

StanChart Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

AK High School, Muradpur Adarsha High School, Mirhazirbagh High School and Govt. Muslim High School won their respective Dhaka Metropolis Zone matches of the Standard Chartered 20th National Schools Cricket Championship at different city venues on Friday.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, AK High thumped down a 110-run defeat on National Bank Public School with Masum starring with the bat. He scored 71.

Muradpur Adarsha made a short work of Waziuddin High School in a low-scoring affair at the Dhanmondi Club Ground, where the winners chased only 52 runs for victory. Mirhazirbagh High School coasted to a nine-wicket win against Badda A High School at the Polytechnic Institute Ground while Govt. Muslim School defeated Asaduzzaman High School by six wickets at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

BRIEF SCORES

**AK High School vs National Bank Public School**

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

**AK High School:** 240 for 5 in 35 overs (Masum 71, Saiful 30, Zahurul 30, Monir 2/34)

**National Bank Public School:** 130 all out 32.5 overs (Jissan 31; Mostafa 4/22, Faisal 3/24)

**Result:** AK High School won by 110 runs.

**Muradpur Adarsha High School vs Waziuddin High School**

Venue: DCG

**Waziuddin High School:** 51 all out in 19.5 overs (Mosarraf 18, Kamrul 3/3, 2/5, Saiful 2/17)

**Muradpur Adarsha High School:** 52 for 4 in 12.5 overs (Rana 15, Mossaraf 3/16)

**Result:** Muradpur Adarsha High School won by 6 wickets.

**Mirhazirbagh High School vs Badda A High School**

Venue: PIG

**Badda A High School:** 121 all out 25.5 overs (Kamrul 33, Rashed 17; Pavel 2/7, Kawsar 2/27, Anwar 2/18)

**Mirhazirbagh High School:** 124 for 1 in 15 overs (Faisal 55, Russel 34)

**Result:** Mirhazirbagh High School won by 9 wickets.

**Govt. Muslim High School vs Asaduzzaman High School**

Venue: Mirpur Outer Stadium

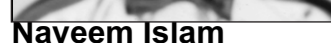
**Asaduzzaman High School:** 106 all out in 26.4 overs (Aslam 18; Omar 3/15, Faisal 2/3, Onik 2/14)

**Govt. Muslim High School:** 107 for 4 in 17.3 overs (Onik 35, Omar 14)

**Result:** Dhaka Govt. Muslim High School won by 6 wickets.

WHIZZ KID-163

winner



Nayeem Islam (Aga Khan School, Dhaka)

WHIZZ KID-164

correct answers

1. What was Jacques Kallis' score in the MCG Test? Ans: 99
2. Michael Owen scored his 100th club goal against? Ans: Bolton
3. Which football club won the Argentine Championship? Ans: Racing
4. How many double century stand do Hayden and Langer have? Ans: 4
5. How many batsmen have played in 100 consecutive Tests? Ans: 3

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

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5 Make it through the night  
9 Sternward  
12 On  
13 Beehive State  
14 Epoch  
15 Piano lesson prop  
17 Roulette bet  
18 First man  
19 "MTM" spinoff  
21 Bashful  
24 "Diary of a Housewife"  
25 "When the frost ..."

**DOWN**

1 Predicament  
2 Salt Lake athlete  
3 Obtained call?  
4 Ankle woe  
5 Moth variety  
6 Particulate  
7 "Casa"  
8 Vacuumpianist  
9 Algerian seaport  
10 "A Chorus Line"  
11 Fanfare sound  
16 Unconventional  
20 Crane  
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25 Sképin output  
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34 Bill's partner  
35 Photographer Richard  
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45 Raw rock  
46 Upper limit  
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THE ONE AND THE ONLY: Habibul Bashar square-cuts one on way to scoring yet another Test half-century in Chittagong on Friday. It was Bashar's ninth fifty in 11 Tests. He also has one century to his credit.

Ctg forced to follow on

ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League

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Former champions Chittagong continued their miserable run in the Ispahani National League when they were forced to follow-on against hosts Rajshahi on Friday. At stumps on the third day, the port city team were 171 for four in their second innings. Resuming on 112 for four in reply to Rajshahi's imposing 377, the 1999 winners were shot out for 154.

Chittagong now need 52 runs more to make their opponents bat again on the final day to avoid an innings defeat. Meanwhile, at Jessore hosts Khulna suffered an innings and five run defeat against Sylhet. The home side, who followed-on on the second day after making 62, the second lowest score in the history of the National League, made a remarkable improvement in the second innings. They made 201, but still failed to avoid an innings defeat on the penultimate day.

It was Sylhet's first victory in the four-day contest after three successive defeats.

SCORECARDS

Scoreboards on the third day of the four-day Ispahani National Cricket League matches played at different venues across the country on Friday.

**Chittagong vs Rajshahi**  
Venue: Rajshahi

**RAJSHAHI:** First innings 377 all out in 136.5 overs (Anisur 135, Rafiqul 109; Safiuddin 8/81)

**CHITTAGONG:** First innings (Over-night 112 for 3 in 48 overs) Anisul c Hasan b Aminu 18 Nazim lbw b Aminuljr. 12 Sadiq lbw b Mahabub. 54 Faisal b Imran 0 Azam c Tariq b Faisal 41 Sabbir c Sami b Faisal 0 Murtuza b Imran 8 Debabrot c Rafiqul b Imran 9 Suja c Imran 5 Safiuddin b Mahabub 0 Kamruzzaman not out 0 Extras: (b-4, lb-6, nb-4, w-1) 15 Total: (All out in 78.4 overs) 154

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-29, 3-30, 4-114, 5-120, 6-133, 7-147, 8-148, 9-154

**Bowler** O M B R  
Aminuljr. 20 6 42 2  
Faisal 10 3 20 2  
Imran 23.4 12 26 4  
Mustadir 16 4 39 0  
Mahabub 7 3 15 2  
Tariqul 2 1 2 0

**CHITTAGONG:** Second innings Anisul c sub b Aminuljr. 18 Nazim c sub b Imran 9 Sadiq not out 46 Faisal b Mahabub 33 Azam c Imran b Mahabub 61 Extras: (b-5, lb-6, nb-3) 14 Total: (For 4 wickets in 57.3 overs) 171

**Bowler** O M R W  
Aminuljr. 9 2 28 1

**Khulna vs Sylhet**  
Venue: Jessore

**SYLHET:** First innings 268 all out in 119 overs (Rajin 70, Alok 69; Razzak 5-67)

**KHULNA:** First innings 62 all out in 32.5 overs (Selim 23; Taposh 5-30, Parvez 3-6)

**KHULNA:** Second innings (over-night 30 for 1 wicket in 21 overs) Sajjad c Joy b Rezaul 0 Raju lbw b Alok 67 Uzal lbw b Imtiaz 37 Hasan c Rajin b Imtiaz 0 Jamal c Rajin b Imtiaz 0 Selim run out 3 Monir c Nasir b Alok 7 Sohul c Joy b Taposh 43 Al-Amin c Taposh b Imran 3 Tariqul lbw b Rezaul 19 Razzak not out 2 Extras: (b-5, lb-2, nb-13) 20 Total: (All out in 96.3 overs) 201

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-97, 3-97, 4-97, 5-112, 6-131, 7-132, 8-147, 9-198

**Bowler** O M R W  
Rezaul 16.3 4 35 2  
Taposh 13 1 24 1  
Parvez 8 2 31 0  
Rana 4 3 1 0  
Imran 26 9 35 1  
Aloke 12 4 18 2  
Imtiaz 17 5 50 3

**Result:** Sylhet won by an innings and 5 runs.

A team flies out to Windies today

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Bangladesh A team leaves for West Indies today to mark the first visit by any Bangladesh selection to the Caribbean's.

Former national captain Akram Khan leads the 14-member team to play in Busta Cup. The first-class competition begins on January 25.

The tourists take on West Indies B in the opening match. However, two members of the team Tushar Imran and Tariq Aziz would join the tour party after the one-day series against Pakistan.

Besides, three Under-19 cricketers Nafis Iqbal, Mohammad Ashrafu and Talha Jubair are also likely to fly to the Caribbean following the New Zealand World Youth Cup.

**SQUAD**  
Akram Khan (captain), Hannan Sarker, Ehsanul Huq, Naimur Rahman, Tushar Imran, Mushfiqur Rahman, Mazharul Huq, Anwar (wicketkeeper), Ahsanullah Hasan, Tariq Aziz, Anwar Hossain Monir, Mohammad Alamgir, Manzarul Islam and Mosaddek Hossain. Golam Faruque Chowdhury (coach) and Gavin Benzafield (trainer).

Tareq in, Hasibul

**FROM PAGE 13**  
tain), Javed Omar, Mehrab Hossain, Al-Shahriar, Habibul Bashar, Aminul Islam, Sanwar Hossain, Enamul Hoque, Fahim Muntasir, Mohammad Sharif, Monjurul Islam, Khaled Mahmud, Tushar Imran and Tareq Aziz Khan.

**Pakistan:** Waqar Younis, Taufeeq Umar, Shadab Kabir, Younis Khan, Inzamamul Huq, Yousuf Youhana, Abdur Razzak, Rashid Latif, Saqlain Mushtaq, Shoaib Akhtar, Wasim Akram, Shahid Afridi, Shoaib Malik and Azhar Mahmood.

Patience missing

**FROM PAGE 13**  
than three hundred Test wickets. And, I think, they are also under pressure from me, they are under pressure for doing something well, they are under pressure from the media and public.

When asked what in his view the Bangladesh batsmen were good at, Trevor said they were good in breaking hearts of the people.

"They hit a few shots and score and when I think they should keep going and going, they don't. You (the media) have written that and I have also told them the same. They also know that but can't practice at the middle," he said.

Chappell also suggested the Board to improve the standard of domestic cricket. "Unless the boys have enough practice in the longer version of the game they would keep on failing in the Test matches."

He said that his team certainly have to get back some credibility and some respect from the public, generally in Bangladesh.

"I think we have got three one-day games coming up against Pakistan and after that there is a break for about three to four months until July when we go to Sri Lanka."

"The second half of this year is also going to be tough because we will tour South Africa, Sri Lanka and West Indies would come here. They all are going to be similarly tough as well."

"We got our A team going to West Indies for the Busta Cup tomorrow (January 19) and the under-19 is already in New Zealand for the under-19 World Cup. The players who perform well in these two tournaments certainly will have to be looked at for the tours on the second part of this year."

Jahangir on song

**FROM PAGE 13**

Saiful b Shahnewaz 13  
Bikash c Adil b Shahnewaz 2  
Khokon not out 0  
Extras: (lb-5, lb-3, w-3) 11  
Total: (All out in 49.4 overs) 272

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-46, 3-85, 4-162, 5-186, 6-186, 7-251, 8-259, 9-272

**BOWLER** O M R W  
Shahnewaz 9.4 1 48 4  
Sayem 10 0 68 2  
Ashfaq 10 0 44 1  
Faruque 10 0 41 0  
Imran 4 0 23 2  
Illias 6 0 43 0

**BARISAL**  
Biplob c S Kadir b Neeyamur 13  
Imran b Neeyamur 12  
Shaheen c & b Rafique 37  
Illias c Halim b Rashedul 22  
Adil c Rafique b Jahangir 36  
Shahnewaz c Rashedul b Rafique 9  
Kiron st. S Kadir b Khokon 7  
Ashfaq c Halim b Sajjad 9  
Sayem not out 2  
Extras: (b-6, lb-1, w-15) 22  
Total: (All out in 47.4 overs) 170

Fall of wickets: 1-26, 2-41, 3-93, 4-99, 5-112, 6-127, 7-154, 8-170

**Bowler** O M R W  
Bikash 7 0 25 0  
Neeyamur 7 1 35 2  
Saiful 6 2 6 0  
Pappu 6 0 26 0  
Rafique 9 1 24 2  
Rashedul 3 0 8 1  
Khokon 5 0 12 1  
Halim 2 0 16 0  
Sajjad 2 0 9 1  
Jahangir 4 0 2 1

**Result:** Dhaka won by 102 runs.

Hingis sails, Venus struggles

Australian Open

AFP, Melbourne

The world's top women players followed the Australian Open script Friday, hardly fluffing a line.

While the men's top seeds won't be winning any Oscars, the women's are still vying for their Golden Globe.

Three-time champion Martina Hingis was the leading lady, whipping Germany's Barbara Rittner 6-1, 6-0 in just 46 minutes.

And while Monica Seles put in a workmanlike performance to ease her way into the last 16, Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova almost proved the scene stealer against Wimbledon and US Open champion Venus Williams.

Williams, whose knee was acting up, was in trouble in the first set, going 4-0 down as her anxious mum Oracene, also her coach, grimaced in the wings, fearing the worst.

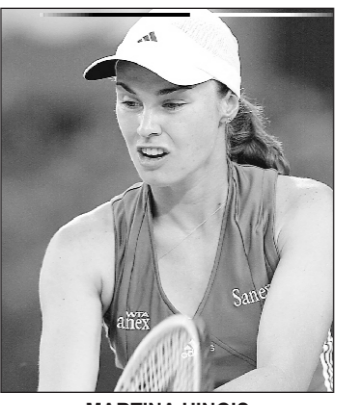
Injured Sister Serena is already out and hasn't stayed to cheer Venus on. She left for home Friday.

But the No.2 seed clawed her way back, overcoming apprehension about her dodgy knee to record a 3-6, 6-0, 6-4 victory and a show-down against Bulgarian 13th seed Magdalena Maleeva, who beat American Lisa Raymond 7-5 6-1.

She felt no reaction from the tendinitis which 24 hours before had thrown doubt over her continuing in the year's first Grand Slam.

"I felt very good today. I felt like I could move," she said. "She hit a few drop shots that I didn't run for at first, but then there was a few towards the end that I did very well on."

"I just wanted to make sure everything was okay early on, I hadn't really tested it so I didn't know how far I could go ... but I went very far."



MARTINA HINGIS

Seles, who has won four Australian Opens among her nine Grand Slams, was the first woman into the fourth round with a straight sets beating of Italian Francesca Schiavone.

The eighth seed began slowly and was broken when serving for the match in the ninth game of the second set but dug deep to come back and win 6-4 6-4.

She will next play Anabel Medina

Garrigues of Spain who beat Nathalie Dechy of France 6-3, 6-2.

"It's tough to play Francesca because she chngew down every ball," said Seles. "But I think in the key points I played well and caMu u winner."

Seles is scheduled to meet Williams in the quarterfinals and refused to be drawn on the chances of winning her first Grand Slam since 1996.

Henman prevails

AFP, Melbourne

Tim Henman won the 'Battle of Britain' over Greg Rusedski in a sparky third round match at the Australian Open here Friday night.

Henman, at six the highest ranking seed left in the tournament, pushed his record to 5-2 over 28th-seed Rusedski, winning 6-4, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 in two hours 27 minutes, winning on his first match point after saving three break points.

"We just wanted to play hard and compete hard and I think we did and it was a quality match," said Henman.

"I'm pretty happy with the way things are going."

The triple Wimbledon semi-finalist is bidding to become the first British winner of a Grand Slam since the late Fred Perry at the 1936 US Open and is one match away from becoming the first British quarter-finalist here since John Lloyd in 1985.

AUSSIE OPEN NOTES

Australian Open

AFP, Melbourne

Serious people these tennis players. The Melbourne night clubs and casino have complained none of the players are to be seen out and about.

The late Arthur Ashe always boasted he beat Jimmy Connors in the 1975 Wimbledon final after spending the night playing blackjack.

Monica Seles, who has been on tour for 11 years, believes the modern player cannot afford to fool around.

"When you're in a Grand Slam tournament it's probably not the best way to prepare," said the 28-year-old who is chasing her 10th Grand Slam title.

She said early losers might be tempted by the bright lights but even those have not been seen down-town.

HOPING FOR THE BEST

Venus Williams has an explanation for the unorthodox shots she often hits.

"I'm not looking at the ball when I do that," she said after her come-from-behind win over Daniela

Huntochova of Slovakia.

"You hope for the best and expect the worst. A lot of times you just want that ball to be where you are going to put it. And you just take your eye off it and it just doesn't work. But you have to keep yourself calm."

DOING IT TOUGH

Alex Kim is trying to prove you don't have to start your tennis career as a teenager.

"I definitely feel I have something to prove to younger players, that they can stay on at college to get their degree and then join the tour. So many people come on the tour and don't make it," said the Stanford University economics graduate.

The 23-year-old produced the upset of the Australian Open two days ago when he knocked out fourth seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

But he went into straight sets to Chilean baseliner Fernando Gonzalez, another qualifier, in the third round Friday.

"But I've learnt a lot here and I know now I can beat anybody," he said.

Kim, whose father is Korean, left home in Delray, Florida, on Christmas Eve, and flew economy class to Sydney. In the last two weeks has played 10 matches, most of them in the qualifying tournaments, at the Australian Hardcourt Champion-

ships in Adelaide and in Melbourne.

"It's pretty tough but I'm not complaining," he added.

MAD DAD' DOKIC GETS IN ON THE ACT

Jelena Dokic might not be here but controversial dad Damir is playing a star role in the Australian Open.

Dokic renounced her Australian citizenship last year and Damir, who got himself thrown out of the US Open two years ago when he threw a wobbly over the size of his portion of fish for lunch, is an unpopular visitor to most tournaments.

But the KIA car firm, main sponsors of this year's event, have signed up Damir for a series of TV ads.

WATCH OUT KIM

Nineteen-year-old Kim Clijsters, girlfriend of world No.1 Lleyton Hewitt, is hogging the headlines here but it could soon be little sister Elke, who was 17 Friday.

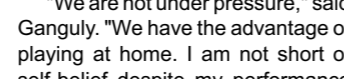
She was the only qualifier to make it to the last eight of the Australian Hardcourt Junior Championships being played just down the road from the grown-ups event at Melbourne Park.

"I like (Lindsay) Davenport. She's a very professional player. She's also very nice and relaxed on the court," Elke said when asked who she looked up to.



Participants of the Aga Khan Gold Cup golf tournament pose with Chief of Army Staff and president of Kurmitola Golf Club Lt Gen M Harun-Ar-Rashid (6th from L) which he inaugurated at the KGC yesterday.

About time Sourav scored



SOURAV GANGULY

"We are not under pressure," said Ganguly. "We have the advantage of playing at home. I am not short of self-belief despite my performance in Tests. I realise the importance of leading from the front."

England captain Nasser Hussain plans to capitalise on India's failure

their talent, we will struggle. If we put pressure on them, we will do well," said Hussain.

"Our record in one-dayers is not very brilliant and the team lacks experience. I think Sachin Tendulkar has played more one-dayers than the entire English team, but the boys are improving with every match."

"We have defeated Zimbabwe 5-0 and hope to maintain that record."

Opener Marcus Trescothick may miss the opening game after suffering a bout of influenza.

"Trescothick is under the weather a little bit. He would be doubtful for tomorrow's game," Hussain told reporters on Friday.

Hussain returns with a stronger team than the one that played a three-Test series last month, with key pacemen Andrew Caddick and Darren Gough back to provide greater sharpness to the attack.

Hussain said he would include only two of his three frontline pace bowlers -- Gough, Caddick and Matthew Hoggard -- for the first of six one-day internationals.

He hoped his team would complete the job left unfinished in the Tests when they had nearly cornered the hosts after losing the first match at Mohali.

The tourists drew the second Test at Ahmedabad and then gained an upper hand in the drawn third match at Bangalore, where rain shattered their hopes of squaring the series.

Hussain, however, said it would not be easy beating India on their home pitches.

"The boys are aware of the Indian team's strength," he said. "They have talented batsmen in Tendulkar, Ganguly and Laxman. It is a big challenge for us, but I have full confidence in my young squad."

**TEAMS**  
**INDIA** (from): Sourav Ganguly (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Venkatsai Laxman, Virender Sehwag, Hemang Badani, Dinesh Mongia, Anil Kumble, Ajay Ratna, Harbhajan Singh, Sarandeep Singh, Javagal Srinath, Ajit Agarkar, Zaheer Khan, Sanjay Bangar.

**ENGLAND** (from): Nasser Hussain (captain), Andrew Caddick, Paul Collingwood, Andrew Flintoff, James Foster, Ashley Giles, Darren Gough, Matthew Hoggard, Ben Hoolioake, Nick Knight, Owais Shah, Jeremy Snape, Graham Thorpe, Marcus Trescothick, Michael Vaughan.

**Umpires:** SK Sharma and K Hariharan (both Indians).

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: THE HUNNY REVEREND SOMETIMES REFERRED TO HIS SANCTUARY AS A SERVICE STATION.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: L equals M

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.