

SPORTS TALK



Xie Jun

(Women's world chess champion)
"I was six when I was introduced to Chinese chess. And at 10, I learned chess when one of my trainers thought that I was not too bad."

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GP U-17 Cricket

Sports Reporter
Khulna Tigers, Chittagong Karnaphuli and Khulna Rupsha won their first round matches of the GrameenPhone under-17 cricket tournament on Saturday.
At the Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University, Khulna Tigers posted a 32-run win over Rajshahi Padma while Chittagong Karnaphuli handed Dhaka Colts a 14-run defeat at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.
Away at the Mymensingh Stadium, Khulna Rupsha beat Rajshahi Tista by seven wickets.

Following are the brief scores:
Khulna Tigers v Rajshahi Padma
Khulna Tigers: 168 for 9 in 45 overs (Mortuza 57, Aslam 32, Shakil 3/25, Zubair 3/27).
Rajshahi Padma: 136 all out in 40.3 overs (Rakibul 42, Mirad 4/23).
Result: Khulna Tigers won by 32 runs.
Chittagong Karnaphuli v Dhaka Colts
Chittagong Karnaphuli: 176 for 8 in 45 overs (Altab 69, Mahfuz 3/24, Sharif 2/28).
Dhaka Colts: 162 all out in 43.3 overs (Rahman 31, Aralat 3/34, saad 2/7).
Result: Chittagong Karnaphuli won by 14 runs.
Rajshahi Tista v Khulna Rupsha
Rajshahi Tista: 52 all out in 27.3 overs (Faiyaz 4/19, Kowshik 2/7, Mahmood 2/8).
Khulna Rupsha: 53 for 3 in 22 overs (Arman 19 n.o., Munna 10, Rajib 1/6).
Result: Khulna Rupsha won by seven wickets.

Thumb down from Botham

LONDON, Jan 13 (Internet report) Former England cricketer Ian Botham has dismissed Geoff Boycott's decision to coach the Pakistan national side.
Boycott has been offered 30,000 pounds for a two-week coaching clinic to try and improve the technique of the Pakistani batsmen following their 1-0 home Test series defeat by England last month.
"I couldn't be happier for the Pakistani batsmen," said the legendary all-rounder, who has coached numerous times with Boycott in the past.
"I'd be glad to see the back of him."
"If Boycott coaches Pakistan, this can only help England's cause after some of the stick he has given our players as a pundit."
"I'm sure he will settle very well in Lahore," Botham told The Mirror.

Ctg cruise on Enam

Sports Reporter

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Dhaka Metro v Chittagong

Enamul Haque continued his excellent form to get back holders Chittagong on the winning track with an impressive seven-wicket victory over high-flying Dhaka Metro in their second leg home match at the Comilla Stadium yesterday.

On the penultimate day of the four-day match, the veteran all-rounder, who took seven wickets for 74 and scored 66 in the first innings, took another three wickets for 53 runs to bowl out the visitors for 184.

Needing 102 to win, the home side raced on to score 104 for three to ensure a victory inside three days.
Resuming at 91 for four, Dhaka Metro, who earned full eight points from their previous encounter against Biman, could last 36.1 overs on the day, scoring 93 runs more before being all out.

Finishing with a match haul of ten for 127 Enamul however proved once more that his slow deliveries are still very much effective on docile turf.

The southpaw was ideally helped by Pakistani leg-spinner Shahid Mehmud, who returned with four for 48.

With an easy target in hand, the hosts batted in almost one-day style to reach the summit

in only 20.3 overs with opener Nafees Iqbal hammering a scorching 59 off 33 balls. In his 65-minute stay at the crease, Nafees smote three sixes and a quartet of fours.

Skipper Minhazul Abedin, with an unbeaten 19, was the other notable run-getter for Chittagong, who gained a solo lead, albeit temporarily, raising their tally to 36 points, two points clear of Biman.

If Biman can manage an outright win against Khulna at the BKSP ground today, they would leapfrog Chittagong with six points. The national airlines would however go level with the holders, collecting four points if the match ends in a draw.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the four-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Dhaka Metro and Chittagong at the Comilla Stadium yesterday.

DHAKA METROPOLIS: First innings 217 all out in 60.1 overs (Naimur 99, Mukul 26; Enamul 7/74)

CHITTAGONG: First innings 300 all out in 98 overs (Azam 78, Enamul 66, Mortuza 33 n.o., Mukul 2/27, Naimur 2/53, K Mahmud 2/53)

DHAKA METROPOLIS: Second innings (Overnight 91 for 4 in 34 overs)

Asrafur c Mortuza b Anis 4

Mehrabul b Enamul	24
Al-Shanwar c Mortuza b Saifuddin	14
Sajadul b b S Mehmud	19
Hannul b b S Mehmud	30
Naimur lbw b Anis	16
K Mahmud b Enamul	24
Naimur c Minhazul b S Mehmud	29
Mukul b Enamul	0
Anwar c Enamul b S Mehmud	10
Sakrat not out	1
Extras: (lb-4, lb-5, nb-5)	13
Total: (all out in 71.3 overs)	184
Fall of wickets: 1/4, 2/19, 2/69, 4/72, 5/96, 6/93, 7/145, 8/151, 9/178	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anis	10	2	31	2
Saifuddin	17	10	26	1
Minhazul	6	3	5	0
Enamul	20	3	53	3
S Mehmud	15.3	2	48	4
Sabbir	8	0	13	0

CHITTAGONG: Second innings

Nafees run out	59
Ehsanul c Mukul b saikat	13
S Mehmud c Neeyamur b Saikat	4
Minhazul not out	19
Rezaul not out	7
Extras: (lb-2)	2
Total: (For 3 wks in 20.3 overs)	104
Fall of wickets: 1/64, 2/70, 3/84	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
K Mahmud	4	0	10	0
Neeyamur	2	0	11	0
Naimur	4	1	27	0
Saikat	5	0	26	2
Asrafur	4	1	16	0
Al-Shahriar	1	0	5	0
Sajad	0.3	0	7	0

Result: Chittagong won by seven wickets.

Minhaz new sub-jr champ

Sports Reporter

Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar emerged as the new national sub-junior chess champion at the Bangladesh Chess Federation auditorium yesterday.

In the play-off matches -- after three players Sagar, Naveem Arefin Ratul and Moksedul Monir finished on equal seven points from the eight-round meet -- Sagar of Amirban Chess School won three against a draw, Ratul, who finished runner-up, won two against a



MINHAZUDDIN AHMED

draw and a defeat while Monir lost all his four matches.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Player
1980	Syed Ahmed Sohel
1981	SM Zaber
1982	Idris Ali
1983	S Wahidul Haque
1984	Iqbal Rakib
1985	Not held
1986	Refaat-bin-Sattar
1987	Ziaur Rahman
1988	Ruhul Kabir Shiplu
1989	Refaat-bin-Sattar
1990	Ruhul Kabir Shiplu
1991	Ruhul Kabir Shiplu
1992	Sawkat Hossain Pallab
1993	Sawkat Hossain Pallab
1994	Mahfuzur Rahman Imon
1995	Mahfuzur Rahman Imon
1996	Enamul Hossain Rajib
1997	Ruhul Islam Bobby
1998	Ruhul Islam Bobby
1999	Golam Mustafiz Bhuiyan
2000	Nakibul Haque Udas
2001	Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar

Blown away by Rony storm

Sports Reporter

A sizzling century from opener Rony guided Rajshahi Tista to a comprehensive 219-run win over Khulna Tigers in one of the four Milo under-13 cricket tournament first round matches yesterday.
At the Abdul Aziz Stadium in Chittagong, Rony hammered 178 off 133 balls with the help of seven sixes and 17 fours as Rajshahi Tista, batting first in their Group A encounter, amassed 312 before they were all out in 40.4 overs.
The right-hander produced 200 runs along with Hasan (52) for the opening stand.
In reply, the Tigers caved in for 93 in 30 overs.
At the neighbouring Nasirabad High School ground, Dhaka

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Milo U-15 Cricket

Sports Reporter

Khulna Rupsha, Dhaka Colts and Rajshahi Tista won their respective Milo under-15 cricket tournament first round matches yesterday.
Khulna Rupsha registered an exciting one-wicket win over hosts Rajshahi Padma at the Railway ground in Rajshahi.
In Satkhira, Rajshahi Tista beat Khulna Tigers by 84 runs at the District Stadium while Dhaka Colts defeated Chittagong Karnaphuli by 13 runs at the Government College ground.

Following are the brief scores:

Rajshahi Padma v Khulna Rupsha
Rajshahi Padma: 181 for 9 in 45 overs (Karim 35, Faisal 29, Kabir 2/31)
Khulna Rupsha: 182 for 9 in 40.5 overs (Kashem 44, Ismail 24, Faisal 2/31, Shobeb 2/29)
Result: Khulna Rupsha won by one wicket.
Rajshahi Tista v Khulna Tigers
Rajshahi Tista: 245 for 8 in 45 overs (Adnan 69, Sakib 50)
Khulna Tigers: 162 all out in 43.1 overs (Arman 34, Emon 3/36, rahim 2/14)
Result: Rajshahi Tista won by 84 runs.
Chittagong Karnaphuli v Dhaka Colts
Dhaka Colts: 176 all out in 45 overs (Shahriar 38, rahi 36, Rashid 3/29)
Chittagong Karnaphuli: 103 all out in 43 overs (Masum 32, Abdullah 39, tamiz 3/30)
Result: Dhaka Colts won by 13 runs.

Board XI left limping

Shaun sizzles again

From Our Correspondent



SHAUN MARSH

joined Shaun Marsh coming in to bat at number five, hammered a breezy 53 off 60 balls containing five fours and a six.

However, the onslaught of the left-right combination came to an end when medium-pacer Mushfiqur Rahman dismissed Kent.

The famous Adelaide-based academy piled up a commanding 313 for seven in 90.1 overs, in response to the home side's first innings total of 287 for seven declared.

The hosts led by national vice-captain Khaled Masood were precariously placed at seven for two at stumps.

Resuming the day on 11 for no loss, the visitors once again rode on the brilliance of their sensational left-hander, Shaun Marsh, to deflate the spirits of the home supporters.

Shaun, son of former Australian opener Geoff Marsh, followed up his fantastic hundred in the first match at the BKSP with a swashbuckling 95.

The 16-year-old set the pace of the CBCA innings with an array of exciting strokes. He hammered seventeen fours and a six during his 100-ball knock.

The academy, run by legendary Australian wicketkeeper Rodney Marsh, demonstrated a lot of depth in their batting with the top half making useful contributions.

The opening pair of Daniel Harris and Luke Williams produced 64 runs before Williams fell for a patient 27. Off-spinner Fahim Mustafiz made the initial in-roads by having the right-hander caught in the deep.

Harris, who also trapped in Fahim's web, fell one run short of a richly deserved half-century.

Apart from one-down Shane Stanton's 46 off 104 balls, runs came freely once Andrew Kent

scorer who joined the tour from MRF pace academy, dismissed both local openers in quick succession to complete a satisfactory day's work for the visitors.

National opener Shahriar made only three as did his partner Rafique.

The home side now faces an uphill task to save the match when play resumes tomorrow.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day match between Board President's Eleven and Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy (CBCA) at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday.

PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings 287 for 7 in 88 overs (Mushfiq 100 n.o., Anisur 83, Shahriar 36, Fahim 34, O'Brien 4/68, MacDonald 2/41)

CBCA: First innings (Overnight 11 for no loss in 11 overs) Harris c K Masood b Fahim 49, Williams c Aminul jr b Fahim 27, Stanton c Mushfiq b Hassan 46, S Marsh c K Masood b Mushfiq 95, Kent c Shahriar b Mushfiq 53, MacDonald c Shahriar b Aminul jr 21, O'Brien not out 7, Vages c Shahriar b Aminul jr 2

Extras: (b-3, lb-4, nb-2, w-4) 13
Total: (For 7 wks in 90.1 overs) 313

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	15	1	62	0
Aminul jr	22.1	4	76	2
Fahim	24	8	62	2
Mosaddek	12	1	30	0
Mushfiq	8	1	32	2
Hassan	9	1	35	1

PRESIDENT'S XI: Second innings

Shahriar c O'Brien b Chaitra 3, Rafique c Hartley b Chaitra 3, Mosaddek not out 0, Rajin not out 0, Extras: (w-1) 1

Total: (For 2 wks in 8 overs) 7

Fall of wickets: 1/6, 2/7

Bowler	O	M	R	W
S Panda	4	0	7	0
G Chaitra	4	0	0	2



Anik of Dhaka Rangers drives against Chittagong Titans in the Milo Under-13 Cricket Tournament at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

— Star photo

Change in WI's fortune



POWELL

MELBOURNE, Jan 13 (Internet report) Ricardo Powell was eventually broken by off-spinner Marlon Samuels, who had Flower caught behind for 33 as he tried to drive.

The Jamaican made an unbeaten 83 from 90 balls as they bounced back from defeat by Australia in the opening match of the Carlton series triangular tournament.

They required 48 to win from the last 10 overs with three wickets standing but the dismissals of Mahendra Naganootoo, caught behind as he needlessly tried to slog Heath Streak over the leg side, and Nixon McLean put the match in the balance.

Last man Cameron Cuff brought the scores level with a single through square leg and Powell hoisted the next ball away with the fielders in to clinch victory.

Zimbabwe skipper Heath Streak had earlier opted to bat first after winning the toss, thus avoiding having to bat under lights.

They lost Trevor Madondo early but Stuart Carlisle's 29, which included a six and three fours, paved the way for a third wicket stand of 86 in 16 overs between Alistair Campbell and Andy Flower.

ESPN will show today's Carlton series match between Australia and West Indies from 9:30am (BST).

tour and Wavell Hinds' dismissal for nought to the fifth ball of the second over did nothing to improve matters.

Brian Lara came out determined to go for his shots and it seemed as if it might be his night as Carlisle and Campbell floored slip chances offered by the Trinidadian.

But he was eventually caught by Dirk Viljoen at backward point off the bowling of Muleki Nkala for 21 and Sherwin Campbell soon followed after a good innings of 42 from 52 balls.

Samuels lifted the momentum with 34 at better than a run a ball but Ridley Jacobs managed just four before he was out hit wicket as he attempted to sweep leg-spinner Brian Murphy.

Powell, however, was into his stride with some fluent drives as he passed fifty for the fifth time in 36 one-day international appearances.

Youngster Travis Friend bowled Laurie Williams for impressive figures of two for 37 from his 10 overs and Naganootoo's error of judgment gave Zimbabwe a renewed sense of purpose.

Streak was forced to bowl himself out with three overs left and although they tried to keep Powell away from the strike, the 22-year-old had the final say.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Carlton series match between the West Indies and Zimbabwe at the Gabba on Saturday:

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