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 Competition closes at 8 pm
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- Who is the number one women's tennis player?

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- Who won the United Insurance IM chess title?

Refaat	Zia	Aung
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- How many Tests did Walsh need to break Kapil Dev's world record?

114	115	116
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- Who was adjudged man-of-the-series in the West Indies-Zimbabwe Test?

Rose	Walsh	Adams
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- Who are the First Division cricket champions?

Dhanmondi	Y Cricketers	Khelaghar
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SPORTS TALK



Dennis Bergkamp
 (Arsenal's Dutch superstar)
 'I feel you have to be a successful foreigner. If not, it's a waste of talent in England.'

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Boost winner
M. Wamiq Hassan
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(Please bring your ID card and a passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star on April 6 at 7:00pm)

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correct answers

- Who won the tri-series down under?
 Ans. Australia
- How many Test matches has Shepherd officiated in till the Bombay Test?
 Ans. 50
- What is the name of Sir Stanley Matthews' father?
 Ans. Jack
- Who is FIFA's world player-of-the-year?
 Ans. Rivaldo
- Who is the captain of Biman cricket team?
 Ans. Faruque

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Boost winner



Anik
 BAF Shaheen School.

Naimur's perfect day



A magnificent all-round performance by Naimur Rahman guided title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra to an emphatic seven-wicket win over arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club in their Premier Division League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

It was the popular Dhanmondi outfit's seventh successive victory. The national all-rounder captured three wickets for 20 runs to restrict their traditional foes for only 184 in 48.1 overs and then scored an unbeaten 54 as Abahani raced to 186 in 40.3 overs with seven wickets to spare.

The result ensured Abahani shared the lead with Biman in the 12-team elite league table. Both teams have 14 points from seven outings. Chasing a relatively modest Mohammedan total, Abahani were off to a solid start with openers Azam Iqbal and Mehrab Hossain collecting 50 runs in 12.5 overs.

The partnership was broken in the 14th over when the right hand batsman Azam, was trapped in front of wicket for 10 trying to sweep left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique.

Naimur then joined Mehrab and they shared a 31-run second wicket stand before the latter was caught by Athar Ali at the third man after making a polished 61. It was his first half-century in the league.

During his superb 72-ball knock the Abahani opener hit eight boundaries. It ended a four-game sequence of erratic scores for the young national opening batsman.

After Mehrab was dismissed with the total on 84, former national skipper Akram Khan smashed a 48-ball 43 as 91 runs were raised in no time at all for the third wicket. Akram's antics contained a six and four hits across the rope.

When Akram gave a return catch to part-time Sri Lankan off spinner Hasan Tillekeratne in the 39th over the score was 175 for three.

Abahani got the remaining runs without further loss. Patient Naimur's unbeaten 85-ball innings included four boundaries. Mohammad Hussain was not out on 6.

Earlier, Mohammedan were all out for 184 in 48.1 overs in the first session after being put into bat.

One down Nasirul Alam scored highest 48 off 78 balls with one six and three fours followed captain Athar Ali who scored 33 off 55 balls with an over-boundary and four sixes.

Together they put on 70 runs for the third wicket before Athar was run out while responding to Nasirul's suicidal call in the 36th over.

Justice was done however, two overs later, when Nasirul was the victim of a direct hit by Naimur from mid-wicket.

Opener Imran Hamid scored 30 off 54 balls with two sixes and three boundaries while Sri Lankan Ruwan Kalpage added 18.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League clash between Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday: **MOHAMMEDAN SC**

Shahid Afridi lifted Pakistan to 263 for six from 50 overs in the Sharjah Coca-Cola Cup final against South Africa here on Friday, reports AFP.

The pair rattled up 123 by the 22nd over after captain Moin Khan won his fifth successive toss in the tournament and elected to take first strike.

The middle-order lost its way before Inzamamul Haq smashed 53 to leave the South Africans chasing a victory target of more than five runs an over.

Hansie Cronje, looking for his 100th win as South African captain, will be heartened by the fact that teams batting second have won four of the last five finals here.

The 18-year-old Nazir smashed seven boundaries and two sixes in his 69. Afridi made 52 off 48 balls studded with five fours and a six.

It needed a sensational catch at deep mid-off by Jacques Kallis to break the opening partnership and lift South Africa's drooping spirits.

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Abahani v Mohammedan
 Did not bat: Amir Wasim, Anisur Rahman, Iqbal Hossain, Mizamur Rahman, Asadullah Khan and Waqas Ahmed.
 Fall of wickets: 1/53; 2/84; 3/175.
 Bowler: O M R W



Mehrab Hossain, who made a brilliant 61, square-cuts against Mohammedan yesterday. — Star photo

POINTS TABLE

Teams	M	W	L	Pts
Abahani KC	7	7	0	14
Biman	7	7	0	14
Surjo Tarun	7	5	2	10
Kalabagan KC	7	5	2	10
Mohammedan SC	7	4	3	8
Brothers Union	7	4	3	8
City Club	6	3	3	6
Victoria SC	6	2	4	4
Gopibagh FA	7	1	6	2
Sadharan Bima	6	1	5	2
Wari Club	6	1	5	2
Agrani Bank	7	0	7	0

Samaraweera lbw b Iqbal	14
Imran c Mizan b Naimur	30
Nasirul run out	48
Tillekeratne b Naimur	7
Athar Ali run out	33
Kalpage st Mizan b A Wasim	18
Neyamur c Mizan b Waqas	5
Hannan lbw b Waqas	0
Rafique c sub b Naimur	5
Mortuza not out	3
Monjurul run out	0
Extras: (lb-5, nb-8, w-8)	21
Total: (All out in 48.1 overs) 184.	
Fall of wickets: 1/39; 2/62; 3/71; 4/141; 5/148; 6/161; 7/161; 8/176; 9/179.	
Bowler:	O M R W
Waqas	10 0 53 2
Iqbal	10 2 27 1
A Wasim	9 0 31 1
Naimur	9 1 20 3
M Hussain	9 1 34 0
Mehrab	1 0 11 0

ABAHANI KC	Monjurul	10	1	40	0
Azam lbw b Rafique	Athar Ali	2	0	17	0
Mehrab c Athar b Samaraweera	Kalpage	8	0	27	0
Naimur not out	Rafique	10	0	39	1
Akram c & b Tillekeratne	Tillekeratne	5	3	0	5
M Hussain not out	Samaraweera	5	0	24	1
Extras: (lb-4, nb-2, w-6)					
Total: (For 3 wks in 40.3 overs) 186.					

Result: Abahani Krira Chakra won by seven wickets.

He forced Youhana to pop an easy catch to short mid-wicket and then had Moin leg-before to make Pakistan 209 for five. Abdur Razzaq remained unbeaten on a brisk 28. Wasim Akram was not out on five when the overs ran out.



SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Pakistan innings against South Africa in the Sharjah Coca-Cola Cup final on Friday:

PAKISTAN

Nazir st Boucher b Crookes	69
Afridi c Kallis b Klusener	52
Younis lbw b Klusener	4
Inzamam b Pollock	53
Youhana c Cronje b Kallis	26
Moin lbw b Kallis	28
Razzaq not out	2
Wasim not out	5
Extras: (lb-10, w-10; nb-4)	24
Total: (For 6 wks in 50 overs) 263	
Fall of wickets: 1-123, 2-135, 3-139, 4-204, 5-209, 6-256	
Bowler:	O M R W
Pollock	10 1 54 1
Hayward	9 0 52 0
Kallis	10 0 57 2
Elworthy	3 0 21 0
Klusener	10 1 27 2
Crookes	5 0 20 1
Cronje	3 0 22 0

SOUTH AFRICA: Hansie Cronje (captain), Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Lance Klusener, Shaun Pollock, Mark Boucher, Neil McKenzie, Nicky Boje, Steve Elworthy, Mornantau Hayward, Derek Crookes.

Umpires: Daryl Harper (Aus) and Peter Manuel (Sri)

Destination Abu Dhabi

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Mar 31: Abu Dhabi is set to become the next stop-over on the international cricket circuit when it hosts a million-dollar tournament next year, officials said on Friday, reports AFP.

The capital city of the United Arab Emirates will hold the richest limited-overs tournament after the World Cup in late 2001 at the proposed Sheikh Zayed cricket stadium.

Work on the 20,000-seater stadium, named after the present ruler of Abu Dhabi and president of the UAE, begins next month and is expected to be completed by September next year.

B.R. Shetty, vice-president of the Abu Dhabi cricket council, said the modern 15-million dollar stadium was being funded by the royal family.

"We propose to hold our first one-day international in September, 2001, followed by the million-dollar tournament later in the year," Shetty said.

"Invitations will go out to all the nine Test-playing nations and we are in touch with the International Cricket Council to give us suitable dates," he said.

Abu Dhabi will become the second venue in the region to host official limited-overs tournaments that cater mainly to the large Asian expatriate population.

Sharjah, which began the trend in 1984, has hosted more one-day internationals (159) than any other venue in the world.

Cricket overdose!

NEW DELHI, Mar 31: A newly married woman, fed up by her husband's passion for watching cricket on television, killed herself in the southern Indian city of Mysore, the United News of India said on Thursday, reports AFP.

Latha, who married Shiva Kumar in January, hanged herself in the couple's home on Wednesday after failing to budge her husband from the family TV set broadcasting replays of ongoing cricket matches in Sharjah.

The wife, a bank executive, was upset because of her husband's penchant for watching non-stop cricket, the news agency said.

"She frequently quarrelled with him as he used to come home from work, start watching cricket matches till late in the night and get up late next morning," it added.

India has one of the world's largest TV viewership of international cricket matches.

Lankan cricket bosses to be questioned

COLOMBO, Mar 27: Sri Lanka's sports minister has called top officials of a suspended cricket board to answer allegations of financial irregularities in the country's crisis-plagued cricket control authority, reports AFP.

The Sunday Times said former chairman of the board of control for cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) has been asked to attend an inquiry next week before a contempting legal action.

The newspaper quoted Sports ministry secretary R. M. K. Ratnayake as saying that they found discrepancies in the board's accounts and wanted to question the officials who were managing the board at the time.

President Chandrika Kumaratunga said 12 days ago that BCCSL had not been audited "in any serious way for many years" and it had become an "interesting place for people to reside in."

She said she wanted retired cricketers or sportsmen to run the cricket board which had an income of 800 million rupees (10.9 million dollars) but was not properly audited.

"I think businessmen should lay their hands off the cricket boards and allow cricketers, serious sportsmen to take over the cricket board," Kumaratunga said. "I have always had this opinion for a long time."

Independence Day golf

The prestigious Independence Day golf tournament was played at Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) yesterday, says a press release.

The tournament was inaugurated and prizes were distributed among the winners by the President of KGC Lt Gen Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, BB, NDC, PSC.

WINNERS' LIST

Winner: Masud Ahmed; Ladies' Winner: Mrs H J Hwang; Senior Winner: Maj Gen S Ameer Ali; Junior Winner: Fazle Rakibul; Runner-up: HE Young Jo Jung; Ladies' Runner-up: Mrs T Pookaman; 2nd Runner-up: Hsiam Ahmed; 3rd Runner-up: Elji Yamamoto; Front Nine Winner: Brig Jahangir Kabir; Back Nine Winner: Pronob Chowdhury; Nearest to Pin: HE Dato Zulkipli Bin A B Rahman; Longest Drive: Faisal Jahangir; Most Birdie/Eagle: Hsiam Ahmed.

Kalabagan back on track



Kalabagan Krira Chakra returned to winning ways in the Premier Division cricket league with a comprehensive six-wicket win over promotees Gopibagh Friends Association at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Chasing a commanding Gopibagh total of 239 in 50 overs, Kalabagan reached 242 in 46.4 overs with six wickets to spare.

Kalabagan lost their first wicket on 29 in the fifth over when opener Harunur Rashid was bowled by medium pacer Sajal Chowdhury on 21.

However, it was a 110-run second wicket partnership between Harun's Pakistani partner Rouf Wain and one down Rajin Saleh which laid the foundation of a comfortable victory for Kalabagan.

The stand was broken on 139 when Rajin was out on 44 with a further 101 runs required in 21.4 overs.

Kalabagan lost Rouf (69) and his compatriot Tareq Mehmud (24) before they reached their target.

Rouf faced 81 balls and slammed eight fours while Tareq scored his run-a-ball 24 with two sixes and one boundary.

Besides, Mushfiqur Rahman and Rana shared an unbeaten 57-run fifth wicket stand to take their side home.

Mushfiq was undefeated on 30 off 54 balls with one four while Rana smashed a defiant 40 off just 25 balls inclusive of three sixes and two boundaries.

Earlier, put into bat, Gopibagh scored a respectable 239 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs with one down Topu hammering highest 60 off 75

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Kalabagan v Gopibagh



ROUF WAIN ... 69

balls with five boundaries. Opener Tomal scored 48 off 102 balls with six boundaries while captain Selim Shahed added 40 off 51 balls with a quartet of fours.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match

TODAY'S MATCHES

Victoria SC v Wari Club
 Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Sadharan Bima v City Club
 Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

Fall of wickets: 1/48; 2/116; 3/170; 4/193; 5/214; 6/236; 7/238; 8/239.

Bowler: O M R W
 Saiful 6 1 25 0
 Bikash 4 0 22 0
 Mushfiq 5 1 19 0
 Rana 9 0 43 3
 Fahim 10 0 42 2
 Mustadr 4 0 22 2
 Rouf 10 0 36 1
 Tareq 2 0 12 0

KALABAGAN KC
 Harun b Sajal 21
 Rouf run out 69
 Rajin c Tomal b Zafar 44
 Tareq b S Shahed 24
 Mushfiq not out 30
 Rana not out 40
 Extras: (b-2, lb-3, nb-2, w-7) 14
 Total: (For 4 wks in 46.4 overs) 242

Did not bat: Fahim Muntasir, Mustadr Lit, Saiful Islam, Bikash Ranjan and Ish-tiaq.

Fall of wickets: 1/29; 2/139; 3/146; 4/185.

Bowler: O M R W
 Sajal 7 4 0 48 1
 Gurmeet 5 0 26 0
 Ripon 10 1 33 0
 Shamsul 8 0 42 0
 Zafar 8 0 39 1
 Sohail Jr 4 0 24 0
 S Shahed 4 0 25 1

Result: Kalabagan Krira Chakra won by six wickets.

Massive wins for BADC, S Nabi

Sports Reporter

all-round show by finishing with five wickets conceding 24 runs in 5.5 overs.

At the nearby Uttara Club

BRIEF SCORES
BADC High School: 215 for 8 in 35 overs (Waliullah 100, Sahed 31, Saqlin 22, Sadiqul 27; Khalid 3/25, Touhid 3/49).

Kalatia High School: 59 all out in 13.4 overs (Sagar 28; Sahed 5/14).
Result: BADC High School won by 156 runs.

Shaheed Nabi High School: 230 all out in 31.5 overs (extras 78, Shariful 68, Alamgir 22; Rajib 4/24, Ador 3/32).

Adarsha Shishu Shikhyalaya: 165 all out in 25.5 overs (Rajib 40, Sahel 34, extras 56, Shariful 5/46).
Result: Shaheed Nabi High School won by 65 runs.

Mastermind School: 157 all out in 32.5 overs (Monjurul 31, Sumon 24, Erfan 18, extras 47, Azad 3/24, Farhad 3/43).
BAF Shaheen School: 136 all out in 34 overs (Selim 69, extras 32, Abhishek 3/28, Ahman 2/16, Ashfaq 2/20).
Result: Mastermind School won by 21 runs.

Dhanmondi International School: 229 for 8 in 35 overs (extras 65, Reza 52 n.o., Saleh 31, Shahab 32, Raju 3/39, Sayeed 2/54).
Rebeya Pre-cadet School: 229 all out in 34.5 overs (extras 62, Uday 52, Swapan 49, Sayeed 24; Shehab 2/43).
Result: Match tied. Dhanmondi International School won for losing less number of wickets.

Barisal cricket
From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Mar 31: Shamsul Haq Smriti Ekadash defeated Jardan Road SKP by 23 runs while South Alekanda Boys Club beat KCC Juba Sangha by 2 wickets in the First Division Cricket League here at the Abdur Rab Seraniat Stadium today.

Winning the toss Shamsul Haq Smriti Ekadash batted first and made 137 runs losing all the wickets in 30 overs.

In reply, Jardan Road managed 105 runs losing all the wickets in 28.5 overs.

In the other match of the day, South Alekanda Boys Club scored 138 runs losing 8 wickets in 35.5 overs.

In reply, KCC Juba Sangha collected 134 runs losing all the wickets in 28.4 overs.

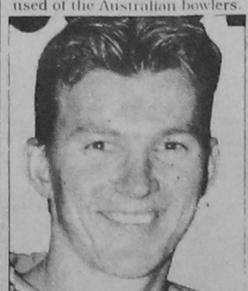
Lee, McGrath on fire

HAMILTON, New Zealand, Mar 31: Australia's Brett Lee claimed his second five-wicket haul in his meteoric Test career to help bowl New Zealand out for 232 on the opening day of the third and final Test here Friday, reports AFP.

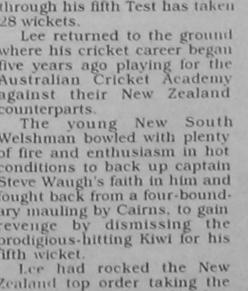
The 23-year-old tearaway strike bowler fought back from a 17-run mauling by Chris Cairns in one over to finish with 5-77 off 23 overs, the most used of the Australian bowlers.

Lee had rocked the New Zealand top order taking the wickets of Mathew Sinclair (19), Nathan Astle (0), Stephen Fleming (30) and topscorer Craig McMillan (79).

Lee's wholehearted performance prompted high praise from captain Steve Waugh. "He is pretty much together in the head, knows what he is doing and can work batsmen out pretty well," said Waugh. "He's come on in leaps and bounds in the last 12 months. It was a great performance today. He bowled nine or 10 overs straight which is a fair effort when you're running in that quick."



LEE ... 5/77



MCGRATH ... 4/58