

## Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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on Jan 19 and draw

shortly afterwards

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

Langer Ponting Inzamam

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

Akram Fleming McGrath

How many Test hundreds has Mark Waugh scored to date?

15 16 17

Who became champions in the Keya Premier soccer?

Muktiyodha Mohammedan Arambagh

Who lifted the Expatriates Open chess title?

Rezaul Zia Danvers

Name

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School Address

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POWERED WITH EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

SPORTS TALK

Diego Maradona

(Argentine soccer legend)

"I will pull myself up because I do not want the kids to do it."

Vowing to give up his drug habit.

M'singh cricket

MYMENSINGH, Jan 16:

Gulabani Kriza Chakra made a

good start in the local Beg Rim

Premier Division cricket league

beating County Club by 20 runs

at Circuit House ground today,

reports UNB.

Sent in to bat first, a brilliant

85-run second wicket

partnership between Santu and

Rabin helped Gulabani to score

191 for all in 44.5 overs.

Santu made 46 runs while

Rabin added 40.

Zahir picked up four wickets

for 34 and Rabbil took two for 16

runs.

In reply, County Club were

all out for 171 in 43.5 overs

with Azad and Rabbil making 31

runs each.

Jamil claimed four wickets

conceding 35 runs.

Diego Canada

bound?

Buenos Aires, Jan 16:

Argentine soccer great Diego

Maradona is expected to travel

to Toronto, Canada to continue

rehabilitation from a drug

habit that left him in the hospital

with serious heart damage

11 days ago, his doctor said on

Saturday, reports Reuters.

"Surely between next Monday

or Tuesday he will travel to

Canada to continue with treatment,"

said Alfredo Cahie, the

soccer idol's personal physician.

Maradona fell ill last week

in Uruguay, suffering from hypertension

## Tame draw in Rajshahi

Sports Reporter



The three-day match between the visiting Marylebone Cricket Club and Bangladesh Cricket Board President's Eleven petered out as a draw at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday.

On the final day, the visitors scored 222 for seven in their second innings before they declared an hour before the scheduled close of play. On Friday, they also declared on the same score in their first innings.

That left the hosts a stiff target to chase—199 in the overs remaining. They finished on 17 without loss in 12 overs.

Azam Iqbal and Sajid Hasan were unbeaten on seven and eight respectively.

Earlier, the tourists resuming on 41 for one in 25 overs, added another 181 runs off 73 overs.

Middle-order Paul Nixon with 68 and a patient half-century by one down Ben Smith provided substance to the MCC total.

The Kent wicketkeeper before retiring, battled for nearly three hours. Nine times he sweetly stroked the leather across the rope. Smith, who plays for Leicestershire in the English county championship, faced 100 balls for his fifty hitting one six and five boundaries.

First innings century-maker Anthony McGrath scored 24 off 53 balls with three fours. Opener Bill Athey added 22 off 39 balls.

Young off-spinner Fahim

Muntasir grabbed three wickets for 49 runs.

The President's Eleven, who scored 241 for eight declared in the first innings, took no risks and played out the overs.

All-rounder Naimur Rahman's dazzling 121 in the first innings made him man-of-the-match.

The tourists will meet the Bangladesh national team in a

four-day game beginning at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow.

Scoreboard of the three-day match between the MCC and BCB President's Eleven at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday:

MCC: First Innings 222 for seven in 78 overs declared (A McGrath 119 n.o., T Dodemaide 27; Shafiuddin 4/46)

BCB President's Eleven:

First Innings 245 for eight in 74 overs declared (Naimur 121, Akram 57; Patel 4/62)

MCC: Second Innings (overnight 41 for 1 in 25 overs)

B Athey b F Muntasir 22

M Wood lbw F Muntasir 10

B Smith lbw Shaheen 50

A McGrath run out 24

P Nixon retired 68

N Killer c Mizan b Muntasir 3

B Hyam b Shafiuddin 0

A Dodemaide b N Rahman 19

M Patel not out 2

A Sidebottom not out 2

Extras: (lb-7, nb-1) 8

Total: (for 7 wts in 98 overs declared) 222

Fall of wickets: 1-21; 2-62; 3-106; 4-112; 5-125; 6-126; 7-166

Did not bat: M Boockock.

Bowler O M R W

Monjurul 15 7 31 0

Mushfiq 16 6 33 0

Shaheen 13 1 35 1

Fahim 26 10 44 3

Naimur 14 5 37 1

Shafiuddin 5 2 14 1

Azam 2 0 11 0

Sajid 2 0 7 0

Akram 2 0 7 0

Al-Shahriar 1 0 2 0

Second Innings

Azam Iqbal not out 8

Sajid Hasan not out 7

Extras: (nb-1, w-1) 2

Total: (For no loss in 12 overs) 17

Did not bat: Akram Khan, Naimur Rahman, Al-Shahriar, Mushfiq, Mizan, Fahim, Shafiuddin, Monjurul.

Bowler O M R W

Sidebottom 3 2 1 0

Dodemaide 2 1 4 0

Athey 4 2 1 0

Wood 3 1 7 0

Result: Match drawn.

Man-of-the-match: Naimur Rahman.

hazul Abedin, Faruque Ahmed, Enamul Hoque, Mohammad Rafique and Mahbubur Rahman— submits its report and BCB takes action accordingly.

The two-member committee of DIG (crime) Nurul Alam and Mahfuzur Rahman Siddique, a director of Department of Passport and Immigration, was scheduled to submit their report on January 21. But the BCB yesterday, extended that deadline to January 28.

When contacted, CWAB general secretary Faruque Ahmed made a cautious response to the situation.

"We should be having further discussions with the BCB and the CCDM as there could be loop-holes in the matter," said Faruque over telephone.

"If they have lifted the suspension then why have the CCDM extended the date of submitting the investigation committee report?" asked Faruque.

With less than 24 hours to go before the transfers were scheduled to begin, the CCDM in an emergency meeting shifted it to February 5. The CCDM also decided that the Premier Division would commence from February 17.

"The clubs want to know first what action is being taken by the board against those seven players. We have to honour the interests of the clubs because they are the ones who makes the league function. If they don't want to hold the transfers tomorrow, there's very little we can do," said CCDM chairman and Bangladesh Cricket Board vice-president Tanveer Halder.

The MCCs, who had a marathon meeting on Saturday night have reportedly decided not to take part in the transfers unless the two-member committee, formed to investigate on the seven cricketers— Aminul Islam, Khaled Mahmud, Min-

aligned with a lighter speedier ball is tilting the advantage toward big servers this year, particularly if Melbourne Park bakes under high temperatures, which have reached 42 Celsius in the past.

That puts Philippoussis and Kraljevic in with enhanced chances, although Philippoussis is likely to bump into Agassi in the fourth round, and Kraljevic may have a similar date with Sampras.

Martina Hingis is chasing history in the women's singles, a win here will give her four straight Australian titles, the most in the Open's post-1969 era.

Hingis, who is the youngest

to have won the Australian title at 16 years three months in her first triumph in 1997, is the top seed and is expected to have to fight off firstly US Open champion Serena Williams in the semifinals and rankings rival Lindsay Davenport in the final.

Second seed Davenport heads the bottom half with France's Amelie Mauresmo, a runnerup to Hingis last year, a potential finalist. Mauresmo beat both Hingis and Davenport to win the leadup Sydney title.

Hingis will have a stern first up test on Tuesday against Croatia's Mirjana Lucic, a semi-finalist at last year's Wimbledon.

Mary Pierce of France trains at Melbourne yesterday ahead of her Australian Open campaign which begins today.

— AFP photo

## World Youth C'ship BD-HOLLAND SCOREBOARD



THE FUTURE OF WORLD CRICKET

Scoreboard of the World Youth Cricket Championship match between Holland and Bangladesh at Moratuwa on Sunday:

HOLLAND

B Postma c Salim b Bikas 0

R Bakas c b Bikas 1

E Nawaz c Nahidul b Tariqul 1

DV Bunge lbw Mossadek 24

RV Ierschoot b Bikas 0

K Hout c Rajin b Mossadek 26

A Raja b Ashraf 10

K Shafiq run out 3

D Rooij c Selim b Hannan 15

V Twarie not out 5

Extras: (lb-2, lb-13, w-24, nb-3) 42

Total: (all out in 46.5 overs) 137

Fall of wickets: 1/0; 2/4; 3/13; 4/17; 5/64; 6/85; 7/93; 8/96; 9/112; 10/137

Bowler O M R W

Bikas 10 4 7 4

Tariqul 10 0 31 1

Mossadek 10 2 26 2

M Kabir 2 0 14 0

R Saleh 7 0 21 0

Ashraf 7 0 22 1

H Sarker 0.5 0 1 1

BANGLADESH

Nahidul c Postma b Hout 20

Ashraf c Postma b Twarie 5

H Sarker lbw Bunge 30

Arman b Hout 1

R Saleh not out 27

M Selim lbw Hout 2

K Chandra not out 12

Extras: (lb-3, lb-1, w-16, nb-2) 22

Total: (for 5 wts in 25.3 overs) 119

Fall of wickets: 1/27; 2/59; 3/60; 4/85; 5/88

Bowler O M R W

Twarie 3 0 21 1

Raja 5 0 18 0

Nawaz 1 0 11 0

Hout 9 0 39 3

Bunge 6.3 0 22 1

Nijman 1 0 4 0

Result: Bangladesh won by five wickets.

SA-Eng final Test

Rain ruins Day

Three too

CENTURION, South Africa, Jan 16: Play was abandoned for a second successive day without a ball being bowled on the third day of the fifth and final cricket Test between South Africa and England at Centurion Park Sunday, reports AFP.

Play was abandoned at 2.15 p.m. (1215 GMT) when rain swept in over the ground after there had been hope for much of the day that some play might be possible as waterlogged bowlers' run-ups dried out slowly on a mostly fine day.

About 200mm (8 inches) of rain has fallen since Friday when South Africa were 155 for six after being sent in. South Africa lead the series 2-0.

Northern Cricket Union officials counted the costs of a lost weekend. NCU president Richard Harrison said they had lost 2.4 million rand (400,000 dollars) in costs incurred and lost revenue.

A capacity crowd of 18,000 had been expected Sunday and a near-capacity crowd Saturday.

Harrison said he had a sense of deja vu after only one-and-a-half days of play had been possible in the first Test staged at the ground, also against England, in November 1995.

Three subsequent Test matches were played with no weather problems. South Africa winning all three matches. Harrison said the recent rain was unseasonal.

Thorpe Aussie swimmer-of-the-yr

SYDNEY, Jan 16: Ian Thorpe was today named as the Australian Swimmer-of-the-year, reports AFP.

Thorpe, who set world records and won three gold medals from the Pan Pacific Championships here in August, was the undeniable winner.

Thorpe, the favourite for the gold medals in the 200 and 400 metre freestyle events at the Sydney Olympics in September, was previously acclaimed as the world swimmer and Australian athlete of the year.

He becomes the fourth male winner in the 10-year-history of the award, joining Glen Housman (1990), Kieren Perkins (1992-94) and Michael Klim (1997-98).

Thorpe, 17, twice broke the world record in the 200m freestyle at the Pan Pacific Championships to finish with 1:46.00 in the final.

He also lowered Kieren Perkins' world record in the 400m, one of the toughest in swimming to crack, by two seconds to 3:41.83, and he was a member of the world-record (7:08.09) 200m freestyle relay team.

Earlier in the year, Thorpe shattered Italian Giorgio Lamberti's nine-year world short course record in the 200m freestyle to 1:43.28.

## Steve thwarts Pakistan



MELBOURNE, Jan 16: Steve Waugh played a captain's knock of 81 not out to guide Australia to a six-wicket victory over Pakistan in the tri-series here today, reports AFP.

In a match reduced to 41-overs-a-side due to rain, Australia recovered from 38-3 to overtake Pakistan's 176-9 with 13 deliveries to spare at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The win before 37,325 fans

lik's tally of 283.

The Australian openers hit 32 in the first four overs — Adam Gilchrist making 21 off 13 balls — when Pakistan hit back through their pace sensation Shoaib Akhtar.

Shoaib, coming on in the fifth over, trapped Gilchrist leg before with his first delivery and then had Ricky Ponting caught at second slip off his fourth ball.

The hosts slipped to 38-3 in the seventh over when Yousuf

catch at point.

Anwar and Youhana carried the score from 42-3 to 87 when both batsmen fell in successive overs.

Left-handed Anwar pulled Symonds high to mid-wicket where Bevan ran to his right to take the skier.

In the next over, Shane Lee had Youhana caught at short mid-wicket for 20 and then forced Akram to edge the last ball to Gilchrist.

Martyn held another good running catch on the square-leg fence to remove Moin for five, before Razzaq and Saqlain added 38 for the eighth wicket.

Razzaq hit four boundaries, including two stunning straight drives against McGrath, before losing Waqar Yousuf off the final delivery.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the tri-series one-day international between Australia and Pakistan at the MCG on Sunday:

PAKISTAN

Anwar c Bevan b Symonds 49

Wasti c Gilchrist b McGrath 8

Ijaz lbw b Fleming 0

Inzamam c Symonds b S Lee 8

Youhana M Waugh b S Lee 20