

Canada's first Olympic gold medal was won by a man competing for the United States. George Orton of Strathroy, Ontario, took first place in the steeplechase at the 1900 Olympics in Paris, but because Canada didn't have an official team, he entered as part of the American team



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Who became Prime Minister Gold Cup hockey champions? Malaysia Pakistan between India and Australia?

. Who won the man-of-the-series award in the Pepsi Test series Shane VSSLaxman Warne

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## Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Krirangon and Primary Cricket Training Centre won their respectively matches of the fourth Hasan Imam-Ali Imam Pintu Smriti cricket tournament at the Rajshahi Medical College Hostel playground yesterday.

In the first match, Rajshahi Krirangan defeated Abdul Mannan Smriti by six wickets.

Batting first, Abdul Mannan Smriti were all out for 116 in the allotted 22 overs.

In reply, Rajshahi Krirangon reached the target losing four

wickets in 17 overs. SEE PAGE 15

Pakistani opener Shahid Afridi (R) chats with teammates Imran Nazir (L) and Shabbir Ahmed on arrival at the Zia International Airport on Sunday. Stage set for Dhaka match

## Afridi, Nazir and Sabbir in town

## Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Three Pakistani players dashing opener Shahid Afridi, young righthander Imran Nazir and paceman Sabbir Ahmed have arrived in the city on Sunday to play for International Eleven against the Bangladesh Cricket Board Eleven in a limited-overs exhibition match on March 27.

The day-night affair in celebration of country's 30th year of Independence will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. The ball bashing affair will start at 2.15 pm.

Enthusiasm among the local cricket buffs was very high at the prospect of a good contest, despite of the fact the game would not be included in the record book of one-day internationals.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has already struck lucrative deals with different sponsors. Coca-Cola and Samsung have Bank paid Taka four lakh for win-

ning the right to sale the tickets.

"We are also expecting to earn a handsome amount from gate receipts," said chief-coordinator of the Samgsung-Coca-Cola Independence Day Challenge Trophy, Sved Ashraful Hug at a press briefing at the BCB office.

The outgoing BCB general secretary also disclosed that the Board needed Taka 24 lakh for holding the match. Though Ashraful didn't elaborate, but the bulk of the money would be spent on match fee of the players, their travel expenses and accommodation. All players would be staying at the Sheraton Hotel. Ashraful said that experienced

Sri Lankan batsman Aravinda de Silva will lead the International team that will also feature as many as five Indian cricketers. The Lankan master batsman is

scheduled to arrive here along with compatriot Hashan Tillekeratne on Monday.

The Indian quintet - Shiv Sunder Das, Vikram Rathore Yuvraj Singh, Nikhil Haldipur and agreed to pay Taka 16 lakhs to win Hrishikesh Kanitkar - is also A high official of the bank said the title rights. Besides, Al-Baraka scheduled to fly into the capital on the same day.

Ashraful said that a couple of Bangladeshi players might be included in the International XI, where ten players have so far been

Although Ashraful did not disclose the names it was expected that young wicketkeeper Anwar and a paceman from the Zimbabwe bound 15-man Bangladesh Test squad would be included.

The BCB Eleven led by skipper Naimur Rahman would be announced before the match.

Meanwhile, the Board has announced the rate of tickets for the match. They are as follows: Hospitality Box (AC) Taka 5,000, Hospitality Box (Non-AC) Taka 3000, Shaheed Jewel Gate Taka 150; Club House Taka 100, International Gallery Taka 50, Western Gallery Taka 25 and Eastern Gallery Taka 20.

Tickets are already on sale at six different branches of Al-Baraka Bank. The branches are: Dilkusha, VIP Road, Gulshan, Mirpur Road, Imamganj and Karwan Bazar.

that tickets would be on sale during office hours on the match day.



(From L-R) Khalid Raja, manager business operations Coca-Cola, outgoing BCB general secretary Syed Ashraful Huq, Monjurul Karim senior executive Electra International and Mohiuddin Ahmed, senior vice-president Al-Baraka Bank at a press briefing at BCB office on Sunday in connection with the Samgsung-Coca-Cola Independence Day Challenge Trophy.

## Victoria stage walkout

## Furore over Tariq

### Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Premier Cricket League suffered a blow on Sunday when Victoria Sporting Club staged a walk out in protest against illegal blowing action of Kalabagan's Pakistani right-arm off-spinner Tariq Mehmud at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

The unprecedented move happened when Victoria refused to allow Tariq to continue to bowl with the match only 11 overs old and the Motijheel side on 25 for

There were however conflicting views on the bowling action of the Pakistani.

Victoria captain Kiron branded Tariq as an outright 'chucker' in the Dhaka League, while umpire Mizanur Rahman Milon ruled out

the allegation calling his action as His action was perfectly al-

right. I paid particular attention especially after the Victoria batsman came and talked with me about his action," said the young official from Rajshahi.

Tariq came under vehement protest from the opposition batsman once he opened the attack with his captain Saiful Islam.

He had just bowled five overs



TARIQ MEHMUD

amidst frequent protest but the Victoria captain walked off the field when he was about to start his sixth over.

Until Sunday, Tariq was never 'called' during his long association in Dhaka cricket, but his name was frequently uttered whenever the topic was chucking.

"He doesn't chuck. He literally throws the ball," quipped a keen follower of the Dhaka League.

Suspect actions in the Dhaka League are not uncommon. Only last Friday, umpire Ziaur Islam Masud called Surjo Tarun left-arm spinner Suja Erfan in a Premier League clash against Mohammedan Sporting Club at the BKSP ground in Savar.

Meanwhile, the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (1-20 from 22 overs) while Klinger (CCDM) was yet to take any decision on the fate of the match till Dawes' (1-35) delivery, which filing of this report.

But according the umpire's report and the League bye-lays Kalabagan would be declared win-

## Div I Cricket

SPORTS Reporter

Indira Road Krira Chakra registered an exciting one-run win over Azad Sporting Club in a First Division Cricket League encounter held at the City Club ground in Mirpur on Sunday.

Put into bat, Indira Road scored 213 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs with opener Sarzil scoring highest 41.

In reply, Azad Sporting were all out for 212 in 50 overs with opener Aftab hammering 59 off 82 balls inclusive of three sixes and eight boundaries.

#### SCORES IN BRIEF

Indira Road KC: 213 for 9 in 50 overs (Sarzil 41, Sweet 33, Raihan 20, Murad 3/46)

Azad SC: 212 all out in 50 overs (Aftab 59, Kajal 42, Tushar 32, Alamgir 3/26, Mustafa 3/48) Result: Indira Road KC won by

#### Div II Cricket

SPORTS Reporter

Bangladesh Railway defeated Udayachal Club by 77 runs in one of the three Acme Second Division Cricket League matches, played at the Dhanmondi Club ground on Sunday.

In the other two matches, Badda Ekata Samaj handed Partex Sporting Club a huge 108-run defeat at the Uttara Friends Club ground and Ajax Sporting Club thrashed Lalbagh Union Sporting Club by 102 runs at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

#### Scores in Brief

Railway v Udayachal Club Railway: 251 all out in 44. overs (Sabu 83, Shiblo 52, Tareque

30, Shezan 4/28, Russell 3/40) Udayachal Club: 174 all out in 40 overs (Raihan 46 n.o., Shezan 25, Taposh 24, Shiblo 4/25, Nesar 3/33)

Result: Railway won by 77 runs. Ajax SC v Lalbagh USC Ajax SC: 204 for 8 in 45 overs

(Nizam 34, Ilyas 32 n.o., Karim 29 n.o., Jewel 4/35) Lalbagh USC: 102 all out in 24.1

overs (Extras 40, Mamun 11, Shahed 11, Barkat 3/34, Ilyas 2/14, Arefin 2/15) Result: Ajax SC won by 102

Badda Ekata Samaj b Partex

Badda Ekata Samaj: 267 for 6 in

45 overs (Sayeed 58, Mobin 39, Romel 34, Rony 34 n.o., Rajib 2/44) Partex SC: 159 all out in 37.5 overs (Biswajeet 41 n.o., Palash 33,

Litu 4/31, Mintu 2/18, Romel 2/25 Result: Badda Ekata Samaj won by 108 runs.

## Pepsi Div I cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Renaissance Club defeated Mo hammedan Sporting Club by 11 runs in the Pepsi First Division Cricket League at the local Circuit House ground yesterday.

Winning the toss, Renaissance batted first and scored 166 runs losing all wickets in 39.5 overs.

In reply, Mohammedan made 155 runs all out in 40 overs.

## Shield final Q'land slow Victoria down

AFP, Brisbane

Queensland's bowlers hit back in the final session to weaken Victoria's position in the Sheffield Shield cricket final at the Gabba here Sunday.

Victoria were 172 for four in their second innings for a lead of 106, with former Test opener Matthew Elliott batting through the day for an unbeaten 88. Elliott survived while Victoria

lost three wickets for 27 runs after the tea interval.

Matthew Mott (19 from 141 balls), Brad Hodge (three) and Michael Klinger (nine) were dismissed after Victoria had toiled through a lifeless day at the crease. With Queensland bowlers

stump, Victoria crawled through the opening two sessions, scoring just 91 runs in four hours. Adam Dale (2-43) ended Mott's laborious innings when he bowled

sticking to a line on or outside off-

his off-stump. Hodge then fell to a brilliant catch by Clinton Perren at slip from the bowling of Andrew Bichel failed to offer a shot to a Joe trapped him, lbw.

Elliott and Jonathon Moss (five not out) braved the second new ball, with Elliott reaching his highest score of the season.

## Abahani ride on Hussain

#### Cricket

SPORTS Reporter

An all-round performance from Mohammad Hussain throttled holders Abahani to a 25-run victory over City Club in a Premier Division Cricket League match at the BKSP ground in Savar on Sun-

The discarded Pakistan international scored a quickfire 62 as Abahani, electing to bat first, scored a fighting 244 before being all out with three balls to spare. The left-arm spinner then went on to pick up three wickets for 31 runs as the run chase of the Mirpur outfit ended in 47.1 overs for 219. It was Abahani's fifth win on

Coming in to open the innings for the Dhanmondi Club, Hussain, who lost his partner Nafees (5) on 34, dominated a 60-run second wicket stand with Azam Iqbal. The pinch-hitter was eventually out in the 19th over leaving Abahani on 94 for two. In his 52-ball knock, the portly Pakistani, who took 42 balls for his fifty, struck eight sweetly timed hits across the rope It was Hussain's third half-century in four matches as a makeshift opener.

At the fall of Hussain, Azam took over the charge and scored a brilliant 65 off 86 balls. He laced

his 111-minute composed knock Arman run out with eight fours. Among others, Extras: (lb-4, nb-2, w-6) Asadullah Khan added 28 off 41 balls and Neeyamur Rashid chipped in with 20.

In reply, City Club put up a 8/232, 9/237. good fight and were poised to pull Bowler off an upset, producing 190 runs in K Zaman 40 overs with five wickets in hand.

But once Hussain broke the R Rafique sixth wicket stand on 193 in the next over by removing Salauddin for 24, the spirit of City suddenly caved in losing their remaining four wickets with the addition of 26 runs.

Hussain was ably supported by young off-spinner Ali Arman, who grabbed two wickets for 33 runs

from his eight overs. No match will be played today and tomorrow. The League will

#### resume on Wednesday.

SCOREBOARD Scorecards of the Premier Division Rana not out Cricket League match between Abahani and City Club at the BKSP ground in Savar on Sunday:

ABAHANI M Hussain c Fakrul b Rashed Nafees b Shafigul Azam c Fakrul b Nayeem Javed c Shafiqul b Rana Anisur c & b Nayeem Asadullah c & b Rashed Neeyamur c & b R Rafique Salim c & b Rashed Hasan c Salauddin b R Rafique 12 Igbal not out

Total: (all out in 49.3 overs) 244 Fall of wickets: 1/34, 2/94, 3/141, 4/162, 5/176, 6/212, 7/215,

Shafiqul Rashed M Rana Naveem 0 23

Salauddin CITY CLUB Nayeem c Neeyamur b Hussain 39 Fakrul run out R Rafique c Azam b Arman Masudul lbw b Arman Salauddin st Salim b Hussain Rownak run out Tofazzal c Azam b Iqbal

Rashed b Hasan Khairuzzaman run out Shafiqul c Javed b Hussain Extras: (b-5, lb-5, nb-1, w-15) 26 Total (all out in 47.1 overs) 219

Fall of wickets: 1/1, 2/87, 3/132, 4/152, 5/193, 6/210, 7/211, 8/218, 9/219. Bowler 65 Igbal 1 55 14 Neeyamur 15 Javed Hussain Hasan 35 0 33 - 2 Arman

Result: Abahani won by 25

# Brawny win for India

#### Cricket

INTERNET, Bangalore

India won the first one-day international against Australia backing up their highest limited-over score against the tourists with a fine performance in the field.

India's total of 315 all out was their highest one-day score against the Australian tourists, surpassing a 309-5 at Cochin in

It came courtesy of a measured display from Rahul Dravid, who shared in significant partnerships



Australia ran out of wickets as they attempted to overhaul India's keeper Vijay Dahiya. impressive total of 315 in Banga-

The tourists had seemingly been set to take the match to the wire until skipper Steve Waugh's display from Sehwag, who took 46

36th over. His departure saw the required boundaries. run rate creep above seven an over left the Aussies with too much to the loss of openers Saurav Ganguly

Virender Sehwag and wicket-

The Indian No 4 rescued India

from a spot of early bother at It was a particularly muscular controversial lbw dismissal in the balls to hit his maiden one-day

half-century, smashing eight India averaged more than six for the first time in the innings and runs an over after recovering from

and Sachin Tendulkar.

February 25, aged 92.

50 inside nine overs setting the tone for India's aggressive innings. He hit six fours and a six in his 26-ball knock before being run out on 35 to leave India on 52-2.

Tendulkar propelled India to

Dravid provided India's backbone, making a partnership of 100 with Sehwag to take India past the 200 mark and 67 with Dahiya to bring up the 250.

on his century but he went for 80 after holing out to Harvey from the bowling of Martyn in the 44th

He appeared to be closing in

No 8 Ajit Agarkar brought up the 300 for India before Australia finally wrapped up the innings, conceding just nine more runs as they took the last four wickets in eleven balls.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one-day international between India and Australia in Bangalore on Sunday: INDIA

Ganguly c M. Waugh b Fleming 6 Tendulkar run out Laxman c Martyn b Harvey Dravid c Harvey b Martyn

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# Goodbye Bradman

## Cricket

REUTERS, Adelaide The cricket world bid a formal but personal farewell to Donald Bradman on Sunday, hailing his achievements as a cricketer and a man at a memorial service broad-

cast live to fans across the world. Former West Indies captain Viv Richards and members of the 1948 Invincibles side, which Bradman captained against England, gathered in St Peter's Cathedral to pay their final respects, with Britain's Queen Elizabeth sending a per-

sonal tribute. 'He was a man who embodied the best of the Australian spirit, a love of life, a love of sport, an ability to bring out enthusiasm in all At the close on the third day, who knew him," she said in a his life, Bradman turned down the greatest achievement, greater than message read by Australia's Gov- offer of a state funeral and his any of his sporting exploits, was ernor-General William Deane. body was cremated at a private

'He was an outstanding Austra- service held in Adelaide four days lian who will be sorely missed," she said of Bradman, who died on

but about 2,000 die-hard fans tonished and very moved" at the from watching the service on giant response around the world to his screens at the nearby Adelaide father's death. Oval, scene of some of Bradman's triumphs.

brilliance with the bat in the 1930s pected to watch the ceremony, tify him. with the two hour service broadcast live across Australia and to about him and we must not treat

man was revered.

after his death. His son John led the eulogies at

Fierce winds and rain kept all family had been "absolutely as-

the memorial service, saying his

"Despite all of this, at heart for me he is just my dad," Bradman They held candles, sheltered told the 700 invited guests, rangfrom the cold in the Members' ing from Australian Prime Minister Stand, where many crowds had John Howard to scores of local

thrilled at Bradman's unbeaten cricketers. Bradman spoke of his father's great modesty and integrity, and But millions more were ex- appealed to the world not to sanc-"We must not be too serious

India and Pakistan, where Brad- him as if he is a religious figure," Intensely private to the end of "For me, far and away his



Fans at the Adelaide Oval watch the service.

PHOTO: INTERNET

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