

## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Sachin Tendulkar**  
(India cricket captain)  
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## Dhaka in trouble

Sports Reporter

The return of the star cricketers hardly helped Dhaka to salvage their pride as they were shot out for a paltry 155 by Chittagong on the opening day of their three-day match at Mymensingh yesterday.

Dhaka, who are yet to open their account in the National League, went into their third match for a desperately needed victory to keep their hopes alive in the title race. But despite the presence of inspirational national captain Aminul Islam and a galaxy of leading cricketers, the Dhaka innings ended in

**BRIEF SCORES**  
Dhaka: First innings 155 all out in 58.4 overs (Naimur 45, Aminul 26, Sanwar 20; Safiuddin 4/53, Sabir 3/18) Chittagong: First innings 72 for 3 wickets in 30.5 overs (Ehsanul 34, Jahangir 22)

against Minhajul Abedin's more impressive Chittagong. The Dhaka total was built around a characteristically aggressive 45 from national all-rounder Naimur Rahman while Aminul scored a sedate 26. Sanwar with 20 was the other notable contributor in the Dhaka total.

Safiuddin Ahmed, with a haul of four wickets, was the wrecker-in-chief of Chittagong. The tall national right-arm seamer made the early in-roads by removing both openers Javed Omar and Harun-ur-Rashid in quick succession. Javed fell for a duck and Harun, a surprise choice ahead of national opener Shahriar Hossain, departed for one, leaving Dhaka at 11/2 from where they could not recover.

Chittagong, in reply, were comfortably placed at 72/3 in 30.5 overs at close. For Chittagong young opener Ehsanul Haq scored 34 and Jahangir chipped in with 22.

## Maksi makes Sylhet smile

Sports Reporter

Safiullah Maksi turned up his Pakistani magic in the National League once again, helping leaders Sylhet take an edge over Barisal on the opening day of the three-day match at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday.

The off-spinner took six wickets for only 30 runs as Barisal collapsed from an advantageous position to 161 all out in 87.2 overs.

Barisal were cruising well with 105 for one before Maksi sparked a spectacular slide by removing Habibul Bashar. Barisal lost their last nine wickets with the addition of only 56 runs.

Maksi, who captured eight wickets in his side's previous match against Rajshahi, mesmerised the middle and lower order of the tourists with his 22.2 overs that yielded 14 maidens.

Although Maksi became the day's tormentor it was national left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique who, by dismissing opener Hannan for 33, set the stage for the Pakistanis.

Bashar, who shared 91 runs

for the second wicket with Hannan, fell for a defiant 59 off 135 balls. Once the national top-order batsman was out, Barisal lost their way completely, losing wickets at regular intervals. Only Shariful Haq fought with a gritty 18 off 30 balls.

Sylhet, however, faced a tough challenge when they started the chase on a slow and turning wicket. They were reeling at 22 for 3 at stumps with opener Parvez (14) and Rafiq Saleh (0) fighting for survival in the middle.

Sylhet, who has already got four points from their previous two away matches, suffered two quick blows when opener Aloke and Rana returned to the pavilion without bothering the scorers. Both were dismissed by discarded national right-arm seamer Mofizur Rahman.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the three-day National League match between Sylhet and Barisal at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday:  
**BARISAL:** First innings  
Hannan lbw b Rafique 33  
Rafique c Joy b Neeyamur 6

H Bashar c Rajin b Safiullah 59  
Halim b Safiullah 6  
Mazharul b Safiullah 6  
Moin c Rajin b Rafique 7  
Totam b Safiullah 7  
Mofizur lbw b Safiullah 2  
Kamal lbw b Iqbal 2  
Mizanur not out 8  
Shariful b Safiullah 18  
Extras: (b-7, lb-5, nb-1, w-1) 14  
Total: (All out in 87.2 overs) 161  
Fall of wickets: 1/14; 2/105; 3/107; 4/108; 5/113; 6/115; 7/123; 8/130; 9/136

**Bowler:** O M R W  
Iqbal 11 2 27 1  
Neeyamur 11 3 28 1  
Rafique 29 10 48 2  
Rana 3 1 3 0  
Safiullah 29.2 14 30 6  
Imran Rahim 4 1 18 0

**SYLHET:** First innings  
Parvez batting 14  
Aloke lbw b Mofizur 0  
Rana lbw b Mofizur 0  
Joy b Mazharul 1  
Rajin batting 7  
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-1) 7  
Total: (For 3 wickets in 11 overs) 22  
Fall of wickets: 1/0; 2/13; 3/21

**Bowler:** C M R W  
Kamal 4 1 4 0  
Mofizur 4 1 10 2  
Shariful 2 0 2 0  
Mazharul 1 1 0 1



Bangladesh Tennis Federation vice-president M Nurul Alam makes a point during the press briefing organised yesterday in connection with the men's Futures tournament. —Star photo

## ITF tourney begins tomorrow

The ITF men's future tennis F2 tournament, organised by Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF), begins at the Ramna National Tennis Complex tomorrow, reports BSS.

State Minister for Jute AK Faezul Huq will inaugurate the tournament.

Speaking at a news conference, BTF vice president M Nurul Alam said more than 60 players from 26 countries, including Bangladesh, would take part.

The countries are: Australia, Bosnia, Brazil, Canada, Cote D'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, the United States, Uzbekistan and

Bangladesh. The tournament would be of 32-draw and top 20 players, out of 55 from abroad, would get direct entry to the main draw, he said.

Eight players would be qualified from the qualifying round to be held in the morning of the inaugural day, said Alam, who is also vice chairman of the tournament organising committee.

He said four Bangladesh players would get wild cards. Davis Cup members — Dilip Pasha, Jhelan, Nadeem Qamran Khan Rohan and Towsir Collins — have been chosen as part of their preparation for the next Davis Cup.

Giving the importance of the tournament, the BTF vice president said the federation has been organising the international ranking tournaments, side by side with the national events, to provide exposure to the local players.

The main-draw players would share the prize money of 15,000 dollars. Of them, BTF had already received 10,000 dollars from the Grand Slam Fund of the International Tennis Federation (ITF). Alam said, adding, "We are trying to get the rest of the amount from ITF."

The winner will get 1950 dollars and 24 ranking points, the runner-up 1350 dollars and 16 points, and the semifinalists 720 dollars and eight points each.

Besides, he said Coca-Cola and Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) have come forward to sponsor the tournament with Taka three lakh each to meet the local expenses.

Vice President of Asian Tennis Federation Nao Kawita and Secretary General S Utharapatu would be in Dhaka during the tournament as guests of honour.

## Cullinan calls the shots

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 27 (Reuters/AFP): Daryll Cullinan equalled his country's record for the most Test centuries as South Africa rubbed salt in England's wounds on the second day of the first Test at the Wanderers on Friday.

Cullinan's 108, the ninth Test century of his career, helped South Africa reach 386 for six in their first innings at the close for an overall lead of 264. England were bowled out for just 122 on Thursday.

The 32-year-old Cullinan, who earlier this year hit a South African Test record 275 against New Zealand, joins Dudley Nourse and Gary Kirsten as his country's most prolific Test century makers.

Cullinan put on 96 for the third wicket with Herschelle Gibbs (85) and 109 for the fourth wicket with Hansie Cronje (46) to leave England in a seemingly impossible position with three days left to play.

It was the 15th Test match in a row that South Africa have taken a first innings lead and, coincidentally, the 15th successive Test England have found themselves with a first innings deficit.

In their last 16 Tests South Africa have failed to score more than 300 in their first innings only on three occasions. In contrast, it is the fifth successive Test England have failed to reach even 200 in their first innings.

South Africa, resuming on 64 for one overnight, lost Jacques Kallis for 12 after just 11 overs in difficult morning conditions against a disciplined England attack.

But shortly before the interval Gibbs and Cullinan went on the attack and set the tone for the rest of the day as they posted South Africa's third 50 off just 68 balls.

In the sixth over after the break, Gibbs, who had mainly played an uncharacteristically watchful innings, was bowled between bat and pad by left-arm seamer Alan Mullally for 85

which came off 222 balls and included 11 boundaries. After reaching his 50 from 103 balls, Cullinan, playing on his home ground, launched a rollicking attack on seamers Gavin Hamilton and Andrew Flintoff and raced to his century off only another 56 balls.

It was his highest score against England, and the first time in nine attempts he had converted a half-century into triple figures against them.

Rhodes was trapped leg before for 26 by Mullally, his third wicket of the innings.

England suffered injury worries over leading fast bowler Darren Gough, who left the field midway through the second session suffering from a score left knee. He resumed during the final session after treatment to finish with two for 63 in 26 overs.

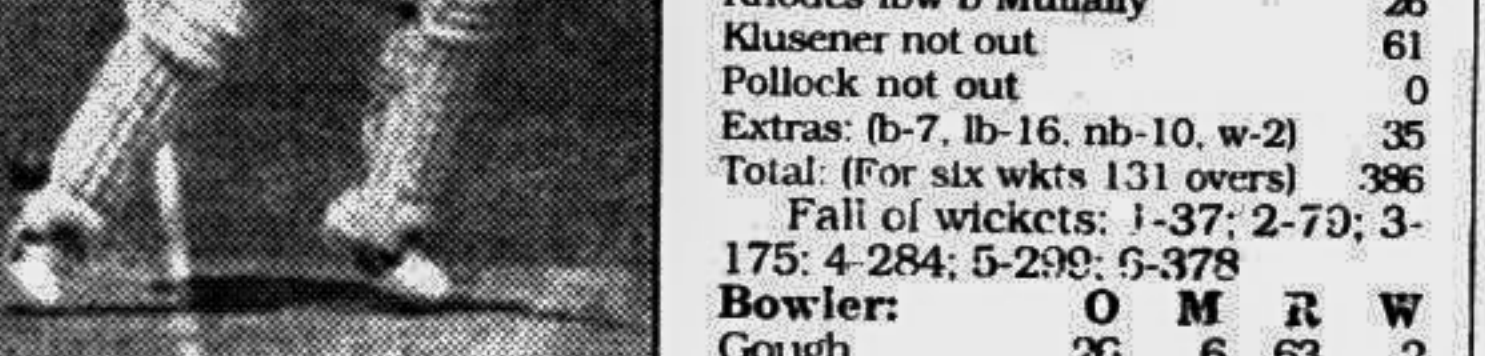
### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of play on the second day of the first Test between South Africa and England at the Wanderers on Friday:

**ENGLAND:** First innings  
122 (A. Donald 6-53, S. Pollock 4-16)

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings  
Kirsten lbw b Mullally 13  
Gibbs b Mullally 85  
Kallis c Stewart b Gough 108  
Cullinan b Caddick 106  
Cronje b Gough 46  
Rhodes lbw b Mullally 26  
Kusener not out 61  
Pollock not out 60  
Extras: (b-7, lb-16, nb-10, w-2) 35  
Total: (For six wks 131 overs) 386  
Fall of wickets: 1-37; 2-73; 3-175; 4-284; 5-299; 6-378

**Bowler:** O M R W  
Gough 26 6 63 2  
Caddick 34 12 81 1  
Mullally 14 5 45 0  
Flintoff 14 5 45 0  
Hamilton 15 1 30 0  
Vaughan 11 1 30 0



DARYLL CULLINAN

### LATEST

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 27: England, 281 runs behind on first innings, were 107 for three in their second innings at tea on the third day of the first Test against South Africa at the Wanderers today, reports Reuters.

Paceman Andrew Caddick, who had frequently beaten the bat but without success, finally found reward by bowling Cullinan.

But then Lance Klusener and Jonty Rhodes weighed in with an entertaining sixth wicket stand of 79 with Klusener, South Africa's World Cup hero, scoring an unbeaten 61 off 73 balls which included nine boundaries.

### Schools chess

Standard Chartered Bank schools chess tournament, organised by Bangladesh Chess Federation, will start on December 10 at the federation, reports UNB.

All school students are eligible to participate in the tournament without any entry fee. Interested students have been requested to submit their name for participation in the nine round Swiss League basis tournament with certificate from their respective schools by December 7 at the Chess Federation office.

## Bangladesh settle for the sixth place

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh conceded a 2-3 defeat against Japan in the fifth place-deciding match of the 5th Asia Cup Hockey Championship in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

With this defeat Bangladesh settled for sixth place in the ten-team meet.

Bangladesh held Japan to 2-2 during the regulation 70-minute play. But the 7th golden goal by Takahito helped Japan to run away as winners.

Takahito scored the decisive goal from a penalty stroke. Bangladesh took a seventh minute lead with nimble forward Rafiqul Islam scoring a nice field goal before Kenchi restored parity for Japan 11 minutes later.

Japan made it 2-1 in the shortly after the breather before Shamim Reza pulled off a sensational equaliser for Bangladesh at the stroke of the final whistle.

## Rifles, Police in Kabadi final

Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Police will meet in the final of the 23rd national kabadi championship today, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Kabadi Federation president Habibur Rahman Mollah, MP will be the chief guest in the final match that will start at 7 pm at the Outer Stadium kabadi court.

In the semi-finals, Rifles beat Fire Services 83-50 (first half 35-24) and four Ionas while Police defeated Bangladesh Army 70-45 (first half 32-24) yesterday.

Two losing semifinalists — Army and Fire Services — will meet today at 3 pm in a third place deciding match.

## Rajshahi rocked

Sports Reporter

The bad run of Rajshahi seemed to continue as the hosts were bundled out for a meagre 57 on the opening day of three-day match against Khulna.

At the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday, the paltry first innings total of a depleted Rajshahi outfit dispelled its claim in the National League, with the organisers of the home side still relishing their costly revenge against the rebel cricketers.

Rajshahi officials refused to retain the services of their leading cricketers following a discord between the authorities and national wicketkeeper Khaled Masood.

Rajshahi were all out even before their batsmen could take off the shines of the new-ball. Up against some quality fast bowling from the left-right combination of national left-arm seamer Monjurul Islam and veteran right-arm seamer Khairuzzaman, the home side lost half of their wickets with the scoreboard reading at 15.

Captain Tariqul, with a gritty 24, was the only batsman to reach the double digit in the Rajshahi innings. The beleaguered skipper tried to steady the rocking boat but found no wily partner at the other end.

Bowling with venom Monjurul captured three wickets for 16 runs in his 10 overs. His partner-in-crime Khairuzzaman even shadded four wickets with Jamaluddin.

Khulna, in their chase, made 129 for six in 62 overs before the stumps were drawn for the day. Opener Salim hammered a brilliant 57 off 135 balls.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the three-day National League match between Rajshahi and Khulna at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday.

**RAJSHAH:** First innings  
Rashed c Akhter b Khairuzzaman 3  
Farid c & b Monjurul 0  
Suja b Monjurul 4  
Hira b Khairuzzaman 0  
Koel b Monjurul 1  
Tariqul c Selim b Jamaluddin 24  
Ehtesham b Tanvir 3  
Etee c Hasanuzzaman 3  
Monjurul 3  
Sumon run out 3  
Sadhin c Selim b Jamaluddin 5  
Sagor not out 0  
Extras: (lb-4, nb-3) 7  
Total: (All out in 37.2 overs) 57  
Fall of wickets: 1/1; 2/7; 3/7; 4/10; 5/15; 6/40; 7/40; 8/48; 9/57

**Bowler:** O M R W  
Monjurul 10 4 16 3  
Khairuzzaman 7 3 8 2  
Tanvir 8 4 12 1  
Jamaluddin 9 4 11 2  
Monjurul 3 2 1 6 1

**KHULNA:** First innings  
Sajad b Sagor 6  
Selim b Hira 57  
Jamaluddin b Hira 16  
Hasanuzzaman st. Farid b Sumon 13  
Monjurul b Sumon 2  
Asad batting 15  
Nuruzzaman b Hira 0  
Akhter batting 2  
Extras: (lb-10, lb-4, nb-2, w-2) 18  
Total: (For 6 wks in 62 overs) 129  
Fall of wickets: 1/16; 2/71; 3/92; 4/112; 5/112; 6/118

To bat: Khairuzzaman, Monjurul and Tanvir.

**Bowler:** O M R W  
Etee 7 3 12 0  
Sadhin 2 1 5 0  
Sagor 5 0 18 1  
Sumon 24 6 39 2  
Tariqul 3 1 13 0  
Hira 21 8 28 3



RECORD BREAKERS: Australia's Ricky Ponting (L) and Justin Langer, who featured in a record stand against Pakistan, acknowledge to the crowd after reaching their respective centuries at the WACA yesterday. —AFP photo

## Ponting-Langer record stand

## Hosts on verge of clean sweep

PERTH, Nov 27: Ricky Ponting and Justin Langer shared a record partnership of 327 runs to put Australia on course for a big victory over Pakistan in the third and final Test at the WACA on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Ponting made a career-high 197 and Langer 144 as Australia piled on 451 in their first innings in reply to Pakistan's miserable total of 155.

Pakistan, already 2-0 down in the three-match series, then slumped to 40 for two by the close on the second day, still needing a further 256 to make Australia bat again, never mind avoiding a series clean sweep.

Ponting and Langer's partnership was the highest ever stand by an Australian pair against Pakistan, eclipsing Langer and Mark Taylor's 279-run partnership in Peshawar last year. It was also the fourth highest fifth-wicket stand by Australia against all countries.

The two batsmen had come together on Friday afternoon with Australia in deep trouble at 54-4 against a hostile Pakistani attack.

But they guided Australia through to 171-4 by the close before throwing themselves at the Pakistan bowlers on the second day, adding a further 210 before Langer departed after tea.

Ponting, who had made three successive ducks in this series, responded with a glorious attacking innings only to miss out on a first Test double-century by just three runs.

Starting the day on 62, the Tasmanian brought up his fifth Test hundred before lunch when he drove Azhar Mahmood to mid-on for three then passed his highest Test score of 127, which he made against England on the 1997 Ashes tour, to go to tea on 179.

Langer had also posted his fifth century before lunch, taking a sharp single off Azhar, but was far more restrained than Ponting, reaching 132 by tea.

Like Ponting, the left-handed Langer had been struggling early on in the series before returning to form in the second Test in Hobart. He was under pressure to keep his place in the team before the second Test in Hobart until producing a man-of-the-match performance.

The 29-year-old made 59 in the first innings before compiling a patient 127 in the second innings to guide Australia to a remarkable series clinching victory.

He continued where he left off in Hobart to register his second successive century, belting 17 fours before he top edged a catch to wicketkeeper Moin Khan off Shoaib Akhtar after tea.

Ponting was even more ruthless against the tourists' attack, thumping 22 boundaries during his seven hours at the crease on the ground where he made 96 on his Test debut four years ago.

He hardly played a false shot as he edged towards 200 only to miss out when he fended an outswinger from Azhar to Ijaz Ahmed.

His dismissal triggered a late collapse as Australia lost their last five wickets for 27 with Mohammad Akram finishing with career-best figures of five for 138, although the damage was well and truly done by then.

Worse was to come for Pakistan in the 15 overs Australia were required to bowl before the close.

First Test century maker Saeed Anwar fell for six with the total on 17 when he edged a good-length delivery from Damien Fleming to wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist.

He was joined in the pavilion shortly afterwards when his fellow opener Wajahatullah

Wasti hit a simple catch to Fleming at fine leg after attempting to hook Glenn McGrath for six.

Ijaz (19) and nightwatchman Saqlain Mushtaq (four) survived through the last few overs but face an even tougher task rescuing Pakistan when play resumes on Sunday.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the third and final cricket Test between Australia and Pakistan at the WACA on Saturday:

**PAKISTAN:** First innings  
155 all out in 52 overs (M. Kasprovic 4-53)

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings  
(overnight 171-4)  
Slater lbw b Wasti 0  
Blewett c Inzamam b M Akram 11  
Langer c Moin b Akhtar 144  
M Waugh c sub (Ghulam Ali) b M Akram 0  
S Waugh c Youhana b M Akram 5  
Ponting c Ijaz b Azhar 197  
Gilchrist b M Akram 28  
Warne c Moin b Saqlain 13  
Kasprovic not out 9  
Fleming lbw b Saqlain 0  
McGrath c Azhar b M Akram 0  
Extras: (b-2, lb-9, nb-26) 45  
Total: (All out in 110.5 overs) 451  
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-20; 3-48; 4-54; 5-58; 6-62; 7-42; 8-44; 9-450

**Bowler:** O M R W  
Wasti 17 2 55 1  
Saqlain 27.5 1 138 5  
M Akram 16 2 74 1  
Azhar 23 2 91 1  
Saqlain 26 7 75 2  
Wasti 1 1 0 0

**PAKISTAN:** Second innings  
Anwar c Gilchrist b Fleming 6  
Wasti c Fleming b McGrath 7  
Ijaz not out 19  
Saqlain not out 4  
Extras: (b-4) 4  
Total: (For two wks in 15 overs) 40  
Fall of wickets: 1-15; 2-25

**Bowler (to date):** O M R W  
McGrath 8 1 18 1  
Fleming 6 1 18 1  
Kasprovic 1 1 0 0

## Zimbabwe left limping

HARARE, Nov 27 (AFP/Reuters): Sri Lanka's seam bowler Nuwan Zoysa scattered the Zimbabwe top order

batsmen here Friday with a hat-trick from his very first three balls in the match.

It was a dramatic beginning to the second match in a three-Test series here Friday, not least because Zoysa had been introduced to the side in place of Indika Gallage.

But faced with a disaster, perhaps even a debacle, Zimbabwe fought back, but without much success on a day in which runs were scarce and at the close of play were precariously placed, reaching 163 with only one wicket remaining.

Zoysa, bowling the second over of the day and following a maiden by Chaminda Vaas, trapped Trevor Gripper leg before with his first ball, Gripper failing to offer a shot.

He persuaded Murray Goodwin to edge a catch to wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana with his second ball.

And with his third he won another lbw verdict from West Indies umpire Steve Bucknor by sending back Neil Johnson.

It was Sri Lanka's first hat-trick in Test cricket and the first against Zimbabwe. It is believed to be the fastest Test match hat-trick in the history of the game.

brought some normality back to the proceedings and they put on 53 before Grant fell to Muttiah Muralitharan for 19.

Andy Flower, who has proved the best Zimbabwe batsman against Sri Lanka on the tour by scoring 86 and 15 not out at Bulawayo last week, continued on to produce another rescue act, building a painstaking 7