



Did U Know?

Steve Kerr of Chicago Bulls is the only NBA player to win four consecutive NBA championships.

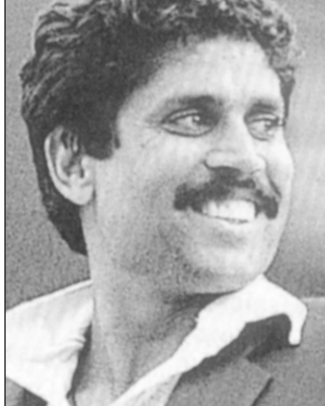


What to Watch

- ESPN**
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
8:30 am
World Cup Mix
2:00
English Premier Football League
Liverpool vs Ipswich Town
2:30 pm
Serie A
Udinese vs Chievo
4:30 pm
English Premier Football League
Man United vs Charlton Athletic
Live at 7:55 pm
&
Arsenal vs Everton
Live at 10:00 pm
- STAR Sports**
West Indies vs Pakistan
Second Test, Day Three
Highlights at 11:00 am
West Indies vs Pakistan
Second Test, Day Four
Live at 11:57 am
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
2:00 pm
Primera Liga
Bilbao vs Betis
Live at 1:00 am (Monday)



Talk Turkey



Kapil Dev
(Indian cricket legend)
"Just to think that a large number of people in this world do not have eyes is painful."
After pledging to donate his eyes.

Dhaka sniff title

ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League

SPORTS REPORTER

A remarkable comeback by leaders Dhaka on day three saw them needing a moderate 203 runs to win against Rajshahi on the final day in a crucial Ispahani National League match at the Mymensingh Stadium on Saturday.

Dhaka, who resumed on 203 for six at the start in reply to Rajshahi's 330, stretched their first innings to 270 thanks to a typically fighting half-century by skipper Khaled Mahmud.

They then bowled out Rajshahi for 142 leaving them with a relatively easy target.

Earlier in the day, Mahmud, the diminutive all-rounder, who was 38 not out overnight, stroked his way to 56 that included four boundaries and a six.

Mahmud then in partnership with left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique and young spinner Ararat Sunny, broke the backbone of the visitors' batting. Rafique took three wickets while Mahmud and Sunny two as Rajshahi collapsed. Only first innings centurion Nuruzzaman offered any resistance with 26.

Rafique finished with a match haul of eight wickets. A victory in this game will virtually assure Dhaka their maiden title in the lone first-class competition of the country.

CHITTAGONG V SYLHET

At the Comilla Stadium the veteran pair of Minhazul Abedin and Enamul Hoque rescued home team Chittagong from a second innings disaster.

Chittagong were off to a bad start after Sylhet put up a spirited late-order show to finish from 137/6 overnight to 220 all out.

Sylhet captain Hasibul Hossain led the salvage operation with 51 off 85 balls.

Hasibul and his new ball partner Nayeem then bowled with fire to reduce Chittagong to 35 for four before Minhaz and Enamul shared 71 runs for the fifth wicket. The port city outfit eventually finished on 167, leaving Sylhet to make 277 for victory on the last day.

The prolific, Minhaz, who was stranded on 99 in Chittagong's first innings score of 330, scored a gritty 30.

Test spinner, Enam, who took six wickets in Sylhet's first innings, top-scored with 44.

Leg-spinner Alok Kapali was the most successful Sylhet bowler with

3 for 29.

BARISAL V KHULNA

At Jessore, Barisal face the prospect of yet another defeat in their match against Khulna.

Barisal were 87 for four at close of play, still needing 110 runs to make the home team bat again.

Earlier, Khulna, resuming on 256 for six, went on to compile 393 thanks to a brilliant century by Asadullah Khan Biplob.

Asadullah converted his overnight 73 to 108. The middle-order batsman struck fifteen boundaries and a six. Razzak also scored a valuable 57 and number eleven Tushar struck an unbeaten 30.

Barisal, who scored 196 in their first innings, suffered another top-order collapse with opener Harun-ur Rashid returning for six and Imran making only 18.

SCORECARDS

Scoreboards on the third day of the Ispahani National League matches held at different venues on Saturday:

Chittagong v Sylhet	Venue: Comilla Stadium.
CHITTAGONG: First innings	327 all out in 114 overs (Nazim 110, Minhaz 99; Kapali 4/102, Hasibul 2/35, Imran 2/66)

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SYLHET: First innings (Over-

night 137 for 6 in 62 overs)	
Parvez lbw b Sabbir	47
Tanna lbw b Shafuiddin	10
Hadi c Enamul b Debebrata	16
Nasirul c Hakim b Enamul	17
Rajin c Mortuza b Enamul	4
Kapali lbw b Enamul	0
Nayeem lbw b Enamul	9
Hasibul b Enamul	51
Joy c Anisul b Enamul	3
Taposh c Anisul b Minhaz	34
Extras: (b-6, lb-8, nb-4, w-1)	19
Total: (All out in 92.1 overs)	220
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-68, 3-95, 4-108, 5-108, 6-108, 7-141, 8-148, 9-203	
Bowler	O M R W
Debebrata	10 3 23 1
Shafuiddin	21 6 43 1
Minhazul	4.1 3 4 1
Enamul	36 18 64 6
Sabbir	21 5 72 1

CHITTAGONG: Second innings

Anisul c Joy b Hasibul	1
Nazim b Nayeem	2
Masum c Rajin b Nayeem	18
Sabbir b Taposh	4
Minhaz c Kabi b Kapali	30
Enamul lbw b Kapali	44
Faisal c parvez b Kapali	0
Arif not out	21

Jamuna Cup hockey Goal galore goes on

SPORTS REPORTER

The Jamuna Bank Club Cup Hockey Tournament continued to be a goal-fest as title contenders Usha Krira Chakra posted a 9-1 victory over Sadharan Bima in one of the two matches played at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium on Saturday.

The event produced 26 goals in the first two days.

Maksudul Alam led the Usha blitz with four goals. The nimble attacker struck twice in the first half to give Usha by a 4-0 lead.

Shariful, who started the goal-glut in the fifth minute, and former national captain Mamun scored two goals apiece for the winners.

Meanwhile, the other match of the day between no-hopers Wari Club and Bangladesh Railway ended in a one all draw.

Nabi helped Railway take a seventh minute lead. But Wari pulled off the equalizer through Arif three minutes away from the final whistle.

Rajshahi next Test venue

BSS, Rajshahi

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman said that Rajshahi would become the country's third Test venue and the stadium here would be upgraded to international standard.

The minister disclosed this while exchanging his views with local newsmen at the conference room of the District Stadium here Friday.

Rahman also informed that the stalled renovation work of the Shaheed Kamruzzaman and the District Stadium would resume soon.

Pepsi v'ball

BSS/UNB, Dhaka

Khulna and Rajbari moved into the men's group final of the Pepsi Inter-District Volleyball Championship on Saturday.

At the Volleyball Stadium, Khulna blanked Dhaka 25-20, 25-19, 25-19. Rajbari won their match against Kushtia by the same margin.

In the women's competition, Rangpur and Rajbari booked their places in the final. The former outplayed Rajshahi 25-17, 25-14, 25-13 and the latter completed a 3-0 rout over Tangail.

Both finals will be played today.

Nat'l TT

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Ansars and Bangladesh Biman moved into the final of the women's team event winning their respective semifinals in the 25th National Table Tennis Championship at Patuakhali yesterday.

In the first match Ansars defeated Jessore 3-0 set while Bangladesh Biman beat Gaibandha also 3-0 set in the second semifinal.

Earlier, in the quarterfinals, Jessore win over Kushtia 3-0, Biman over Narail 3-0 and Gaibandha over Patuakhali 3-0.

In the men's team event, Ansars and Dhaka moved into the final of Group A defeating Bogra and Hobiganj 3-0 respectively while in the Group B Netrakona and Biman moved into the final beating Patuakhali and Rajshahi 3-0 respectively in the group semifinals.

Friendly cricket

BSS, Dhaka

The Jatiya Press Club (JPC) defeated Dhaka Club by 56 runs in a friendly cricket match at the City Club ground in Mirpur on Saturday.

The JPC batted first and made 189 for eight in the stipulated 30 overs. Asif top-scored with 51.

Besides, Dodul scored 44 and Pamel was unbeaten on 20. Dhaka Club's Badshah and Daparo took two wickets each.

In reply, Dhaka Club were dismissed for 133 in 27.3 overs.

Asif, who also claimed two wickets, was later adjudged man-of-the-match.

Dhaka JPC president Towhid Samad gave away the trophies after the game.

BADSHAH JPC COACH

Meanwhile, former national all-rounder Jahangir Shah Badshah was made honorary cricket coach of the JPC. He received his appointment letter from president of JPC Khondekar Monirul Alam.

Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Amora Shikhchi Sporting Club defeated Bhitashayer Krira Chakra by seven wickets in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium on Saturday.

Winning the toss, Bhitashayer batted first and collected 74 runs all out in 18.3 overs.

In reply, Amora Shikhchi made 76 for three wickets in 13 overs.



An Usha Krira Chakra attack in front of the Sadharan Bima post during their Jamuna Bank Club Cup hockey tournament encounter at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium on Saturday.

Hannan boost for A

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Opener Hannan Sarkar scored a defiant half-century as Bangladesh A put up a fighting total on the third day of their Busta Cup match against Trinidad and Tobago at Shaw Park at Tobago on Saturday.

Hannan scored 69 as the tourists, resuming on 18 for no loss, made 259 in their second innings before being all out in 101.5 overs.

Bangladesh A, who enjoyed a first innings advantage of 33 runs, now set the home side a victory target of 293 runs on the final day.

The second string national side scored 238 in the first innings and then bowled Trinidad and Tobago out for 205.

Hannan produced 111 runs for the second wicket with Mazharul Haq after his overnight partner Ehsanul departed adding only one run to his Friday's total of 13.

A portly Mazhar kept up his consistency with the bat as the right-hander followed up his first innings 37 with 46.

But skipper Akram Khan and former national captain Naimur Rahman failed to live up their expectations. Akram made 12 and Naimur was run out for three.

Young left-arm spinner Ahsanullah added a valuable 37 run while batting at number nine. He shared exactly 50 runs for the ninth wicket with Alamgir (20) after the visitors were reduced to 179 for 8. He also added 30 runs for the last wicket with Tariq Aziz before becoming the last batsman out in the final over of the day.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: First innings 205 all out in 75.5 overs (Keno Mason 52, Lincoln Roberts 37, Imran Jan 32, Samuel Badree 26; Ahsanullah Hasan 3-50, Naimur Rahman 3-69)

BANGLADESH A: Second innings (overnight 23-0)

Hannan run out	69
Ehsanul b Black	14
Mazharul c Smith b A Jan	46
Tushar lbw b A Jan	0
Akram c Badree b Persad	12
Naimur run out	3
Mushfiqu c Mason b Persad	1
Anwar lbw b Black	13
Ahsanullah lbw b Mohammed	37
Alamgir c Mason b Black	20
Aziz not out	12
Extras: (b-7, lb-12, w-4, nb-9)	32
Total: (All out in 101.5 overs)	259
Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-136, 3-137, 4-145, 5-149, 6-157, 7-169, 8-179, 9-229	

Bowler

Black	24	5	65	3
A Jan	16	1	38	2
Badree	21	7	35	0
Persad	22	3	61	2
Mohammed	11.5	3	20	1
I Jan	5	2	15	0
Jackson	2	0	6	0

BANGLADESH A: First innings

Chasers' day



SPORTS REPORTER

T & T High School and Barnamala Adarsha High School advanced into the final round of the Standard Chartered 20th National School Cricket Championship when they won their respective Dhaka Zone quarterfinal matches at different city venues yesterday.

Faisal scored a brilliant century at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium to fashion an eight-wicket victory for T & T High School over West End High School.

The opening batsman struck an unbeaten 107 off 94 balls as T & T topped a fighting West End total of 173 in only 26 overs.

Faisal added 106 runs for the undefeated third wicket with Rony, who made 30.

On a successful day for the

Akram fit for Windies ODIs

AFP, Karachi

Veteran pace bowler Wasim Akram was Saturday declared fit enough to join the Pakistani cricket team for the one-day series against the West Indies, the Pakistan Cricket Board said.

Akram and all-rounder Shoaib Malik will join the team for the three one-day internationals at Sharjah after the current two-Test series.

Faisal Iqbal and Danish Kaneria will return home from the Test squad to make way for Akram and Malik.

Pakistan chief selector Wasim Bari said that Akram was selected after passing a fitness test.

"Akram is now fit enough to play international cricket and we got the feedback from the doctors."

Akram, 35 injured a hamstring during the first Test against Bangladesh in Dhaka last month and has not played since.

Akram has 440 one-day international wickets, the most by any bowler.

Pakistan dictate terms

Cricket

AFP, Sharjah

Pakistan stayed on course for victory in the second cricket Test against the West Indies here, despite refusing to enforce the follow-on on Saturday.

Captain Waqar Younis preferred to rest his tired bowlers after they had bowled out the West Indians for 264 in the afternoon session of the third day, giving Pakistan a first innings lead of 208.

That lead by extended to 338 by stumps as Pakistan coasted to 130-1 in their second knock at the Sharjah cricket stadium.

When Pakistan batted again, first innings century-maker Shahid Afridi was dismissed second ball, caught

behind off Mervyn Dillon.

But Taufiq Umer and Younis Khan prevented any further damage with an undefeated stand of 130 for the second wicket.

Umer ended the day on 64 and Younis followed a career-best 153 in the first innings with 61 not out.

With nine wickets still in hand, Pakistan are well-placed to declare early on the fourth day and give the bowlers enough time to bowl the West Indies out a second time.

Pakistan won the first Test of the short two-match series by 170 runs.

"We decided to bat again because the wicket is still good and the bowlers were a little tired," Waqar said.

"But we have got ourselves into a position from where we can dictate the course of the match."

Earlier, Waqar's counterpart Carl

Hooper top-scored for his team with an unbeaten 84, in the process becoming the ninth West Indian to complete 5,000 runs when he reached 65.

Hooper and Ridley Jacobs added 47 for the seventh wicket, but the last four wickets tumbled for 28 runs to give Waqar the option of enforcing the follow-on.

Fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar, who took a match-winning 5-24 in the first Test, returned with another impressive haul of 4-63.

Off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq finished with 3-75.

Hooper, dropped by Younis in the slips on Friday when he was on five, hit nine boundaries and a six in his defiant knock before running out of partners.

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Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 166

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Competition closes at 8 pm Feb 15, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

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	Tanima Parveen
4. Who won the man-of-the-series award in the Bangladesh-Pakistan one-dayers?	Waqar Younis	Abdur Razzak	Shanid Afridi
5. Which team clinched the Victory Day hockey title?	Bangladesh Army	Abahani	Mohammedan
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Class	Roll No.		
School Address			
Phone: (If any)			

Natore cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Alaipur Sporting Club earned a walkover in their Natore Cricket League match against Boraigram Upazilla team at the local stadium on Saturday.

The latter failed to turn up.



ON TOP OF THE WORLD! Australian Under-19 cricketers having a party over the World Cup in Christchurch on Saturday.