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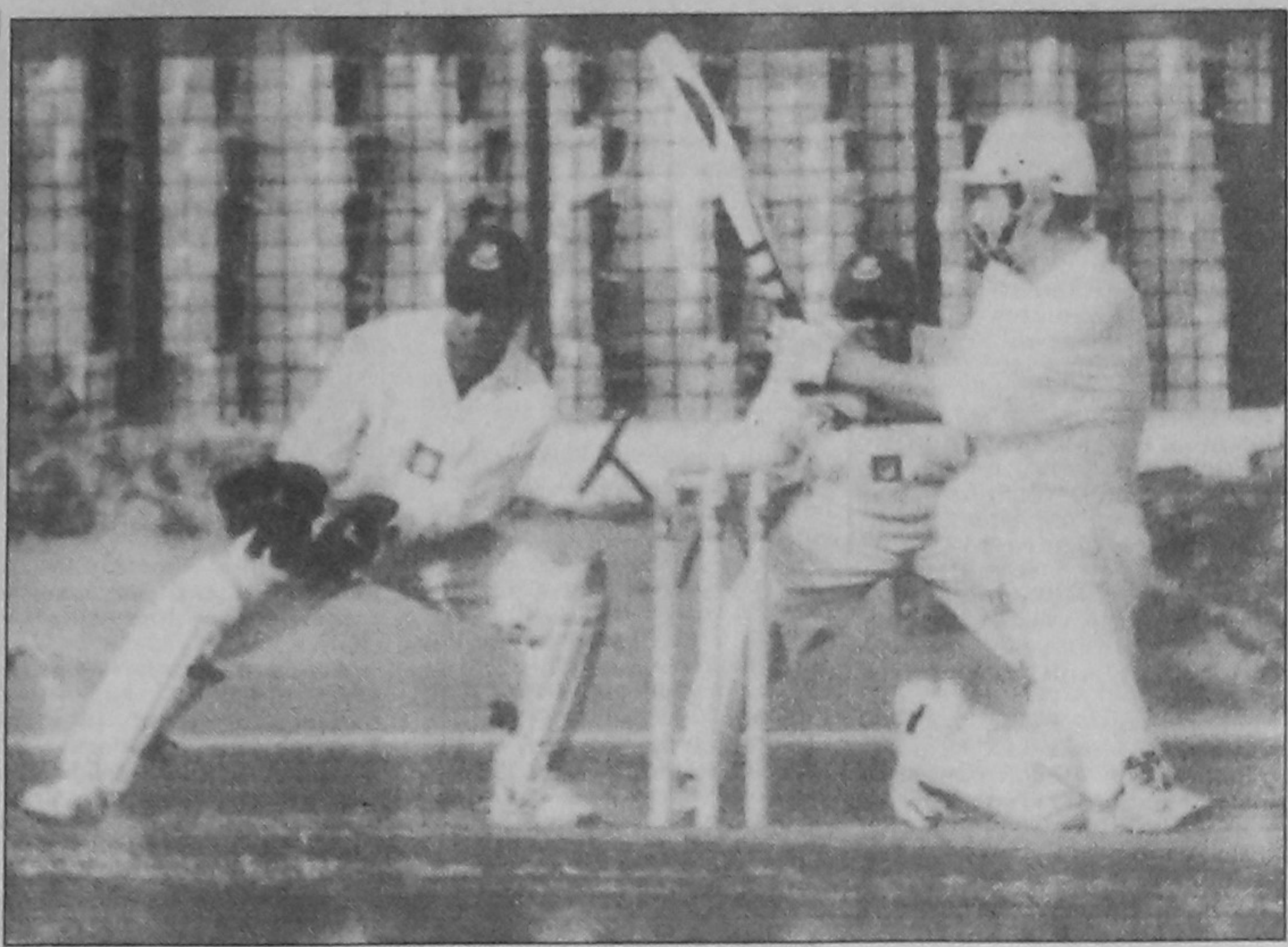
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Shaun Marsh of CBCA follows through on a sweep on the concluding day of the four-day encounter against BCB President's XI at Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

CBCA win a cliffhanger

MacDonald breaks Fahim's heart

Sports Reporter

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Mary melts down under

MELBOURNE. Jan 20: Glamour girls Martina Hingis, Venus Williams and Mary Pierce were in no mood for three set struggles as court temperatures soared to 51 degrees C (123 F) Saturday, reports AFP.

And all were back in the locker room after two. The problem for Mary was that she was under the shower a loser, crashing out of the tournament she won in 1995 to Argentinian Paola Suarez.

The reigning French Open champion was hammered 6-3, 6-2 in 58 minutes by the world No. 37 who earned a fourth round crack at 10th seed Ananda Coetzee, who beat Germany's Marlene Weingartner in straight sets.

Pierce, who has suffered this season from eye problems, said she had been hampered Saturday by a left hip strain, although the seventh seed was able to play doubles later in the day.

"It kept getting worse and worse as the match went on," said Pierce of the injury. "I thought about not continuing but it's a Grand Slam tournament and I didn't want to give up."

As the day wore on dark clouds rolled in but they didn't cool Yevgeny Kafelnikov. The Russian was still feeling the heat after being belittled by Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi over his claims that there was insufficient prize money in tennis.

The outspoken star, who eased past American Chris Woodruff Saturday, snapped back: "I don't care what the American democratic opinion is. I've had plenty of locker

room support for my calls." Hingis had better vision and better legs than Pierce but suffered the indignity of being broken twice by unknown French wildcard Virginie Razzano before pulling through 7-5, 6-1.

Venus had a one break blip against the Czech Republic's Denisa Chladkova but moved up a gear to win 6-4, 6-1. "It was very hot - I didn't want to stay out there for very long," she said.

She now plays Amelie Mauresmo, the French 13th seed and a finalist two years ago, who said she had the weapons to beat the US Open

The procession continued after the lunch break with the hosts reeling at 33 for five in 17.5 overs.

One-down Rajin Saleh also returned for a duck and Hanan, the other opener was clean bowled by Welsford a couple of deliveries later after he hammered a beautiful four through the covers.

First-innings centurion Mazharul Haq scored 18 before he was caught behind while attempting a pull against a rising ball from MacDonald.

In-form Anisur Rahman was run out in a terrible mix-up with Mushfiq, who struggled to make 16 before being adjudged leg before off Wilson.

Skipper Khaled Masood was caught at point after playing a rash shot off left-arm spinner O'Brien.

Left-handed Mohammed Rafique threw caution to the wind with a superb 52 off 64 balls. The national left-arm spinner hammered eight fours and a couple of huge sixes, one off Voges and O'Brien. His heroics were brought to a halt when Chaitra caught him at deep extra-cover.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the final day of the four-day match between Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy (CBCA) and Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Eleven at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:
CBCA: First innings 301 all out in 97.1 overs (Shaun Marsh 92, Kent 61, Stanton 45; Aminul jr 4/42, Mushfiq 4/73)
BCB XI: First innings 338 all out in 107.1 overs (Mazharul 144, Anisur 73, K Masood 49; Macdonald 3/55, Welsford

Bowler O M R W
Aminul jr 5 0 25 0
Hasibul 14 0 42 0
Mushfiq 17 3 66 0
Fahim 11 1 51 1
Rafique 21 3 60 3
Masood 7 2 23 1
Anisur 11 1 49 1

BCB XI: Second innings
Rashedul c Williams b Welsford 0
Haman b Welsford 5
Rajin lbw b Macdonald 0
Mazharul c Hartley b Macdonald 18
Mushfiq lbw b Williams 16
Anisur run out 1
K Masood c Welsford b O'Brien 18
Masood c Williams b O'Brien 17
Rafique c Chaitra b Voges 52
Fahim c Voges b Macdonald 11
Hasibul not out 2
Extras: (b-2, lb-5, w-1) 8
Total: (All out in 65.5 overs) 140
Fall of wickets: 1/0, 2/1, 3/9, 4/29, 5/33, 6/54, 7/54, 8/97, 9/131

Bowler O M R W
Welsford 10 6 18 2
Macdonald 15 5 23 3
Chaitra 6 4 6 0
Panda 3 1 11 0
O'Brien 15 4 31 2
Williams 5 2 9 1
Voges 11 4 35 1
Result: CBCA won by 155 runs.

met since the 1998 Australian Open. Williams won that third round clash in straight sets.

"We've come a long way since we last played each other. It's an important match, she likes this surface and she hits her backhand well," said Williams.

Sister Serena is also thrilled but said she wasn't happy with her game after being broken three times by Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn before winning a seesawing match 6-1, 6-4.

"I was very disappointed with the way I played," she said. "I just didn't do the things I wanted to do out there."

She will face either Elena Dementieva, the ninth seed from Russia, or Daja Bedanova of the Czech Republic, in the next round.

While Pierce let the French side down in the women's draw, Arnaud Clement and Sebastien Grosjean kept the flag flying high among the men.

Clement, the 15th seed, beat Swiss Roger Federer 7-6 (7/5), 6-4, 6-4 and will now play unseeded Briton Greg Rusedski who followed up his upset of top seed Gustavo Kuerten by sweeping aside German qualifier Lars Burgsmuller.

Grosjean beat Thomas Johansson 6-4, 6-1, 6-4 to set up a fourth round clash with 4th seed Magnus Norman who battled to a four set victory over Spain's Alex Calatrava.

Other players through include Italy's Rita Grande and Germany's Rainer Schuettler. Schuettler will play the winner of Saturday night's Leyton Hewitt/Carlos Moya clash.

Not so lucky was Wayne Ferreira. The 10th seed tumbled out to Swede Andreas Vinciguerra.

Aminul chosen to lead BCB XI

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday picked Aminul Islam to lead the BCB XI against the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy (CBCA) in the first of the two day-night limited-overs match.



The match will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on January 23. The Board team for the second match, scheduled for January 25, is yet to be named.

The Board, in a desperate bid to get success against the visiting side, has also drafted in slow left-arm Enamul Haque, Al-Shahriar and Nafis Iqbal to bolster the batting line up.

The famous Adelaide-based academy followed up their one-day victory in Rajshahi against the BCB XI with a 155-run thrashing of the same opponents in a four-day match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

SQUAD
Aminul Islam (captain), Nafis Iqbal, Ehsanul Haq, Al-Shahriar, Tushar Imran, Ashrafur, Enamul Haque, Mokter Siddiki (wicketkeeper), Sabir Khan, Monjurul Islam, Aminul Islam Jr., Safuddin Ahmed and Mazharul Haq.
Coach-Sarwar Imran.

2002 WC qualifiers Camp begins today

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has called up 23 players in the selection camp for the 2002 World Cup qualifiers scheduled to begin in Saudi Arabia on February 8.

Three more players have been added to the 20-man list that toured India recently. They are Arambagh striker Mujibur Rahman, diminutive forward Asad and Brothers' midfield playmaker Mostafa Anwar Parvez.

The camp under the tutelage of Austrian coach George Cottan will start at the BKSP today. Cottan had an inspiring debut as coach of the national team with two respectable defeats against Bosnia (0-2) and Yugoslavia (4-1) in the Sahara Millennium Cup.

SQUAD
Aminul Haq, Biplab, Firoz Mahmud Titu, Prodip, Nazrul, Pavel, Hasan-al-Mamun, Motiur Munna, Iqbal, Moni, Alfaz Ahmed, Kanchan, Mintu, Muktesudul Amin Rana, Monwar Hossain, Abu Faisal, Rajani, Liton, Sujon, Saurav, Ritu, Asad and Parvez Babu.

Milo U-13 cricket Rajshahi Tista in final

Sports Reporter

Rajshahi Tista stormed into the final of the Milo under-13 cricket tournament beating Rajshahi Padma by 52 runs in the first semifinal at the Dharmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss Rajshahi Tista decided to bat first and collected 190 runs for nine in the allotted 45 overs.

In reply, Rajshahi Padma went all out for 138 runs in 20 overs.

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Milo U-15 cricket

Sports Reporter

BKSP handed a six-wicket defeat to Dhaka Metro Blues in a Milo under-15 cricket tournament match at the Rajshahi College ground yesterday.

Dhaka Metro Blues made 135 all out in 42.1 overs while BKSP scored 139 runs losing four wickets in 27.1 overs.

In the day's other match, Chittagong Titas recorded a thrilling one-wicket victory over Barisal Maroons at the Railway ground in Rajshahi.

Chasing a target of Barisal Maroons 138 for all, Chittagong Titas reached 140 losing nine wickets.

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Ctg complete formality

Sports Reporter

couple of styes in his breezy undefeated knock.

The victory of the defending champions came at a crucial stage of the League before their final round match against Dhaka Metropolis at the Bangabandhu National Stadium next week.

Chittagong however will be looking forward to get maximum points from Khulna when they meet in a one-day match at the Comilla Stadium today.

Both Chittagong and Biman have a collection of 40 points each.

SCOREBOARD

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

KHULNA: First innings 211 all out in 76.3 overs (Nahidul 81, Rana 41; Enamul 6/44, S Melmud 3/28)
CHITTAGONG: First innings 290 all out in 97.5 overs (Ena-

Bowler O M R W
A Kamal 4 0 21 0
Al-Amin 8 4 35 1
Jamaluddin 5 1 26 0
Nahidul 1 0 9 0
Rana 3 0 16 0
Uzzal 2 0 9 0
Tushar 2 0 5 0
Setu 1 0 6 0
Biplab 1 1 0 0

Result: Chittagong won by 8 wickets.

Mehrab blocks Biman's way

Sports Reporter

with Halim before being eventually out in the 58th over. Halim made 22.

The superlative effort of Mehrab denied the national flag career of walking away with maximum six points.

But Biman captain Faruque, who followed up his half-century with two unlikely wickets in the second innings, looked satisfied with the four points his side got by virtue of taking the first innings lead.

It was on other hand a disappointing outing for Metro as they slipped to the third position behind joint-leaders Biman and Chittagong. Dhaka will desperately be looking for a win to stay in the title race when they take on Biman in the one-day match at the same venue today.

Facing a looming defeat and needing another 227 runs to make their opponents bat again, Dhaka fought back into the match when Mehrab and Ashrafur combined together to put on 161 runs for the opening stand.

When the scoreboard read 222 for 3 in 61 overs, both Biman captain Faruque Ahmed and his Metro counterpart Khaled Mahmud agreed to a draw.

Ashrafur celebrated his call-up in the trial camp for the upcoming tour of Zimbabwe with a defiant 52 off 121 balls. The young right-hander hammered six fours in his nearly three-hour vigal at the crease.

Mehrab clobbered 16 fours and a six off 135 balls on to complete his century.

After the departure of Ashrafur, Mehrab dominated a 48-run second wicket stand

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the final day of the four-day match between

Bowler O M R W
Sharif 25 9 62 1
Ziaur 23 6 53 3
A Wasim 32 12 53 4
Shariful 7 2 35 2
Bashar 1 0 6 0

DKAHA METRO: Second innings

Ashrafur c Shaheen b Faruque 53
Mehrab c Sanwar b Faruque 133
Halim c Shaheen b Shariful 22
Tariq not out 9
Sajjad not out 5
Extras: 10
Total: (For 3 wickets in 61 overs) 222
Fall of wickets: 1/62, 2/208, 3/208

Result: Match drawn.

Proteas falter early

Sports Reporter

Fernando to reduce South Africa to 54 for three.

Daryll Cullinan took the fight to Sri Lanka, however, hitting three fours in the next over from Zoysa and later punishing Fernando for 4, 6 and 2 in an over.

He made 48 off 64 balls before edging an outswinger from Pramodya Wickramasinghe.

Mark Boucher also batted aggressively, making 38 off 45 balls before spooning an aborted hook against Zoysa.

New cap Justin Kemp was unluckily run out for two when he dived to regain his crease after playing the ball to back ward square leg. He got his bat over the line but it bounced and was in the air when the balls were taken off.

Neil McKenzie anchored the South African innings after lunch and was 66 not out at tea.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the third and final Test between South Africa and Sri Lanka at Centurion Park on Saturday.

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

Bowler O M R W
Zoysa 13 4 49 2
Perera 11 3 43 1
Fernando 12 1 57 1
Wsinghe 8 2 27 1
Arnold 8 1 22 1
J'suriya 0 4 0 0

SRI LANKA: Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu, Kumar Sangakkara, Aravinda de Silva, Mahela Jayawardene, Russel Arnold, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Nuwan Zoysa, Dilhara Fernando, Pramodya Wickramasinghe, Ruchira Perera, Tillekeratne Dilshan (12th man).

Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (RSA) and Peter Willey (Engl.)

South Africa's Jacques Kallis is in the air while negotiating a rising ball from Dilhara Fernando of Sri Lanka on the first day of the third and final Test at Centurion yesterday.

—AFP photo



Ricky Ponting

(Australia cricketer)
"It's a really big tour, something we've spoken about right through this summer is making sure we get ourselves prepared for India."

Said on Friday of the three-Test tour next month.

Siddik captures BAGC title

Sports Reporter

Mohammad Siddikur Rahman clinched the Partex 16th Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championship at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

The young golfer, with a brilliant gross of 306 (18 over par) after four rounds, became the first local to have won the prestigious competition since its inception in 1982.

Apart from the opening day, Siddikur led the way. Sadiq Qudus finished runner-up with a gross of 314 (+26).

Meanwhile, CR Kim walked away with the ladies' title. She ended up with a gross of 177 (+33). Mrs Kosaka was runner-up with 182 (+38).



Siddikur Rahman

Later, Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M Harun-Ar-Rashid gave away prizes at club. The ceremony was attended by M A Hashem, chairman Partex Group.

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Green delta jr hockey

Cantonian SC earned a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Shishu Kishore Sangha in the Green Delta Metropolis Junior Division Hockey League at the Moulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Substitute Nahid scored the all-important goal.

It was the second win for Cantonian SC who so far bagged eight points from four outings.

In the day's other match, Dhaka Young Star beat Combined SC 4-3 in the tie-breaker as the match was locked in a goalless draw in the stipulated 70 minutes.



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