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Column One

SPORTS TALK



Pele
(Brazilian soccer legend)
"I have to stay with Pele."
Asked to choose his sports
man of the century.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-124

✓ Tick the Correct Answers,
Post to The Daily Star
Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm
Dec 17, '99 and draw
shortly afterwards

1 Argentine soccer star Batistuta plays for Serie A club
Lazio AC Milan Fiorentina

2 Which country will host the 12th Asian Cup football finals?
Lebanon Kuwait Thailand

3 How many Test double hundreds has Sri Lankan batsman Marvan Atapattu scored so far?
One Two Three

4 Where will the ninth SAF Games be held?
Delhi Karachi Peshawar

5 How many teams are playing in the National Cricket League?
Ten Eight Six

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Amol win under-13 singles

Sports Reporter

Amol Roy of Dhaka Engineers' Club clinched the under-13 singles title of the Joy Bangla national tennis championships yesterday.

Amol recorded straight set win against Dipul (6-0, 6-2) at the National Tennis Complex.

Meanwhile, Shahriar Haider and Babul reached the final of boys' under-16 category.

Shahriar eliminated Turjo (6-1, 6-4, 6-1) while Babul out-classed Kabir Hossain 6-0, 6-2 in the semifinals.

Former national women's champion Shathi Sarkar and Disha Islam will fight for singles crown today.

In yesterday's semifinal, Shathi beat American Naomi Cookson 6-2, 6-1 (retired) while Disha won 6-2, 7-5 against Shaoni.

The finals will be held at the same venue today.

SA name same XI

POR ELIZABETH, Dec 14 (Internet report): South Africa have named a squad of 12 for the third cricket Test against England at Kingsmead over the Christmas holidays.

All members of the side, who played to a draw in the second Test in Port Elizabeth, have been retained, along with spinner Paul Adams.

Official 12th man for the first two Tests, Boeta Dippenaar, has, however, been released to play for Free State.

With all-rounder Jacques Kallis, who made a surprise six-over appearance at St George's Park on Monday, certain to bowl the SA attack will be back to full strength.

"It wasn't planned that way," said selection convenor Rushdi Maglet of Kallis' return to action. "He just felt good, so we reckoned we could give him a couple of overs."

Kallis took two for 22 and according to Maglet came through his trial without any problems.

SQUAD

Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Darryl Cullinan, Hansie Cronje (captain), Jonty Rhodes, Lance Klusener, Shaun Pollock, Mark Boucher, Mornantau Hayward, Allan Donald, Paul Adams.

Talking about his alleged ri-

Sylhet in Mehmud muddle

Sports Reporter

Shahed Mehmud of Chittagong continued to captivate the National League with his mesmerising leg-spin as hosts

Sylhet were forced to follow on yesterday, the second day of the three-day match at the Sylhet Stadium.

The Pakistani leggie, architect of the port city's two previous wins with an astonishing haul of 22 wickets, left the Chittagongians on the verge of an easy victory when he took five wickets to send Sylhet wobbling in front of their home crowds.

With Mehmud at his menacing best, Sylhet were bundled out for 105 in the first innings while chasing a commanding Chittagong total of 276 for nine in their allotted 100 overs.

Things turned even worse for the high-flying Sylhetis when they were reduced to 37 for three in their second innings before the stumps were drawn for the day. And with a long day still to go and Mehmud moving the ball almost square along with slow left-arm Enamul Haq, the chances of avoiding an innings defeat looks bleak for Sylhet.

The belligerent hosts are now left with a monumental task of scoring another 142 runs to make Chittagong bat again.

Although it was expected that the crucial return-leg tie between the two title contenders

would not mind to be in the thick of things when Chittagong skipper Minhalzul Abedin sets his field for seven more wickets to avenge the disappointment at home. A victory will also enable Chittagong to leapfrog Sylhet at the top of the league table.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day National League match between Sylhet and Chittagong played at the Sylhet Stadium on Tuesday:

CHITTAGONG: First

innings (overnight 206-7)

Azam c Imran b Iqbal	19
Ehsanul run out	10
Hasanul c Imran b Iqbal	0
Salibet c Saifullah b Rafique	56
Akram c Rajin b Rafique	35
Minhalzul c Parvez b Saifullah	31
Z Rashid c Rajin b Rafique	8
Enamul st Mortaza b Saifullah	62
S Mehmud c Alok b Saifullah	35
Ansar not out	2
Safuddin not out	0
Extras: (b-5, lb-10, nb-3)	18
Total: (For 9 wickets in 100 overs) 276	

Fall of wickets: 1-23; 2-26; 3-38; 4-128; 5-133; 6-157; 7-198; 8-264; 9-274.

Bowler: O M R W

Nayem	12	7	12	0
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Iqbal	21	5	63	2
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Neeyamur	13	4	34	0
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Rafique	28	5	45	3
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Imran Rahim	3	0	13	0
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Saifullah	23	2	61	3
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SYLHET: First innings

Parvez b Saifullah	1
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Scene from the Prime Bank international rating chess tournament that began yesterday.

— Star photo

Tourists hit the roof

BANGALORE, India, Dec 14 (Reuters): Indian commentators expressed outrage on Tuesday at the controversial dismissal of captain Sachin Tendulkar in the first Test against Australia in Adelaide.

Tendulkar was given out without scoring late on Monday after ducking into an attempted bouncer from Australian paceman Glenn McGrath.

But the ball did not bounce as high as Tendulkar expected and it struck him on the shoulder as he tried to avoid it. India commentators and newspapers fiercely criticised the decision by Australian umpire Daryl Harper who also gave Tendulkar out in controversial circumstances in the first innings.

Two bad decisions: Is Tendulkar being targeted?" the Indian Express asked in a front-page report headed: "When the Umpire Bats for Australia".

It was an appalling decision which only underlines the umpiring standards in Australia unless you want to read much more into it," the newspaper said.

Media reports said the trajectory of the ball as seen in television replays suggested it would have gone over the balls.

Sunil Gavaskar, former Indian captain and now a television

commentator, said the stumps would have had to be three to six inches taller for the ball to hit them.

"Sachin is 65 inches tall and the stumps are 28 inches high. It would have been different if the ball had hit him in the middle of his body," Gavaskar said.

The rest of India's batsmen fell cheaply to some fiery bowling from McGrath and Damien Fleming as India lost by 285 runs.

Tendulkar himself had little to say.

"I think the whole world has seen it. I don't think I should be talking much about it," he said after the defeat.

"I was disappointed so I didn't look at the replay at all."

Australian captain Steve Waugh said he thought Tendulkar was out but added that the decision had little impact on the outcome of the match.

The Indian media agreed.

Even if umpire Daryl Harper's second blunder in the match against the Indian captain is to be put in perspective, they (the Indian team) still can't afford to make their impotent batting performance," the Deccan Herald said.

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Sunil Gavaskar, former Indian captain and now a television

commentator, said it was a one-man show as Wasim Akram completely dominates the selection of the team which is injustice."

Wasim said he had already talked to team manager Yawar Saeed and also planned to meet PCB chairman Zafar Altaf on the issue. About the performance of the team, Wasim said "at present there is no combination in the team and each player is concentrating on his own performance."

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