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"I am not a Superman, I had problems with my legs. And my game is built on my legs."

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1. How many ODI matches did Sachin Tendulkar play to score 11000 runs?	300	284	276
2. Who won the Australian Open title?	Hingis	Capriati	Davenport
3. Who became National women's chess champion?	Rani Hamid	Shabana Parveen	Janima Parveen
4. Who won the man-of-the-series award in the Bangladesh-Pakistan one-dayers?	Waqar Younis	Abdur Razzaq	Shahid Afridi
5. Which team clinched the Victory Day hockey title?	Bangladesh Army	Abahani	Mohammedan
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Rajshahi and Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud flicks one off his pads against Khulna on the third day of the National League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. He made a brilliant double hundred.

Mashud's maiden double

Rajshahi enjoy run feast

ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA
3rd National Cricket League

SPORTS REPORTER

With the return of the national cricketers from Test duty, the Ispahani Third National Cricket League provided an action packed third day on Saturday.

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud led the way with a sparkling double century for Rajshahi against Khulna at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Mashud struck an unbeaten 201 as his side piled up 536 for eight declared in reply to Khulna's first innings total of 239.

It was also the highest total of the League so far.

Mashud, batting on 51 on Friday, smashed 18 boundaries and a six to complete his maiden first-class double hundred.

His partner Anisur Rahman also transformed his overnight 84 into 107 to give Rajshahi an impressive first-innings lead of 296 runs.

At stumps Khulna were 146 for four, still needing 151 runs to make their opponents bat again on the final day.

DHAKA V SYLHET
Runaway leaders Dhaka edged closer to earn their fifth successive victory in the League.

Off-spinner Fahim Muntasir grabbed three quick wickets to rattle hosts Sylhet as they chased an imposing Dhaka total of 394.

Sylhet were 125 for six at the close of play, trailing by 117 runs. The home side scored 152 in their first innings.

Fahim also contributed a healthy half-century. He made 60 off 87 balls. The young right-hander struck five boundaries and the only six of the Dhaka innings.

He also figured in a superb 124-run ninth wicket stand with wicketkeeper Sajjad Kadir, who made an unbeaten 72.

CHITTAGONG V BARISAL
Away at Barisal the home side were in dire straits against Chittagong.

Barisal were 72 for three at stumps, needing a further 304 runs on the final day to save the match. They were all out for 137 in the first innings.

Earlier, the visitors thrived on a brilliant century from opener Anisul Hakim to pile up 302 for seven declared in their second innings. Chittagong scored 211 in their first

essay.

Anis, resuming on 37, went on to score 112 off 254 balls. The young right-hander hammered 13 boundaries. Azam Iqbal also made useful



ANISUR ... 107
59 off 61 balls that included eight fours.

SCORECARDS
Scoreboards on the third day of the National Cricket League matches

played at different venues on Saturday:

Chittagong vs Barisal
Venue: Barisal Stadium

CHITTAGONG: First innings 211 (Hakim 52, Azam 43, Minhaz 39, Faisal 39, Saleh 4-54, Ashfaq 3-33)

BARISAL: First innings 137 all out (Sanwar 37, Imran 30; Sabbir 5-43, Safiuddin 3-34)

CHITTAGONG: Second innings (Overnight 58-1)

Anis c S Shahed b Mukul 112
Rabbi run out 11
Jashim c Sanwar b Mukul 28
Faisal lbw b Mukul 10
Minhazul b Mukul 22
Azam not out 59
Sabbir run out 36
Mortuza b Sanwar 2
Extras: (b-2, lb-8, nb-1, w-1) 12
Total: (For 7 wks dec. in 89.5 overs) 302
Fall of wicket: 1-37, 2-118, 3-144, 4-188, 5-226, 6-291, 7-302

Bowler O M R W
Shahnwaz 9 4 17 0
Ashfaq 15 2 45 0

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Loreto lose a thriller



SPORTS REPORTER

Loreto School were knocked out of the qualifying stage of the Standard Chartered 20th National Schools Cricket Championship on Saturday.

The reputed English medium school went down by two runs against Muradpur Adarsha High School in a high-scoring match at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

Batting first, Muradpur boys scored 208 for seven in the stipulated 35 overs. Despite a fighting 66 by Saljer, Loreto could manage to reply with 206 in their allotted overs.

BRIEF SCORES
BADC High School vs Noorjahan Begum High School
Venue: DCG

BADC: 187 all out in 32.1 overs (Anwar 41, Monjur 39; Abul 3-38, Rocky 2-28)

NOORJAHAN HIGH: 188 for 5 in 32.1 overs (Tariqul 77 not out, Johnny 42)

Result: Noorjahan Begum High School won by 5 wickets.
Muradpur Adarsha High School vs Loreto School
Venue: MOS

MURADPUR ADARSHA: 208 for 7 in 35 overs (Rana 64, Robin 30, Alamgir 38; Mehran 2-33)

LORETO: 206 for 7 in 35 overs (Saljer 66, Mehran 26; Ariful 2-34)

Result: Muradpur Adarsha High School won by 2 runs.
Kids Paradise Int'l School vs Dhanmondi Tutorial
Venue: DCS

KIDS PARADISE: 181 for 8 in 35 overs (Akhtar 61, Ekram 3-43)

DHANMONDI TUTORIAL: 182 for 7 in 33.4 overs (Raihan 52, Ahmed 38; Sanwar 2-31)

Result: Dhanmondi Tutorial won by 3 wickets.
Barnamala Adarsha School vs Rabeya Pre-Cadet High School
Venue: PIG

BARNAMALA ADARSHA: 188 all out in 35 overs (Monjur 49, Sohle 49; Amzad 4-32)

RABEYA PRE-CADET HIGH: 177 for 9 in 35 overs (Swapen 55, Tanjim 50; Mazharul 4-24)

Result: Barnamala Adarsha School won by 11 runs.

Aussies feel the pressure



AFP, Perth

Australia, under extreme pressure to beat South Africa by a big margin in Sunday's crucial last tri-nation series qualifying clash, took the unusual step Saturday of choosing their team but declining to release it.

"We have picked the team, but we are going to keep it under wraps until tomorrow," Australian captain Steve Waugh said as his side limbered up for a sellout game which will decide whether the host nation or New Zealand earn the right to play South Africa in next week's showdown.

"It is pretty simple," said Waugh. "Tactics will play an important part tomorrow, we are looking to get a bonus point, so we want to keep our side to ourselves until the morning."

"There are 13 players in the squad, so we can go with any combination of them."

After South Africa beat New Zealand decisively Friday to make certain of a place in the finals, Australia - reigning World Cup one-day champions - are left with the

stern challenge of not only beating the in-form Proteas, but by a margin big enough to give them a bonus point.

South Africa have gained 18 points from their first seven qualifying matches to have a one-point

advantage over New Zealand, who have completed their eight preliminary games.

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SHAUN POLLOCK

Australia's refusal to release their team until the day of the match fired speculation there may be significant

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Bangladesh A out for 176

REUTERS, Bridgetown

Scores on Day One of four-day Busta Cup cricket matches on Saturday:

In St John's, Antigua: Bangladesh A 176 (Anwar Hossain 44, Mazharul Hoque 31; Kerry Jeremy 6-33, Adam Sanford 2-51); Leeward Islands 71-1 (Alex Adams 29 not out, Runako Morton 27 not out)

In Pointe-A-Pierre, Trinidad: Trinidad and Tobago 352-5 (Lincoln Roberts 145 not out, Imran Jan 110, Aneil Kanhai 38; A Sealy 3-102, Elroy Powell 2-55) v West Indies B

In Bridgetown, Barbados: Windwards 327 (Devon Smith 143, Kirsten Casimir 29, Rawl Lewis 27; Ian Bradshaw 4-71, Tino Best 2-65, Suleiman Benn 2-74); Barbados 211-0.

In Kingston, Jamaica; Guyana 225-3 (Azeemul Haniff 73 not out, Homchand Pooran 68 not out, Lennox Cush 48) v Jamaica

Pepsi v'ball final round from Feb 13

BSS, Dhaka

The final round of the Pepsi National Volleyball Championship (men and women) will begin at Dhaka Volleyball Stadium on February 13.

Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF) will organise the meet.

14 teams will take part in the men's section and 11 teams in the women's section.

The men's teams: Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Air Force, Bangladesh Rifles, Titash Gas, Bangladesh Islami University and eight teams from the on-going inter-district championship.

Women's teams: BJMC, Bangladesh Ansar and VDP, Dhaka University and eight teams from the on-going inter-district championship.

India go in as favourites

AFP, Christchurch

India and South Africa meet in the first semifinal of the ICC Under-19s World Cup in Christchurch Sunday with recent history suggesting Dilip Vengsarkar's side are favourites to reach the final.

The two teams have already met in the competition with India beating South Africa by 71 runs during the opening group stage of the tournament in Auckland two weeks ago.

Wicketkeeper Chandan Madan scored an unbeaten 105 as the South African bowlers struggled to contain the Indian batsmen, but on the spin friendly pitches in Christchurch it could be a different story.

Left-arm Ian Postman took four wickets against England on Friday to ensure his side's passage into the next round, and South Africa will be hoping his tidy line and length will frustrate the Indian batsmen.

The South Africans have showed an admirable fighting spirit bouncing back from 85-4 against New Zealand to post 241 for seven, and registering 212 for five against England despite losing early wickets.

On both occasions Western Province batsman Ryan Bailey was the key man, and along with Steven Cook and captain Hasim Amla of Natal, he will be expected to lead the way against India.

India qualified for the semi-finals at a canter but suffered a blip when they were beaten by Pakistan on Thursday, and they need to get more runs on the board if they are to overcome South Africa.

"Bowling is our biggest strength but we have to put a score on the board as well and we can't afford to bat badly again," Vengsarkar said.

National jr badminton

BSS, Dhaka

Sadia from Dinajpur clinched the girls under-13 singles title while Tasrin from Barisal became the runner-up in the M A Hye Legend Group national junior and sub-junior badminton championship yesterday.

Sohrab and Bayejit from Bogra emerged boys under-14 doubles champions while Akhtaruzzaman and Iqbal from Khulna finished runners-up.

Samira of Dinajpur and Tahmina from Chittagong moved into the final of the girls under-16 singles winning their respective matches in the semifinals.

Samira defeated Jebunnesa of Chittagong 11-7, 11-7 in the first semifinal while Tahmina overpowered Sunmita of Bogra 11-7, 8-11, 11-8 in the second semifinal.

Final one-dayer today



REUTERS, Bombay

England are bidding for a "moral victory" in Sunday's sixth and final game in their one-day series against India, the visiting team's coach Duncan Fletcher has said.

The two teams go into the match with India leading the rubber 3-2 but Fletcher said a series-levelling win for England would underline the strength of character in his young team.

"To get back to three-all would be quite an achievement. I don't think many sides have done that in India in one-day cricket. Just Australia the last time they were here," Fletcher said.

"It will be a moral victory from the

amount of criticism we've taken.

"When we came out here, we were heavily criticised that we were inexperienced and that it would be a walkover in the test series. We came back very well there."

"In the one-day series, we took an even bigger mauling before we arrived. How pathetic we were. How we were inexperienced and we were going to get knocked over six-nil. This just shows the character of the side."

At the end of last year, England lost a three-test series against India 1-0 but had held the upper hand for most of the drawn second and third matches.

Before that, Australia were beaten 2-1 by India in a gripping test rubber but bounced back to clinch the one-day series 3-2.

Fletcher said England had been

forced to depend heavily on their younger players throughout the one-day series against India.

"We have a very young team here. We're trying to give them experience but sometimes we have got to sit down and look at what the match and the situation needs," he said.

"It's a very difficult jigsaw puzzle. We're trying to put it together."

The England coach said that levelling the one-day matches against India would provide a major confidence boost for the team ahead of their upcoming tour to New Zealand.

"If we draw the series, it'll be a huge advantage going to New Zealand."

The former Zimbabwe captain said England's main weapon in India had been their team spirit.

"You win more games in the changing room than you do out in the middle," he said.

"If you get the attitude right, pulling for each other, you have got a huge advantage. The team feels they want to be in the bubble. If you can create that bubble, you can have a huge effect on the performance of the side."

England narrowly lost the opening one-dayer in Calcutta by 22 runs but fought back with a thrilling 16-run victory in Cuttack three days later.

India pulled ahead 3-1 after a four-wicket triumph in Madras and an eight-wicket mauling in Kanpur but England managed to stay in the series after their nail-biting victory by two runs in New Delhi on Thursday.

"I think six matches was too much. We came out here to work on the side and have a few days to practise," Fletcher said.

SQUADS

INDIA (from): Sourav Ganguly (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Dinesh Mongia, Virender Sehwag, Hemang Badani, Mohammad Kaif, Ajay Ratra, Anil Kumble, Javagal Srinath, Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan, Ajit Agarkar, Sarandeep Singh, 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, Craig White.

Umpires: SC Gupta and MS Mahal (both Indians).

S'narine, Ryan steady WI



AFP, Sharjah

Shivnarine Chanderpaul and debutant Ryan Hinds defied the Pakistani attack on Saturday to help West Indies save the follow-on in the first cricket Test here.

The sixth-wicket pair, joining hands in the post-tea session with their team still 63 runs away from making Pakistan bat again, batted steadily to put on an unbroken stand of 94.

The West Indies ended the third day's play on 325-5, having saved the follow-on, but were still 168 runs behind Pakistan's first innings score of 493.

Chanderpaul, the seasoned left-hander who missed the previous series against Sri Lanka due to injury, marked his comeback with a typically dour 45 not out in three hours.

Hinds, a 21-year-old left-hander from Barbados, showed nerves of steel in his first Test to remain unbeaten on 55.

With the wicket offering little assistance to the bowlers, only a dramatic collapse by either side over the last two days will produce a result in the first Test ever in this Gulf emirate.

"It's not easy for the bowlers out there," Pakistani captain Waqar Younis said. "But there is lot of time left in the match and anything can happen. We have to be positive."

Spinners Saqlain Mushtaq and Danish Kaneria shared four wickets,

while Abdur Razzaq took the fifth.

Chanderpaul and Hinds came together after skipper Carl Hooper was dismissed for 56 in the last over before tea to make the West Indies 231-5.

Hooper was the third batsman to fall after settling in well, following the dismissal of Wavell Hinds (59) and Chris Gayle (68) earlier in the day.

The 51-run stand between Hooper and Chanderpaul appeared to be lifting the West Indies out of the woods when Hooper was trapped leg-before by Razzaq five deliveries before the tea break.

Ryan Hinds and Chanderpaul survived the second new ball, claimed in the 94th over at 264-5, to ensure the West Indies lived to fight another day.

In the morning, off-spinner Saqlain grabbed two wickets in six balls to leave the West Indies struggling at 130-3 at lunch.

West Indian openers Daren Ganga and Gayle had cruised from their overnight score of 54-0 to 88 when Saqlain struck in his ninth and 10th overs of the morning.

He trapped Ganga leg-before for 20 with a delivery that turned sharply from outside the off-stump and caught the batsman on his back foot.

In his next over, Saqlain forced Gayle to play over a straight ball that shattered the stumps and reduced the West Indies to 96-2.

Left-handed Gayle, who was dropped by Shoaib Akhtar just before close on Friday, hit 68 with the help of 13 boundaries.

Sherwin Campbell, recalled to



PHOTO: INTERNET

Pakistan's Saqlain Mushtaq (2nd from L) celebrates taking one of his two West Indies wickets yesterday with teammates in Sharjah.

Natore cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Natore Cricket Academy (Green) earned a thrilling one-wicket victory over Gurudasur Upazila in the Natore League at the Shankar Govinda Chowdhury Stadium yesterday.

Elected to bat first, Gurudasur scored 128 runs losing all the wickets in 37.4 overs.

In reply, Coaching Academy made 129 for nine in the stipulated 40 overs.