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1 Who was the man-of-the-match in the first Indo-Pak Test?

Afridi	Tendulkar	Saqain
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2 How many Tests has Mark Taylor played?

102	103	104
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3 South Africa won the Test series against West Indies

4-1	3-1	5-0
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4 How many centuries have so far been scored in the Janakantha League?

29	30	31
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5 Who clinched the sub-junior chess title?

Rakib	Rajib	Tuhin
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SPORTS TALK



Steve Waugh

(Australian captain)
"No one has a right to own the Australian captaincy or be in the Australian cricket side. If I'm not performing or not doing the job and there's someone better, then I expect the selectors to pick that person."

Commenting after being appointed Australia's Test and one-day captain.

Ctg. BKSP almost in semis

RANGPUR, Feb 13: Chittagong and BKSP are almost certain of semifinal berths from Group B, after playing out a 2-2 draw in the Keya Cosmetics Suhrawardy Cup under-19 national football championship at the local stadium today, reports UNB.

Nat'l schools cricket

JHALAKATI, Feb 13: Taruli Secondary School defeated Pipalita Secondary School by eight wickets at the district-level match in the national schools cricket on Friday, reports APB.

DC Cup cricket

CHANDPUR, Feb 13: Laxmipur beat Khagrachhari by three wickets in the group match of the first Divisional Commissioner Cup cricket tournament at the local stadium here today, reports UNB.

TOP TEN RUN-GETTERS

Player	Club	M	I	N.O.	R	50's	100's	HS	Avg
Rajinder	S Bima	10	10	-	614	2	2	111	61.4
T Mehmud	Wari	11	11	1	537	1	2	128	53.5
K Chopra	S Bima	7	7	-	532	3	2	151	76.0
Shahriar	S Bima	11	11	-	524	5	1	101	47.63
S Tikolo	MSC	10	10	2	487	7	-	83*	69.57
Mehrab	AKC	11	11	-	484	4	-	80	44.0
Minhajul	S Tarun	11	10	3	469	2	2	117	67.0
M Akhter	Biman	9	9	3	467	2	1	111	77.83
Javed	Biman	11	11	-	443	2	1	111	40.27
A Hanif	Brothers	9	9	3	418	3	1	100*	72.0

TODAY'S MATCHES

Rangpur vs Chhapinawabganj (1:15 pm)
Barisal vs Tangail (3:15 pm)



Bangladesh Biman team's players and officials — who won the Janakantha Premier cricket league title this year. — Star photo

Brothers Union's loss, Surjo Tarun's gain

Abahani clinch second spot

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira Chakra ended their Janakantha Premier League campaign on a high note when the popular Dhanmudi outfit recorded a huge 129-run win over Brothers Union at the almost-empty Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

But there was no joy in the Abahani tent as the holders were dethroned by Biman, who lifted the coveted title by virtue of a better net run-rate. Both finished this season's topsy-turvy league yesterday with 18 points.

Abahani's hopes for a hat-trick of titles evaporated even before they ambled in to field this morning in defence of the previous day's huge 258 against last year's runners-up Brothers.

Although the 'final' league match, unlike that of the previous year's, offered little expectation as far as the championship was concerned, it was important for both teams to win yesterday to finish second behind Biman. And Abahani did it in style when they bundled out the Gopibagh outfit for 229 in 58.5 overs.

Ijaz Ahmed, who earlier scored a brilliant 85, made it easier for Abahani when the Pakistani batsman, who can also bowl a bit, claimed three wickets in the space of four deliveries to wrap up the Brothers in a whiff.

Brothers' former Pakistani international Amir Hanif, who ploughed in the sands with an unbeaten 76, was stranded at the non-striker's end when his compatriot removed the last three Brothers batsmen with his innocuous yet accurate slow deliveries.

Brothers, however, threw caution to the wind when they cruised to 132 for two before lunch. But three suicidal 'run outs', including the vital one by Jahangir, and some wayward batting from the middle-order batsmen changed the complexion of the game.

Jahangir, on 44, was playing like a champion batsman before he was run out in a terrible mix-up with Amir Hanif. Skipper Khalid Mahmud was bowled round his legs by off-spinner Naimur for 12. The experienced all-rounder paid the penalty through his nose when,

exposing his leg stump, he attempted a sweep against a round-the-wicket Naimur.

After the departure of Mahmud, hard-hitting batsman Wahidul tried to steady the rocking boat with Aamir. But Wahidul made only 18 before committing hara-kiri. Although there were no call or response from the other end, Wahidul ran for a second as if

between Abahani and Brothers held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

ABAHANI: 358 for 8 wickets in 80 overs (Ijaz 85, Mehrab 80, Hannan 42; K Mahmud 3/67, Zahid 2/59).

BROTHERS
Shahriar c A Kamal b Saiful 35
Ehsanul c Ijaz b A Kamal 44
Jahangir run out 44
A Hanif not out 74
Naimur b Naimur 12
Zahid b Naimur 18
Wahidul run out 18
Tawhid run out 1
Shahriar st Tuhin b Ijaz 0
Saifuddin b Ijaz 0
Imran lbw b Ijaz 0
Extras: (b-9, lb-8, nb-2, w-18) 37
Total: (all out in 58.5 overs) 229

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the Janakantha Premier League match between Abahani and Brothers Union.

Rajshahi cricket
From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAH, Feb 18: Star Sporting Club and River View recorded victories of Second Hassan Imam and Ali Imam Pritu Smriti cricket tournament played today at Rajshahi Medical College campus ground.

Star Sporting defeated GPC Club by eight runs in the first match. The winners collected 124 for four in allotted 20 overs. In reply they booked GPC for 116 in 19.1 overs.

River View beat Harupur Town Sangha by 10 runs. River made 120 for seven in 20 overs. In reply, they shot out Harupur for 110 in 19.2 overs.

M'singh cricket
MYMENSINGH, Feb 13: Panditpara Club defeated Asit Memorial Club by 53 runs in the First Division cricket league here at the Circuit House ground today, reports UNB.

Panditpara Club batting first scored 160 in the stipulated 40 overs, losing all their wickets. Moni scored highest 32 runs while Sazzad made 30. Moni of Asit Memorial Club claimed four wickets giving away 39 runs.

In reply, Asit Memorial Club were all out for 107. Asif scored highest 30 runs. Munna bagged four wickets for 21 runs.

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Henman humbled

DUBAI, Feb 13: Briton Tim Henman became the sixth seed to crash out of the Dubai Open on Friday, beaten 7-6, 7-5 in the quarterfinals by unseeded Frenchman Jerome Golmard, reports Reuters.

Henman, seeded three, was involved in a close-run affair, but at 5-4 in the second set he failed to hold service and Golmard swept by to claim a semifinal place against second seed Carlos Moya.

Germany's Nicolas Pietrangeli survived a marathon three hours and six minutes game to beat Spain's Francisco Clavet 7-6, 6-7, 6-2.

The match was played largely from the baseline with some rallies lasting more than 30 strokes.

Australia's Andrew Ilie, who has already beaten top seed Alex Corretja and Petr Korda here kept up his excellent run, beating eighth seed Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil 6-4, 6-4.

Moya booked his semifinal place with a 7-6, 6-2 victory over Spain's Felix Mantilla seeded seven.

Shaheed Smriti hockey begins tomorrow

The Cotton Group Shaheed Smriti hockey tournament begins at the Moulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium tomorrow, reports UNB.

President of Bangladesh Hockey Federation and Chief of Air Force Air Vice Marshal Jamaluddin Ahmed will inaugurate the ninth version of the meet, being organised after 15 years since its inception in 1983.

In the opening match, Abahani will play Bangladesh Navy at 3:30 pm. Mohammedan will meet Ajax the following day.

The details were disclosed by tournament officials at a press conference at the Bangladesh Hockey Federation office yesterday.

Federation vice-president and chairman of the tournament's sponsor Cotton Group Shaheen Mahmud, federation general secretary Shamsul Bari and tournament secretary Nurul Amin addressed the press conference.

The Cotton Group will meet the entire expenses of the tournament, estimated at Tk 2,66,700. The amount includes the trophies, which the sponsors brought from France.

GROUPS
Group A: Abahani, Mohammedan SC, Ajax SC and Navy

Group B: Army, Usha KC, Azad SC and Bangladesh Air Force.

The two top teams from each group will play in the semifinals, scheduled for February 24 and 25 while the final is on February 27.

In the tournament, each team will be entitled to field four foreign players in a match.

Abahani are expected to recruit Vaskar Pillai and Sabu Verkey of India and Imran Yousuf and GN Bokhari of Pakistan.

Mohammedan may bring in Pakistani stalwarts Tahir Zaman, Kamran Ashraf, Shafiqat Malik and Rana Atif.

Sad Stewart saw the worst

MELBOURNE, Feb 13 (Reuters/Internet): England captain Alec Stewart described his team's 162-run defeat by Australia on Saturday in the second final of the triangular limited overs series as their "worst showing" of the competition.

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Goodricke chess

CALCUTTA, Feb 13: Grand Master Alexei Federov of Russia defeated compatriot Mihai Uliubin to emerge as the sole leader with six points after the seventh round of the Goodricke International open chess championship at the Gorky Sadan here yesterday, reports PTL.

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Lehmann c Hussain b Wells 71
Martyn b Mullally 57
Law not out 20
Lee not out 20
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Total: (For 5 wickets in 50 overs) 272

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One of the VIP Boxes at the Bangabandhu National Stadium was ransacked by an unruly group of Brothers Union supporters after their team's loss yesterday. — Star photo

Aussies win World Series

Lehmann lets the Board rue

MELBOURNE, Feb 13 (Reuters/Internet): Australia completed a season of triumph over England on Saturday by emphatically winning the triangular World Series 2-0 to add to their 3-1 Ashes victory.

With fast bowler Glenn McGrath again playing a telling role, Australia won the second day-night match in the best-of-three final by 162 runs to follow their 10-run success in the opening match in Sydney on Wednesday.

After making an imposing 272 for five from their 50 overs, Neil Fairbrother (0) caught behind in the next over and when Stewart skied Brendon Julian to Shane Lee at mid-off after making 32, England were 43 for five from 12 overs and their challenge was all but over.

Warne ensured there was no way back for the touring side by grabbing the wickets of Vince Wells (23), Mark Ealham (12) and Alan Mullally (9), making sure there would be no need to play the scheduled third final.

Earlier, Australian middle order batsman Darren Lehmann, left out of the squad for the forthcoming tour of West Indies, hammered 71 off 75 balls.



McGRATH... m-o-m

Lehmann, who was named man-of-the-match, hurt his back while batting and was unable to field.

Damen Martyn (57) and Adam Gilchrist (52) also made valuable contributions to help steer Australia into a strong position losing Mark Waugh for one in the fifth over.

After Waugh's dismissal, Gilchrist and Ricky Ponting put on 81 for the second wicket before Ponting was caught by Fairbrother off Adam Holloake. His 37 came from 43 balls.

Twelve runs later Gilchrist followed, caught by Knight off off-spinner Robert Croft for an entertaining 52 from 64 balls to leave Australia at 104 for three.

Lehmann and Martyn then combined for Australia's best partnership, putting on 112 for the fourth wicket.

Martyn was missed on 55 by Holloake but was out soon after, bowled by Mullally in the 48th over.

Shane Lee finished the innings with a flourish, blasting two successive sixes off Mullally in the final over on his way to an unbeaten 20 off nine balls.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second triangular one-day series final between Australia and England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here on Saturday:

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Bowler: O M R W
Gough 9 1 55 1
Mullally 10 1 53 1
Ealham 6 0 41 0
Wells 5 0 34 1
Croft 10 0 40 1
Holloake 10 0 39 1

ENGLAND

Knight run out 4
Stewart c Lee b Julian 32
Hick c Dale b McGrath 0
Hussain c Gilchrist b McGrath 0
Fairbrother c Gilchrist b Dale 0
Wells b Warne 23
Holloake c Gilchrist b Dale 7
Ealham b Warne 12
Croft not out 13
Gough c Gilchrist b Julian 6

Mullally lbw b Warne 9
Extras: (w-1, nb-3) 4
Total: (All out in 31.5 overs) 110
Fall of wickets: 1-9: 2-10: 3-10: 4-13: 5-43: 6-50: 7-72: 8-88: 9-100.

Bowler: O M R W
McGrath 6 0 26 2
Dale 10 1 27 2
Julian 6 2 18 2
M Waugh 4 0 23 0
Warne 5.5 0 16 3

Result: Australia won by 162 runs and took series 2-0.

Man-of-the-match: Darren Lehmann (Aus).
Men-of-the-series: Graeme Hick (Eng), Glenn McGrath (Aus).

Nipa extends lead

Shabana Parveen Nipa held on to her solo lead after earning her fifth consecutive win in the 20th National Chess Tournament yesterday, reports APB.

Nipa beat Afsana Parveen Nira in 24 moves.

Veteran IM Rani Hamid is second with 4.5 points after beating Fayzunnisa Poly while Tanima Parveen went down to third sharing points with Afroza Khanam.

In another encounter, Zakia Sultana outwitted Farzana Khan.

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National cricketers (from L-R) Javed Omar, Faruque Ahmed, Mohammad Rafique, Neeyamur Rashid and Akram Khan, who have been called up to join a World Cup training camp of 30 at the BKSP, share a light moment while reporting at the BCB office at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman