

## Column One

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1 Who is the number one women's  
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break Kapil Dev's world record?

4 Who was adjudged man-of-the-  
series in the West Indies-Zimbabwe  
Test?

5 Who are the First Division cricket  
champions?

Answers: 1. Venus Williams, 2. Rezaul Karim, 3. 114, 4. Adam Gilchrist, 5. Dharmendra

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SPORTS TALK

Shane Warne

(Australian cricketer)

"Hansie needs to come out  
and tell us exactly what has  
happened".

On match-fixing affair.

Schools h'ball

Tajgaon BAF Shaheen

School registered a facile 15-6

goals victory over Kamalapur

Sher-e-Bangla Railway High in

one of the four 11th Bata

sports handball matches at the

Outer Stadium handball

ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Last year's runners-up Shaheen

School dominated the first

half by 8-5. Rashid scored

six, Gaus five, Shahid three for

the winners while Sajib netted

four and Din Islam two for the

losers.

Earlier, in the day's first

match, Narinda Govt High out-

played Rahmatullah Model

High 13-4 after leading the first

session 7-2.

Arifur contributed five and

Gaffar four for the winners

while Rafique scored two for the

losers.

In the day's third match,

Ansars & VDF High beat Sunny

Dale 17-11. The match was

locked in 8-8 during the

breather.

Razzak scored five goals.

Rubel four and Rajib three for

the winners while Saiful netted

the match highest seven and

Aninda two for the losers.

In the day's fourth and last

match, Graduate High defeated

newcomers Matuul Adarsha

High by eight goals to four after

a 4-4 draw in the first half.

Amin and Hasan made four

goals each for the Graduate

School while Tipu, Biplob, Rajib

and Zafar scored one each for

the newcomers.

Premier kabadi

Bangladesh Police A and

Fire Service A won their respec-

tive matches in the 6th

Premier Division Kabaddi

League at the Kabaddi Court of

Outer Stadium yesterday, reports

UNB.

In the day's first match, Po-

lice A beat Bangladesh Army B

by 16-8 with one lone after

leading the first half 8-5.

Fire Service A outplayed

## Wari no match for Brothers

Sports Reporter

Premier League

Brothers Union v Wari  
Club



EHSANUL ... 4th fifty

Brothers Union Club completed their first round campaign of the Premier Division cricket league in style with a 96-run thrashing of Wari Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Opener Ehsanul Haque scored his fourth half-century of the league as Brothers scored a fighting 231 before being bowled out in 49.2 overs. In reply, Wari Club could muster only 135 in 46.2 overs.

Put into bat, Brothers, who have already drifted off the title race following four losses in their previous ten matches, never looked at ease in the absence of their hard hitting Sri Lankan opener Athula Samarakera.

Although, the Gopibagh outfit made a solid start collecting 44 runs in nine overs but after opener Shahriar Hossain (14) was brilliantly caught by Masudur Rahman at point in the ninth over, the run rate began to slow down.

After Shahriar's departure, Ehsan shared a 41-run stand with Jahangir before the latter was caught at mid wicket.

Ehsan then completed his fifty in the 27th over having faced 65 balls. His well controlled innings came to an premature end when he went down he wicket to drive Sri Lankan off spinner Carman Mapatuna on 52 and missed the line to be stumped by wicketkeeper Omar Sharif.

In his 69-ball innings Ehsan smote a huge six off Zakir over the long off and hit four boundaries. With yesterday's 52, Ehsan has scored 369 runs in ten innings so far.

After Ehsan, middle order Sanwar and Pakistani Amir Hanif shared a 65-run fifth wicket stand before Sanwar was bowled off by spinner Masudur Rahman. Sanwar faced 55 balls for his 34.

Skipper Khaled Mahmud then took the command to help his side raise the tempo. The right handed national all-rounder smashed 43 off just 25 balls with three big sixes and as many as fours.

Together with Amir Hanif (42), Mahmud shared a

thumping 43-run sixth wicket partnership which came off 16 balls.

After Amir Hanif was out in the 46th over with the score on 215 for 6, Brothers lost their last four wickets in next four runs in addition of another 16 runs.

Wari never looked like getting near their target as Brothers medium pacer Shafuluddin Ahmed and off spinner Sanwar evenly shared six wickets conceding 21 and 22 runs respectively. They were ably helped by left arm spinner Imran Rahman who returned with two for 20.

For Wari, captain Halim Shah fought a losing battle with 50 off 95 balls. It was his fifth fifty of the league which raised his personal collection to 426 runs in eleven innings.

It was Brothers seventh win in eleven matches which took their tally to 14 points and confirmed a place in the super league along with leaders Abahani, Biman, Kalabagan, Surjo Tarun and Mohammedan

Sporting Club. On the other hand, relegation threatened Wari suffered their ninth defeat in eleven outings.

SCOREBOARD  
The Premier Division cricket league match between Brothers Union Club and Wari Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

BROTHERS UNION

Shahriar c Masud b Gamage 14

Ehsan st Omar b Mapatuna 52

Jahangir c Sharfuddin b Monir 23

Farhan run out 2

Sanwar b Masud 34

A Hanif c Anup b Sharfuddin 42

K Mahmud c Mapatuna b Monir 43

Mukhtar run out 2

Jamal c Mahub b Monir 3

Shafuluddin lbw 2

b Sharfuddin 2

Imran not out 1

Extras: (lb-1, lb-3, nb-3, w-6) 13

Total: (All out in 49.2 overs) 231

Fall of wickets: 1/44; 2/85; 3/91; 4/107; 5/172; 6/215; 7/222; 8/228; 9/228

Bowler O M R W

Gamage 9 0 45 1

Zakir 5 1 30 0

Monir 10 0 39 3

Sharfuddin 9 2 33 2

Mapatuna 8 0 38 1

Masud 8 0 42 1

WARI CLUB

Anup c Ehsan b Shafuluddin 3

Ramanyake c Ehsan b Shafuluddin 5

Mapatuna c Mukhtar b Jamal 29

Halim Shah c Farhan b Sanwar 50

Mahub run out 4

Omar lbw b Sanwar 4

Gamage st Mukhtar b Imran 4

Masud c A Hanif b Imran 7

Sharfuddin lbw not out 4

Monir c Imran b Sanwar 0

Zakir lbw b Shafuluddin 3

Extras: (lb-2, nb-1, w-11) 14

Total: (All out in 46.2 overs) 135

Fall of wickets: 1/7; 2/21; 3/55; 4/83; 5/102; 6/105; 7/113; 8/123; 9/126

Bowler O M R W

K Mahmud 5 1 11 0

Shafuluddin 7 2 0 21 3

A Hanif 6 0 15 0

Jamal 7 0 35 1

Imran 10 0 26 2

Sanwar 9 0 22 3

Ehsan 2 1 3 0

Result: Brothers Union Club won by 96 runs.

## Nothing can save Agrani

Sports Reporter

Premier League

Agrani Bank v Victoria  
SC

Victoria Sporting Club recorded their fifth win in the Premier Division cricket league defeating Agrani Bank by 23 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Opener Iqbal Sheikh scored an enterprising 72 to help Victoria score a reasonable 236 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs after being put into bat. In reply, the bankers were all out for 213 in 48.2 overs.

Iqbal, the Pakistani right hander, played the pivotal role in Victoria's big total with his 83-ball innings which included two huge sixes and nine fours.

After Victoria lost three top batsmen for just 26 runs in nine overs, Iqbal repaired the innings with a 103-run fourth wicket partnership with compatriot Rashid Hanif who scored a patient 42 off 64 balls with three boundaries.

Among other, lower order Shahnewaz Kabir chipped in with an unbeaten 22 off 26 balls.

Off spinners Sabir Khan and Ziaul Haque of Victoria evenly shared six wickets conceding 40 and 44 runs respec-

tively as Agrani Bank fell short of their target.

One-down Sajjad Kadir scored highest 51 off 88 balls with a six and four boundaries followed by middle order Mofizur Rahman who scored 37 off 33 balls with three sixes and a four.

Victoria, with yesterday's win, completed their first round having raised their tally to 10 points from eleven matches. On the other hand, Agrani Bank, who are almost set to earn a demotion to the First Division next season, suffered their tenth defeat in 11 matches.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Abahani KC v Biman

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Kalabagan KC v City Club

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

SCOREBOARD  
The Premier Division Cricket League match between Agrani Bank and Victoria Sporting Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

VICTORIA SC

Sajjad c Sajjad b Imran 13

Iqbal Sheikh c Mofizur b Russell 72

Nuruzaman b Mofizur 0

Towhid lbw b Mofizur 0

Sabir b Mofizur 10

Fahad c b Mofizur 12

Ziaul c Russell b S Malik 14

Biplab c Sajjad b S Malik 12

Shahnewaz not out 22

Aftab not out 9

Extras: (lb-1, lb-7, nb-5, w-16) 29

Total: (For 9 wks 50 overs) 236

Fall of wickets: 1/25; 2/26; 3/26; 4/129; 5/155; 6/163; 7/178; 8/196; 9/215

Bowler O M R W

Mofizur 10 2 29 3

Imran 8 3 0 26 1

Jamal 2 0 16 0

S Malik 9 3 0 47 2

Mosaddeq 10 1 46 2

Mridul 1 0 10 0

Russell 8 0 47 1

Mofizur 1 0 7 0

AGRANI BANK

Jamal lbw b Shahnewaz 19

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## Mark doesn't talk about it

SYDNEY, Apr 19: Australian batsman Mark Waugh, fined for taking money from bookmakers five years ago, refused Wednesday to talk about the Hansie Cronje scandal, reports AFP.

"I'm going home, the season's over," said Waugh, who declined to answer questions when he returned from South Africa where Australia's three-match limited over series was over-shadowed by the South African captain's admission he accepted money from a bookmaker for "information and forecasting".

It came after Indian police released the transcript of an alleged phone conversation between Cronje and an Indian bookmaker.

Five years ago, Waugh and star leg-spinner Shane Warne were fined a combined total of 18,000 dollars (11,000 US) after they admitted receiving cash from an Indian bookmaker for providing pitch and weather information.

Like Waugh and Warne, Cronje said he'd been "naive" although he added the word "foolish" where they'd used "stupid". Unlike them, he also stands accused by Indian police of the considerably more serious

charge of match-fixing -- something he has denied.

Waugh, who has played international cricket virtually non-stop over the past two years, was in no mood to chat with the media at Sydney Airport.

Australian team manager Steve Bernard said the "Waugh-Warne case is history".

"I think what has happened with Mark and Shane has gone, the action has been taken and we are in a new era now and we're trying to make sure it's a clean one," Bernard said.

He disagreed when asked if Waugh had declined to talk because the player still felt pressure over the issue.

"I don't think so, I think it's probably because he's answered the questions thousands of times. It's not as if he has gone into hibernation for two years and nothing has been said," Bernard said.

"It's constantly brought up I would imagine, so I suppose he doesn't feel he can add anything more to the debate."

All-rounder Shane Lee insisted surprisingly the Australian team had steered clear of the topic while in South Africa.

"We didn't really know too much about what was going on, we certainly weren't trying to focus on that," Lee said. "But the things that have happened are obviously detrimental to cricket."

Coach John Buchanan said both South Africa and Australia had tried to put the issue behind them and get on with the game.

"I think they were a bit like us, they were trying to forget the peripheral stuff and just get on with the game and obviously they did it pretty well, because they played good cricket," he said.

MARK WAUGH

## April 8 match BCB richer by Tk 71,76,700

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) earned Taka 71,76,700 (seventy-one lakh seventy-six thousand and seven hundred) from ticket sales of the day-night exhibition match between Asia Eleven and Rest of the World at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on April 8.

The Board in a press release yesterday disclosed this.

According to the statement, the BCB earned Taka 13 lakh by selling the hospitality (AC and non-AC) boxes while the remaining Tk 58,76,700 came from the selling of gallery tickets by Al Baraka Bank.

BCB distributed nine out of 24 non-AC boxes and six out of 20 AC boxes free to their guests from ICC and other countries.

### Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Apr 19: Dargahpara Juba Cricket School and Firoj Smriti Sangha won their respective matches of the second Siraj Memorial Under-14 Kishore Cricket tournament played at the Rajshahi Medical College main hostel playground today.

In the first match of the day, Juba Cricket School defeated Lotus Club by eight wickets.

The losers winning the loss batted first and were bundled out for 47 in 8.2 overs. Babar made the highest 20 runs. Jubair captured five wickets conceding 14 runs and Tonmoy took another two wickets for eight.

In reply, Juba Cricket reached the target of 48 losing only two wickets in 7.5 overs. Mridul made the highest 15 followed by 11 from Samrat.

Firoj Smriti Sangha defeated Baikal Sangha by six wickets in the second match of the day at the same venue.

The losers winning the toss decided to bat and scored 125 for all in 22.4 overs. Rony scored the highest 27 not out followed by 19 each from Roman and Saif.

In reply, Firoj Smriti made 126 for four wickets in 23.1 overs. Iko collected the highest 51 not out followed by 25 from Setu and 16 from Nipu.

Bir Sreshtha

Pioneer Cricket Club defeated Nawabganj Cricket Club (NCC) 95 runs in the Bir Sreshtha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir First Division Cricket League played at the Chhapanawabganj Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Pioneer scored 212 for seven wickets in the stipulated 40 overs.

In reply, NCC were all out for 117 in 25 overs.

Pepsi Cup