

David's Kent days over

LONDON, Nov 30: English county Kent are being forced to look for another overseas import following confirmation that India batsman Rahul Dravid will not be returning next season, reports AFP.

Dravid made his decision due to India's busy international calendar and admitted: "I'm obviously very disappointed not to be able to return."

The proposed schedule for the Indian team makes it impossible for me to participate in county cricket.

"I've enjoyed every minute of my time with Kent and am very grateful for all the support I've received."

Matthew Fleming, re-appointed Kent captain for a third year running recently, added: "Rahul made an outstanding contribution to the team both on and off the field."

Rajshahi cricket

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RAJSHAHI, Nov 30: Mijan Sururi Sangha and Jamalpur Cricket Club won their respective matches of the sixth Bir Shreshtha Captain Shaheed Mahiuddin Jahangir Smriti Gold Cup cricket tournament at the AHM Qanuzzaman Divisional Stadium today.

In the first match, Mijan Sangha defeated Hujum Sangha by 43 runs.

Winning the toss, Mijan Sangha batted first and collected 183 runs for three wickets in the stipulated 25 overs.

In reply, Hujum Sangha managed 140 runs for all in 25 overs.

Khulna stoop

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Halim Shah not out 28

Extras: lb-4, lb-3, nb-5, w-5 23

Total: (for 3 wkt in 42 5 overs) 175

Did not bat: Saiful Islam, Mosharraf Ali Khan, Shahin, Mukul and Ashique.

Fall of wickets: 1/26, 2/71, 3/101

BOWLER O M R W

Monjurul 10 1 32 0

Ahmed 6.5 1 43 0

Khairuzzaman 6 1 20 2

Rana 9 0 31 0

Setu 6 0 23 1

Sohel 5 0 17 0

Result: Dhaka Metropolis won by seven wickets

Man-of-the-match: Khaled Mahmud (Dhaka Metropolis)

Nafis' knock

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RAJSHAHI

Rajiqu c Jahangir b Shafuddin 2

Tareque c Jahangir b Shafuddin 13

Nuruzzaman c Akram b Zakir 7

Kalim ibb Sabir 26

Mustadi c Munzib b Sabir 12

K Masood c Nafis b Enamul 28

Ansul c Enamul b S Mahmud 9

Tareque c & b Enamul 10

Imran c Nafis b Enamul 0

Aminul b Shafuddin 0

Alamgir not out 0

Extras: lb-4, lb-6, nb-2, w-8) 20

Total: (all out in 44.4 overs) 157

Fall of wickets: 1/14, 2/31, 3/35, 4/106, 5/113, 6/127, 7/151, 8/151, 9/157

BOWLER O M R W

Zakir 7 0 10 1

Shafuddin 8.4 1 24 3

Akram 2 0 9 0

Ehsanul 6 0 21 0

Sabir 8 0 30 2

S Mahmud 7 0 21 1

Enamul 6 0 30 3

Result: Chittagong won by 45 runs

Man-of-the-match: Nafis Iqbal (Chittagong)

Sylhet overcome

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were bundled out for 108 with skipper Hannan Sarkar notching the highest 57.

Parvez was named man-of-the-match.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Green Delta National Cricket League one-day match between Barisal and Sylhet at the Abdur Rabb Serniabat Stadium in Barisal yesterday:

BARISAL

Imran c Nasirul b Rezaul 5

Kainal c Imran b Taposh 0

Hannan c Iqbal b Rezaul 57

Narayan c Rafiqul b Iqbal 11

Islam run out 0

Towhidul b Parvez 29

Mizanur c Rana b Iqbal 6

Tashriq c Imran b Taposh 0

Ahsan c Rafiqul b Parvez 14

Al-Amin run out 3

Ashfaq not out 2

Extras: lb-4, nb-4, w-23) 31

Total: (all out in 44.5 overs) 108

Fall of wickets: 1/7, 2/16, 3/20, 4/20, 5/45, 6/59, 7/70, 8/88, 9/103

BOWLER O M R W

Rezaul 10 2 22 2

Taposh 9.5 2 24 2

Iqbal 10 1 21 2

Rafiqul 8 3 13 0

Parvez 5 0 16 0

Alok 2 0 8 0

SYLHET

Parvez c Ashfaq 37

Mowla c Mizan b Al-Amin 7

Nasirul c Mizan b Ashfaq 13

Imran c Imran b Tashriq 6

Rozin c Mizan b Ashfaq 0

Al-Amin not out 20

Rafiqul c Towhidul b Ashfaq 6

Rana lbw b Imran 2

Iqbal not out 0

Extras: lb-3, w-15) 18

Total (for 7 wkt in 37.4 overs) 109

Did not bat: Rezaul Haque and Taposh Baishya.

Fall of wickets: 1/29, 2/53, 3/65, 4/69, 5/69, 6/76, 7/103

BOWLER O M R W

Al-Amin 10 2 11 1

Ashfaq Ali 10 0 31 4

Narayan 5 0 27 0

Tashriqul 7 0 19 1

Imran 4 1 5 1

Towhidul 1 0 9 0

Hannan 0.4 0 7 0

Result: Sylhet won by three wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Parvez Ahmed (Sylhet)



Australian pacemen Glenn McGrath (L) and Jason Gillespie share a light moment during the practice session at the WACA ground yesterday.

Sport

Sinclair holds NZ together

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Nov 30: Mathew Sinclair defied South Africa's fast bowling attack after New Zealand were sent in to bat on the first day of the second Test at St George's Park on Thursday.

It was a welcome return to Test form for Sinclair, 25, who made 214 against the West Indies in Wellington in a sensational debut last December but had not reached 50 in six subsequent Test matches.

Despite Sinclair's fighting innings, South Africa's decision to send New Zealand in proved successful, although it was harder work for the bowlers than expected on a true pitch in hot, windless weather.

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Powerful offside drives, particularly off the back foot, were the hallmark of Sinclair's batting against a pace-dominated attack.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the first day of the second Test between South Africa and New Zealand at St George's Park on Thursday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

	O	M	R	W
Richardson b Ntini	26			
Sparman c Kirsten b Donald	16			
Sunil not out	88			
Fleming c b Pollock	14			
Astic lbw b Pollock	2			
McMillan c Ntini b Pollock	39			
Parore c Boucher b Donald	2			
Walker c Cullinan b Pollock	3			
O'Connor not out	3			
Extras: (b-4, lb-4; w-2; nb-3)	13			
Total: (For 7 wkt in 91 overs)	206			

To bat: C Martin, K Walmley.

Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-55,

3-95, 4-101, 5-172, 6-194, 7-203

Bowler O M R W

Donald 18 2 37 2

Pollock 23 12 51 4

Kallis 15 5 36 0

Ntini 16 6 47 1

Klusener 6 2 8 0

Boje 13 4 19 0

SOUTH AFRICA: S Pollock,

G Kirsten, H Dippenaar, J Kalis,

D Cullinan, N McKenzie, L

Klusener, M Boucher, N Boje, A

M Ntini.

Umpires: Rudi Koertzen

(South Africa) and Ian Robinson

(Zimbabwe).

Hosts have

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in Test cricket, having been

beaten for six in his first over.

The young man kissed the

pitch in celebration as his

teammates rushed to congrat

ulate him.

Atherton and Hussain bat

ted cautiously to take England

past 100, although their de

fend-at-all-costs tactics

were not what the 15,000-strong