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## Did U Know?

The first ever Test match was held between England and Australia, at Melbourne, from March 15 to 19, 1877. Australia won by 45 runs. Exactly 100 years later (15th-19th March, 1977) a match between England and Australia was held at Melbourne to commemorate the 100 years of Test cricket. Interestingly, Australia won the match, also by 45 runs!



## What to WATCH

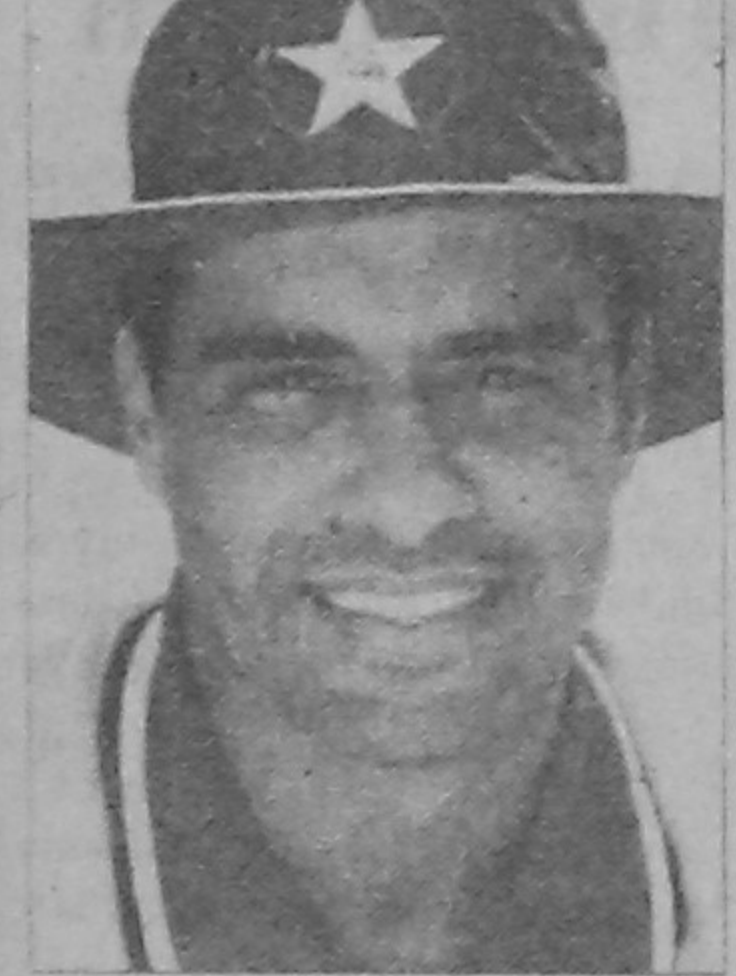
**SET Max**  
 New Zealand vs Sri Lanka  
 Sharjah Cup tri-series  
 Live at 4:50 pm

**ESPN**  
 Cricket Classics Boycott's Best  
 Australia vs England  
 Sixth Test-1981  
 11:30 am  
 England vs Pakistan  
 First Test-1982  
 7:00 pm  
 Serie A Highlights  
 1:00 pm  
**UEFA Champs League**  
 Live at 12:30 am (Wednesday)

**Star Sports**  
 Harsha Online  
 Cricket Talk Show  
 8:30 am & 1:00 pm  
 South Africa vs West Indies  
 Fourth Test, Day one  
 Highlights at 11:00 pm  
 Primera Liga  
 8:30 pm



## TALK TURKEY



**Waqar Younis**  
 (Pakistan star cricketer)  
 "England is like a second home to me. Leading Pakistan on my last tour of that country is an icing on the cake."  
 After being named captain for their tour of England.

## Sports WHIZZ KID

**Competition 147**  
 Tick the Correct Answers  
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 Competition closes at 8 pm  
 April 20, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who became Active Chess champion?  
 Ziaur Rezaat Rakib

2. What was the result of the Sri Lanka and England one-day series?  
 2-1 3-0 2-0

3. Who clinched the ATP Masters Series?  
 Sampras Gassaf Safin

4. Who became Dhaka Reporters' Unity cricket champions?  
 Inqilab BanglarBani Sangbad

5. How many one-day matches did Tendulkar play to score 10,000 runs?  
 238 266 283

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## Tarun join Super Six

### Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Surjo Tarun became the last team to book a berth in the six-team Super League when they edged past high-flying Dhanmondi Club by seven wickets in the only Premier Division Cricket League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Monday.

One-down Iqbal Sheikh smashed an unbeaten 103 as Tarun, chasing Dhanmondi's paltry total of 141 in a reduced 47-over-a-side affair, raced to 144 in just 22.1 overs.

The right-handed Pakistani batsman, reached his fifty off 35 balls and another 31 balls to make 103 without any support from his teammates. His quickfire knock featured four sixes and 16 fours.

Earlier, put into bat, after a 30-minute delay because of overnight rain, Dhanmondi, who beat Mohammedan, Brothers Union and Biman in their last three outings, were bundled for a meagre 141 in 44.1 overs.

Young off-spinner Zia was the wrecker-in-chief finishing with four for 13.

Masud run out 15  
 Nayeem b Iqbal 20  
 Turjo run out 6  
 Bashar c & b Erfan 0  
 Debabrata not out 10  
 Extras: (lb-1, w-10) 11  
 Total: (All out in 44.1 overs) 141

Fall of wickets: 1/1, 2/78, 3/79, 4/81, 5/82, 6/94, 7/103, 8/123, 9/124.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
A Kamal	7	1	34	1
Monir	5	0	30	0
Saikat	7	1	23	0
Zia	10	3	13	4
Erfan	10	2	22	1
Iqbal	5.1	0	18	1

Surjo Tarun, with their sixth win against five defeats, completed the first round in joint fourth position in the 12-team league table along with Dhanmondi and Kalabagan Krira Chakra.

Although each team has equal 12 points, Kalabagan still have a match in hand.

The six-team Super-League, which also involves leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club, holders Abahani and Bangladesh Biman, will start from April 19.

**SCOREBOARD**  
 Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between Surjo Tarun Club and Dhanmondi Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Monday:

DHANMONDI CLUB	0
Anis c Anwar b A Kamal	0
Taj c Iqbal b Zia	19
Tushar c Erfan b Zia	58
Imon run out	0
Dickens c sub b Zia	1
Naveed c Monir b Zia	1

**SURJO TARUN**

Hannan c Debabrata b Naveed	5
Salauddin b Naveed	20
Iqbal not out	103
Erfan c Bashar b Naveed	4
Mazhar not out	2
Extras: (nb-1, w-9)	10
Total: (For 3 wks in 22.1 overs) 144	
Fall of wickets: 1/6, 2/54, 3/93	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Debabrata	6	0	41	0
Naveed	9	4	35	3
Nayeem	3.1	0	29	0
Masud	2	0	20	0
Tushar	2	0	13	0

Result: Surjo Tarun won by seven wickets.

## McMillan's battle-cry

### Cricket

REUTERS, Sharjah

New Zealand captain Craig McMillan has called on his strugg-



SANATH JAYASURIYA

gling young side to raise their game for Tuesday's final round-robin match against Sri Lanka in the Sharjah triangular series.

"We have been getting good starts almost in every match, but the batsmen, especially in the middle and lower order, are not showing enough application," said

### JU cricket

JU CORRESPONDENT

Department of Government and Politics (Gopol) clinched the inter-departmental cricket championship title of Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday.

In the final match held at the JU central playground Gopol defeated History by eight wickets in the stipulated 35 overs.

Winning the toss, History decided to bat first and collected 82 runs losing all wickets in 15.5 overs.

Gopol, in reply, reached their target in 20.1 overs losing two wickets.

### Canas' first

AFP, Casablanca

Argentine qualifier Guillermo Canas lifted his first major title here Sunday when he won the 350,000-dollar Casablanca ATP tennis tournament with a straight sets win over Spaniard Tommy Robredo.

Canas, ranked 40th in the world, was a surprise winner at the Grand Prix Hassan II when he saw off the Spanish teen 7-5, 6-2 during a tournament in which he has shown his mettle easily overcoming his opponents with smart play.

The 23-year-old said that he had found new moral strength while playing here and did not drop a single set in seven matches through qualifying en route to his first ATP single's crown.

And he kept his record perfect Sunday against world number 74 Robredo, another tournament revelation, despite struggling slightly in the first set.

"I lost matches psychologically before," said the Argentine of his past failure to win titles. "I wasn't prepared enough despite having the same level of play as the others."

"This week I just played unbelievable. Everything was working. Today I had a lot of chances and this gave me a lot of confidence to win my first title," added the Buenos Aires-player after topping his season-best of a semi-final finish in Acapulco.

McMillan. New Zealand, without a win in three matches, face a near-impossible task of making it to the Friday's final.

Pakistan are already through to the final with four victories from four matches while Sri Lanka have one win from three and are all but assured of qualifying as their net run rate is vastly superior.

"We are feeling pretty disappointed and we should be, but we are determined to make amends for poor showing," added McMillan.

"Tuesday's match is our last in the league and we want to make most of this last opportunity," the skipper said.

"Many of our batsmen have got out while playing across the line. The fall of their wickets invariably puts pressure on the team.

"We are missing a number of senior players, but we have a team here and a job to perform," he said.

New Zealand had a good chance against Pakistan when they scored 266 before Shahid Afridi's 70 off 43 balls took the match away from them.

"It was the kind of dynamic innings which would have made things difficult for any side in the world," added McMillan.

"We don't want to miss out on the chance and the boys are keen to return home with something to cheer about," he said.

The Sri Lankan team management is also concerned about the form of their batsmen. "The batsmen will have to show more application and improve fielding," manager Ajith Jayasekera said.

### READER'S ZONE

#### Talking positive

Do you have any observation regarding sports and its management in Bangladesh? Do you feel certain issues need to be addressed before time runs out? Then, hurry up and send us your burning questions, critical views and thoughtful suggestions not in excess of 400 words. Let your thoughts buzz at your corner, the READERS' ZONE.

---Sports Editor

It has been noticed that 'positive' is the most popular word in the vocabulary of all most of all the Bangladesh cricket captains. On every occasion, the captain is used to say "we will show positive approach in the field". The demonstration of their positive approach is however quite confusing to all.

I believe, by being positive cricketers mean to hit six boundaries off six deliveries of an over. That is probably why Bangladesh players tend to hit all the deliveries out of the ground rather than to play on the merit of ball.

We are seeing positive approach of Bangladesh while making comments for long. Our captain should keep in mind that Bangladesh are now playing at the highest level of cricket. Anything he says goes on record and his team's performance will analysed the next day. We however have not seen positive approach in the team management as yet. In this maiden overseas series of Bangladesh, Aminul was left out of the one-day series after the first game. My point is that no one should judge a player on a single day's performance. Aminul has been serving Bangladesh cricket over a decade. If Aminul needs to be replaced and if there is a suitable replacement for him, then do it in a planned way. If Aminul does not fit in the one-day team, then a decision in this regard should have

"We have had good nets for the past two days and the morale of the team is high. But it would mean nothing if we don't perform on the field," he said.

"We are virtually through to the final, but still we won't be taking things easy against New Zealand,"

he said.



CRAIG McMILLAN

### SQUADS

**NEW ZEALAND** (from): Craig McMillan (captain), Andre Adams, Matthew Bell, Grant Bradburn, James Franklin, Chris Harris, Kyle Mills, Chris Nevin, Jacob Oram, Mathew Sinclair, Daryl Tuffey, Lou Vincent, Brooke Walker.

**SRI LANKA** (from): Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu, Ramesh Kaluwitharana, Mahela Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara, Russel Arnold, Kumar Dharmasena, Tillekeratne Dilshan, Chaminda Vaas, Muttiah Muralitharan, Indika de Saram, Thilan Samaraweera, Akalanka Gangagama, Nuwan Zoysa, Dilhara Fernando.

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been taken much before the team flew off to Harare.

The team management did emphasize on the experience only a few days ago, but it is now speaking for youngsters. I'm also all for injecting fresh bloods into the team. But should not we do it in a way so that we do not have to take too much risk? It is wise to give a fair chance to potential players, but a wholesale change and that too on a tour does not make any sense to me.

New coach and his senior players mentioned before that batting was the strength of Bangladesh and bowling was the weakness. But, on tour, their assessment has become just the opposite. The coach also observed prior to leaving Dhaka, "running between the wicket has improved". But the condition of that was same as it was in the recent past. I failed to see the improvement, except for talking big.

However, we need to find real prospect like Ashraf, Sharif etc and nurture them with great care. Political and outdated screws have to be eliminated from the high officials' heads. Sporting and bouncy wickets have to be made at home. And if we could do so, positive approach would automatically come in to play in the minds of our players. -- Dilshadul Islam Janis, through e-mail

## Rakib returns to top

### SPORTS REPORTER

International Master (IM) Abdullah Al-Rakib of Biman regained top spot in the Professor Abdur Razzak 27th National Chess Championship with a draw against Sheikh Nasir Ahmed of Bangladesh Ansars in the tenth round at the NSC chess room on Monday.

With the draw, Rakib joined IM Ziaur Rahman at the top of the table on eight points.

On Monday, Zia lost to his fellow IM and defending champion Reefat-bin-Sattar.

The eleventh round will start at the same venue today at 2:30 pm.

### Div I cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Uttara Sporting Club and Orient Sporting Club earned comfortable wins against their respective rivals in the First Division Cricket League yesterday.

Uttara defeated Young Pegasus Club by six wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Sent in to bat first, Young Pegasus scored a fighting 263 for seven in stipulated 50 overs with Humayun making 78 off 100 balls and Majid Jafri was not out 72 off 73 balls.

In reply, Uttara reached the target making 265 for four in 43.5 overs. Palto scored 112, Ghory became the other notable scorer making unbeaten 76.

At the Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University, Orient Sporting Club beat Azad Sporting Club by 60 runs.

Orient made 193 for six in curtailed 38 overs with Pakistani Abid Hanif making 105 off 113 deliveries with 12 fours and three sixes.

Murad picked up four wickets for 29 in 8 overs.

In reply, Azad were all out for 133 in 36.3 overs.

### M'singh cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Shapla Krira Chakra defeated Gokibari Krira Chakra by eight wickets in the Beg Steel Premier Division Cricket League at the local stadium yesterday.

Batting first, Gulkibari scored 107 runs all out in 35.1 overs.

In reply, Shapla reached the target in 25.4 overs losing two wickets.

In another match of the day, Mukul Fouj Sabuj beat Asit Memorial Club by 28 runs at the Circuit House ground.

Batting first Mukul Fouj made 207 runs all out in 42.2 overs.

In reply, Asit Memorial managed 179 all out in 41.2 overs.

In another match of Pepsu First Division Cricket League held at the local Circuit House ground yesterday.

Raj Kumar Eleven beat Mukul Fouj Lal by 73 runs.

Winning the toss, Raj Kumar batted first and made 238 runs for nine in 40 overs.

In reply, Mukul Fouj Lal scored 165 runs in 31.1 overs all out.

### Rajshahi v ball

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Bright Star Club and Brothers Union won their respective matches of the Rajshahi First Division Volleyball League at Rajshahi Stadium yesterday.

In the first match, Bright Star defeated Bondhon Krira Chakra by 3-0 set (25-3, 25-13, 25-13).

In other match of the day, Brothers Union beat Modern Boxing Club 3-0 (25-6, 25-10, 25-10).

Jagarata Sangha will take on Modern Boxing Club and United Club will meet Brothers Union today.

### Army hockey

BSS, Tangail

Chittagong Area clinched the annual hockey championship title of Bangladesh Army beating Air Defence Artillery by a solitary goal in an exciting final on Sunday.

Abdul Hamid of Chittagong netted the all important goal in the 13' minute of the extra time.

The scheduled time of play ended goalless.



**DAY'S EVENT**

Premier Division Cricket League  
 Abahani v Kalabagan  
 (Bangabandhu National Stadium)  
 Brothers Union v Sadharan Bima  
 (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)  
 Prof A Razzak 27th National Chess  
 Round Eleven  
 Venue: NSC Chess Room

## SAF, SAFF camp

# 14 booters turn up

### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Only fourteen footballers reported at Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) office on Monday for the preparatory camp of South Asian Football Federation (SAF) Games and South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship.

The camp will start at the BUET ground this morning under the supervision of national coach George Cottan.

On Friday the BFF called up twenty-four booters.

According to BFF coordinator Noman, eight players -- Aminul Haq, Prodeep Poddar, Hasan Al-Mamun, Zulfikar Mahmud Mintu, Maksudul Amin Rana, Rajani Kanta Barman, Rezaul Karim Lito and Saurav Raju -- are now in Gopalpur, Tangail, to play for Muktojodha Sangsad in an exhibition match.

The other absentees are skipper Alfaz Ahmed and defender Kingshuk Chakma.

Alfaz is currently playing in the

Indian National League for Mohun Bagan while there is no specific reason why Kingshuk is yet to turn up.

Following booters have re-

### Biman Cup

#### soccer

UNB, Moulvibazar

Holders Joyprhat finished Group 'A' runners-up to reach the semi-final of the Biman Cup Under-14 Football Championship eliminat-

ing Chandpur by a solitary goal in the last group match at the local stadium yesterday.

Ripon scored the match-decider in the 65' minute.

Both semifinals will be held today (Tuesday) at the same venue.

Group 'A' champions BKSP will play against hosts Moulvibazar in the first semifinal at 2:30 pm while Group 'B' champions Narayanganj will take on Joyprhat in the other at 4 pm.

The final match will be held on Thursday at 3:30 pm.

ported to Cottan: Biplab Bhattacharya, Firoy Mahmud Hossain Tito, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Pavel Mahmud, Matur Munnna, Iqbal Hossain, Saifur Rahman Moni, Monwar Hossain, Abu Faisal Ahmed, Mustafa Anwar Parvez, Mohammad Sujon, Mujibur Rahman Riut, Titumeer Chowdhury and Asadur Rahman.

The Ninth SAF Games will be held in Islamabad in October while the Third SAFF Championship will be held in Dhaka in November.

In accordance with the new rule of Asian Football Confederation (AFC), countries are required to send their under-23 teams to the SAF Games and the national team to the SAFF Championship.

Earlier, both events were strictly national-team level ones.

Bangladesh won gold in the eighth SAF Games in Nepal in 1999 while India are the reigning SAFF champions.

The number of call-ups will increase after the start of the Premier Division Football League next month.



International Masters Ziaur Rahman (L) and Reefat-bin-Sattar during their tenth round engagement of the Professor Abdur Razzak 27th National Chess Championship at the NSC on Monday.

## English season starts

### Cricket

INTERNET, London

The new county cricket season is under way as forecasters who had predicted a prompt start were proved right.

Five counties -- Derbyshire, Durham, Kent, Leicestershire and Middlesex -- are in action against teams from the newly formed University Centres of Cricketing Excellence.

Tom Mees, a 19-year-old fast bowler from Wolverhampton, gave John Embrey an uneasy start to his new role as Middlesex coach.

Mees took three early wickets for Oxford UCCCE to leave Middlesex 15 for three.

An undefeated half-century by Ben Hutton restored some respectability as Middlesex reached lunch on 109 for four.

At Grace Road, Vince Wells averaged of 17.70.

"Steve Waugh always used to say about Shane, form is temporary, class is permanent," said Jenner.

"One thing you have got to admire Steve for is he's got the courage of his convictions."

After major shoulder surgery and two finger operations in recent years, Jenner knows Warne's performance against England

was confident the match would start on time unless rain intervened.

"At the moment the pitch and outfield are ready to play on, despite the problems the weather has caused.

"But the wickets will be even lower and slower, and definitely greener than usual."

He added: "This year it's been so wet that we haven't been able to do anything like as much as we would want to. I would say only the top three or four inches of the square is dry because the water table is so high.

"Fenner's drains extremely well but this year for the first time anyone can remember, it's been flooded with water lying on top of the outfield.

"I know they've had the same problems at Oxford. It was flooded there a few weeks ago. I imagine every groundsman in the country has had similar trouble."

## Jenner's encouragement

### Cricket

INTERNET, undated

The man who discovered Shane Warne and nurtured his leg spinning talent believes he can again be the scourge of English batsmen this summer.

When Shane Warne recently named the three most influential people in his career, Terry Jenner, the world's leading wrist spin coach, was the first name on the list.

Jenner is so respected within the game that the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) employed him for two years as its leg-spin consultant at roadshows and training schemes around