

## Sport

Div I cricket  
Sports Reporter

## BRIEF SCORES

**Lalmatia v Dhaka Wanderers**  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium  
**LALMATIA:** 182 for 9 wickets in 50 overs (Shahid Iqbal 40, Raju 35; Topu 2/28, Pjush 2/37)

**WANDERERS:** 183 for 8 wickets in 94.2 overs (Aniruddha 54, Sujon 28 not out; Aminul 2/26, Shahid Iqbal 2/29)

**Result:** Dhaka Wanderers won by 2 wickets.

**Bangladesh Boys v Jatrabari KC**

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

**JATRABARI:** 184 all out in 49.5 overs (Azam 53, Mushtaq 37; Babu 4/30, Appolo 2/15)

**BANGLADESH BOYS:** 188 for 3 wickets in 33.2 overs (Masuk 98, Majid 60 not out; Polash 3/40)

**Result:** Bangladesh Boys won by 7 wickets.

Dhaka Wanderers and Bangladesh Boys won their respective First Division Cricket League matches at different city venues yesterday.

At the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Dhaka Wanderers prevailed over Lalmatia Club by two wickets. In a low-scoring affair, Wanderers, chasing a modest Lalmatia total of 182 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs, overhauled the target for the loss of eight wickets and with four balls to spare.

Aniruddha Alch scored a patient 54 off 91 balls for the winners.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Masuk missed what could have been a terrific century for only two runs, but played the sheet anchor role to guide the Gopibagh outfit to an easy seven-wicket win over Jatrabari KC.

Mashuk scored a breezy 98 off 93 balls as Bangladesh Boys, chasing a not-so-impressive Jatrabari total of 184, rattled up 188 for three wickets in only 33.2 overs.

Mashuk shared an enterprise 149 runs for the third wicket with Majid before becoming the third victim of Polash was the lone successful Jatrabari bowler who finished with three for 40 runs. Majid remained unbeaten on 67 off 87 balls.

MacGill in  
A team

**SYDNEY, Dec 21:** Disgraced Test spinner Stuart MacGill has been included in the Australian A side to play Pakistan in two limited-over matches in January, reports Reuters.

MacGill, who took 59 wickets in 12 tests for Australia before losing his spot to Shane Warne, was included in a 12-man squad chosen today.

Pakistan will play Australia A in Perth on January 2 then in Adelaide two days later as part of their preparations for the upcoming triangular limited-overs series with Australia and India.

## SQUAD

Shane Lee (captain), Matthew Hayden, David Fitzgerald, Brad Hodge, Andrew Symonds, Ian Harvey, Daniel Marsh, Brad Haddin, Andy Bichel, Paul Wilson, Brad Williams, Stuart MacGill.

## Laver honoured

**MELBOURNE, Dec 21:** The Centre Court at Melbourne Park, the venue for the Australian Open, has been renamed in honour of Rod Laver, Australia's greatest tennis player, reports Reuters.

Australian tennis officials said the Centre Court would now be known as the Rod Laver Arena after the only player to have twice won all four Grand Slam titles in a single year.

"I am delighted to accept this wonderful honour," Laver said. "This is a crowning achievement to my tennis career."

The decision by Australian tennis officials follows the trend set by organisers of the French and U.S. Opens who have already named their show courts after former champions with Roland Garros honouring Suzanne Lenglen and Flushing Meadow recognising the achievements of Arthur Ashe.

WTA increases  
prize money

**STAMFORD, Connecticut, Dec 21:** Prize money for the Sanex WTA Tour will be increased by more than 3 million dollars for the 2000 season, organisers announced, reports Reuters.

Players will be competing for more than 47 million dollars in 62 tournaments.

"Players on the Sanex WTA Tour have the opportunity to earn more prize money than female athletes in any other sport," said tour CEO Bart McGuire.

"Women's tennis is enjoying one of the greatest times in its history in terms of the level of competition and worldwide popularity, which is evidenced by our record attendance levels and rising television ratings."

Prize money at Tier I events will rise 80,000 to 1,080,000 dollars in 2000. Tier II events will have an increase of 35,000 to 535,000 dollars. The Newsweek Champions Cup in Indian Wells, California, increased 600,000 dollars from 1999 to 2 million dollars.

## Barisal thrive

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their second innings with an intention of enforcing a draw.

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