

## Column One

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## SPORTS TALK



**Daniel Vettori**

(New Zealand spinner)  
"I'd love to see that 200-wicket mark come up sometime in future. But my main goal is to play 100 Tests, and I think if you play for that long, the wickets will just come."

### Cronje 'always played to win'

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Apr 13: Suspended South African cricket captain Hansie Cronje on Thursday repeated his denial of any involvement in fixing or manipulating match results, reports AFP.  
"I always played to win," he said, reading a prepared statement to reporters in the central city of Bloemfontein, the capital of Free State province.  
Cronje said speculation and criticism against other members of the South African team was wrong and unjustified.  
"I know of no member of any side that I have led who has done anything reprehensible or wrong," a composed Cronje said.

### Pasia, Romi lift doubles

**Sports Reporter**  
Top seed Dillip Pasia and Fahim Ahsan Romi clinched the doubles title of the national tennis circuit leg-1 at the Cox's Bazar Tennis Club court yesterday.  
In the final Dillip and Fahim outplayed Nadeem Kamran and Amal Roy 6-3, 6-3.  
Dillip has a chance of completing a delightful double if he wins today's singles final against HM Kawsar.

### Quader, Saber off to S Africa

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader and president of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Saber Hossain Chowdhury left yesterday for South Africa on a five-day visit, reports BSS.  
They will get to know the administration, infrastructure and visit cricket facilities in the country.  
Also they will meet the South African sports minister, cricket board officials and exchange views with them.  
After leaving Johannesburg on April 17, they will go to Harare on a three-day visit to Zimbabwe.



Participants in the men's 1,500m of the 26th National Athletics Championships at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

## 2 new nat'l records

Sports Reporter



Two new records were set as the three-day 26th national athletics championship began at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.  
Sathi Parveen of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) established the first record of the meet-winning the women's high jump gold. She raised the bar to 1.66 metres to easily erase Kalpana Biswas' four-year mark of 1.56m.  
Her teammate Rukhsana Begum ended Firoza Khatun's 10-year in the 200 metres by clocking 25.55 seconds. Feroza's time for the prestige sprint event was 25.57 seconds.  
If BAAF had used proper electronic timers then the athletes' actual results could have been even better. Instead they prefer manual stop-watches in such high-profile events.  
Ace sprinter Mahbub Alam retained his 200m title. He, however, took more than .16 seconds than his SAF Games personal best of 21.15 set in Kathmandu.  
Ilyasuddin of Bangladesh Army kept his 5000 metres supremacy intact. Ilyas won the event in 15 mins 37 secs. Teammate Shahinur Rahman finished second in 15 minutes 45.20 seconds.  
Abdur Razzak of BJMC won

the men's 1500m gold in 4 minutes 02.50 seconds while teammate Rahima Khatun Juthi bagged the women's version finishing in 5 minutes 02.60 seconds.  
Nely Jesmin of BJMC clinched the women's shot-put gold with a throw of 11 metres. Bangladesh Army's Mozaffar won the men's event with 13.73 metres.  
Basiuddin of Bangladesh Army hurled the javelin 57.80 metres to walk away with the crown.  
Humayun Kabir of Bangladesh Army won the gold

in pole vault crossing 4.16 metres.  
The result of the day's remaining event—110m men's hurdles could not be finalised because of the absence of an electronic photo finishing device.  
Talking to the Daily Star last night the acting general secretary of BAAF Tofazzal Hossain said that they were going to use video equipment to determine a winner.  
Overall, BJMC won five out of the ten golds on offer. Bangladesh Army bagged three while Bangladesh Navy picked up two.



Rahima Khanam (R) of BJMC, who took gold in the women's 1,500m of the National Athletics Championships yesterday. Her younger sister Halima Khanam, who got silver, is just behind. —Star photo

### JU employees sports

Sports Reporter

The annual sports competition of the Employees Association and Employees Union of Jahangirnagar University was held at the university ground last Saturday.  
Abbas Ali and Fazlur Rahman were emerged joint-champions in the meet while Nasimul Gani and Nurul Amin lifted the Kha and Gha groups titles respectively of the Employees Association, said a press release.  
Vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Prof. Abdul Bayes inaugurated the meet.

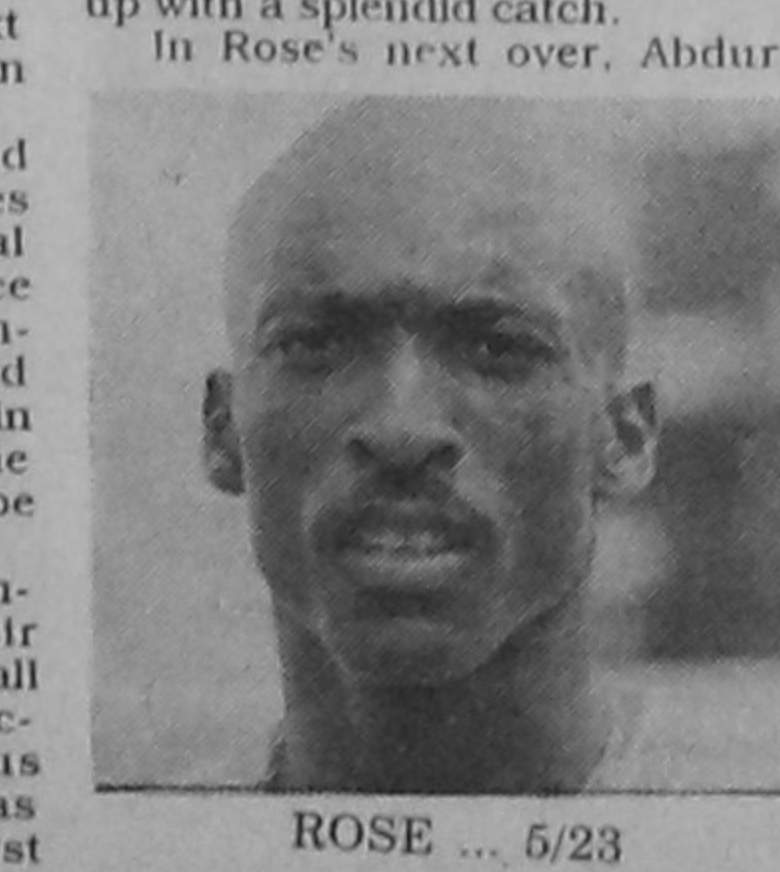
## Pak smell Rose aroma



KINGSTOWN, Apr 13: Fast bowler Franklyn Rose posted career-best figures to lead West Indies to a morale-boosting 96-run triumph over Pakistan at Arnos Vale in the fourth match of the triangular 2000 Trophy limited-overs series on Wednesday here, reports AFP.  
Rose, named man-of-the-match, ended with five wickets for 23 runs from ten overs to help bowled Pakistan out for 117 in 41.3 overs, replying to West Indies' 213 for seven off 50 overs.  
Only vice-captain Inzamam-ul Haq with an unbeaten 51 off 96 balls that contained four boundaries showed any resolve for the Pakistanis, whose next match is against Zimbabwe in St George's on Saturday.  
On a hard, true pitch and against one of the leading sides in the world, West Indies' total looked quite modest, but once new-ball bowlers Curtly Ambrose and Reon King restricted the Pakistanis to 16 for two in the 12 overs they shared, the battle was always going to be uphill.  
Ambrose had teenage opening batsman Imran Nazir caught behind with the last ball of the first over and King accounted for the dangerous Shahid Afridi when he was caught at mid-off off the first

ball of the tenth over.  
Change bowlers however, have been the bane of West Indies in recent times, but Rose, in particular, and Nixon McLean, playing in front of his home crowd, did not let Ambrose and King's work go to waste.  
Rose captured three wickets in the space of eight balls to knock the wind out of Pakistan's sails and put West Indies on the road to their first win over Pakistan in seven limited-overs matches.  
Younis Khan was caught at mid-on with the second ball of Rose's third over and, three balls later, Younis Youhana flicked a catch low to mid-wicket where Wavel Hinds came up with a splendid catch.  
In Rose's next over, Abdur

Razaq played on a short-of-a-length delivery and was bowled to leave Pakistan 41 for five in the 20th over and there was to be no comeback story for last year's World Cup finalists.  
Inzamam and captain Moin Khan fought gamely to post 47 for the biggest stand of the innings, but once Moin top-edged an ambitious pull at a short-ball off Rose to give wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs his second catch, the result was only a formality.  
Earlier, West Indies found scoring difficult after choosing to bat as captain Jimmy Adams led the way with 50 off 87 balls.  
He and Wavel Hinds shared 84 for the third wicket to give the West Indies innings some body after they skidded to 54 for two in the 17th over.  
Opening batsmen Philo Wallace and Sherwin Campbell gave West Indies a useful start of 49 in 13.2 overs by seeing off the new-ball attack of Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis.  
The first bowling change brought an immediate setback when Wallace was bowled by leg-spin bowler Mushtaq Ahmed for 21 off 38 balls.  
Campbell was caught at first slip by Inzamam-ul Haq off Abdur Razaq, but Adams and Hinds, 39 off 82 balls, battled away against accurate bowling from the Pakistanis led by Razaq (2-30) and off-spin bowler



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### BTTB athletics from today

**Sports Reporter**  
The 28th annual athletics championship of the Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB) will commence at the Mohakhali ground today.  
A total of 108 athletes including 13 women from eleven different zones of the BTTB will take part in the competition, which will conclude on Saturday.  
Home Minister Mohammed Nasim, who is also the minister for Post and Telecommunication, will declare the two-day meet open.

### Barisal cricket

**From Staff Correspondent**  
BARISAL, Apr 13: New Rising Stars defeated Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Students Union (SBMCUSU) by 12 runs while Fakirbari Club beat Young Stars Club by 2 wickets in the First Division Cricket League played at Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium today.  
New Rising Stars batted first and collected 140 runs for all in 34.4 overs.  
In reply, Sher-e-Bangla made 128 runs losing all the wickets in 36.2 overs. Kasem was adjudged man-of-the-match.  
In the other match, winning the toss Young Stars batted first and scored 187 runs losing 6 wickets in the stipulated 40 overs.  
In reply, Fakirbari made 188 for 8 in 39 overs.  
Paltu took 7 wickets giving only 37 runs and was adjudged man-of-the-match.

### Rajshahi cricket

**From Our Correspondent**  
RAJSHAHI, Apr 13: Katakhal Cricket Academy, Al-Rashid Cricket Club and Rajshahi Primary Sports Training Centre won their respective matches of the Hasan Imam-Ali Iqbal Pinta Memorial Cricket tournament played at the Rajshahi Govt College playground today.  
Katakhal defeated Golden Sunshine Club by 67 runs in the first match of the day.  
The winners won the toss and batted first to collect 148 runs for all in 24.1 overs. Maruja made the highest 67 runs. Tuhin captured three wickets giving 25 runs.  
In reply, the losers were all out for 81 runs in 13.4 overs. Orange made the highest 30 runs.  
Mahmud bagged two wickets conceding only four runs.  
Al-Rashid Club defeated Shaibagan Cricket Club by 57 runs in the second match of the day.  
The winners batted first winning the toss and scored 128 for seven wickets in the stipulated 25 overs. Salam made the highest 56. Jonny took three wickets.  
In reply, the losers were bundled out for 71 in 13.5 overs. Hossain made the highest 14. Habib captured three wickets.  
Rajshahi Primary Sports Training Centre defeated Rajshahi Friends' Circle by 39 runs in the third match of the day played at the same venue.  
Winning the toss, the winners decided to bat first and scored 149 losing seven wickets in the stipulated 25 overs. Ratul made the highest 37 followed by 27 from Mukta. Alam and Oni took two wickets each.  
In reply, Friends' Circle were all out for 100 in 18.3 overs. Alam scored the highest 30 runs. Jewel captured three wickets losing only 22 runs.

### SIRAJ MEMORIAL

Rajarhata Sporting Club and Rajshahi Tiger Sporting Club won their respective matches in the second Siraj Memorial Under-14 Kishore Cricket tournament played yesterday at Rajshahi Medical College main hostel playground.  
In the first match of the day, Rajarhata Sporting won over Rajshahi Tiger by 58 runs.  
Tiger Sporting defeated Uttaran Krira Chakra by 84 runs.  
**ZCU chief pulls for players**  
HARARE, Apr 13: Zimbabwe's cricket chief said on Thursday there was no possibility of his country's players being involved in the bookmaking scandal surrounding South Africa's sacked captain Hansie Cronje, reports Reuters.  
"There is no possibility of our players having been involved," Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) chief executive Dave Ellman-Brown told reporters.  
"We were part of the triangular tournament (with England and South Africa last January) and as far as we are concerned there was nothing amiss," he said.  
"It had nothing to do with us but we are deeply concerned about the issue and very sorry for the South African cricket authorities," he added.  
Cronje was sacked as captain on Tuesday for taking between 10,000 and 15,000 dollars from a bookmaker for information and forecasting during the triangular limited overs series in South Africa.

### 30 called for selection camp

## Harrison's challenge begins May 16

Sports Reporter



The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday announced a primary list of 30 players in the selection trial for the forthcoming four-nation tournament to be held in Maldives from May 1-11.  
The invitational tourney to mark the golden jubilee of the emerald islands will also feature India, Sri Lanka and the hosts.  
The first camp of the national team this year, will see a lot of new faces including that of the coach, Englishman Mark Harrison, who has taken over this extremely demanding job from Iraqi World Cupper Samir Shakir.  
It will also be the first acid test for the bespectacled Briton after the unceremonious exit of a temperamental Shamir.

The Iraqi World Cupper brought home the highest accolade for Bangladesh football when he inspired the national team to win the South Asian Federation (SAF) Football gold medal in Kathmandu last year.  
Expectations will be an all time high on Harrison, who has the unenviable task of emulating, if not better, the standard set by Shamir.  
Unlike Shamir, Harrison however has the liberty of exercising his authority in picking up his team. Present in the selection committee meeting at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Harrison chose a host of youngsters who had performed well in the just concluded Nitol-Tata National Football League.  
But the immediate problem Harrison is going to face is to make the players match-fit within a very short period of

time.  
Although the selected booters were very much involved in playing during the more than a month-long meet, doubts have been raised about their level of fitness.  
Former national defender and coach of NFL's most enterprising team Chittagong Abahani, Abu Yousuf, last week raised doubts regarding the physical condition of the local players.  
They are not even 40 percent fit for a competitive match", Yousuf had remarked.  
Besides, Harrison will have to hold his training sessions at the Mirpur Stadium instead of a place like the BKSP where the facilities are undoubtedly better.  
The camp is scheduled to start from April 16 and Hasanuzzaman Babul will act

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## Biman take on Tarun today

Sports Reporter



Defending champions Biman will be hoping to bounce back when they face Surjo Tarun Club in a crucial Janakantha Premier Division cricket league match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.  
The game was supposed to be played yesterday but CCDM, the organisers of the elite league, suspended it due to a day-long hartal.  
In the other match of the day, Brothers Union will take on Gopibagh Friend's Association at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.  
The national airlines, who have won eight out of their nine matches, were thrown from the top slot when Brothers Union beat them by 185 run Monday.  
That enabled Abahani, who were joint leaders before the

start of play, to move atop after defeating Surjo Tarun Club by 38 runs the next day.  
Last year's runners-up will face newcomers City Club tomorrow at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.  
Biman have already strengthened their batting lineup with former Pakistan all-rounder Manzoor Akhter's arrival on Wednesday. He will replace Sri Lankan Roshan Mahanama who returned home last night. Biman will also have the services of Pakistani Faruque Iqbal.  
Surjo Tarun's main batsman Akhter Sarfraz is also back from Pakistan and will replace elder brother Zafar in today's match. Top order batsman Mohammad Ramzan of Pakistan and Indian off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan are the other two foreign recruits of Surjo Tarun who have already

lost three matches in nine outings so far.  
The first leg of the elite 12-team concludes on April 20. Top six teams in the first leg will vie for the championship through a super league while the remaining six fight it out in the relegation league to determine which two sides move down to First Division next season.

### POINTS TABLE

Teams	M	W	L	Pts
Abahani KC	9	9	0	8
Biman	9	8	1	6
Kalabagan KC	9	7	2	14
Surjo Tarun	9	6	3	2
Mohammedan SC	0	6	4	2
Brothers Union	9	5	4	0
Victoria SC	9	4	5	8
Sadharan Bima	0	4	6	8
City Club	9	3	6	6
War Club	0	2	8	4
Gopibagh FA	9	1	8	2
Agrani Bank	0	1	9	2



South Africa opener Gary Kirsten, who was adjudged man-of-the-match for a magnificent 97, flashes at a Glenn McGrath delivery during the first one-day international against Australia at Kingsmead on April 12. —AFP photo

## Kirsten rises to occasion



DURBAN, South Africa, Apr 13: Gary Kirsten guided South Africa to a six-wicket win over Australia at Kingsmead on Wednesday as the host country shrugged off the absence of axed captain Hansie Cronje in the first of three limited-overs internationals, reports AFP.  
It was a triumphant start to the South African captaincy for Shaun Pollock, who led the side to victory over the World Cup champions in his hometown.  
Pollock was made captain on Tuesday when Cronje was fired after admitting he had taken money from an Indian bookmaker.  
Kirsten made 97 off 126 balls with what was diagnosed as a torn disc in his lower spine while batting against Pakistan in a tournament in Sharjah.  
He had been expected to be out of action for at least three weeks but recovered after three days of bed rest.  
The left-handed opening batsman put on 129 in a third-wicket partnership with Jacques Kallis (61) and a quick-fire 60 for the fourth wicket with Jonty Rhodes (46 not out) before being bowled by a slow full toss by Brett Lee when he was three runs short of his 10th one-day international century, with South Africa needing 13 to

win.  
South Africa earlier seemed headed for an easy triumph when Australia crashed to 120 for seven against disciplined bowling after being sent in.  
But Damien Martyn made a determined 74 and received good support from tailenders Damien Fleming and Brett Lee as the Australians made a competitive 240 for nine.  
Fleming and Lee made career-best scores of 29 and 24 not out as they shared stands of 65 and 55 with Martyn, who was run out off the last ball of the innings. Martyn made his 74 runs from 91 balls with seven fours.  
South African wicketkeeper Mark Boucher dropped a simple chance off Lee which would have given him a world record sixth catch behind the stumps when Lee was on 17 and the total 218 for eight. Lee skied a pull off Pollock's bowling but Boucher fluffed the opportunity.  
Boucher had earlier held four catches off fast bowler Makhaya Ntini and a sensational diving effort to dismiss Adam Gilchrist off Morantau Hayward. Gilchrist made an aggressive 51 off 40 balls with five fours and three sixes. Ntini was South Africa's most successful bowler with four for 56.  
Glenn McGrath bowled impressively for Australia, taking one for seven in an opening

spell of six overs, his victim being Herschelle Gibbs for nought, then dismissing Kallis when he returned for a second spell.  
McGrath finished with two for 21 off nine overs.  
**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the first of three limited-overs internationals between South Africa and Australia at Kingsmead on Wednesday:  
**AUSTRALIA**  
M Waugh lbw b Pollock 0  
Gilchrist c Boucher b Hayward 51  
Hayden run out 0  
Bevan c Boucher b Ntini 31  
S Waugh c Boucher b Ntini 2  
Martyn run out 74  
Symonds c Boucher b Ntini 20  
Warne c Boucher b Ntini 0  
Fleming c Ntini b Kallis 29  
Lee not out 24  
Extras: (lb-3; w-5; nb-1) 9  
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs) 240  
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-11, 3-70, 4-79, 5-90, 6-118, 7-118, 8-183  
Did not bat: Glenn McGrath  
**Bowler** O M R W  
Pollock 10 3 43 1  
Kallis 10 0 51 1  
Hayward 10 0 58 1  
Klusener 10 2 27 0  
Ntini 10 0 56 4  
**SOUTH AFRICA**  
Kirsten b Lee 97  
Gibbs c S Waugh b McGrath 0  
McKenzie c Symonds b Lee 14  
Kallis c Gilchrist b McGrath 61  
Rhodes not out 46

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