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## Did U Know?

Croquet is believed to be the first outdoor game played by women and the first game in which men and women played together on an equal basis. The game came from the United States from England during the Civil War, and became an overnight hit. The first women's croquet championship was held in England in 1869 and was won by a Mrs. Inoad.



## What to WATCH

- BTV**  
Prime Minister Gold Cup (semifinals)  
Egypt vs India  
Live at 1:30 pm  
Japan vs Pakistan  
Live at 4:00 pm
- DD Sports**  
Australia vs India  
Third Test, Day One  
Live at 9:30 am
- ESPN**  
New Zealand vs Pakistan  
Second Test, Day Four  
Live at 3:30 am  
Repeat at 5:00 pm  
Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
4:00 pm  
English Premiership  
12:00 pm  
UEFA Champions' League  
2:00 pm  
Arsenal vs Aston Villa  
English Premiership  
Live at 10:00 pm  
Serie A  
12:00 am (Monday)
- Star Sports**  
South Africa vs West Indies  
Second Test, Day One highlights  
6:30 am and 7:00 pm  
South Africa vs West Indies  
Second Test, Day Two  
Live at 8:00 pm  
Primera Liga  
5:00 pm



## Talk Turkey



**Roger Binny**  
(Indian U-17 cricket coach)  
"The title was a true reflection of their ability."  
After winning the Under-17 Asia Cup in Dhaka.

## Sports WHIZZ KID

**Competition 145**  
Tick the Correct Answers  
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Competition closes at 8 pm  
March 23, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

- Bangladesh beat Mongolia in the 2002 World Cup qualifier  
2-0 3-2 3-0
- 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?  
34 35 36
- Who lifted the national under-19 cricket crown?  
Chittagong Rajshahi BKSP

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## Biman win a thriller

### Cricket

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Biman almost had a crash landing in clear sky before the national airline outfit won a tied contest against a lowly Sadharan Biman in a Premier Cricket League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Saturday.

Biman saw their impressive total of 278 for six in the stipulated 50 overs almost knocked off by the plucky Bima top-order, but eventually won the thriller by the skin of their teeth.

Bima began the final over with two wickets in hand requiring nine runs to pull off the first upset of the League, but only managed to score eight runs to equal the score for the loss of a wicket.

Biman's Pakistani left-arm spinner Amir Wasim conceded two boundaries in the first four deliveries but managed to stop Zakir from pinching a single off the final two deliveries.

Opener Mofizul Islam scored a superb 100 off 127 balls for Biman

followed a rapid-fire 66 from Indian all-rounder Kamol Chopra.

Earlier, the Biman total was built around a 90-ball 70 from

Pakistan Majed Hanif and a dazzling 68 by Hasanuzzaman.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Cricket League match between Bangladesh Biman and Sadharan Biman at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Saturday:

#### BIMAN

Athar c Faruque b Zakir	27
Ziaur c Jashim b Zakir	6
Majed c Zakir b Biplob	70
Hasanuzzaman c Chopra b Rizwan	68
Halim b Chopra	52
K Mahmud c Biplob b Chopra	4
A Wasim not out	16
Mukter not out	17
Extras: (b-2, lb-3, nb-2, w-11)	18
Total: (For 6 wickets in 50 overs)	278
Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-48, 3-165, 4-228, 5-233, 6-251	

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Tavriqul	8	1	27	0
Zakir	7	0	25	2
Rahman	10	0	59	0
Total	3	0	21	0

Rizwan	10	0	40	1
K Chopra	5	0	42	2
Moniruzzaman	5	0	40	0
Biplob	2	0	19	1

#### S BIMA

Biplob st. Mukter b Ziaur	100
Jashim c Mukter b K Mahmud	24
Chopra c A Wasim b K Mahmud	66
Rahman c Javed b K Mahmud	41
Tushar run out	13
Rizwan run out	13
Sopu st. Mukter b A Wasim	5
Faruque c A Wasim b K Mahmud	0
Zakir not out	0
Total c K Mahmud b A Wasim	4
Moim not out	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, w-9)	15
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs)	278
Fall of wickets: 1-63, 2-193, 3-214, 4-218, 5-247, 6-265, 7-265, 8-270, 9-278	

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Aminul jr.	5	0	27	0
Anisur	4	0	23	0
K Mahmud	10	0	51	4
A Wasim	10	1	57	2
Saifullah	6	0	42	0
Ziaur	6	0	28	1
Majed	9	0	44	0

**Result: Bangladesh Biman won by losing fewer wickets.**



Nahidul Haque of Kalabagan nudges the ball on the off-side during his unbeaten innings of 97 against Agrani Bank in the Premier Division Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday.

## Ton eludes Nahid

### Cricket

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Left-handed opener Nahidul Haque was stranded in the 90s for the second successive occasion but his effort was good enough for Kalabagan Krira Chakra to earn comprehensive six-wicket win over Agrani Bank in a Premier League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The young stroke-maker was only three runs short of his century when Kalabagan toppled Agrani Bank's modest 191 in yet another reduced-over match at the big bowl.

Although there was no rain and the sun shone in all its glory, the BNS had the misfortune of offering just a 45-over-a-side contest due to the ignorance or indifference of the ground staff. The venue on Friday produced a 40-over-a-side match between Mohammedan and Victoria.

However, the conditions didn't stop impressive Kalabagan from posting their yet another victory.

And even though their Pakistani double centurion in the first match Ziaur Rahman scored a

first-ball duck and his brother Tareq Mahmud made only six, Kalabagan found a winning combination in their youthful duo of Nahidul and Kuntal Chanda.

The left-right combination put on 126 runs for the second wicket after Kalabagan lost their opener Ranim for nought.

Kuntal, the young wicket-keeper-cum batsman from BKSP, scored a composed 52 off 89 balls before falling to a full toss from Russel.

Nahidul, who scored 94 in the first match against Dhanmondi Club, carried his bat till the victory was achieved in 41 overs. He hammered eight fours in his 115-ball vigil.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Cricket League match between Kalabagan Krira Chakra and Agrani Bank at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday:

#### AGRANI BANK

Sohel c Kuntal b F Falha	0
Jamal c Nahidul b Rana	59
Shahed, Kuntal b Kalim	21
Tapu c Faruque b Rana	45
S Malik lbw b Rana	2
Sajjad st. Kuntal b Rana	13
Imran st. Kuntal b Mosaddek	10
Shovon run out	0

Bappi not out	11
Russel b Saiful	6
Ripon lbw b Saiful	0
Extras: (b-4, lb-8, nb-1, w-11)	24
Total: (All out in 44 overs)	191
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-48, 3-136, 4-143, 5-162, 6-163, 7-170, 8-178, 9-191	

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Saiful	8	1	22	2
Talha	6	0	34	1
Kalim	1	0	7	1
Mosaddek	9	0	29	0
Imran Parvez	8	0	41	0
Tarique	3	0	20	0
Rana	9	1	26	4

#### KALABAGAN

Ranim c Russel b Bappi	0
Nahidul not out	97
Kuntal c Imran b Russel	52
Ziaur c Ripon b S Malik	0
Tarique c Sajjad b Ripon	6
Kalim not out	11
Extras: (lb-4, nb-4, w-18)	26
Total: (For 4 wickets in 41 overs)	192
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-126, 3-132, 4-157	

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Bappi	8	2	29	1
Imran Ullah	8	1	40	0
Ripon Sarker	9	2	22	1
Russel	7	0	45	1
Shaheer Malik	6	0	34	1
S Shahed	3	0	18	0

**Result: Kalabagan won by 6 wickets.**

## Hail Hussain

### Cricket

#### INTERNET, Colombo

Nasser Hussain has moulded England into a force to be reckoned with in world cricket - and a team that might even give the Australians something to think about this summer.

Hussain guided England to their fourth successive series win with the triumph in Sri Lanka to set up a mouth-watering Ashes encounter with the Australians on home soil.

England's victory in Colombo - following defeat in Galle and success in Kandy - secured a 2-1 victory to add to the wins over Zimbabwe, West Indies and Pakistan.

All of those victories have proved England to be a team in form, but it has been Hussain's captaincy that has been the driving force behind that success.

emerged as one of the most successful in recent times, and the way he has conducted himself has earned Hussain even more plaudits.

In the face of controversial umpiring decisions in both Pakistan and Sri Lanka Hussain has conducted himself like a true sportsman while maintaining a steady determination to win.

In the fading light in Karachi he guided England to a series-winning victory over Pakistan, becoming the first touring captain to sample success in the National Stadium.

In Colombo Hussain played through the pain barrier to bat and field against Sri Lanka despite carrying a groin strain going into the match.

When he picked up a thigh strain during the match Hussain refused to be beaten, battling with a runner as he did his bit to put England into a narrow first-

innings lead.

For a player susceptible to breaking fingers and one who, like many others, has been picked up and discarded by the national side Hussain has emerged as a formidable opponent.

Hussain's approach, together with a growing understanding with coach Duncan Fletcher and the benefits of the England squad being on central contracts, has turned England into a match for most opponents.

The team spirit Hussain has inspired has brought the first home series win over the West Indies since 1969 and also the historic 1-0 defeat of Pakistan.

Indian-born Hussain's route to the England captaincy has been mapped out for a long time.

A successful schoolboy player for Essex, Hussain moved into the county game with his adopted county and made his mark with

## Naimur's men nicely placed

### UNB, Dhaka

Naimur Rahman's Red team were in a strong position against the Green team of Enamul Haque in the three-day practice match at the BKSP on Saturday.

At close of Day Two yesterday, Naimur's men were 106 for one - an overall lead of 137 - in their second knock after bowling their opponents out for 314. Enamul's side resumed the day at 27 without loss.

Earlier on Friday, the Red team declared their first innings at 345 for three.

## Abahani face U-19 West Ham today

### SPORTS REPORTER

The touring Abahani football team will play their second and final exhibition match against the Under-19 side of English Premiership West Ham United on Sunday.

The sky-blues, who are now in England to entertain the Bangladeshi expatriates, lost their first game against the Sporting Bengal United 2-1 at Mile End Stadium on March 14.

But their match against the youthful side of West Ham at Upton Park would provide them the first opportunity to encounter the real standard of English soccer.

## Proteas progress steadily

### REUTERS, Trinidad

South Africa were 61 without loss at lunch on the first day of the second Test against West Indies at the Queen's Park Oval on Saturday.

There were no changes in either team, reflecting the fact that both sides were happy to have played out a draw with honours more or less even, although the West Indies might have derived the greater satisfaction from the first Test in Guyana.

Herschelle Gibbs' place might have been in jeopardy had Hooper held an early chance in the second innings, but that was not what turned out, and Gibbs was able to secure his place with a big innings (83\*).

The pitch here has traditionally not been too favourable for a batsman's point of view, although recent weather conditions and the acquisition of a heavier roller might see more runs scored.

Opting to bat first, South Africa got off to a solid start with their openers Gibbs and Gary Kirsten went to lunch after scoring 34 and 22 respectively.

For the most part, the South African batsmen were in control of everything the West Indian bowlers could throw at them. Gibbs did edge a ball to Lara in the slips, but it fell just short, and the same batsman missed a ball that passed his off stump by hardly more than one millimetre.

Rain started to fall just before lunch, but it was gentle and not sufficient to force an early break. It is thought unlikely that it will curtail play significantly Saturday.

## B'baria cricket

### OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Surja Tarun Cricket Club defeated Agratut Cricket Club by 30 runs in their Shaheed Freedom Fighter Rango Mia Smriti Cricket Cup match at Shahjadapur Junior High School playground on Saturday.

Winning the toss, Surja Tarun made 132 all out.

In reply, Agratut were restricted to 102 for eight in the stipulated 30 overs.



**DAY'S EVENT**  
Prime Minister Gold Cup Hockey  
Moulana Bhasani Stadium  
Scotland vs Malaysia  
8:30 am  
Bangladesh vs China  
11:00 am  
India vs Egypt  
1:30 pm  
Pakistan vs Japan  
4:00 pm  
Premier Cricket League  
Surjo Tarun vs City Club (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)  
Brothers Union Vs Victoria (BKSP)  
MSC vs Young Cricketers (BNS)

## Hefty win for holders

### Cricket

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani Krira Chakra put behind their first match disappointment with a thumping ten-wicket defeat against Dhanmondi Club in a Premier Cricket League match at the BKSP ground in Savar on Saturday.

The holders, who struggled to beat babes Young Cricketers at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday, picked up their second successive win after their Pakistani recruit Muhammed Hussain showed terrific form with bat and ball.

Hussain, a regular member of the Abahani line up, made up for his absence in the opener by claiming four wickets as Dhanmondi were shot out for 128 in 39.2 overs.

The discarded Pakistan left-arm spinner then clobbered an unbeaten 80 while opening the innings with Nafis Iqbal as the popular Dhanmondi-based club raced to 132 in only 15.4 overs.

Nafis' half-century off 46 balls, included hammered nine

boundaries. But it was the pyrotechnics Hussain, who had been sent in as a pinch-hitter on a number of occasions last year, which made a mockery of the contest.

The southpaw hammered 13 savage hits across the rope and smote a couple of sixes in a blazing 48-ball knock.

Dhanmondi, one of the two new teams in the Premier League this year, threw caution to the wind by making 280 odd in their match against Kalabagan, but collapsed like nine pins against a controlled Abahani attack and on a slightly different wicket.

Only Shahed Mehmud stood tall among the ruins with 33 runs. He took 11 runs off Hussain's first over. But his compatriot, who was out to prove how funny the game could be, eventually finished with four for 16 runs in his 8.2 overs.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Cricket League match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Dhanmondi Club at the BKSP in Savar on Saturday:

<b>DHANMONDI</b>	<b>Hakim c Asadullah b Neeyamur</b>	17
<b>Sajjad c M Hussain b Neeyamur</b>	0	
<b>Nadim c Tareq b Morshed</b>	3	

<b>Tushar c Mukul b Morshed</b>	0
<b>Sumon c Selim b M Hussain</b>	8
<b>S Mehmud c Anisur b M Hussain</b>	33
<b>Monirul c Azam b Ahsanullah</b>	10
<b>Tuhin c b Anisur</b>	28
<b>Nayeem c b M Hussain</b>	6
<b>Aziz not out</b>	3
<b>Mominul c Mukul b M Hussain</b>	0
<b>Extras: (lb-8, w-12)</b>	20
<b>Total: (All out in 39.2 overs)</b>	128

<b>Fall of wickets: 1- 2, 2-7, 3-18, 4-30, 5-66, 6-69, 7-110, 8-123, 9-125</b>	
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<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Morshed	7	2	18	2
Neeyamur	8	1	33	2
M Hussain	8.2	4	16	4
Mukul	5	0	20	0
Ahsanullah	7	1	18	1
Anisur	4	0	15	1

**ABAHANI**  
M Hussain not out 80  
Nafis not out 50  
Extras: (lb-1, w-1) 2  
Total: (For no loss in 15.4 overs) 132

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Tariq Aziz	4	0	33	0
Neyeem	1	0	12	0
Mominul	4	0	21	0
Sumon Barua	4	0	37	0
Nadim	1	0	9	0
S Mehmud	1	0	11	0
Tushar	0.4	0	8	0

**Result: Abahani won by 10 wickets.**

## Semis start today

### Hockey

#### SPORTS REPORTER

While arch-rivals Pakistan and India consider their Sunday's semifinal clashes against Japan and Egypt as a warm-up for the final, their opponents vow to turn

the tide against them. India, who stormed in into the last four with an all-win record from Group A, will take on Japan in the first semifinal of the Prime Minister Gold Cup at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium at the 1.30 pm.

Pakistan, who topped the other group of the nine-nation meet,

will face Egypt in the second semifinal at 4 pm. Bangladesh Television and Betar will provide live coverage of both the semifinals.

Apart from the two important matches, two place-deciding games will be played on the day. Bangladesh will take on China at 11 am and Scotland face Malaysia in the day's first game at