



Did U Know?

Walter Camp, more than any other person, was responsible for transforming the US game of football into a unique contest, different from its soccer and rugby roots. For these contributions, he was called 'The Father of American Football.' From 1876 to 1879, Camp starred as a rugby runner and kicker at Yale, and represented Yale at the intercollegiate football conventions. Camp championed the following rules: reduction of players per side from 15 to 11 men (1879); creation of the scrimmage in which one team holds undisturbed possession of the ball (1880); the system in which a team must gain a specified number of yards within a specified number of downs to retain possession (1882); and the point system of scoring (1883).



What to WATCH

ESPN
 Western Union World Football
 6:00 pm
 UEFA Champions' League
 9:00 pm
 English Premiership
 Highlights at 12:00 am (Friday)

Star Sports
 South Africa vs West Indies
 Second Test, Day Five
 Highlights at 6:30 am & 7:00 pm
 Australian Domestic Cricket
 11:00 pm
 Primera Liga
 3:00 pm



TALK TURKEY



Michael Holding
 Former West Indian speedster
 "The selectors are a set of jokers. They don't mean West Indies cricket any good."
 After Carl Hooper was appointed as cricket captain.

Sports WHIZZ KID

Competition 145
 ✓ Tick the Correct Answers
 Post to Elite Daily Star
 Win attractive prizes
 Competition closes at 8 pm
 March 23, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Bangladesh beat Mongolia in the 2002 World Cup qualifier	2-0	3-2	3-0
2. Who clinched the Paris Indoor Open title?	Huber	Hingis	Mauresmo
3. Sri Lanka won the one-day series against New Zealand	3-2	5-0	4-1
4. How many Tests will Bangladesh play in five years?	34	35	36
5. Who lifted the national under-19 cricket crown?	Chittagong	Rajshahi	BKSP
Name		
Class	Roll No.
School Address		
Phone: (if any)		

DRU cricket

UNB, Dhaka
 The semifinal and final matches of Five-A-Side inter-house cricket tournament of Dhaka Reporters' Unity will be held at Jagannath Hall ground on March 31.
 The quarterfinal matches of the final round will be held on March 30.



Mohammedan's Rashedul Haque cracks one through the off against Brothers Union during their Premier Division cricket league match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Rashedul bashes BU

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

Young opener Rashedul Haque scored a superb hundred as title-contenders Mohammedan Sporting Club posted their third successive win in the Premier Cricket League. They defeated Brothers Union by 15 runs at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday.

Yet, Brothers did not give up without a fight in the first big match of this year's league by responding with 286 after Mohammedan piled up a massive 301 in the 50-over-a-side contest.

Rashedul hammered 129 off 137 balls, his maiden league ton, as Mohammedan made the highest score at the big bowl so far after being sent into bat by Brothers captain Jahangir Alam.

Rashedul clubbed 12 fours and seven sixes in his aggressive knock. The muscular right-hander reached the magical three-figure mark in style, smashing Brothers off-spinner Shimul over long off for six.

The only blemish in an otherwise polished knock came when he spooned a catch at cover while on 17, but Mahabubur Rahman spilled it.

Rashedul put on 72 runs for the first wicket with Harun-ur Rashid, who scored 33 off 52 balls.

But Mohammedan flourished when in-form Kenyan Steve Tikolo joined Rashedul to produce 147 runs for the second wicket.

Tikolo raced to 50, his third

successful half-century, off only 52 balls before being undone by delivery from Al-Amin that did not bounce at all.

Skipper Minhazul Abedin scored a workmanlike 29, but it was Sanwar Hossain who set the field ablaze with a 34-ball 50.

The middle-order batsman, who joined Mohammedan this year from Brothers, took full advantage of being able to bat after sitting idle in the previous games.

His former club was always behind the asking rate and only for a brief moment did they look threatening with their Pakistani recruit Mashrur playing confidently.

The right-hander's swash-buckling 87 off 84 balls included nine fours and a six. He was caught at deep mid-wicket while trying to keep pace with the steep run-rate. His departure effectively dashed Brothers' hopes of a turnaround.

While Mohammedan's batting continues to improve match-by-match, the same cannot be said about their bowling and fielding. Their bowlers struggled to maintain discipline and the butterfly-finger fielders dropped as many as four batsmen.

It was Brothers' second defeat from three games.

SCOREBOARD
 Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Brothers Union at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday:

MOHAMMEDAN SC

Rashedul c Talukder b Nany Dev	129
Harun c Jahangir b Imran	33
Tikolo b Al-Amin	50
Sanwar not out	50
Minhazul c Imran b Talukder	29
Hayat not out	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-4, nb-3, w-2)	10
Total: (for four wks in 50 overs)	301
Fall of wickets: 1/72, 2/219, 3/219, 4/290.	

Bowler: O M R W
 A-Amin 10 2 53 1
 Talukder 10 0 52 1
 Imran 10 1 66 1
 Nany Dev 10 1 55 1
 Shimul 7 0 50 0
 Mashrur 3 0 20 0

BROTHERS UNION

Nany Dev c Sanwar b Jamaluddin	24
Sadeq c Mortuza b Hayat	36
Mashrur c Rashedul b Jamaluddin	87
Jahangir c & b Mustadir	13
Mahbub c Mortuza b Jamaluddin	41
Sohag c Rashedul b Jamaluddin	22
Ahmed not out	30
Shimul st Mortuza b Ashique	7
Talukder c Mustadir b Shafiuddin	2
Al-Amin not out	0
Extras: (lb-7, nb-2, w-15)	24
Total: (for eight wks in 50 overs)	286
Fall of wickets: 1/52, 2/89, 3/132, 4/206, 5/223, 6/254, 7/273, 8/284.	

Bowler: O M R W
 Ashique 10 1 54 1
 Shafiuddin 8 0 56 1
 Tikolo 3 0 20 0
 Hayat 10 0 33 1
 Jamaluddin 10 2 53 4
 Mustadir 6 0 38 1
 Minhazul 2 0 14 0
 Rashedul 1 0 11 0

Result: Mohammedan SC won by 15 runs.

Saber to attend Bradman service

SPORTS REPORTER
 Bangladesh Cricket Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury will attend the memorial service for Sir Donald Bradman.
 He leaves for Adelaide on Friday at the invitation of Australian Cricket Board chairman Denis Rogers.
 The service takes place at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday.
 After returning home on Monday, Saber will fly to England on March 29 to be present during a Thanksgiving Service for Sir Colin Cowdrey.
 It takes place at Westminster Abbey on March 30.

Five foreign players agree to play

SPORTS REPORTER
 Three Pakistanis and two Sri Lankan cricketers have so far confirmed their participation in the day/night exhibition match between the Bangladesh Cricket Board Eleven and an Invitational Eleven at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on March 27.
 Dashing openers Shahid Afridi, Imran Nazir and young right arm fast bowler Sabir Ahmed from Pakistan and left-handed middle-order batsman Hashan Tillekeratne and wicketkeeper Lanka De Silva of Sri Lanka are expected to feature in the Invitational team.
 BCB, however, is yet to receive the names of cricketers from India, South Africa and some other countries to take part in the match arranged to mark the country's 30th Independence Day, a Board source said on Wednesday.

Varsity Games on

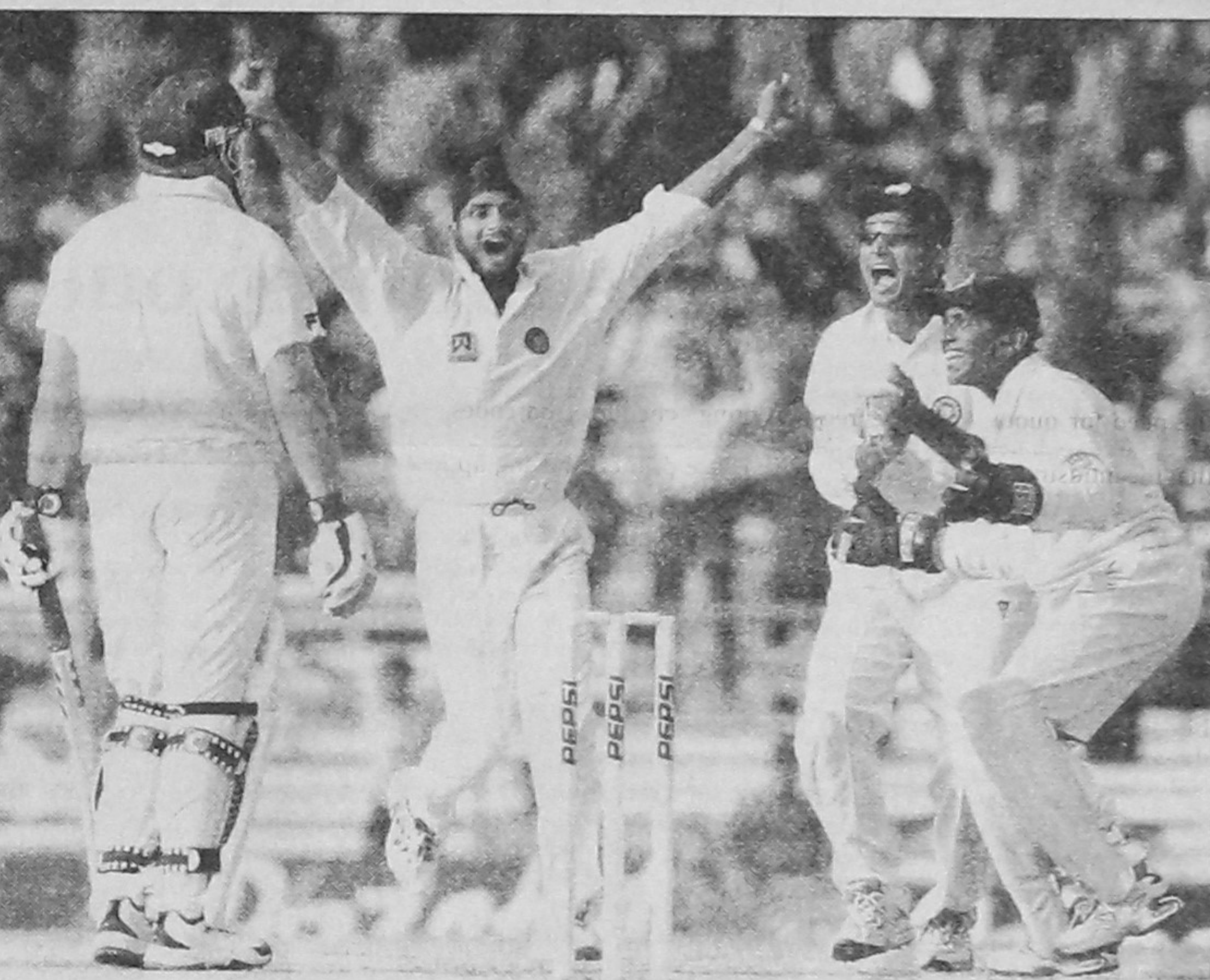
DU CORRESPONDENT
 The six-day long first Bangladesh University Games' 2001 began yesterday at the Central playground of the Dhaka University (DU).
 On the inaugural day, handball and swimming competitions took place.
 The hosts defeated Agricultural University 23-21 points in handball.
 Rajshahi University (RU) dominated the pool, winning three gold, three silver and four bronze medals out of five categories.
 State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader inaugurated the meet at the chief guest.

A total of 713 participants from nine universities - Rajshahi University, Chittagong University, Agricultural University, Bangladesh University of Science and Technology (BUET), Islami University, Shahjalal University, Khulna University, Jahangirnagar University and hosts Dhaka University - are taking part in nine events.

Harbhajan havoc on

Fabulous final day on cards

Cricket
AFP, Madras
 Australia's dream of winning their first Test series on Indian soil in 32 years hung on a knife's edge Wednesday as the decisive third Test headed towards a thrilling climax.
 Australia, trailing by 110 runs on the first innings, closed the fourth day at 241-7 in their second knock, an overall lead of 131 with three wickets in hand.
 Captain Steve Waugh, who is unbeaten on 43, had said on Tuesday that India would struggle to chase 150 on a wearing Chepauk wicket that is taking considerable turn.
 He must now ensure his team gets that far after off-spinner Harbhajan Singh wrecked the top order again with five wickets to take his tally in the match to 12.
 The 20-year-old picked up his 29th wicket of the three-Test series with the last ball of the day when Shane Warne offered no stroke to a straight delivery and was out leg-before.
 "We will go for whatever is set for us," a determined Indian captain said.
 The Indians, buoyant after their series-levelling win in the second Test at Calcutta, go into the fifth day's play on Thursday sensing their best chance to wrap up the series.
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Sensational India off-spinner Harbhajan Singh (2nd from L) exults after trapping Shane Warne leg before to claim his fifth wicket in the second innings of Australia on the fourth day on Wednesday.

SA hit by Walsh waltz

Cricket
AFP, Port of Spain
 World record-holder Courtney Walsh fulfilled one of his few remaining ambitions as the West Indies moved within sight of victory on the fourth day of the second Test at the Queen's Park Oval here on Tuesday.
 The 38-year-old, who on Monday became the first bowler to take 500 wickets, took his first ever five-wicket haul - six for 61 - as this ground out for 287, leaving West Indies with 232 to win.
 At the close, West Indies were 32 for one with Chris Gayle not out on 18 and night watchman Dinanath Ramnarine on 11.
 However, Walsh, playing a record 129th Test for a specialist bowler, appeared to confirm that this would be his last series for the Windies despite suggesting in the immediate aftermath of his record on Monday that he might extend his career.
 "This is definitely my last Test in Trinidad," he said.
 He added he was delighted to have finally earned a place on the new honours board which was unveiled at the ground as part of the celebrations to mark the 50th Test match at the Oval.
 Walsh admitted he had not slept well after reaching the 500 mark.
 "The phone didn't stop ringing and the faxes didn't stop coming. It's now sinking in, I was able to come back more relaxed today and just concentrate on the game," he said.
 "However, there has been no time for celebrations - but tomorrow I hope to have a victory to celebrate," he added.
 Walsh accomplished his five-wicket haul when he trapped rival fast bowler Allan Donald lbw for one, then went one better when South African captain Shaun Pollock dragged a slower ball onto his wicket.

Instead Walsh and Ramnarine bowled so accurately that only 10 runs were scored in 15 overs in the hour after lunch, with South Africa losing two wickets.
 Walsh bowled a spell of six overs, taking one wicket for one run. Gibbs was the man out, pulling a catch to mid-wicket after scoring a painstaking 87 in almost six hours off 275 balls.
 When Walsh was rested, Lance Klusener slashed a catch to slip off the first ball bowled by Dillon.
 McKenzie and wicketkeeper Mark Boucher added 35 in the next hour before tea and Hooper finally called for the new ball, to devastating effect as Walsh and Dillon mowed down the remaining five batsmen for just the addition of 47 runs.
 It was the third innings in succession in which South Africa's renowned batting depth failed the side, with the last eight wickets adding only 100 runs.
 Wavell Hinds and Gayle started confidently as West Indies went in to bat with 11 overs remaining in the day.
 Gayle hit two successive boundaries off Donald and Pollock brought Jacques Kallis into the attack in the next over with immediate effect.
 It turned out to be a vital breakthrough.
 New batsman Neil McKenzie was dropped by Lara at slip off Ramnarine before he had scored but was then almost completely tied down by Ramnarine, Dillon and Walsh.
 The new ball was due shortly before lunch but West Indian captain Carl Hooper decided not to take it.

Y Cricketers taste success

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

Young Cricketers registered their first victory in the Premier Cricket League with an exciting three-run win over Dhanmondi Club at the BKSP ground in Savar on Wednesday.

Electing to bat first, the proteges scored 195 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs with middle-order batsman Adil Ahmed hitting 60 off 92 balls. Lower-order Jewel Hossain chipped in with an unbeaten 59 off 76 balls.
 In reply, Dhanmondi were all out for 192 in 49.5 overs.
 Saifullah Magsi took three wickets while Soheli Islam bagged two wickets for Young Cricketers.

SCOREBOARD
 Scoreboard of the Premier Division match between Dhanmondi Club and Young Cricketers at the BKSP ground in Savar on Wednesday.

YOUNG CRICKETERS

Ismail lbw b Tareq	0
Zaman c Tuhin b Tareq	18
Sajid c Anis b S Mehmud	23
Magsi lbw b Nayem	7
Adil run out	60
Tawhid c Tuhin b Sumon	4
Jewel not out	59
Shahinwar c Nayem b S Mehmud	2
Soheli run out	4
Shamsul st Tuhin b Momin	1
Al-Amin not out	4

DHANMONDI CLUB

Anisul lbw b Magsi	22
Sajidul st Zaman b Soheli	67
Nadim c Magsi b Soheli	7
Tushar run out	1
Sumon run out	18
Tuhin c & b Tawhid	14
S Mehmud c Ismail b Magsi	27
Monir lbw b Shamsul	0
Nayem run out	4
Tareq c Ismail b Magsi	12
Momin not out	0
Extras: (lb-3, nb-2, w-15)	20
Total: (All out in 49.5 overs)	192
Fall of wickets: 1/68, 2/83, 3/84, 4/113, 5/137, 6/155, 7/156, 8/164, 9/192.	

Bowler: O M R W
 Magsi 5 1 16 0
 Al-Amin 7 1 16 0
 Shamsul 7 10 11 1
 Magsi 8.5 1 22 3
 Soheli 10 1 26 2
 Jewel 5 0 25 0
 Tawhid 4 0 25 1

Result: Young Cricketers won by three runs.



ANOTHER LUCKY CHARM: A young lady signs the Coca Cola 'Good Luck Bat' at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) at Dhaka University yesterday. The giant bat, sponsored by Coca Cola Far East Ltd. have already travelled through Chittagong and has started its journey in Dhaka collecting good wishes for the Bangladesh national cricket team which will embark on their first overseas Test tour to Zimbabwe in April.



DAY'S EVENT
 Premier Division Cricket League
 Abahani v Sadharan Bima (BKSP)
 Kalabagan KC v City Club (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)