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Biman national star Aminul Islam follows through on an on-drive during his marvellous 153 against Dhaka Metropolis in the Green Delta National Cricket League at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Aminul answers with aplomb

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE
Biman v Dhaka Metro

Aminul Islam let his bat do the talking with a composed 153 for Bangladesh Biman against Dhaka Metropolis on the third day of their four-day Green Delta National League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The excellent knock by the country's lone Test centurion, besides being his first major contribution to the National League this year, enabled the national flag-carrier to build an imposing second innings total of 410 for seven at stumps.

His 150-plus essay also gave the league leaders an overall lead of 451 runs against the beleaguered hosts, who, barring a miracle on the final day, are guaranteed to points from their inaugural second leg match.

Coming in to bat at his customary position of number four, the dapper right-hander paced his innings with an array of strokes to establish himself as the highest individual scorer among the locals so far this season.

That title earlier belonged to Khulna's top-order batsman Selim. The young wicketkeeper scored exactly 150 against the same side and at the same

C'wealth Bank cricket team due today

Sports Reporter

A 15-member Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy (CBCA) arrives in the capital tonight to play two three-day, one four-day and four limited-overs matches against different age-group selections of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).

The team which includes 13 cricketers will be led by Nathan Harris, Former Australian Test cricketer Wayne Phillips is the squad's manager-cum-coach.

The visitors will begin their tour with a three-day match against Bangladesh under-21 team at the BKSP ground starting on January 7.

They will play another three-day game (January 12, 13, 14) and a one-day fixture (January 15) in Rajshahi against the Bangladesh President's Eleven.

The lone four-day match and three day/night matches will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. The four-dayer will start from January 17 while the three short-version matches are scheduled for January 22, 23 and 24.

The tourists will return home in January 26.

Legendary Australian wicketkeeper Rodney Marsh, who heads the famous academy, is likely to join the team on January 17.

SQUAD

Nathan Harris (captain), Chris Hartley, Aaron O'Brien, Shane Stantowse, Andrew Kent, Andrew McDonald, Tim Williams, Daniel Harris, Luke Williams (vice-captain), Adam Vogues, Shaun Marsh, Sumit Paulda and G Chaitra.

Officials: Wayne Phillips (coach/manager) and Max Fitzer (physiotherapist).

National booters prevail over Ctg Abahani

Sports Reporter

A first-half goal from striker Saiful Islam Moni gave the national football team a 1-0 victory over hosts Chittagong Abahani in their first of the two practice matches at the Abdur Aziz Stadium yesterday.

The young striker, who played for Rahmatganj in the Premier League last year, struck in the 20th minute after being nicely fed by midfielder Matur Munna.

The national team, preparing for the Millennium Cup to be held in India next week, were denied a second goal by reserve custodian Bipal. Standing under the bar of Chittagong Abahani, he parried off Matur Munna's penalty after the break.

The national team will play their second match against Reguessa Club at the same venue today.

TEAMS

National Team: Aminul, Rajani, Hasun Al-Mamun (Papel), Sujon (Faisal), Tito (Prodeep), Monwar, Iqbal, Miutu (Liton), Matur Munna, Moni and Kanchan (Anin Ram).

Chittagong Abahani: Bipal (Faruque), Ghanasha, Nazrul, Sourov, Raju, Aninur (Gonada), Bakhtiar, Asad, Mural Islam (Thaque), Pavel (Shipon), Jalal (Faisal) and Kennedy.

Referee: Alauddin Ahmed.

Kumble may miss series against Australia

NEW DELHI, Jan 4: India's leading spinner Anil Kumble could miss the upcoming home series against Australia because of a troublesome shoulder injury, the cricketer said on Thursday, reports AFP.

Kumble, who has been out of international cricket since April, said he was leaving for South Africa this week to consult noted orthopaedic surgeon Mark Fergusson in Johannesburg.

"I am going there to undergo physiotherapy," he said. "But if the doctor suggests orthoscopic surgery, so be it."

"I will know my situation by January 15 and will keep the Indian board informed."

If Kumble undergoes surgery, he could be out of action for at least three months, ruling him out of the Australian series which starts in the last week of February.

The absence of Kumble, India's most successful spinner with 276 wickets, would be a major blow for the hosts against the world's top Test-playing nation.

Australia are scheduled to play three Tests and a limited-overs series during the seven-week tour.

Kumble, who developed pain in his right shoulder during the Sharjah tri-series in April, missed the Asia Cup in Bangladesh, the ICC Knockout tournament in Kenya and the recent home Tests against Zimbabwe.

He was hopeful of returning to cricket this month, when the pain reappeared after Kumble sent down a few deliveries at the nets in Bangalore.

Monjurul upends holders

Sports Reporter

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the Green Delta National Cricket League match between Khulna and Chittagong at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore yesterday.

CHITTAGONG: First innings 238 all out in 101.1 overs (Enamul 81, Ehsanul 55, Mor-tuza 33, S Mehmud 24; Al-Amin 5/39, Jamaluddin 2/29)

Khulna v Ctg

A lethal burst from Khulna paceman Monjurul Islam sent holders Chittagong into depths of despair in their Green Delta National Cricket League second leg opener at Jessore yesterday.

On the penultimate day of the four-day match at the Shamsul Huda Stadium, Monjurul, the left-arter, captured six wickets to shoot out the mighty visitors for a meagre 98 in their second innings, leaving Khulna needing only 63 to win. They were just 14 runs shy of the major upset on 49 for one when stumps were drawn.

Trailing the home side by 36 runs, Chittagong who finished the first round second among the four teams qualified for the second leg, were off to a disastrous start.

They lost five wickets -- all to Monjurul -- with the score reading 39.

After Monjurul had ripped through the top order, right arm medium pacer Al-Amin and off spinner Jamaluddin swept the tail taking two wickets apiece.

Monjurul finished with figures of 6 for 27 from his 17 overs which included seven maidens.

Middle order Rezaul scored highest 31 for Chittagong followed by Golam Mortuza who added 22.

Earlier, in the first session, Khulna, resuming the day on 222 for seven in reply to Chittagong's first innings of 238, were all out for 274.

CHITTAGONG: Second Innings

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Monjurul	17	7	27	6
Al-Amin	17	1	53	2
Jamaluddin	4	1	9	2
Manzarul	4	0	8	0

KHULNA: Second Innings

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Nahidul c & b Sabbir	21			1
Sajjadul not out	26			0
Raju not out	1			1
Extras: (b-1)	1			1
Total: (For 1 wkt in 20 overs) 49				
Fall of wicket: 1-48				



MANJURUL...6/27

SYDNEY, Jan 4: Glenn McGrath bowled West Indies with the second-over last ball of the day to prevent a looming West Indies opening century partnership on the third day of the fifth and final Test here on Thursday, reports AFP.

Just when the tourists were about to see out stumps at the Sydney Cricket Ground, McGrath struck. Hinds lifting his bat and offering no shot to be bowled for 46.

Up until then the tourists had weathered the Australians' opening onslaught through their new opening pair, Sherwin Campbell and Hinds.

Campbell and Hinds, who combined in a record 147-run first-wicket partnership in Australia in the first innings, were put on 98 for the first wicket Thursday.

The West Indies will resume on Friday's fourth day, setting their sights on building on their promising start to score 350-plus and put the heat back on

Australia consolidate

Australia in the final innings. At the close of the third day, the West Indies had whittled away at the 180-run innings deficit to be 98 for one and trail Australia by 82 runs.

Campbell, who bounced back to form with his 79 in the first innings after a dire series, was unbeaten on 45.

"That wicket tonight was something we needed and it will certainly help our momentum tomorrow," said Australian vice-captain Adam Gilchrist.

"We've managed to get a very good total and the lower half of our batting contributed a lot to that total and their opening pair played so well in the first innings so they were obviously feeling good."

"We'll remember what happened in the first innings, as soon as we got our wicket we managed to get a roll-on, so we got that wicket tonight we can start fresh tomorrow with that in the back of our minds and I'm sure it will be in the back of their minds."

Australia prolonged their first innings through lusty hitting by tail-enders Colin Miller and Glenn McGrath, who put on 42 runs for the last wicket before McGrath was run out on the throw of Colin Stuart going for a second run.

Miller, with photos of his blue rinse hair splashed across the front pages of the morning papers, crasled two sixes and a boundary in his unbeaten 37 while McGrath clipped in with 13.

Australia, gunning for their 15th successive Test victory and an unprecedented 5-0 series clean sweep, were dismissed for 452 off 135.4 overs about 30 minutes before tea to lead by 180 on the first innings.

It was the Australians' highest innings of the live-Test series and their fifth total above 300.

Gilchrist made the West Indies pay dearly for a fumbled catch by skipper Jimmy Adams taking his first ball.

The dashing wicketkeeper-batsman profited from his reprieve blazing away for 87 with nine fours and a six off 124 balls to compound Adams' blunder in the gully off Stuart.

"It was disappointing that I nicked it (to Adams), but I'm very happy it slipped through," said Gilchrist.

"I gave me the wake-up call that I needed. When something like that happens and you're lucky to get the second chance it helps you focus on the next balls."

Gilchrist was out a half-hour after lunch with his second Test hundred beckoning when he was snatched up by Brian Lara at slip off Stuart.

Lara sought treatment from the team trainer for split webbing in his hand in taking the stinging catch.

Australian captain Steve Waugh, 82 overnight, completed his century to join Test greats Greg Chappell, Sachin Tendulkar and Viv Richards on 24 Test hundreds behind leader Sunil Gavaskar on 34.

Waugh, who was man-of-the-match for his unbeaten 121 in last week's fourth Melbourne Test, was out for 103 shortly before lunch in bizarre circumstances.

He kicked at a wide delivery outside his leg stump from spinner Mahendra Naganootoo only for the ball to ricochet off his left pad and onto his stumps.

Waugh faced 238 balls and batted for 300 minutes. He hit nine fours and a six.

Ricky Ponting lasted nine balls before he was out on his overnight score of 51. Stuart, generating lively pace, trapped him low.

Naganootoo finished with 3-119 off 35 overs while Stuart



Wavell Hinds of the West Indies looks back at the stumps after he was clean-bowled by Glenn McGrath on the third day of the Sydney Test yesterday.

TOP TEST CENTURIONS

SYDNEY, Jan 4 (AFP): Australian captain Steve Waugh moved into the fifth place on the list of Test cricket's greatest century-makers in the fifth Test against the West Indies here Thursday.

Following is a list of Test cricket's leading century-makers (player, nation, centuries, matches, innings, runs, not out, average, highest score):

Player	Nation	Centuries	Matches	Innings	Runs	Not Out	Average	Highest Score
Sunil Gavaskar	Ind	34	125	214	10122	16	51.12	236no
Don Bradman	Aus	29	52	80	6996	10	99.94	334
Allau Border	Aus	27	156	265	11174	44	50.56	205
Gary Sobers	WI	26	93	160	8032	21	57.78	365no
Sachin Tendulkar	Ind	24	79	125	6416	13	57.29	217
Stephen Waugh	Aus	24	132	209	8684	39	51.08	200
Greg Chappell	Aus	24	87	151	7110	19	53.86	247no
Viv Richards	WI	24	121	182	8540	12	50.24	291
Javed Miandad	Pak	23	124	189	8832	21	52.57	280no

SPORTS TALK



Tony Cozier

(Noted West Indian cricket journalist)

"The people of West Indies will care deeply about the game (cricket) that has filled them with such pride over the years. But they will care less and less the more their team is humiliated whenever it loses."

Napoli chief set to meet Maradona

ROME, Jan 4: Napoli president Giorgio Corbelli said Wednesday he was prepared to meet Argentinian legend Diego Maradona to discuss a future role as a figurehead with the Italian First Division side, reports AFP.

Corbelli, speaking on the TG1 news programme, said he was ready to meet the 40-year-old - but ruled out Maradona being made director-general of the club.

"One thing is true," said Corbelli. There have been two meetings between Napoli administrative delegate Corrado Ferlano and Diego in which they have chatted about his possible return.

Corbelli insisted he believed Maradona, who inspired Napoli to two Italian championships during his glittering career, would be an asset to the First Division outfit despite his recent health problems brought on by his addiction to cocaine.

"Diego can contribute a lot to the club. The time he was at Napoli remains vivid," Corbelli said.

Meanwhile, Napoli would not comment Wednesday on reports that Napoli have raised their bid for Boca Juniors striker Martin Palermo.

Argentinian international Palermo was recommended to Napoli by Maradona, who starred for both Napoli and the Buenos Aires outfit during his career.

Maradona was last month voted alongside Brazilian legend Pelé as the greatest footballer in the 20th Century.

Darren, David hit hundreds

ADELAIDE, Jan 4: Skipper Darren Lehmann and David Fitzgerald scored centuries as South Australia pounded the New South Wales bowling attack on the opening day of their Sheffield Shield cricket match here on Thursday, reports AFP.

Lehmann led by example with an unbeaten 121 and while NSW fought back to claim four late wickets South Australia finished the day with 352 for six.

Fitzgerald chipped in with an important 107, his 199-run partnership with Lehmann proving critical in helping SA overcome their recent first-innings hoodoo, as was the union between Fitzgerald and Greg Blewett (80) which yielded another 127 runs.

Innings defeat awaits SL

CAPE TOWN, Jan 4: Sri Lanka lost five wickets before tea as they headed towards an innings defeat on the third day of the second Test against Newlands here on Thursday, reports AFP.

Sri Lanka were 112 for five at the interval, still 297 runs short of making South Africa bat again.

South African captain Shaun Pollock declared at 504 for seven half an hour before lunch with his side 409 runs ahead on the first innings.

Sri Lanka were in trouble

Lanka thrashed

CAPE TOWN, Jan 4: South Africa completed a crushing innings and 229-run defeat over Sri Lanka on the third day of the second Test at Newlands here on Thursday, reports AFP.

almost immediately.

Atapattu steered Pollock's first ball past gully for four but



Lance Klusener of South Africa misses a one-legged pull on the third day of the second Test against Sri Lanka yesterday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the four-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Bangladesh Biman and Dhaka Metropolis at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

BIMAN: First innings 354 all out in 107.4 overs (Sanwar 116, Manzoor 95, Naveennur 3/32, K Mahmud 2/62, Naimur 2/87)

DHAKA METROPOLIS: First innings 314 all out in 83.5 overs (K Mahmud 71, Mehrab 70; Manzoor 5/104, Sharif 3/80)

BIMAN: Second Innings

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Faruque b K Mahmud	14			0
Naimur b K Mahmud	10			0
Bashar c Al-Shahriar b Ashraf	39			1
Aminul c Al-Shahriar b Naveen	153			3
Manzoor c Sajjad b Naimur	62			2
Sauwar b Ashraf	36			1
Hasanzaman not out	69			0
Shari c Sanwar b Ashraf	26			1
Sujon not out	1			0
Extras: (b-1, lb-9)	10			0
Total: (For 7 wks in 97 overs)	410			0
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-39, 3-68, 4-187, 5-279, 6-344, 7-390				

Bowler O M R W

K Mahmud	15	2	44	2
Naveennur	3	0	22	0
Naimur	15	2	56	1
Sajkat	21	2	88	0
Ashraf	32	7	104	3
Al-Shahriar	1	0	12	0
Naveen	4	0	25	1
Mehrab	2	0	14	0
Sajjad	1	0	11	0

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the fourth day of the second Test between South Africa and Sri Lanka at Newlands on Thursday.

SRI LANKA: First innings 95 (S Pollock 6/29, M Ngam 3/26)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight) 426/6

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Kirsten c Dilshan b Mtharan	52			1
Gibbs c Sangakkara b Vaas	49			1
Kallis c Jwardene b Fernando	112			1
Collman run out (Vaas)	47			0
McKenzie c and b Arnold	92			1
Boucher c Jwardene b Arnold	97			1
Klusener c J'suriya b Arnold	97			1
Boje not out	31			0
Extras: (lb-5, nb-18, w-1)	24			0
Total: (For 7 wks dec in 158.2 overs)	504			0
Did not bat: S Pollock, M Ntini, M Ngam.				
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-97, 3-130, 4-231, 5-317, 6-411, 7-504				

Bowler O M R W

Vaas	32	6	109	1
Zoysa	26	6	80	0
Fernando	25	2	105	1
Mtharan	43	11	99	1
J'suriya	7	1	28	0
Arnold	24.2	1	76	3
Jwardene	1	0	2	0

SRI LANKA: Second Innings

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Atapattu lbw b Pollock	13			1
Jayasuriya c Pollock b Ngam	0			0
Sangakkara c Boucher b Ngam	11			1
Jayawardene lbw b Boje	45			1
Arnold c Gibbs b Boje	26			1
Dilshan not out	11			0
Gunawardene not out	0			0
Extras: (lb-2, nb-3, w-1)	6			0
Total: (For 5 wks in 31 overs)	112			0
To bat: W. Vaas, D. Zoysa, R. Fernando, M. Muralitharan.				
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-18, 3-53, 4-99, 5-112				

Bowler O M R W

Pollock	9	3	29	1
Ngam	7	1	34	2
Kallis	7	1	29	0
Ntini	5	1	16	0
Boje	3	1	2	2