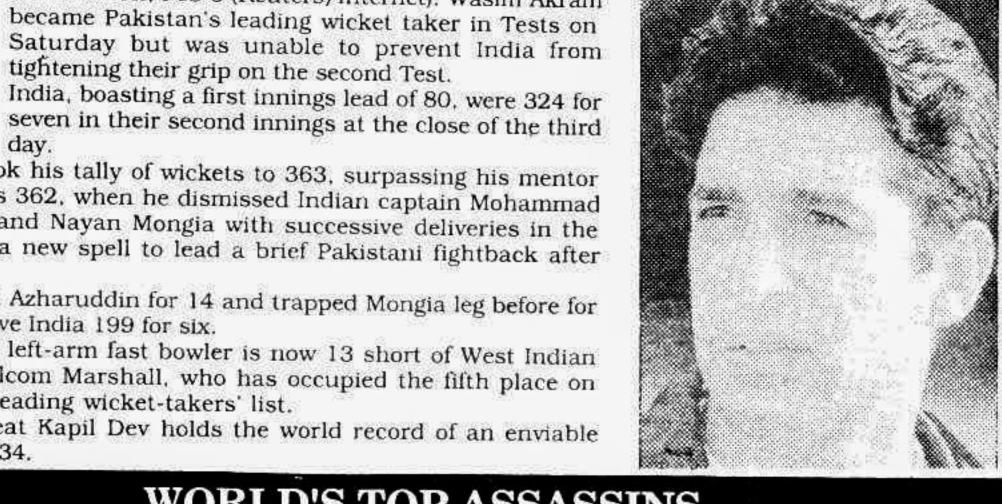
NEW DELHI, Feb 6 (Reuters/Internet): Wasim Akram became Pakistan's leading wicket taker in Tests on Saturday but was unable to prevent India from tightening their grip on the second Test. India, boasting a first innings lead of 80, were 324 for

Akram took his tally of wickets to 363, surpassing his mentor Imran Khan's 362, when he dismissed Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin and Nayan Mongia with successive deliveries in the first over of a new spell to lead a brief Pakistani fightback after

He bowled Azharuddin for 14 and trapped Mongia leg before for nought to leave India 199 for six.

The gifted left-arm fast bowler is now 13 short of West Indian tearaway Malcom Marshall, who has occupied the fifth place on the all-time leading wicket-takers' list.

Indian great Kapil Dev holds the world record of an enviable



### WORLD'S TOP ASSASSINS Name Balls Team Best Ave Kapil Dev IND 1060 27740 12867 434 29.64 9-83 23 63.9 Hadlee 21918 9-52 36 9612 431 22.30 50.8 Walsh 22986 816 397 10084 7-37 25.40 16 57.8 Botham ENG 21815 10878 383 8-34 28.40 27 56.9 Marshall 613 17584 7876 376 7-22 46.7 20.94 22 PAK 19458 Imran Khan 8258 727 362 8-58 22.81 23 53.7 Wasim Akram \* 359 355 19044 8232 PAK 736 22.93 7-119 22 53.0 8493 AUS 18467 652 23 23.92 7-83 52.0 Ambrose 18732 7442 350 798 21.26 53.5 8-45 21 Willis ENG 17357 325 554 8190 8-43 25.20 53.4 Warne 20025 1039 7866 63.5 24.97 8-71 27115 Gibbs 1313 8989 309 8-38 87.7 29.09 18 17 ENG 522 Trueman 15178 6625 307 21.57 8-31 49.4 1239 Underwood ENG 21862 7674 8-51 297 25.83 73.6 McDermott 16586 AUS 8332 579 291 28.63 8-97 56.9 Waqar Younis PAK 11238 369 6005 277 21.67 40.5 \* As of first Test against India at Madras.

### SAARC Bridge

# Das-Saha pair clinch title

followed by Das and Saha of In-

dia with 171.96 and Rafigul

won the second SAARC Bridge pairs event while Bahar-e-Alam and Harun-Ur-Rashid from Bangladesh were the runners-up, reports BSS. Debashish Dutta and S. Kan-

PR Das and SK Saha of India

tha from India took the third place at the end of the barometer-scoring final round that ended Friday night. About 80 pairs from

Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal participated in the meet. The event was held with two qualifying rounds, a quarterfinal and a semifinal round. Fourteen pairs (eight from India, four from Bangladesh and two from Pakistan) made it to the final.

The result was always open until the last round. Alam and Harun-Ur-Rashid were placed at the top with 180.95 points Hussain Siddique and Mobinul Islam of Bangladesh with 171.36. However, Das-Saha scored

two clear tops against Rafique-

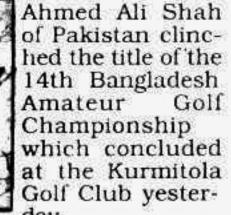
Mobin, thus overtaking Bahar-Harun to snatch first place. Debashish Kantha also scored two near tops in the last two boards to jump into third place behind while Rafique-Mobin were pushed back to eighth.

### FINAL STANDINGS

Position	Name	Pair No	Country	Score
1.	PR Das and SK Saha	9	India	195.96
2	Bahar-e-Alam and Harun-Ur-Rashid	2	Bangladesh	* 188.95
3.	Debashis Dutta and S. Kantha	4	India	186.61
4	Naved Khan and Shauq Hussain	10	Pakistan	184.61
5.	SN Sarkar and Badal Das	1	India	182.19
6.	Nafis Jafar and Rashid Jafar	7	Pakistan	172.37
7.	Rafique H. Siddiqui and Mobinul Isla	m 8	Bangladesh	171.36
8	Snehasis Roy and Ashoke Das	3	India	158.99
9.	Pritish Kushari and Debashis Roy	5	India	158.76
10.	Vasanti Shah and Y. Singapurin	14	India	144.23
11.	Md Shahjahan and Md. Ismail Hossa	in 13	Bangladesh	143.31
12.	B Bhattacherjee and S. Roy Choudhu	ry 12	India	137.32
13.	Manash Mukherjee and Rana Roy	11	India	123.00
14	Mesbahur Rahman and Salahuddin	6	Bangladesh	111.46

## Ahmed Ali annexes BAGC crown

Sports Reporter



On the final the day of the four-day meet, Ahmed finished with four strokes over (78 holes), five less than his compatriot Tareq Mahmood who won the runner-up trophy.

Pre-tournament favourite and defending champion Taimur Hasan finished third with 13 strokes over after 72 holes while Zaw Piang of Myanmar emerged fourth two strokes behind.

The ladies crown was won by Japan's Negumi Koreeda. She was 43 strokes over in the 54- hole competion while Elani Zulkifly of Malaysia bagged the runner-up title with 65 strokes over.

Zaw Zaw Latt of Myanmar won the men's best net prize while Jung Sook Park of Korea

took the ladies equivalent. Later, president of Kurmitola Golf Club and Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Mohammad Mustafizur Rahman gave away prizes at the Sena Kunja.

### FINAL SCORES

Gross Prize			
Name	Country	Gross Score	Positio
Men (Over 72 holes)	#)	STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE	anno estendos
Ahmed Ali Shah	Pakistan	292 (+4)	Winne
Tareq Mahmood	Pakistan	297 (+9)	Runner-u
Taimur Hasan	Pakistan	301 (+13)	Thir
Zaw Piang	Myanmar	303 (+15)	Fourt
Ladies (Over 54 holes)	(5)		
Negunii Koreeda	Japan	259 (+43)	Winne
Elani Zulkifly	Malaysia	281 (+65)	Runner-u
Best Net Prize			
Men			
Zaw Zaw Latt	Myanmar	288	Winne
Sadiq Quddus	Bangladesh	294	Runner-u
ATMA Bari	Bangladesh	298	Thir
Women	AND THE PARTY OF SERVICE	100000	1111144-140
Jung Sook Park	Korea	285	Winne
Hae Sook Han	Korea	305	Runner-u