

# Star Sport

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## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



Alec Stewart

"I will be the first to acknowledge that England's recent batting has failed to achieve real consistency."

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1 Who was the man-of-the-series in the Australia-Pakistan Tests?

Langer Ponting Inzamam

2 Who was the highest wicket-taker in the Australia-Pakistan Test series?

Akram Fleming McGrath

3 How many Test hundreds has Mark Waugh scored to date?

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4 Who became champions in the Kya Premier soccer?

Muktijuddha Mohammedan Arambagh

5 Who lifted the Expatriates' Open chess title?

Reid Zia Tanveer

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StanChart chess

### Ejaz, Soham share lead

Ejaz Ahmed and Soham Das jointly lead the Standard Chartered schools chess competition with seven points after the eighth round matches at the NSC chess room yesterday, reports UNB.

Ejaz of Maple Leaf International School, lost his sole lead after sharing point with Ayan Lahiri of India in the day's match.

Soham of Kedarnath Institute in Calcutta brightened his title hope beating Riad Ahmed of West End School in the eighth round.

Two players — Ayan Lahiri and Nazir Salehin — followed the leaders securing six and a half points. Nazir of Rajarbagh Police Lines School beat Puneet Jaiswal of India.

In the day's other matches, Mustafa beat Shuvom Das, Ratul beat Rabi, Robin beat Nilav, Udas beat Ali, Farhad beat Rashed, Rajib beat Shahrkhan, Faruque beat Obaidul, Salahuddin beat Sajib, Ujjal beat Ferdous and Arefin beat Kibria.

Zia, Halim and Imran got walkovers against Shaheen, Mahmood and Suprakash.

The ninth and last round matches will be held on Sunday at the same venue.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader will distribute the prizes as chief guest.

### Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Dec 18: Friends Ideal Cricket School recorded a 156-run win over Metropolitan City Club in the Birsreshtha Captain Mahiuddin Jahangir Smriti cricket tournament played today at Railway ground.

Friends Ideal batted first after winning the toss and made 213 for seven in the allotted 22 overs.

In reply, Metropolitan were all out for 57 in 45.1 overs.

Colap was the top scorer with 89 for the winners.

Zamil Smriti Sangha posted a 104-run win over Rajshahi University campus in the second match of the day.

Winning the toss, the winners batted first and managed 166 for seven in the stipulated 22 overs.

In reply, Rajshahi University were all out for 62 in 18 overs.

## Aminul smiles at last

Sports Reporter

After a prolonged spell of disappointing results, the much-vaunted Dhaka Division finally had some thing to cheer about in the ongoing National Cricket League — they posted a 53-run win against Barisal yesterday.

The first victory for Aminul Islam's star-studded side in the championship came at the Barisal Stadium when the hosts set to score 242 in their second innings, were bundled out for 189 in 75.3 overs.

Dhaka, who rarely appeared cohesive in their previous six engagements, finally got their act together thanks to sterling individual performances by Naimur Rahman and Al-Shahriar.

Naimur, the resourceful national all-rounder, spurred Dhaka to victory with a 10-wicket haul.

The off-spinner, who captured five wickets in the first innings to restrict Barisal to 162, was the wicket-in-chief with as many wickets in the second.

He was later adjudged man-of-the-match ahead of Al-Shahriar, who followed up his first innings 47 with a cracking half-century when it was Dhaka's turn to bat again.

Arriving at the crease, the dashing stroke-maker Shahriar hammered a rapid-fire 56 as the visitors, resuming the final day on 60 for no loss, amassed 175 for four before Aminul declared after 46 overs.

Dhaka's two other national openers Mehrab and Shahriar Hossain made healthy contributions of 39 and 32 respectively.

Barisal never looked comfortable chasing the target despite a fine 53 from opener Rashedul and a gritty 47 by one-man Babu.

The hosts lost their way once Babu ran himself out three runs

NAIMUR ... m-o-m

Javed c & b Sohel 26  
Al-Shahriar c Muzharul 56  
Aminul not out 17  
Extras: (lb-11, nb-2, w-4) 17  
Total: (For 4 wickets declared in 46 overs) 175  
Bowler: O M R W

NAIMUR ... m-o-m

AL SHAHRIAR ... 56

Sanwar 3 1 12 0  
Al-Shahriar 9 2 28 1  
Mehrab 7 3 7 0  
Result: Dhaka won by 53 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Naimur Rahman (Dhaka).

with 0-26.

There was little joy for off-spinner Harbhajan Singh, who expects to get a look-in at the dry Sydney cricket ground wicket for the third Test in January.

Singh, whose only other appearance on the tour was during a festival one-day match in Canberra, returned with none for 34.

Coach Kapil Dev admitted his bowlers struggled in the cold, but expected them to be more enterprising.

"If conditions don't help, try something new," said Kapil, Test cricket's most successful bowler with 434 wickets.

They pitched too short on the easy-paced wicket. I can see the fielders found it too cold out there.

"Many did not want to take their hands out of the pocket."

Kapil said he had asked the groundsmen to leave grass on the wicket, a request that was turned down.

"He told me to let the batsmen have a good time," Kapil said. "They did, but the bowlers had nothing to gain."

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the second day in the four-day match between India and Tasmania at the Bellerive Oval here on Saturday.

Instead, he allowed the last-wicket pair of Venkatesh Prasad and Debasish Mohanty to defend stoutly till lunch before stand-in captain Sourav Ganguly declared at 316 for nine.

Tasmania made 166 for no loss in reply before stumps were drawn on a dreary day's cricket which produced 241 runs for the loss of three wickets.

"This is like a boring net session," said a local fan, who was among the 100-odd spectators who braved chilly winds to watch the Indians in action.

"I thought India were an exciting team to watch, but they've set me up for a good night's sleep."

Ganguly was expected to declare soon after the Indians lost three wickets for 19 runs within the first hour's play, to take advantage of the overcast conditions.

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The pair put on 47 runs to boost the score after left-arm seamer Andrew Downton had taken five wickets to reduce India to 269 for nine.

Downton, a product of the Australian Cricket Academy in Adelaide, finished with five for 90 in only his second first-class match.

He had taken eight wickets on his debut against New South Wales earlier in the season.

When the Indians fielded, Tasmanian captain Jamie Cox and Denis Hills comfortably negotiated the new ball attack, which lacked bite in the absence of the rested Javagal Srinath and Ajit Agarkar.

Cox, who also leads Somerset in English county cricket, was unbeaten on 88 at stumps. Left-hander Hills provided good support with 67 not out.

Seamers Debasish Mohanty and Thiru Kumaran, hoping to stake their claims for the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne, failed to impress on the slow wicket.

Mohanty ended the day with 0-49 from 13 overs. Kumaran, a pupil of former Australian great Dennis Lillee's pace academy in Madras, finished

### Zia Smriti cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Dec 18: Park Sporting Club defeated Pattan Para Juba Dal by 124 runs in the Shaheen Zia Smriti cricket tournament at Rajshahi Govt College ground.

Park Sporting managed 162 for six in stipulated 25 overs. In reply, Pattan Para were all out for 38 in 9.5 overs.

In reply, Rajshahi University were all out for 62 in 18 overs.

A moment during the Victory Day volleyball final between Bangladesh Army and BDR yesterday. — Star photo

### Div I cricket

Sports Reporter

Lalmatia Club and Uttara Sporting Club won their respective First Division cricket league matches played at different city venues yesterday.

#### BRIEF SCORES

**JATRABARI:** 178 all out in 49.5 overs (Mostaq 38, Jewel 33, Azam 31; Shaheen 3/30, Antu 2/26, Firoz 2/40)

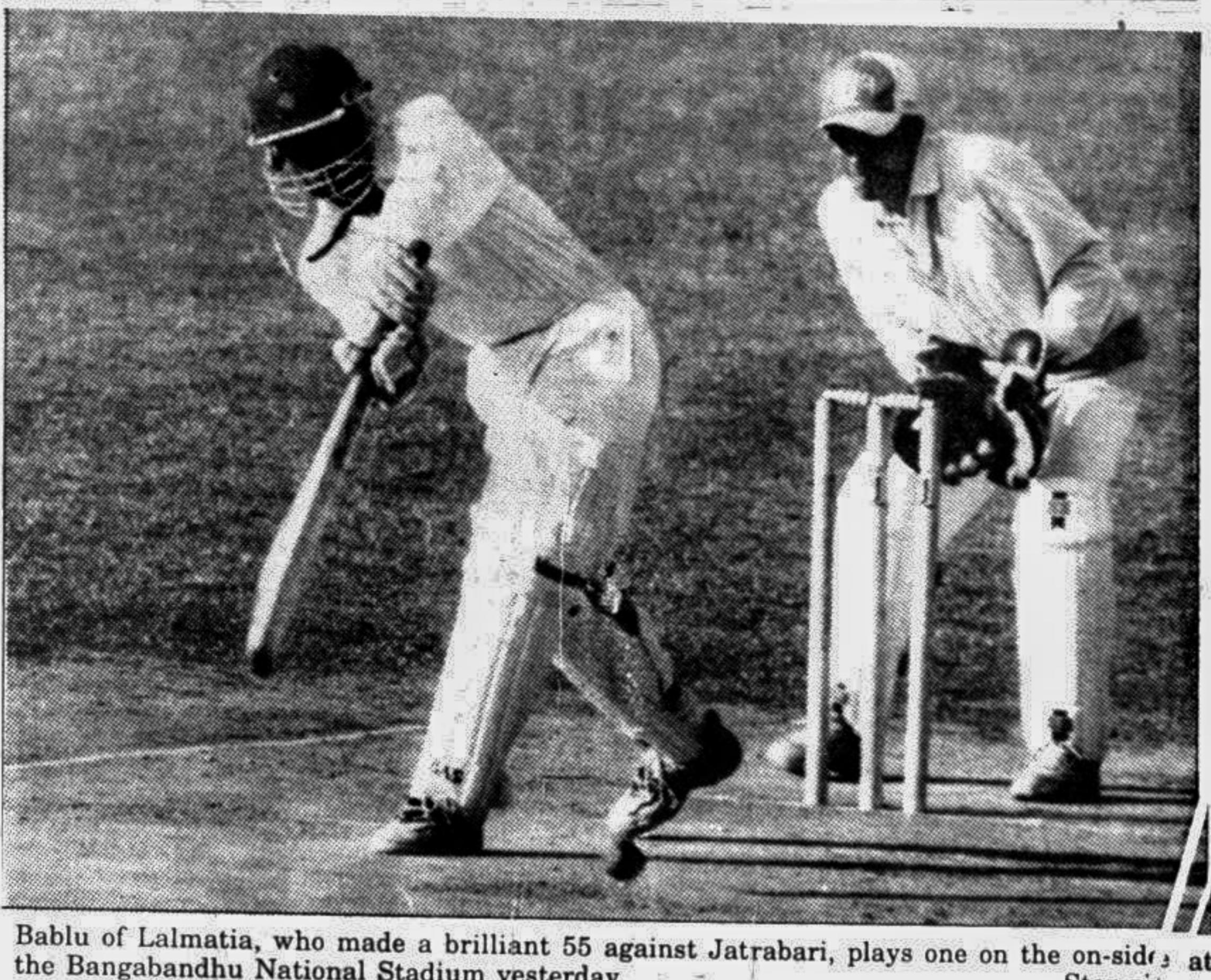
**LALMATIA:** 179 for 3 wickets in 41.4 overs (Babu 55, Kalim 38, Shaon 21)

**Result:** Lalmatia won by 7 wickets.

**UTTRA:** 200 all out in 48.5 overs (Sajal 64, Mahfuz 56; Topu 3/25, Ripon 2/34, Chayan 2/49)

**WANDERERS:** 175 all out in 49.5 overs (Topu 33, Bazlu 27, Arif 2/17, Mahfuz 2/26, Shiron 2/29)

**Result:** Uttara Sporting Club won by 25 runs.



Babu of Lalmatia, who made a brilliant 55 against Jatrabari, plays one on the on-side at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

### Wkt No 425: Astle

## Hosts press home advantage



HAMILTON, New Zealand, Dec 18: New Zealand missed a golden opportunity to shut the West Indies out of the first Test, but

McMillan added 116 for the seventh wicket in 121 minutes, with Cairns scoring the first 37 runs of the partnership before McMillan made a contribution.

McMillan later brought up his 50 off 127 balls in just over three hours but next ball hit a thick edge to Jacobs off King.

Stephen Fleming, Chris Cairns and Craig McMillan all scored half-centuries but didn't carry on to three figures when it looked like New Zealand could build a useful first innings lead.

New Zealand started the day on 113 for three, with Fleming and nightwatchman Vettori together.

The pair started solidly, adding 49 to the overnight score before Vettori, on 29, cut Reon King straight to Jimmy Adams at point. They had added 55 for the fourth wicket, with Vettori more than doing his job by batting 84 minutes.

Fleming continued impressively, going to lunch on 52, his 22nd Test half-century.

But on 66 he tried to cut leg-spinner Dinanth Ramnarine and touched an edge to wicket-keeper Ridley Jacobs to end his 227-minute innings.

Nathan Astle had helped Fleming add 53 for the fifth wicket and carried on the momentum, looking likely to post his ninth Test 50 until he mistimed a hook on 48 off a Courtney Walsh bouncer and lobbed it to Ramnarine at square leg.

Astle, who scored successive centuries the last time he played the West Indies in the Caribbean in 1996, became the veteran fast bowler's 425 Test wicket.

McMillan was joined by Cairns, who almost ran himself out on the first ball he faced when Shivnarine Chanderpaul made a direct hit.

He was given not out after a long deliberation by third umpire Dave Quested.

Cairns then took over, bringing up his 50 off 50 balls in 73 minutes, but on the way had another slice of luck when he was caught at second slip off a Franklin Rose no-ball on 15.

He moved to 72, and as the field spread and cut down his options, he tried to hit Ramnarine.

That set Sri Lanka 261 to win — should the visitors achieve that target they would take the series.

The first match was a 'no result' due to rain while Sri Lanka took the second and third. Zimbabwe's hopes of drawing the series rest on upsetting the form book by winning here and then taking the final match on Sunday.

Sri Lanka have already won the three-match Test series 1-0.

The day after his local daily newspaper condemned his selection, Carlisle played an innings of near perfection for his first one-day international century.

He began with quick singles and finished with majestic boundaries, also forming significant partnerships with Alastair Campbell, Murray Goodwin and Andy Flower.

Carlisle's century took him 122 balls and his full score 138 balls. In addition to his four sixes he hit eight fours.

Flower, the home team captain, won the toss and decided to bat, a change of tactics for him

good control throughout and finished with 3-82 off 36 and Walsh moving within 10 wickets of Kapil