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## Did U Know?

Poiti Inzamamul Haq has been the backbone of Pakistan batting line-up for some years. Even his harshest critic would admit that he is a batsman of rare class. Onlookers however enjoy the other aspect of Inzamam, his clumsy running between the wicket, with which some commentators compared the speed of an ocean-going vessel. You may not be surprised to know that the lazy Inzi never ran between the wickets during his club cricket. He just played the shots and a runner ran for him and during fielding the 12th man fielded for him. Now you may understand how Inzi has managed to get run out more than 32 times and the number of times he made his partner run out is not in records. Amazing, isn't it?



## Talk Turkey



**Cathy Freeman**  
(Australian champion athlete)  
"I only run fast enough to win. A fast time doesn't matter to me - winning and doing the best I can is my priority."



## What to Watch

**ESPN**  
New Zealand vs Pakistan  
First one-day international  
Live at 3:25 am

**Deportivo vs Galatasaray**  
UEFA Champions League  
10:00 am  
Serie A  
5:00 pm  
UEFA Champions League  
11:00 pm (1hr weekly highlights)

**Star Sports**  
Primer Liga  
Live at 1:00 am (Monday)

## Sports Whizz Kid

**Competition 145**  
✓ Tick the Correct Answers  
Post to *Star Daily*  
Win attractive prizes  
Competition closes at 8 pm  
March 2, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

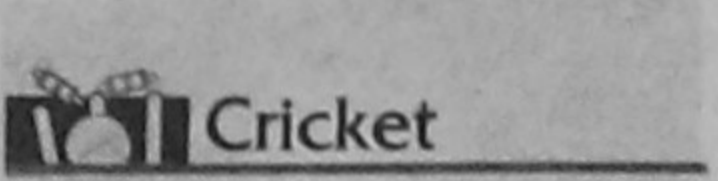
- Bangladesh beat Mongolia in the 2002 World Cup qualifier. 2-0 3-2 1-0
- Who clinched the Paris Indoor Open title? Huber Hingis Mauresmo
- Sri Lanka won the one-day series against New Zealand. 3-2 5-0 4-1
- How many Tests will Bangladesh play in five years? 14 15 16
- Who lifted the national under-19 cricket crown? Chittagong Rajshahi BKSP

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## Nat'l badminton

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj**  
National Men's badminton tournament will start from February 24 in Pabna.  
Pabna District Sports Association and National Badminton Federation jointly arrange the meet.

## Tough race awaits Dhaka councillors 27 file nomination papers



**SPORTS REPORTER**

Candidates from the Dhaka-based clubs are going to face a stiff challenge while their fellow district aspirants can sit back and relax in the election of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on February 25.

It was however predicted earlier that the battle to become a director (previously member) of the Board would be tougher this time around for the councillors of Dhaka clubs. And the filing of nomination papers for 29 available posts yesterday only gave the race a formality. One hundred and twenty councillors of the Board will vote to pick their directors.

The district organisers have submitted the names of exactly 12 candidates, who will fill in the district quota allotted in the 29-member board of directors. The candidates from six divisional headquarters are -- Mahfuzur Rahman Monju, Mahmud Jamal, Abdul Gaffar (Rajshahi Division), Dewan Shafiqul Arefin Tutul, Saib

Hossain Tutul, Ehtesamul Alam (Dhaka Division), Mortuza Rashid Dara, Sheikh Nizamuddin (Khulna Division), Selim Abedin, Mamunur Rashid (Chittagong Division), Iftekher Shamim (Sylhet Division) and Rezaul Huq (Barisal).

The notable omissions in the district representation are Azmatul Ahmed Chowdhury and Kutubuddin Akshir, who have served as vice-presidents in the outgoing committee.

Another relieved person is Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed. Dr Ahmed of the BUET is the lone candidate nominated to take up the only seat from the services and educational institutions.

But for the 16 posts up for grabs for the Dhaka-based clubs, twenty-seven candidates submitted their nomination papers yesterday. Heading the list is Board general secretary Syed Ashrafur Huq, joint-secretary Mahmud Ul Huq and a host of former national cricketers and established cricket organisers.

Although Board president Saheb Hossain Chowdhury recently ruled out any possibility of a panel of consensus this time, the club councillors are living in a dilemma.

"I want to believe that. But my heart says otherwise," quipped a prospective candidate.

The 27 Dhaka-based organisers vying for the 16 posts of directors are -- Tanvir Mazhar Islam (Abahani), Alam Chowdhury (Kalabagan), Al-Zahir Rahman Sinha (Surjo Tarun), Mubassir Hossain (Brothers Union), Mahabubul Anam (Muhammadian), Hossain Molla (City Club), Enayet Hossain Siraj (Wari), Mainul Huq (Gopibagh Friends), Arifur Rahman Jinnah (Young Cricketers), Syed Siraj Uddin (Lalmatia), Jalal Younus (Orient), Mahmud Ul Huq (Eskaton), Monjur Hasan Miltu (Dhaka Wanderers), Iqbal Hasan (Young Pegasus), Aziz Al Kaisar (Bangladesh Boys), Enayet Kabir (Ajax), Tanjib Ahsan Saad (Azad Sporting), Tanvir Haider (Jatrabari KC), Ali Kabir Chand (Meriner Youngs), Ahmed Sajjadul Alam Bobby (Farashganj), Syed Ashrafur Huq (Udity Club), Rafiqul Alam (Nabin Sangha), Iftekhar Rahman (Khe-laghar), Muzammel Huq Monju (Tejgaon Cricketers), GS Hasan Tamim (Green Leaf) and Gazi Golam Dastagir (New Eagles).

## Nepal open their account

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Nepal registered their first win in the GrameenPhone Under-17 Asia Cup when they defeated Kuwait by five wickets at the BKSP (number one) ground in Savar yesterday.

Sent into bat, Kuwait scored 127 before being all out in 41.2 overs. The cricketers of the Himalayan kingdom replied 131 for five wickets in 36.2 overs. Opener Monik scored 43 and Dipesh hammered an unbeaten 32.

### SCOREBOARD

Scorecards of the U-17 Asia Cup match between Kuwait and Nepal at the BKSP ground on Saturday:

**KUWAIT**  
Dutta b Lakpa 31  
Siam lbw b Pianjit 0  
Karan c Manoj b Manjit 5  
Adeel run out 18  
Ajesh c Dipesh b Shakti 12  
Nishant b Erfan 4  
Harmeet c Lakpa b Shakti 19  
Talib c Manjit b Monik 0  
Hamja c Dipesh b Monik 0  
Rahman not out 8  
Vargase c Manjit b Shakti 9  
Extras: (lb-5, nb-1, w-15) 21  
Total: (all out in 41.2 overs) 127

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## School cricket Scholastica enters Dhaka zonal final

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Scholastica advanced to the Dhaka Zonal final of the Standard Chartered Grindlays Bank 19th Schools Cricket Championship defeating Green Herald by eight runs in the first semifinal at the Uttara Police Lines ground yesterday.

In a high-scoring affair Scholastica, defending an impressive total of 255 for seven in the stipulated 35 overs, restricted Green Herald to 247 for nine.

Opener Karim scored highest 69 off 65 balls followed by an unbeaten 32-ball 48 from captain Azimul for the winners.

BKSP take on New Model High School in the second semifinal at the same venue today.

All the semifinalists have already ensured their berth in the final round.

### BRIEF SCORES

**Scholastica vs Green Herald**  
SCHOLASTICA: 255 for seven in 35 overs (Karim 69, Azimul 48 not out, Saad 38; Faisal 2/36, Sajid 2/41)

**GREEN HERALD:** 247 for nine in 35 overs (Savio 51, Omar 40; Durjoy 3/53, Shamsur 3/53)  
Result: Scholastica won by eight runs.

## Div 1 cricket

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh Boys registered a four-wicket win over Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Sangha in a First Division Cricket League match at the Mirpur City Club ground yesterday.

Das with an all-round show fashioned the victory for Boys, who were demoted from the Premier League last year. Das claimed two wickets for ten runs as Khelaghar were shot out for 122 in 47.3 overs.

The lower-order batsman then scored an unbeaten 22 as Bangladesh Boys recovered from a shaky start to post 226 for six in 36.5 overs.

Meanwhile, the organisers have suspended the League from today for unavoidable reasons.

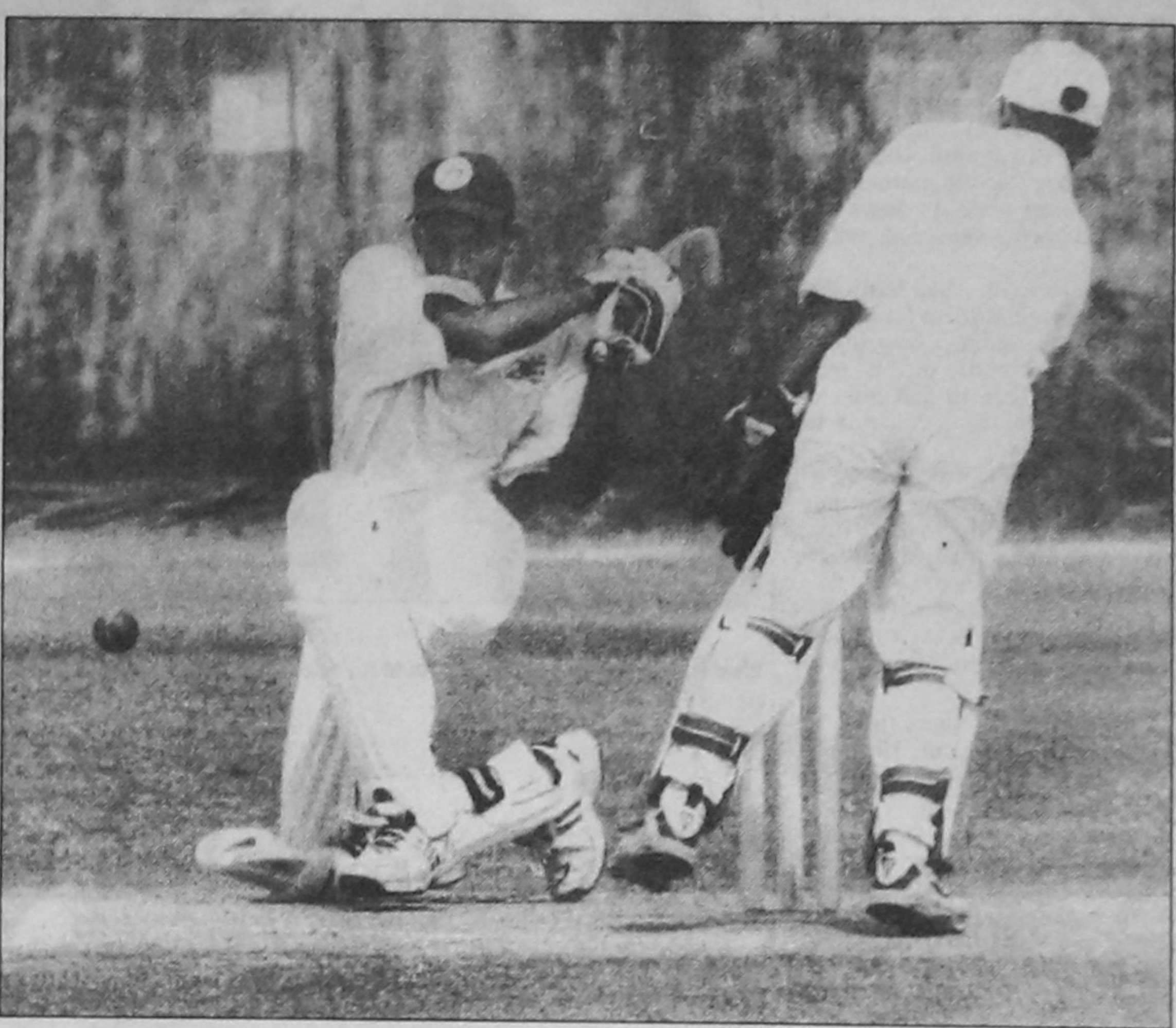
### BRIEF SCORES

**Bangladesh Boys vs Khelaghar SKS**  
KHELAGHAR: SKS 122 all out in 47.3 overs (Shamsul 23, Alamgir 26; Shahid 2/17, Mamun 2/31, Gauger 2/25, Das 2/10)

**BANGLADESH BOYS:** 126 for six in 36.5 overs (Rahman 24, Das 22 not out; Alamgir 2/34, Lal 2/13)  
Result: Bangladesh Boys won by 4 wickets.

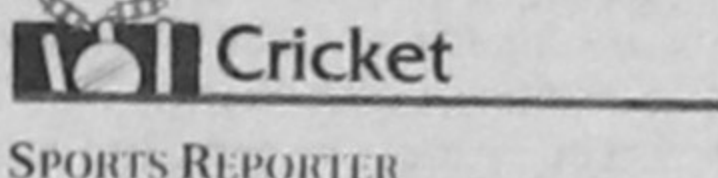
**FOR THE DAY MENU**

**Under-17 Asia Cup**  
India v Malaysia  
Venue: BKSP-1  
UAE v Oman  
Venue: BKSP-2



Sri Lankan Wijayratna sweeps one out on way to his century against Malaysia in the GrameenPhone Second Under-17 Asia Cup cricket tournament at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

## Lankans streak continues



**SPORTS REPORTER**

Sri Lanka extended their supremacy over lesser teams in the GrameenPhone Under-17 Asia Cup when the holders handed down a 296-run defeat against Malaysia in their third group league match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Skipper Wijerathna hammered a brilliant 101 and opener Gunawardana plundered 95 runs off 65 balls as the islanders, batting first after winning the toss, piled on a mammoth 335 for five in the stipulated 45 overs.

Wijerathna was the third Lankan to score a century in the meet after Tharanga (104) and Gunawardana (120). He hammered eight fours in his 108-ball knock. Gunawardana's hurricane knock included 17 boundaries.

Malaysia, in reply, were skittled out for 39 runs in the face of some

fired up bowling from Pereira and Dilshan. Pereira took three for 12 runs and Dilshan captured four wickets giving away only two runs in his 2.4 overs.

### SCOREBOARD

Scorecards of the U-17 Asia Cup match between Sri Lanka and Malaysia at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Saturday:

**SRI LANKA**  
Tharanga b Arasan 24  
G'wardana st Saiful b Shukre 95  
Wijerathna st Saiful b Shukre 101  
De Silva b Vickneswaran 44  
Mahroof c Shukre b Vickneswaran 17  
Indhika not out 9  
Perara not out 11  
Extras: (b-4, lb-4, nb-3, w-23) 34  
Total: (for 5 wks in 45 overs) 335  
Fall of wickets: 1-45; 2-153; 3-267; 4-305; 5-318

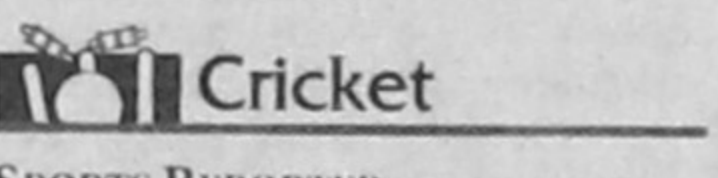
**Bowler O M R W**  
Vickneswaran 9 0 86 2  
Arasan 9 0 75 1  
Shukre 9 1 46 2  
Aziz 9 0 45 0

**MALAYSIA**  
Ramilay b Mahroof 0  
Saiful st De Silva b Pererra 1  
Aziz c Mahroof b Pererra 16  
Vickneswaran b Pererra 6  
Zabri c De Silva b G'wardana 5  
Mahdevan run out 0  
Raj lbw b Dilshan 1  
Arasan b Dilshan 2  
Pengiran not out 0  
Shukre c Thrang b Dilshan 3  
Mansor c G'wardana b Dilshan 0  
Extras: (nb-1, w-4) 5  
Total: (all out in 13.4 overs) 39  
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-13; 3-19; 4-25; 5-27; 6-29; 7-35; 8-35; 9-39

**Bowler O M R W**  
Mahroof 5 0 17 1  
Pererra 4 1 12 3  
Dilshan 2 4 1 2 4  
G'wardana 2 0 8 1

Result: Sri Lanka won by 296 runs  
Man-of-the-match: Wijerathna (Sri Lanka)

## Pakistan show no mercy



**SPORTS REPORTER**

Pakistan crushed Singapore by nine wickets for their third successive victory in the GrameenPhone Under-17 Asia Cup at the BKSP (number two) ground in Savar yesterday.

The runners-up of the inaugural edition, who ran into difficulties only the previous day against Nepal before winning by 23 runs, encountered little resistance from Singapore.

Sent into bat, Singapore were all out for 166 in 44.4 overs. Pakistan cruised to 119 in 11.5 overs for the loss of one wicket.

Skipper Salman Butt, who hammered a century in the opening match against Kuwait, scored an unbeaten 57 off 35 balls. His opening partner Khalid Latif

scored 45 before being out with Pakistan only two runs away from victory.

### SCOREBOARD

Scorecards of the U-17 Asia Cup match between Singapore and Pakistan at the BKSP ground on Saturday:

**SINGAPORE**  
Brakrishan c Azam b Wahab 8  
Anand run out 18  
Iftekhar st Akmal b Azam 1  
Zeeshan st Akmal b Azam 22  
Leong c & b Salman 5  
Christopher b Altaf 3  
Azizul run out 10  
Mayer c Latif b Tahir 6  
Shaun c Salman b Tahir 1  
Peter not out 3  
Maxim run out 3  
Zeeshan 2 0 21 0  
Muruthi 0.5 0 12 1

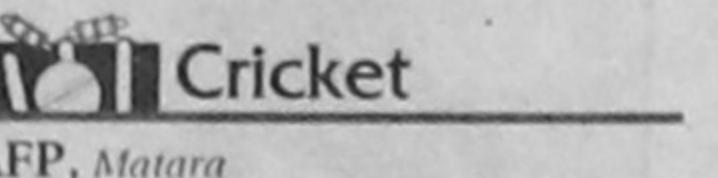
Extras: (b-2, lb-3, nb-2, w-29) 36  
Total: (all out in 44.4 overs) 116  
Fall of wickets: 1-31; 2-42; 3-60; 4-73; 5-85; 6-87; 7-101; 8-107; 9-107

**PAKISTAN**  
Butt not out 57  
Latif b Muruthi 45  
Kashif not out 4  
Extras: (nb-1, w-12) 13  
Total: (for 1 wkt in 11.5 overs) 119  
Fall of wicket: 1-115

**Bowler O M R W**  
Iftekhar 4 0 42 0  
Maxim 5 0 44 0  
Zeeshan 2 0 21 0  
Muruthi 0.5 0 12 1

Result: Pakistan won by nine wickets  
Man-of-the-match: Salman Butt (Pakistan)

## English among runs



**SPORTS REPORTER**

Ruchira Perera towards the end of the day when the home side took the second new ball after 153 overs. But the situation was defused when the two umpires spoke to the manager and coach of both sides at the end of the day.

The three spinners tried out by the Sri Lankan selectors bowled tidily without much success on the slow surface. They took two wickets apiece but lacked the penetration to sound the selectors.

"I was striking the ball well and I was happy with the time I had in the middle. I am feeling good before the Test," said Atherton speaking to the media after the day's play.

"I think the wickets here will turn more for the spinners. There'll be a bit more swing with the new ball as well with the humidity in the air. It is a slightly different challenge to Pakistan. How you come out of a lot of spin bowling will be a deciding factor whether we have a good series or not," said Atherton.

"I hope (Muttiah) Muralitharan is fit, because the challenge of Test cricket is playing against the very best. If he is not playing it will

slightly take the gloss off it. I hope he is playing and I hope we do well against him. It is a very good challenge to overcome. I hope I do well and the team performs especially with the kind of enhanced reputation we've got at the moment," he said.

"The Sri Lanka team we played in 1998 were a confident side coming off after a World Cup high. They've lost one or two big players I suppose. Arjuna Ranatunga is gone, but they still possess the match-winners that won that game in (Sanath) Jayasuriya and Muralitharan. So I would imagine that it is likely to be the same because those were the two ingredients in that victory and they are still at the top of their game," Atherton said.

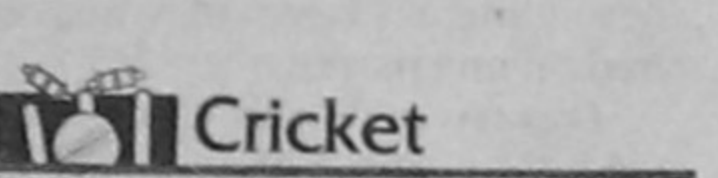
### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the four-day cricket match between a Board President's XI and England on Saturday:

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI:** First innings 253  
**ENGLAND:** First innings (over-

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## India clobber UAE



**SPORTS REPORTER**

India showed no effects of a long journey when they romped past a hapless United Arab Emirates in their opening match of the GrameenPhone U-17 Asia Cup at the Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University yesterday.

India, who reached the Indians reached Dhaka on Friday evening, got down to business clobbering 325 for eight in the stipulated 45 overs. UAE, in their chase, were bundled out for 68 in 34.3 overs.

The Indian total was built around a superb 99 by Deepak and a captain's knock of 74 from Parthiv Patel.

Deepak, coming in to bat at number three, hammered a dozen fours in his 71-ball knock. He put on 104 runs for the second wicket with Patel, who clubbed 11 fours in his 86-ball vig.

Monish Mishra, batting at number six, hammered a breezy

41-ball 68 that included eight fours and sixes.

New-ball bowlers Rawl and Rakesh Mohanty led the UAE demolition by sharing six wickets.

### SCOREBOARD

Scorecards of the U-17 Asia Cup match between India and the UAE at the Jagannath Hall ground on Saturday:

**INDIA**  
Sachin c & b Butt 16  
Patel c Butt b Imran 74  
Deepak st Rehman b Riaz 99  
Vijay c & b Imran 8  
Binny st Rehman b Imran 2  
Misra c Wasim b Butt 68  
Gaurav b Carlow 17  
Rawl run out 2  
Shankar not out 5  
Rakesh not out 8  
Extras: (b-2, lb-5, nb-3, w-16) 26  
Total: (for 8 wks in 45 overs) 325  
Fall of wickets: 1-55; 2-159; 3-175; 4-185; 5-253; 6-296; 7-301; 8-302

**Bowler O M R W**  
Carlow 9 1 52 1  
Butt 8 0 52 2

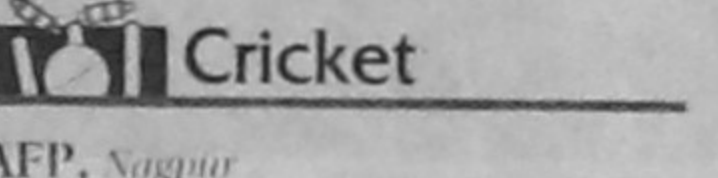
**Feroz** 4 0 35 0  
**Riaz** 8 0 56 1  
**Wasim** 3 0 23 0  
**Imran** 6 0 42 3  
**Vivek** 7 0 58 0

**UAE**  
Amir c Varma b Rawl 4  
Vivek c Mohanish b Rawl 1  
Menon c Parthiv b Rakesh 8  
Ram c Deepak b Nikhil 1  
Butt c Rakesh b Binny 4  
Wasim lbw b Rawl 0  
Feroz lbw b Shankar 7  
Imran st Parthiv b Shankar 0  
Carlo c Parthiv b Rakesh 22  
Rehman not out 8  
Riaz not out 2  
Extras: (lb-2, nb-6; w-3) 11  
Total: (all out in 34.3 overs) 68  
Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-6; 3-17; 4-15; 5-32; 6-35; 7-36; 8-37; 9-60

**Bowler O M R W**  
Rawl 6 2 14 3  
Binny 5 1 14 1  
Nikhil 6 5 1 1  
Shankar 8 1 24 2  
Rakesh 7 3 2 11 3  
Gaurav 2 0 2 0

Result: India won by 257 runs

## Kasprowicz's rescue act



**SPORTS REPORTER**

Tailenders Michael Kasprowicz and Jason Gillespie hammered 155 for the eighth wicket to prevent Australia from falling apart at the start of their Indian tour on Saturday.

Steve Waugh's all-conquering men slid to 25 for three within the first hour and then became 133-7 after electing to take first strike against India 'A' in the three-day tour opener here.

Kasprowicz hit a career-best 92 and Gillespie chipped in with 57 as the tourists recovered to post 291 in good batting conditions at the Vidarbha Cricket Association ground on Saturday.

The home team, comprising young players battling for selection in the upcoming three-Test series, replied with 71-1 by close of an eventful first day's play.

Test openers Shiv Das and Sadagopan Ramesh put on 36 for the first wicket, before Das was run out for 12 attempting a second run.

Left-handed Ramesh was unbeaten at stumps on 43, while captain Venkatesai Laxman was on six.

Australia, who arrived three days ago for the seven-week sojourn, have themselves to blame for the embarrassing start to what Waugh considers the ultimate tour for his world beaters.

It was the same wicket on which more than 1400 runs were scored during the second Test between India and Zimbabwe in November.

Left-arm seamer Ashish Nehra destroyed the top order by claiming Michael Slater, Justin Langer and captain Waugh in a hostile opening spell.

Slater was bowled off his pads for five, Langer was unlucky to be trapped leg-before for eight and Waugh was caught behind slashing outside the off-stump before he had scored.

Kasprowicz, the big Queensland brought back to the Australian squad, smashed 12

boundaries and three sixes in his 114-ball effort that helped him surpass his previous best of 73.

He missed a century when he was last man out, caught in the deep by Dinesh Mongia off Sanghvi.

Gillespie chipped in with nine boundaries as the Aussies showed their penchant for wriggling out of tight situations.

Australia, who have secured a record 15 consecutive Test wins, are looking to win their first series on Indian soil in 31 years.

### SCOREBOARD

First day's scoreboard in the three-day match between Australia and India A at the Vidarbha Cricket Association ground on Saturday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings  
Slater b Nehra 49  
Hayden c Mohanty b Sanghvi 5  
Langer lbw b Nehra 8  
S Waugh c N Mongia b Nehra 0  
Ponting c Mohanty b Harbhajan 56  
Martyn c Das b Harbhajan 6  
Gilchrist c Harbhajan b Sanghvi 5  
Gillespie c and b Sanghvi 57

**INDIA A:** First innings  
Das run out 12  
Ramesh not out 43  
Laxman not out 6  
Extras: (lb-4, nb-6) 10  
Total: (for 1 wkt in 18 overs) 71  
Fall of wicket: 1-36  
To bat: D Mongia, H Badani, Balaji Rao, N Mongia, A Nehra, D Mohanty, R Sanghvi, Harbhajan Singh.

**Bowler O M R W**  
Gillespie 5 2 19 0  
Fleming 5 1 17 0  
Miller 4 0 14 0  
Kasprowicz 4 1 17 0



Former Indian captain Ravi Shastri (R) delivering a few wise words to Bangladesh under-13 coach and former national spinner Wahidul Gani during his visit to the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.