

## Column One

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#### Competition-128

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Competition closes at 8 pm April 14, 2000 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who is the number one women's tennis player?  
Hingis Davenport Seles
- Who won the United Insurance IM chess title?  
Reedat Zia Aung
- How many Tests did Walsh need to break Kapil Dev's world record?  
114 115 116
- Who was adjudged man-of-the-series in the West Indies-Zimbabwe Test?  
Rose Walsh Adams
- Who are the First Division cricket champions?  
Dhanmondi Y Cricketers Khelaghar

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## SPORTS TALK



### Steve Waugh

(Australia cricket captain) "He is pretty much together in the head, knows what he is doing and can work batsmen out pretty well."

On fast bowler Brett Lee.

### Asian Kho Kho

### India retain title

India clinched the Igloo second Asian Kho Kho Championship title beating hosts Bangladesh by 23-20 points in the final at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday, reports UNB.

It was the second consecutive Asian Kho Kho crown for India, who dominated the first half by 12-10 points.

Indian skipper WD Deepak was adjudged man-of-the-final while M Shahidul Islam of Bangladesh man-of-the-tournament.

Home, Post and Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim witnessed the final and later distributed the trophies. Chairman of the tournament organising committee Mohammad Faruk Khan MP, was present on the occasion.

"I am very happy to retain the prestigious title of the game introduced in the rural area of India in ancient time and later modernised in the country. I am also pleased that our neighbouring Bangladesh is coming up very rapidly in the game," Indian captain Deepak told.

Bangladesh captain Faruque Dhall said, "We had a hope to win the title in our home soil, we tried our best but we missed the target narrowly."

"This time our team is more mature than earlier. I do hope we will be able to beat India next time," he added.

Earlier in the morning, Sri Lanka were placed third beating Nepal by 16-15 points in a place deciding match at the Mirpur National Indoor Stadium.

#### TEAMS

**India:** WD Deepak, Narendra Shah, Parag Ambekar, Ajay Dandekar, Rajesh Pathare, P Kishore, R Velan, Manoj Khan-dekar, Gajendra Deshpande, Ram Babu, Sougat Adhikari, Rajesh Shelar, PK Pratesh, D Karunakaran and Ch Veerabhadresh.

**Bangladesh:** Abdur Rahman Rana, Al Amin, M Yasin, Shahidul Islam, Moshirur Rahman, M Yamin, Faruquul Islam, Faruque Hossain, Shohag Milan, Soltaman Hossain Ratan, Bayazid Mondal, Faruque Dhall, Zahid Ahmed and Tanjid Hossain Khan Rifat.

## Magsi's ton goes in vain

Sports Reporter

### Premier League

#### S Bima v City Club



SAIFULLAH ... 107

Pakistani Saifullah Magsi hammered his second hundred in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League, but his team City Club still ended up at the receiving end as Sadharan Bima pulled off an exciting two-wicket win at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The middle-order batsman had earlier toyed with Wari hitting them for 136. Saifullah scored a superb 107 to guide the Mirpur outfit to an impressive 242 for nine in the allotted 50 overs.

He blasted 13 fours and a couple of sixes in his swash-buckling 84-ball knock.

Coming into bat at number five Saifullah shared 77 runs for the fourth wicket with Pappu, who made 59 off 101 balls.

But Sadharan Bima responded gallantly with all their batsmen making useful contributions and reached the summit, 235 for eight with only two balls to spare.

Opener Mintu (30) and Kamal (31) put on 50 runs in only 8.5 overs. Wicketkeeper batsman Salim continued his impressive form with 34 and Indian Rajinder Singh came good in the nick of time.

The genial sardarji scored highest 41 off 59 balls. Rizwanul Islam, who had earlier captured three wickets giving away 42 runs in 10 overs, scored an unbeaten 27.

Number eight Ahsanullah conjured a cameo 30-ball 24 and skipper Saiful, who batted at

Pappu st Salim b Moin 59  
Rehan run out 20  
Saifullah c Tanvir b Rizwan 107  
W Nayem b Rizwan 14  
Jewel c Ahsanullah b Rizwan 8  
Rana not out 2  
Tuhin lbw b Ahsanullah 2  
R Nayem run out 0  
Al-Amin not out 0  
Extras: (lb-1, nb-1, w-6) 11  
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs) 242  
Fall of wickets: 1-17; 2-18; 3-74; 4-151; 5-195; 6-232; 7-233; 8-235; 9-235.

| Bowler     | O  | M | R  | W |
|------------|----|---|----|---|
| Nakib      | 8  | 1 | 23 | 2 |
| Kamal      | 10 | 0 | 38 | 0 |
| Rajinder   | 5  | 0 | 19 | 0 |
| Tanvir     | 7  | 0 | 56 | 0 |
| Ahsanullah | 4  | 0 | 30 | 1 |
| Moin       | 6  | 0 | 30 | 1 |
| Rizwan     | 10 | 1 | 42 | 3 |

**SADHARAN BIMA**  
Mintu st Tuhin b Rehan 30  
Kamal c Pappu b Rehan 31  
Moin c R Nayem b W Nayem 6  
Salim run out 3  
Rajinder b Jewel 41  
Chopra lbw b Saifullah 19  
Rizwan not out 27  
Ahsanullah c Saifullah b Rana 24  
Saiful run out 12  
Tanvir not out 0  
Extras: (lb-10, nb-1, w-12) 25  
Total: (For 8 wickets in 49.4 overs) 245  
Fall of wickets: 1-50; 2-69; 3-74; 4-134; 5-170; 6-172; 7-218; 8-241.

| Bowler    | O   | M | R  | W |
|-----------|-----|---|----|---|
| Al-Amin   | 3   | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| R Nayem   | 2   | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| W Nayem   | 10  | 0 | 46 | 1 |
| R Rafique | 10  | 2 | 30 | 2 |
| Saifullah | 10  | 1 | 37 | 1 |
| M Rana    | 6   | 0 | 38 | 1 |
| J Hossain | 8.4 | 0 | 47 | 1 |

**Result: Sadharan Bima won by 2 wickets.**  
**CITY CLUB**  
Sajid c Salim b Haider 6  
Wahidul c Razwan b Haider 11

## Changes made in Asia Cup schedule

Sports Reporter

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC), in a meeting last week at Sharjah, has decided to revise the fixture of the Asia Cup cricket championship which kicks off in Dhaka on May 28.

According to the new schedule, the competition will run up to June 7 with June 8 being kept as a reserve day.

The changes were made in order to allow the Pakistan team sufficient time to reach Dhaka following their tour of the West Indies which will end on May 29.

### Revised fixture of the Asia Cup cricket championship:

| Day    | Match       |
|--------|-------------|
| May 28 | Ban vs SL   |
| May 30 | Ban vs Ind  |
| June 1 | Ind vs SL   |
| June 2 | Ban vs Pak  |
| June 3 | Ind vs Pak  |
| June 5 | Pak vs SL   |
| June 7 | Final       |
| June 8 | Reserve day |

## Week schedule

The BCB (Bangladesh cricket Board) programmes for the ICC Cricket Week are:

| Date    | Event                          | Venue     |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| April 2 | Rally                          | Ramna     |
| April 3 | U-10 tourney                   | Kalabagan |
| April 4 | School quiz                    | NSC       |
| April 5 | Seminar                        | NSC       |
| April 6 | U-19 clinic                    | 6 Div HQS |
| April 7 | Painting competition           | NSC       |
| April 8 | Asia XI v Rest of the World XI | BNS       |

## Mahanama in today's Biman line-up

Sports Reporter

Veteran Sri Lankan Test star Roshan Mahanama has arrived in Dhaka to play for defending Premier League champions Bangladesh Biman yesterday.

The experienced batsman, who had announced his retirement from international cricket last year, is expected to make his Dhaka debut today in a crucial match against Mohammedan Sporting Club.

Mahanama, is scheduled to leave for Thai capital Bangkok after today's game to take part in an exhibition tournament. He is likely to return on April 9.

Biman play their next league match on April 10.

## India getting a cricket academy

Sports Reporter

BANGALORE, Apr 1: The Board of Control for Cricket in India yesterday gave its final clearance to the National Cricket Academy (NCA) coming up here and it is expected to be inaugurated on May 1, reports PTI.

Talking to reporters after an NCA committee meeting here, its chairman Raj Singh Dungarpur said the academy was tentatively scheduled to commence functioning on May 1.

The current crop of junior Indian players (under-19) would form the nucleus of the academy. To begin with, 24 players would be selected for the first phase.

Roger Binny would be one of the coaches and Rajesh Kamath would assist him. The second coach would be named in the next ten days, Dungarpur said.

Former Indian coach Hanumanth Singh has been named director of the academy which is co-sponsored by the BCCI.

## Iqbal inspires Victoria

Sports Reporter

### Premier League

#### Victoria v Wari

Victoria Sporting Club recorded their third win in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League when they thumped Wari Club by 60 runs at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Iqbal Sheikh scored a fluent half-century as Victoria, sent into bat, piled up a commanding 247 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs.

The Pakistani right-hander hammered an 85-ball 72 to lay the foundation a big total and skipper Sabbir Khan picked up the pace during the last five overs, clobbering 34 runs off only 22 balls.

Wari, in reply, were bundled out for 187 in 43.4 overs despite a gritty 69 from captain Halim Shah. Although Halim played sensibly for his fourth half-century in the league, support at the other end was far too little.

They were off to a disappointing start losing three wickets for 49 runs before Halim and Sri Lankan Mapatuna, who featured in a match-winning stand in the previous game, joined forces to mend the early damage.

But Wari fell apart once Mapatuna departed for 17, top edging an attempted cut against Rashed Hanif into the gloves of

who in turn then featured in a vital 65-run fourth wicket stand with Tanvir, who chipped in with 29.

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Fahad lbw b Gamege 18  
Nayan c Nasim b Saikat 23  
Iqbal st Rawnak b Saikat 72  
Shaymol st Rawnak b Nasim 29  
Rashed run out 15  
Sabbir not out 34  
Zia c b Nasim 0  
Shahnewaz b Saikat 17  
Biplab not out 9  
Extras: (lb-4, nb-7, w-4) 15  
Total: (For 8 wickets in 50 overs) 247  
Fall of wickets: 1-36; 2-41; 3-86; 4-151; 5-177; 6-187; 7-187; 8-216

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SIGN HERE: Former Sri Lankan International Roshan Mahanama (R) is shown where to put his signature by Biman captain Faruque Ahmed yesterday. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman

## Thrilling win for AK High

Sports Reporter

### ANZ Grindlays National School Cricket

AK High School pulled off a sensational victory over University Laboratory High School in the three Dhaka Zone matches of the ANZ Grindlays 18th National School Cricket Championship at the Mirpur Outer Stadium yesterday.

AK High School were declared winners as they lost fewer wickets than their opponents after the scores was level at 176. University Laboratory School were 176 all out with three balls to spare.

Earlier, AK School reached 176 for the loss of eight wickets in the stipulated 35 overs with number seven Shaiful notching a 65-ball 60 and number eight Tanvir making 34.

Together they produced 88 runs for the seventh wicket after AK School were reduced to 31 for 6.

Faruque, who came to bat at number ten, hammered an unbeaten 20.

At the Uttara Friends Club ground, Rajarbagh Police Lines School defeated Manarat Dhaka International by 76 runs.

Batting first after winning the toss the Rajarbagh boys scored 190 for seven with middle-order bat Rayhan making a

### BRIEF SCORES

**Rajarbagh Police Lines School vs Manarat Dhaka Int'l**  
Venue: Uttara Friends Club Ground  
**RAJARBAGH:** 190 for 7 wickets in 35 overs (Rayhan 71 not out, Bishwajit 33, Ariful 3/28, Kamal 2/27).

**MANARAT:** 114 all out in 29.5 overs (Ariful 19; Mintu Das 3/20, Shamsul 2/22, Mostafa 2/18).

**Result:** Rajarbagh Police Lines School won by 76 runs.

**Dhanmondi Tutorial vs BIT**  
Venue: Uttara Police Lines Ground.  
**BIT:** 115 all out in 17.5 overs (Shoaib 20, Monabbar 4/17, Abdullah 2/18, Arif 2/9).

**Dhanmondi:** 117 for 5 wickets in 15.5 overs (Saeed 30, Razon 20; Shoaib 2/17).

**Result:** Dhanmondi Tutorial won by 5 wickets.

**AK High School vs University Laboratory High School.**  
Venue: Mirpur Outer Stadium.  
**AK School:** 176 for 8 wickets in 35 overs (Saiful 60, Tanvir 34, Faruque 20 not out; Sahadat 5/33).

**University Lab:** 176 all out in 34.3 overs (Rashed 48, Sadiqur 49, Tuhin 3/34, Mishu 3/36, Asad 2/24, Shaiful 2/34).

**Result:** AK High School won by virtue of less wicket fall.

fine unbeaten 71 off 114 balls that included eight fours. Bishwajit with 33 was the other notable run-getter for the winners.

In reply, Manarat Int'l were skittled out for 114 in 29.5 overs with extras contributing highest 30 to the total.

Mintu Das captured three wickets for Rajarbagh.

At the Uttara Police Lines ground, Dhanmondi Tutorial recorded a five-wicket win over Bangladesh International Tutorial (BIT).

In a low-scoring affair, Dhanmondi, chasing a modest BIT total of 115 all out in 17.5 overs, reached 117 in only 15.5 overs losing half of their wickets.

Opener Saeed scored highest 30 for the winners and Rashed made 20.

Earlier, Monabbar captured four wickets for 17 in his six overs for Dhanmondi Tutorial. Moshirur and Arif, who shared four wickets, ably supported him.

**Inter-service v'ball**  
The annual inter-service volleyball championship will start at the BAF Base Bashar, Kurmitola, from Sunday, says a press release.

The Bangladesh Air Force will take on the Bangladesh Army in the opening match,



Pakistani fast bowler Waqar Younis holds the Coca-Cola Sharjah Cup after the final against South Africa on March 31. — AFP photo

## Pakistan lift Sharjah Cup

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Apr 1: Pakistan withstood a gallant South African chase to win the Sharjah Coca-Cola Cup with a dramatic 16-run victory in the final here on Friday, reports AFP.

Facing Pakistan's formidable 263 for six, the South Africans were comfortably placed at 198 for four in the 40th over, needing another 66 runs off the final 60 deliveries with six wickets in hand.

Fast bowler Waqar Younis, however, engineered a great Pakistani fightback as three wickets tumbled in the space of one run to restrict South Africa to 247.

Waqar, who on Tuesday became the second bowler after teammate Wasim Akram to achieve the 300-wicket mark, finished with four for 62. Off-spinner Arshad Khan chipped in with three wickets.

Backed by a screaming sell-out crowd of 20,000, Waqar re-

moved Nicky Boje and Lance Klusener off successive balls in his seventh over and clean bowled Shaun Pollock in his ninth.

The 30-year-old then sealed South Africa's fate by shattering the stumps of danger man Mark Boucher -- 57 off 49 balls -- off his final delivery.

Pakistan's second win over South Africa in their last 16 encounters gave them their 12th title at this popular desert venue.

Hansie Cronje, seeking his 100th one-day win as captain, contributed to the exciting finale with a brilliant 79 off 73 balls that included six boundaries and three sixes.