

## Inter-varsity cricket

## RU become third

From JU Correspondent  
SAVAR, Nov 17: Rajshahi University (RU) clinched the third spot in the inter-varsity cricket tournament beating Islamic University (IU) by 21 runs at the JU central playground today.

Winning the toss, RU batted first and collected 163 runs losing nine wickets in 40 overs.

Palash scored highest 43 while Nazmul and Rana made 29 and 23 runs respectively.

Suman claimed five wickets for 37 while Wald bagged two.

In reply, IU were bundled out scoring 142 runs in 38.3 overs.

Suman scored highest 34 while Akhter made 29.

Yamin bagged three while Sayed and Titu grabbed two wickets each.

Suman of IU was declared man-of-the-match.

Meanwhile, the hosts Jahanagar University will take on Chittagong University in the final on November 19.

## Sachin, Glenn best players

SDNEY, Nov 17: India's Sachin Tendulkar and Australia's Glenn McGrath have been rated the best in the business in a survey of Australia's 145 first class players, reports AFP.

Sixty-eight per cent of those questioned said Tendulkar was the world's best batsman ahead of Australian captain Steve Waugh (27 per cent) and West Indian Brian Lara (three per cent).

Australian paceman McGrath was the runaway winner as the players' choice of world's best bowler with 61 per cent of the vote.

Shane Warne was second and Curtly Ambrose of the West Indies third.

Waugh was rated Australia's best cricketer ahead of McGrath and Warne. Surprisingly, Adam Gilchrist got the nod as the top one-day Australian player ahead of Michael Bevan and Ricky Ponting.

Almost half of those questioned said they had no confidence in the International Cricket Council's ability to run the game on a global scale while 88 per cent said cricket should be concerned with the demise of the West Indies.

England and India.

## UAE remain on course

SHARJAH, Nov 17: Pre-tournament favourites the United Arab Emirates virtually sealed a spot in the semifinals at the Asian Cricket Cup Trophy with a seven-wicket win over the Maldives on Friday, reports AFP.

The Maldives were shot out for 116 in their Group B game in the eight-nation tournament and UAE knocked off the required runs for the loss of three wickets by the 31st over.

The UAE have one more preliminary round game, against minnows Japan, who were beaten comprehensively by Nepal in the other Group B game.

Japan, most of whose batsmen favour a baseball-like grip of the bat, were dismissed for 133 with Hirokazu Takahashi top-scoring with 28.

In reply Nepal sped to 137 for three in the 20th over thanks to an unbroken fourth wicket stand between Kiran Agarwal, 53 not out, and Raju Khadka 44 not out.

The Japanese fared marginally better Friday batting off the full complement of their overs. In their opening encounter against the Maldives, they were shot out for 59 in 20 overs.

The UAE are certain to clinch top spot in Group B with Nepal favoured to take the runners-up position.

Hong Kong are clear favourites to top Group A with Malaysia and Kuwait battling it out for the runners-up spot.

## Azhar grilled

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Madras last Saturday citing health reasons.

Azharuddin had declined to meet Madhavan in Madras, saying he had not received a copy of the CBI report.

Madhavan sent a copy of the report to Azharuddin, who requested a meeting in his home town of Hyderabad, fearing security problems if he travelled out of town.

Madhavan said he travelled to this southern Indian city because of Azharuddin's security fears.

"Although the investigating officer decides the venue and time of hearing, here in this case I thought of the exposure Azharuddin had to face during his travel to Madras and for the first time in my 40-year service, agreed to come to the subject's place for the questioning," he said.

Three other Indian players named in the report — Ajay Jadeja, Nayan Mongia and Manoj Prabhu — and physiotherapist Ali Irfan met Madhavan in Madras city.

All five cricketers have been suspended from first-class cricket pending Madhavan's recommendations.

Madhavan did not rule out questioning Indian cricket icon Kapil Dev, who has been absolved by the CBI or star batsman Sachin Tendulkar.

The question of whether or not to speak to Sachin will be considered only after completing the hearing of all those named in the CBI report," he added.



South Africa's Jacques Kallis, who scored a century on the opening day of the first Test against New Zealand in Bloemfontein yesterday, here plays one defensively. —AFP photo

## Kallis turns up heat



BLOEMFONTEIN, Nov 17: South Africa batsman Jacques Kallis benefited from a technology failure and hit his seventh Test century on the first day of the first Test against New Zealand at Springbok Park here Friday.

Kallis made 117 not out in a South African total of 205 for three at tea but he should have been run out when he had 76.

The New Zealand players celebrated as a drive from Daryl Cullinan was deflected into the stumps at the non-striker's end by bowler Shayne O'Connor.

But no picture of the incident could be produced for television umpire Rudi Koerten and after a delay of several minutes Kallis was given not out.

The incident sparked a controversy, with Ali Basher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, summoning the head of the production team to a meeting

during the tea break to explain the breakdown.

An independent television station, e-TV, is covering cricket for the first time and put together a new crew with what a spokesman for the station admitted was a limited budget.

Instead of four fixed cameras covering the creases, only two were in place in Bloemfontein, one at each end. The tape from the camera at the non-striker's end apparently "froze" as the producer tried to replay it. No other pictures showed the incident conclusively.

It would have been an unlucky dismissal for Kallis, who was in magnificent form as he reached his century off 174 balls with 16 fours, playing shots to all parts of the ground.

O'Connor took a wicket with the second ball of the match when Boeta Dippenaar was caught at second slip. But Kallis shared stands of 97 with Gary Kirsten (31) and Daryl Cullinan (29) on a good batting pitch.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the

first day of the first Test between New Zealand and South Africa at Springbok Park on Friday.

## SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

Bowler	O	M	R	W
O'Connor	14	4	34	1
Tuffey	10	2	40	0
Cullinan	10	2	47	1
McKenzie	11	1	38	1
Extras	(b-4; lb-5; nb-6)		15	
Total	(For 3 wkt in 63 overs)		205	

To bat: Lance Klusener, Mark Boucher, Nicky Boje, Alan Donald, Makhaya Ntini.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-97, 3-

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O'Connor	14	4	34	1
Tuffey	10	2	40	0
Cullinan	10	2	47	1
Walker	11	1	38	1
Astle	16	5	31	0
McMillan	2	0	6	0

NEW ZEALAND: S Fleming, M Richardson, C Spearman, M Sinclair, N Astle, C McMillan, A Sinclair, B Walker, C Martin, D Tuffey, S O'Connor.

Umpires: A Jayaprakash (India), D Orchard (South Africa).

## Brittle Windies batting



MELBOURNE, Nov 17: The West Indies tourists burst once again on their Australian tour here Friday just six days before their opening cricket Test with Australia.

Just like their batting collapse against Western Australia in Perth last week, the Windies were at it again Friday as they crumbled for 167 in their first innings of the four-day game with Victoria at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Victorian left-arm paceman Mathew Inness weighed in with career-best figures of 6-26 and the home state survived a four-over stint late in the day to reach two without loss at stumps on the first day.

The tourists wasted a perfect dress rehearsal for next Thursday's first Test in Brisbane as Melbourne turned on a humid morning not dissimilar to typical Brisbane conditions.

The wicket had bounce, albeit sometimes inconsistent, but it was still playing better than the Windies' total suggested.

It took Windies No.8 Mahendra Nagamootoo (48) to add some fight to the innings after the Windies fell to 92 for six before tea.

Six batsmen fell to catches behind the wicket, bringing the total for the first-class tour to 19 from 28 dismissals.

It's a statistic which should make Australian pacemen Glenn McGrath and Brett Lee giddy with excitement if they can exploit the corridor outside off-stump throughout the five-match Test series.

Vice-captain Sherwin Campbell admitted the West Indies had to improve their shot selection to avoid the wasted dismissals.

But he struggled to find his way in the second before completing a 6-2, 7-6 (7/4) victory in 1hr 17min.

We've been getting a lot of wickets caught behind on maybe balls that we shouldn't play at and if we can be a bit more patient it would help us," Campbell said.

The Australian bowlers are going to make us work hard for our runs and bowl on one side but we've been discussing it and we have to go out and do it in the middle."

Campbell has been the most patient player all tour but even he let his guard down Friday, slashing at a wide ball after he bat for 126 balls for 29 runs.

Brian Lara also showed patience but he was left disappointed when he sparred at a delivery from Colin Miller (2-68), providing wicketkeeper Darren Berry with one of his medium pace.

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Scoreboard at stumps on the

first day of a four-day match between Victoria and the West Indies on Friday.

He sparked a collapse of four for three, removing Campbell and Sarwan with successive balls before Adams saw off the hat-trick.

Campbell said the Windies' confidence was not a problem, pointing to his long stint along with Adams and Chanderpaul in Perth last week.

But the confidence of Miller — a member of Australia's Test squad — was boosted after he claimed two wickets with his medium pace.

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WEST INDIES: First innings

Campbell	c Berry b Inness	29
Ganga	c Berry b Miller	12
Lara	c Berry b Miller	19
C'paul	c Berry b Oliver	12
Sarwan	lbw b Inness	0
Adams	c Mott b Inness	9
Jacobs	run out	28
Nagamootoo	c Miller b Inness	48
McLean	lbw b Inness	6
Dillion	c Mott b Inness	0
Walsh	not out	0
Extras	(lb-3; nb-1)	4
Total	(All out in 86.2 overs)	167

Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-58, 3-71, 4-71, 5-75, 6-92, 7-130, 8-144, 9-144.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Fleming	20	8	38	0
Inness	20.2	9	26	6
Oliver	19	8	32	1
Miller	26	6	68	2
Hodge	1	1	0	0

VICTORIA: First innings

Arnberger	not out	1
Craig	not out	0
Extras	(lb-1)	1
Total	(For no wkt in 4 overs)	2

Bowler O M R W

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Walsh	2	2	0	0
McLean	2	1	1	0

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12 Firmament

13 One of the Brady bunch

14 Maltese Falcon

15 Simeon's wares