

## Pabna Sports

From Our Correspondent  
PABNA, Aug 29: The 28th inter-secondary school and madrasah sports competition of Pabna District concluded on August 25 at the Pabna stadium. Deputy Commissioner distributed the prizes among the winners.

District Education Officer and high officials were present in the prize-giving ceremony.

**Brief results:**

Boys' football: Champions — Pabna Zila School; runners-up — Sujanagar Pilot High School.

Handball (boys): Champions — Moulana Kasimuddin Memorial High School and runners-up — Bhangora Union High School.

Handball (girls) — Pabna Town Girls' High School won the Championship.

Kabaddi (boys): Champions — Bhangora Union High School and runners up — Dogachi High School.

Swimming (open-100 metres): First — Md Ashraful Islam (RM Academy), second — Mokhlesur Rahman, Bera BB Pilot High School.

200 metres: First — Md Mahfuzul Islam, Bera BB Pilot High School; second — Md Shamim Hossain of RM Academy.

Backstroke: 100 metres first — Md Shamim Hossain of RM Academy; second — Md Ikrarul Hossain of Bera BB Pilot High School.

Swimming (breaststroke: 100 metres) — First — Md Ashraful Islam of RM Academy, Second — Md Mahfuzul Islam of Bera BB Pilot High School.

Swimming (butterfly: 100 metres) — First — Md Ashraful Islam of RM Academy, second — Md Mokhlesur Rahman of Bera BB Pilot High School.

4x100 metres medley relay: First — Ashraful Islam, second — Shamim Hossain.

## Rusedski, Safin reach final

BROOKLINE, Massachusetts, Aug 29: Top-seeded Briton Greg Rusedski outlasted a surprising challenge by unseeded Arnaud Clement for a 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 victory and advanced to the finals of the US Pro Championships at the Longwood Cricket Club, reports AP.

Rusedski will play Marat Safin of Russia, who defeated Sjeng Schalken of the Netherlands 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 in Sunday's championship.

"The match with Marat will be interesting," Rusedski said. "I plan to attack and volley. He'll stand back and hit the ball 90 miles-per-hour."

Rusedski swept the opening three games against Clement and appeared headed for an easy victory. But Clement challenged immediately afterward, breaking Rusedski in the fifth game of the first set to fight his way back into the match.

Clement, who Rusedski easily defeated in a tournament in Toulouse, in 1998, fought off a match point in the 10th game of the second set. He then rallied to win that game and the second set.

In perhaps the decisive game of the match, Rusedski held in a long game to start the third set. He then broke Clement for a 2-0 lead and was never threatened after that.

The unseeded Schalken, who won this event in 1997, broke Safin in the 12th game to take a 1-0 lead.

The match was temporarily delayed while a trainer examined Safin, who was dizzy due to the extreme heat. Safin refused to use the problem as an excuse for this slow start.

In the second set, each player held serve through the opening six games. Then Safin broke Schalken after two unforced errors in the seventh game.

After Safin held in the opening game of the third set, he went up 2-0 when Schalken double-faulted in the second game of the third set. Safin won eight consecutive games before Schalken made it 5-1 in the final set.

**Sachin notches**

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Extras: (b-4, lb-4, w-9, nb-6) 23  
Total: (For four wickets in 50 overs) 296

Fall of wickets: 1-75, 2-112, 3-239, 4-279

Did not bat: A. Khurasiya, N. Chopra, A. Kumble, J. Srinath, V. Prasad

**Bowler** O M R W  
Vaas 7 0 59 0  
Zoya 10 1 50 1  
Perera 6 1 41 1  
Muralitharan 10 0 42 0  
Chandana 10 0 49 1  
Jayasuriya 6 0 33 1  
Arnold 1 0 4 0

**SRI LANKA**

Jayasuriya c Dravid b Singh 71  
Atapattu c Ganguly b Kumble 55  
Kaluwatharana b Singh 7  
Jayawardene c Bopara b Prasad 62  
C Silva c Prasad b Bopara 5  
Chandana c Bopara b Kumble 0  
Arnold c Singh b Prasad 19  
Perera run out 4  
Vaas run out 0  
Muralitharan not out 5  
Zoya not out 0  
Extras: (b-1, lb-11, w-5, nb-2) 19  
Total: (For four wickets in 42 overs) 247

Fall of wickets: 1-105, 2-119, 3-193, 4-205, 5-205, 6-238; 7-238; 8-238; 9-243.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Srinath 8 0 40 0  
Prasad 9 0 59 2  
Chopra 7 0 40 1  
Kumble 9 0 57 2  
Singh 7 0 27 2  
Ganguly 2 0 12 0

**Result:** India beat Sri Lanka by 23 runs (Sri Lanka winning target revised to 271 off 42 overs according to Duckworth and Lewis rain rule). Sri Lanka however qualify on better net run-rate than India and play Australia in the finals on Tuesday at R. Premadasa Stadium at a day-night match.

**Man-of-the match:** Robin Singh.

**STANDINGS**

Team P W L D Pts

Australia 4 4 0 0 8

Sri Lanka 4 1 3 0 2

India 4 1 3 0 2

**Premiership**

## Liverpool stun Gunners



LONDON, Aug 29: Gerard Houllier put one over Arsene Wenger to lead the match after 53 minutes and Matt Oakley's freekick sealed the points after 85.

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