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1 Who won the tri-series down under?
India Pakistan Australia

2 How many Test matches has Shepherd officiated in till the Bombay Test?
49 50 51

3 What is the name of Sir Stanley Matthews, father?
Jack Stephen Bill

4 Who is FIFA's world player-of-the-year?
Rivaldo Raul Vieira

5 Who is the captain of Biman cricket team?
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SPORTS TALK



Kalabagan's Tariq Mehmud square-drives during their Premier Division Cricket League match against Brothers Union at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

Tariq triumphs for Bagan

Sports Reporter

Premier League

BU vs Kalabagan

Fahim departed for a defiant 13, leaving Kalabagan nine runs short of victory. But the pressure seemed to have gripped Kalabagan as number eleven batsman Ashfaq Ali walked into the middle to face the last ball of the 42nd over. The right-arm seamer did not have a clue about the turner from Jamiaudin but survived the last ball.

After their high-scoring drama against Mohammedan where 577 runs were scored in the match, Kalabagan's cutting at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday offered a striking contrast with Tariq Mehmud scoring a massive 151 unbeaten half-century.

The tall Pakistani carved out 64 not out as Kalabagan, chasing a modest Brothers total of 152 on a difficult wicket, reached home and dry with just one wicket in hand.

Although Tariq was not that explosive as his more illustrious compatriot Zahoor Elahi, whose back-to-back century including a magnificent 144 against Mohammedan throttled Kalabagan to two consecutive wins, but his composed knock against all odds worth more than hundred runs.

Coming in to bat at number five, the elder brother of former Pakistan pacer Ataur Rahman, like a true champion, held the precarious Bagan innings together against a never ending procession to pavilion from the other end.

Kalabagan never looked comfortable in their chase and were in total disarray after Zahoor departed for a typically aggressive 18. They were reduced to 91 for eight at one stage before Fahim Muntasir joined the cool and collected campaigner to stage a spectacular recovery.

Together they produced 55 runs for the ninth wicket before

Result: Kalabagan won by one wicket.

Ramzan hits third Pak ton

Sports Reporter

Premier League

Surjo Tarun vs Victoria

Pakistan Test discard Mohammad Ramzan scored the third century in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League as the Surjo Tarun Club stormed to their third successive win with a 56-run defeat of Victoria Sporting Club at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

Ramzan hammered a brilliant 105 to help the title-aspirants score a huge 264 for seven in the stipulated 50 overs. Victoria, in their chase, managed 208 before being all out with three overs to go in the match.

The stocky right-hander became the second Pakistani to reach the magical three-figure mark after Zahoor Elahi scored a back-to-back century for Kalabagan.

Opening the Tarun innings Ramzan reached the hundred with the help of 11 fours and a big sixer before becoming the third batsman out at 178. He shared 146 runs with his captain Minhalzul Abedin, who scored a 71-ball 51.

Akther Sharafraz, another Pakistani in the star-studded Tarun line-up, weighed in with a typically aggressive 33 while Al-Shahriar scored a 22-ball 20.

For Victoria, new-ball bowler Shahnewaz captured three wickets giving away 43 runs in his 10 overs.

The mediocre team, who

stunned Brothers Union in the previous match, gave Tarun a slight scare when their Pak-

TODAY'S MATCHES

Mohammedan SC v Agranit Bank
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
Gopibagh Friends v City Club
Venue: BKSP

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Div I Cricket

Wanderers, D'mondi win

Dhaka Wanderers and Dhamondi Club won their respective super league matches of the Metropolis First Division Cricket at different city venues yesterday, reports UNB.

At the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium, an all-round performance by Sunon enabled Dhamondi earn a four-wicket victory over Orient Sporting Club.

Sunon hit an unbeaten 79 runs off 97 balls featuring six boundaries and later he captured two wickets concluding 22 runs in ten overs with four maidens.

Sent in to bat, Orient were bundled out for 155 in 45.5 overs with Litu making highest 36 off 74 balls.

In reply, Dhamondi reached 156 for the loss of six wickets spending only 36.3 overs with Pakistani Sagir Abbas making 32 runs in 78 balls.

BRIEF SCORE

Orient SC: 155 all out in 45.3 overs. (Litu 36, Jewel 24, Sitathan 23, Masum 11, Kamal 10, Tahmin 3/24 and Sunon 2/22.)

Dhamondi Club: 156 for 6 in 36.3 overs. (Sunon 79, Sagir Abbas 32; Sohel 3/55).

Result: Dhamondi Club won by four wickets.

At the City Club ground, Dhaka Wanderers Club beat Ajax SC by three wickets.

Ajax batted first after winning the toss and were all out for 179 runs in 48.4 overs with opener Emon contributing 68 runs in 96 deliveries featuring eight fours and a six.

Reaching to a moderate score, Wanderers made 182 for seven wickets in 41.4 overs to win the match with opener Shafiqul adding a fruitful 64 runs off 99 deliveries hitting five fours.

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Ajax SC: 179 all out in 48.4 overs. (Emon 68, Munna 44, Shabu 15, Nayeem 14, Azam 11; Jewel 5/37, Ripon 4/34.)

Dhaka Wanderers: 182 for 7 in 41.4 overs (Shafiqul 64, Tapu 11, Bazlu 15, Chayan 15, Nehal 10; Mithu 3/41).

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WA wallop Queensland

PERTH, Australia, Mar 4: Sheffield Shield leaders and title favorites Queensland topped to a massive outright lead by Western Australia, last season's champions, in the qualifying game ending here Saturday, reports AFP.

Western Australia won by an innings and 257 runs only 15 minutes after tea on the third day of a clash scheduled for four days.

Reaching to Western Australia's first innings 558-9 (dec) after they had been put in by Queensland captain Stuart Law, the Queenslanders were routed for 173 and 128.

The main wrecker was Western Australian paceman Brad Williams, who followed up a first innings 5-38 with 3-34 in the second for a match haul of 8-72, leaving him only two wickets short of the 50-scalp mark in Shield competition this season.

Only seven players have reached a half-century of victims in a season in the Shield contest.

Former Test fast bowler Matt Nicholson also chimed in with five wickets (2-30 and 3-37).

Veteran speedster Jo Angel captured 3-56 in the first innings, taking him to a career bag of 300 wickets -- only the fourth Western Australian player to reach that figure.

Queensland were dismissed in a paltry 59.5 overs in their first innings and fared even worse in the second, being ousted from 43.4 overs, with only Law (68 in two hours) offering significant resistance.

Despite their humiliating loss, Queensland are still certain to play in the final in two weeks.

The showdown will be in Brisbane and their opponents are likely to be Victoria.

SCORES: Western Australia 558-9 (dec) (Ryan Campbell 203, Michael Dighton 182 not out, Mark Walsh 50, Matt Nicholson 39; Adam Dale 4-120, Joe Dawes 2-83) bt Queensland 173 (Martin Love 44, Geoff Foley 38, Clint Perren 24; Brad Williams 5-38, Jo Angel 3-56, Matt Nicholson 2-30) and 128 (Stuart Law 68; Sean Cary 3-14, Brad Williams 3-34, Matt Nicholson 3-37) by an innings and 257 runs at WACA Ground Saturday.

Lobont joins Ajax

AMSTERDAM, Mar 4: Romania's international keeper Bogdan Lobont was signed by Ajax till the end of the 2005/2006 season, the ANP agency reported on Friday, says AFP.

The 22-year-old former Rapid Bucharest player joined compatriot Cristian Chivu, a defender who recently joined the 1995 European champions from Universitatea Craiova.

Khulna win the battle of AKCs

From Staff Correspondent



KHULNA, Mar 4: Khulna won the show down between the two Abahani when they defeated

their Chittagong counterparts at the local stadium here today.

After a barren first half, Khulna's super sub Rikta, who came on for Asad, scored twice in the space of five minutes. For Chittagong, Abahani national midfielder Saurav Raju pulled one goal back just before the final whistle.

Rikta, who won the player-of-the-match award for his delightful double, headed his side into the lead in the 73rd minute much to the delight of the thousand or so partisan crowd. The nimble forward struck again five minutes later when he fired a grounder past stretched Chittagong custodian Tony.

The home supporters, who turned violent in the previous match between Dhaka Abahani and Mukti Joddha yesterday, however enjoyed the game. They beat on drums, honked horns and chanted slogans throughout in support of their

home side, who dominated the entire 90 minutes.

Referee Ram Krishna Gosh's smooth handling also ensured a peaceful atmosphere in the

local stadium here today.

With this win Khulna Abahani exacted a sweet revenge against Chittagong Abahani, who won the home match 4-1.

The Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad SM Mostafa Rashid Suja distributed prizes afterwards as the chief guest.

Sylhet Chaturanga Juba
Sylhet will take on Netrokona Mohammedan Sporting Club at 3.30 pm tomorrow.

Yellow cards: Farhad, Jahan, Mizanur (Chittagong Abahani) and Barat, Proshanto (Khulna Abahani).

TEAMS

Khulna Abahani: Himu, Chanchal (Proshanto), Nasir, Ashraful, Rezaul, Barat, Masud, Nayan, Uzzal, Jamal and Asad (Rikta).

Chittagong Abahani: Tony, Aminul, Biplob, Papel, Tajul, Al-Amin, Nurul Islam, Tanvir, Moni, Saurav Raju and Farhad (Jamal).

Referee: Ram Krishna Gosh.

Imtiaz ASEAN Cup golf champ

Sports Reporter

Brig Imtiaz Ahmed Chowdhury won the ASEAN Cup golf tournament at the Kurmitola Club course on Friday.

A record number of players took part in the annual event. As customary president of the club and Chief of Army Staff Gen M Mustafizur Rahman teed-off in the morning. He also gave away prizes at the club house in the evening.

OTHER RESULTS

Ladies' Winner: Elani Zulkifli; **Senior Winner:** A Rouf Chowdhury; **Junior Winner:** Salman Khan; **Best Gross (men):** Shawkat Zaman; **Second Best Gross:** Rahib Bashir; **Winner Division 'A':** M Saber Afzal; **Winner Division 'B':** Anuar Kasman; **Winner Division 'C':** HE Date Zulkifli Bin AB Rahman; **Runner-up Division 'A':** Masud Ahmed; **Runner-up Division 'B':** Col Oli Ahmed; **Runner-up Division 'C':** Lt Col Gyas Uddin Chowdhury; **Ladies' Runner-up:** Moon Sun Cho; **Final Nine Winner:**

Asif Ibrahim; **Back Nine Winner:** Maj Gen Matur Rahman; **Nearest to Pin:** Shaheen Khan; **Longest Drive (men):** Alok Azem; **Longest Drive (ladies):** Elm Hwa Lee.

Akram, Akhtar fit

Rain scare at Peshawar



PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Mar 4 (AFP/Reuters): Persistent rain and overcast conditions threaten to mar the second cricket Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka starting Sunday.

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