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First one-day international
Live at 1:30 pm
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Cricket Talk Show
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Fourth Test, Day One
Highlights at 7:00 pm
South Africa vs West Indies
Fourth Test, Day Two
Live at 8:00 pm
- Star Sports**
Boys & Sunny Masterclass
Cricket Talk Show
6:00 pm
Australian Domestic Cricket
12:00 am (Sunday)
Primera Liga Highlights
2:30 pm



TALK TURKEY



Arjuna Ranatunga
(Former Sri Lanka cricket captain)
"Cricket is everything to me and how can anyone think that I will do something like that."
About the match-fixing allegation brought against him.

Sports WHIZZ KID

Competition 147
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- Who became Active Chess champion?
Ziaur Rezaat Rakib
 - What was the result of the Sri Lanka and England one-day series?
2-1 3-0 2-0
 - Who clinched the ATP Masters Series?
Sampras Agassi Safin
 - Who became Dhaka Reporters' Unit cricket champions?
Imrulhaq Baiglar Khan Sanghad
 - How many one-day matches did Tendulkar play to score 10,000 runs?
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Phone: (If any):

WHIZZ KID-145 winners



Nahiyana Binte-Alam
(Model Academy, Mirpur, Dhaka)

Streak-smart Zimbabwe

Cricket

By AL-AMIN, Harare

The Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) is perhaps one of the most well-run organisations in a country where the political and economic landscape appears to be in a state of disorder.

With the economy presently facing multiple problems, only cricket in this beautiful African nation promises to flourish under the charismatic leadership of Heath Streak. Indeed, the 28-year-old paceman gave his nation the feeling that they were capable of upsetting the best by taking Zimbabwe to new heights during the 1999 World Cup in England.

The soft-spoken six-foot giant from Bulawayo also enjoyed an inspiring tour of India with a new-look side.

Now he embarks on a hectic international schedule on home soil starting with a one-day and Test series against Bangladesh. Although the series against Bangladesh would be more like a warm-up ahead of the next fixture against India, the Zimbabwean captain made a very pertinent observation about the opponents and also of his own team while talking to a group of Bangladeshi journalists on Friday.

Admitting that this would be the first time Zimbabwe would start as favourites, Streak however

was humble enough to consider Bangladesh as 'useful opponents.' "We are certainly favourite to win the series. But it's going to be hard work for us and for a change it will be nice to play at home."



HEATH STREAK

"We are not going to take Bangladesh any less lightly than we would Australia or South Africa or any other Test playing nation. They are very useful side. We are going to pay them respect and they deserve it. But we are going to come out and fight hard."

The first 100-wicket taker in Test cricket for Zimbabwe considered the series as a unique opportunity for Bangladesh to start

their journey in the longer version.

"If they can consistently play international cricket they can develop their game. Now that Bangladesh have entered the Test arena they will develop as a side. And I'm sure with the numbers they have it will not take long to develop into one of the top sides in the world."

The statement might be premature, but the Zimbabwean captain really envied the enormous popularity of the game in Bangladesh, which was lacking in his country.

"We certainly have made leaps and bounds because we do not have the numbers that Bangladesh are have. Only if they play at the highest level of cricket would their players improve."

"We are working hard to increase the numbers playing in Zimbabwe. For instance we have increased the number of first-class sides. It was a white-dominated sport only a decade ago but it's gradually becoming multi-racial. Because of television, coverage in the press and some of our successes, people are more aware of cricket. The general people of Zimbabwe are still learning the game and in the next five years or so it will become a more popular game."

Albeit, Streak played a lot of limited-overs matches but surprisingly has missed all the four previous games between Zimbabwe and Bangladesh.

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BD hockey team exit

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh made a disappointing exit from the Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament after going down 3-1 at the hands of Kolkata Electric Supply in their last second round match in Kolkata on Friday, according to a message received here.

Habul scored the lone goal for the visitors in the 65th minute.

Earlier, Bangladesh lost 3-0 to Punjab Sindh Bank on Thursday and drew 1-1 against Sports Authority of India in their opening match.

The only national team in the prestigious club-level grass court tournament, Bangladesh was using the competition as a build-up towards the World Cup qualifying tournament in Scotland in July.

Biman Cup soccer Joypurhat post win

UNB, Moulvibazar

Holders Joypurhat managed a 1-0 victory over Khulna in the inaugural final round match of the Biman Cup Under-14 national football championship that kicked off at the local stadium yesterday.

Rezaul Haq Ripon scored the match winner for Joypurhat in the 64th minute.

Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Vice-Principal Abdush Shahid inaugurated the two-week meet.

Hosts Moulvibazar will play Laxmipur at 2:30 pm while Narayanganj will encounter Narail at 4 pm today.

A total of ten teams, split into two groups, are participating in the title race of the national juvenile football meet.

WI make inroads

REUTERS, St. John's

West Indies made an encouraging start to the fourth Test against South Africa at the Recreation Ground on Friday, snapping up three wickets before lunch to leave the tourists struggling at 53 for three after being put in to bat.

TEAMS
WEST INDIES: Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Shivnerine Chandernaul, Brian Lara, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Carl Hooper (captain), Ridley Jacobs, Neil McGarrell, Mervyn Dillon, Dinanath Ramnarine, Courtney Walsh.
SOUTH AFRICA: Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Darryl Cullinan, Neil McKenzie, Mark Boucher, Lance Klusener, Shaun Pollock (captain), Justin Kemp, Nicky Boje, Makhaya Ntini.

Fall of wickets: 1/8, 2/29, 3/34, 4/92, 5/112, 6/168, 7/192, 8/181, 9/193.

Bowler O M R W
A Kamal 6 0 28 1
Anwar 6 1 37 2
Shamsul 7 0 26 0
Saikat 6.5 1 20 1
Suja 8 0 44 1
Ramzan 2 0 18 0
Iqbal 6 0 30 3

SURJO TARUN
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Sajjad lbw b T Mehmud 16
Ramzan not out 33
Mazhar not out 35
Extras: (lb-1, w-6) 7
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T Mehmud 8 0 40 2
Ripon 9 0 39 0
Mosaddek 8 0 51 0
Mazhar 6 0 28 1
Zia 1 0 8 0
Nahid 0.5 0 7 0
Result: Surjo Tarun won by seven wickets.

WHIZZ KID-146 correct answers

- Who clinched the SAARC basketball crown?
Ans. India
- Who won the Masters Series in Indian Wells?
Ans. Agassi
- What position did Bangladesh capture in the Prime Minister Gold Cup hockey tournament?
Ans. Fifth
- Who became Prime Minister Gold Cup hockey champions?
Ans. India
- Who won the man-of-the-series award in the Pepsi Test series between India and Australia?
Ans. Harbhajan Singh.

WHIZZ KID-146 winner

Sameen Masud
(Fulkuri Nursery School, Dhaka)
(Please produce your ID card and an attested passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 6:30 pm on April 12)

DAY'S EVENT

Premier Division Cricket League
Mohammedan SC v Dhamondi Club
(Bangabandhu National Stadium)

Victoria SC v Sadharan Bima
(Dhamondi Cricket Stadium)



Victorious Abahani players leaving the field after recording a 90-run win over Brothers Union in the Premier Division Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Friday.

Champs brush BU aside

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Holders Abahani returned to winning ways in the Premier Division Cricket League with a thumping 90-run over Brothers Union at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Friday.

Opting to bat first in a reduced 45-over-side contest, the Dhamondi outfit, who lost to arch rivals Mohammedan by 54 runs, on Wednesday, piled up a huge 269 in the stipulated overs.

One down Azam Iqbal and middle order Neeyamur Rashid top scored with 58 each while hard-hitting opener Mohammad Hussain chipped in with 52.

Azam's run-a-ball half century included only two boundaries while Neeyamur, the explosive right hander, faced only 42 balls to reach his fifty. It featured one six and half a dozen of boundaries.

Hussain, the left handed Paki-

stani, smote six fours in his 54-ball knock.

Besides, opener Nafees Iqbal (27) and middle order Masudur Rahman (14) were the other Abahani batsmen who reached double figures.

In reply, Brothers Union were bundled out for 179 in 44.3 overs with middle order Shimul hammering an unbeaten 50 off 59 balls with two sixes and as many

boundaries. Abahani off-spinner Masudur Rahman returned with three for 21 from his seven overs while part Nafees Iqbal's occasional off-spinners accounted for two wickets.

It was Abahani seventh win in eight matches which raised their tally to 14 points. On the other hand, Brothers suffered their fifth defeat in seven outings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between Abahani and Brothers Union Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Friday:

ABAHANI

Hussain b Shimul	52
Nafees run out	27
Azam b Masroor	58
Javed c Mahbub b Sohel	5
Anis st Jahangir b Sohel	9
Neeyamur c Masroor b Talukder	18
Masud c Shimul b Talukder	14
Salim run out	2

BROTHERS UNION

Shimul	50
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Bevan defies India

Cricket

AFP, Goa

One-day specialist Michael Bevan hit an unbeaten 87 as Australia ended their tour of India with a four-wicket victory here on Friday to clinch the series 3-2.

The left-hander kept his cool amid a crisis to steer the tourists past India's 265-6 with 12 deliver-

ies to spare in this coastal holiday resort.

Ian Harvey hit a run-a-ball 25 while adding 67 for the seventh wicket with Bevan after India bounced back in the decider by grabbing four wickets in the space of 60 runs.

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Bangladesh coach Trevor Chappell (L) passing on some ideas to paceman Mohammad Sharif while Mehrah Hossain listens during a practice session at the Harare Sports Club ground on Thursday.

Salauddin pilots Tarun

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

A brilliant half-century from opener Gazi Salauddin throttled Surjo Tarun Club to a facile seven-wicket win over mighty Kalabagan in a Premier Division Cricket League engagement at the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium on Friday.

The young right hander smashed a run-a-ball 71 as Tarun, chasing a fighting Kalabagan total of 207 in a curtailed 43-over-a-side affair, raced to 208 for three in 38.5 overs.

Salauddin gave Tarun a perfect start sharing a 92-run opening partnership with Hannan Sarkar. The stand was broken when Hannan was bowled by left-arm spinner Manzarul Islam for 46.

Salauddin then shared 38 runs for the second wicket with captain Sajjad Ahmed before being trapped leg before by Pakistani off-spinner Tareque Mehmud.

In his 100-minute stay at the crease, Salauddin hammered eight boundaries.

Sajjad was the last man with the score on 138 after scoring 16 off 33 balls.

Mohammad Ramzan and Mazharul Haque took Surjo Tarun

home after sharing an unbeaten 70-run fourth wicket stand.

Ramzan, the discarded Pakistan international was not out on 33 while Mazhar was undefeated on 35.

Earlier, put into bat, Kalabagan were all out for 207 in 41.5 overs with left handed Manzarul Islam scoring highest 46.

Pakistani off-spinner Iqbal Sheikh was the wrecker-in-chief for Surjo Tarun with three for 30 while right-arm seamer Anwar Hossain captured two wickets for 37 runs.

Surjo Tarun's fifth win in eight matches raised their tally to ten points. Kalabagan, with their third defeat in seven outings, remained on eight points.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between Kalabagan Kriya Chakra and Surjo Tarun Club at the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium on Friday:

KALABAGAN
Nahid c Mazhar b Anwar 5
Reshad c Sajjad b A Kamal 4
T Mehmud c Mazhar b Anwar 18
Rafiqul run out 23
Zia run out 35
Manzar st Mazhar b Iqbal 16
Kalim c Mazhar b Suja 21
Mosaddek c Saikat b Iqbal 9

Saiful c Ramzan b Iqbal 7
Ripon not out 15
Shaheen c & b Saikat 2
Extras: (lb-4, nb-2, w-16) 22
Total: (All out in 41.5 overs) 207
Fall of wickets: 1/8, 2/29, 3/34, 4/92, 5/112, 6/168, 7/192, 8/181, 9/193.

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Zia puts Biman on track

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Ziaur Rashid's mesmerising spell brought title aspirants Bangladesh Biman on track in the Premier Division Cricket League with a 41-run victory over babes Young Cricketers at the BKSP ground in Savar on Friday.

Defending a modest Biman total of 228 in 50 overs, the right-arm off-spinner took five wickets for 38 runs from 10 overs to dismiss the Mirpur-based club for 187 in 45 overs.

Ziaur was given a good support by Pakistanis Amir Wasim and Majed. Saved who shared four

wickets each respectively.

Young Cricketers' middle order batsman Iftekhar stood tall with a 34-ball 50.

Earlier, Biman's impressive total was the result of a fifth-wicket century partnership between Hasanuzzaman and Khaled Mahmud.

The middle order duo shared 110 runs after national airline outfit lost four wickets for 46.

Hasan, the talented right hander scored 65 off 104 balls with six boundaries while Mahmud faced 70 balls for his 56 which featured three fours.

Biman earned their sixth victory in eight matches while Young Cricketers suffered their fifth de-

feat from an equal number of matches.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between Biman and Young Cricketers at the BKSP ground in Savar on Friday:

BIMAN

Athar Ali c Towhid b Shahnewaz	0
Fayaz c Magi b Al-Amin	25
Halim Shah c Monir b Shahnewaz	5
Majed b Al-Amin	5
Hasan c Iftekhar b Shamsul	65
K Mahmud c Towhid b Sohel	56
A Wasim c Shahnewaz b Magi	21
Ziaur b Magi	8
Mukter b Shahnewaz	5
Aminul Jr not out	19

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Australia cricketers pose for photographs with the Pepsi One-Day Series trophy after they won fifth and final match in Goa on Friday.