

Pepsi h'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Ansars and BJMC reached the final of the Pepsi 14th Women's handball competition winning their respective semi-finals at the Faridpur Stadium yesterday.

The two teams meet at 3 pm at the same venue.

BJMC booked their seat in the final outplaying Dhaka 14-3 in the first semis while Bangladesh Ansars beat Panchagar 23-11 in the second semis.

Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Magura

Patriot Sporting Club defeated Bhitashayee Sporting Club by six wickets in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium on Friday.

Winnings, the toss, Bhitashayee batted first and collected 142 runs all out in 28.4 overs.

In reply, Patriot scored 144 runs for four wickets in 28 overs.

WHIZZ KID-166 correct answers

1. How many ODI matches did Sachin Tendulkar play to score 11000 runs?

Ans: 284

2. Who won the Australian Open title?

Ans: Capriati

3. Who became National Women's chess champion?

Ans: Shabana Parveen

4. Who won the man-of-the-series award in the Bangladesh-Pakistan one-dayers?

Ans: Abdul Razzaq

5. Which team clinched the Victory Day hockey title?

Ans: Abahani

Sourav ponders

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Ganguly said that anybody could be subject to a move but refused to speculate on whether that could include star-man Tendulkar.

"We have to look at this because the bottom line is winning, which is everything in this game," Ganguly concluded.

Meanwhile, Rahul Dravid, whose name had been linked with the captaincy before confirmation of Ganguly's extension, will lead India A against the touring Zimbabweans at Vijayawada on Friday.

Dravid missed the one-day series against England due to a shoulder injury but has been pronounced fit to return after a rigorous rehabilitation programme.

The team includes left-arm seamer Ashish Nehra and Tintu Youhannan who impressed on his Test debut against England at Mohali before Christmas.

Pak home after few hiccups

Cricket

AFP, Sharjah

Pakistan fought off a spirited challenge from the West Indies to record a tense four-wicket win in the first of three one-day internationals here on Thursday.

Defending a modest total of 190, the West Indians reduced their rivals to 110 for five before an unbeaten 46 off 41 balls from Abdul Razzaq saw Pakistan home in the 47th over.

Pakistan were taken by surprise by the rejuvenated West Indies, whom they had thrashed by huge margins in the two Test matches preceding the one-day series.

If only Carl Hooper's men had put up a better batting performance, it would have been the Caribbeans going into Friday's second match with a 1-0 lead.

Pakistan were in shambles at 15 for three in the eighth over before Younus Youhana (39) restored calm with two useful partnerships.

Youhana put on 47 for the fourth wicket with Shahid Afridi (35) and 48 for the fifth with Rashid Latif (47).

But when Latif was sixth out in the 40th over, sweeping Hooper to Corey Collymore at fine-leg, Pakistan still required 38 more.

Razzaq, who went before television cameras before the start of play to clarify that his first name was Abdul and not Abdur, stayed till the end to see Pakistan home in the company of Wasim Akram (13 not out).

Razzaq sealed the hard-fought win by taking 14 runs off Collymore in the 43rd over, including a six over the long-off fence.

The second ball dismissal of Naved Latif, caught behind off Mervyn Dillon was followed by Younus Khan's run out in the next over.

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Man-of-the-match: Abdul Razzaq.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one-day international between Pakistan and the West Indies at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium on Thursday:

WEST INDIES: 190 all out in 48.3 overs (Chris Gayle 50, Carl Hooper 45, Ridley Jacobs 25; Abdul Razzaq 2-24, Saqlain Mushtaq 2-28)

PAKISTAN

Naved c Jacobs b Dillon 0
Afridi c Collymore b Brown 35
Younis run out 1
Inzamam c Gang b Cuffy 1
Youhana c and b Hooper 39
Rashid c Collymore b Hooper 47
Razzaq not out 46
Wasim not out 13
Extras: (lb-2, w-7, nb-2) 11
Total: (For 6 wks in 46.1 overs) 193

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-3, 3-15, 4-62, 5-110, 6-153

Bowler O M R W

Dillon 9.1 1 32 1
Cuffy 10 1 31 1
Collymore 9 1 37 0
Brown 5 0 31 1
Hooper 10 1 44 2
R Hinds 3 0 16 0

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Korean Cup Golf
Shibab, Young
emerge
champs

SPORTS REPORTER

Shibab Rahman and Young Hee Yi won the respective men's and ladies' titles in the prestigious Korean Cup Tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club on Friday.

The annual golf event organised by the Korean Embassy and sponsored by the Korean community in Bangladesh, attracted a total of 332 golfers. Among them included 24 lady players.

Earlier, Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal M Rafiqul Islam feed off the participants. He later gave away the prizes at the Club House.

OTHER RESULTS

Senior Winner: Maj Gen (retd) Mustafa Kamal Uddin, **Junior Winner:** Min Gu, **Best Gross:** Gurmeet Singh, **Ladies' Best Gross:** Jun Kim, **Second Best Gross:** Sadiq Qudus, **Runner-up:** Sajjad S Ahmed, **Second Runner-up:** Brig Gen Molla Fazle Akbar, **Front Nine Winner:** Brig Gen Anwar Farid, **Back Nine Winner:** Syed Ashikur Rahman, **Nearest to Pin:** Brig Gen (retd) Zahid Latif, **Longest Drive:** Faisal Khan, **Nine Hole Winner:** Group Captain Ashraf Azhar, **Nine Hole Runner-up:** Sirajuddin Ahmed.



Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal M Rafiqul Islam (3rd from L) is seen with the participants of the Korean Cup golf tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club on Friday.

Condon vows clean WC

Cricket

AFP, Sharjah

decided on merit and not by grubby, seedy deals," Condon said.

The ACU was established in the year 2000 after the match-fixing scandal rocked cricket and led to life bans being imposed on three former captains, Mohammad Azharuddin (India), Hansie Cronje (South Africa) and Salim Malik (Pakistan).

Condon, visiting this desert venue to oversee the new security measures in place for the ongoing Pakistan-West Indies series, said he was certain that no match-fixing had taken place anywhere in the world for the last 18 months.

"World cricket is on top of corruption," Condon told a media conference here before the start of the second one-day international between Pakistan and the West Indies.

"Of course, some attempts have been made to fix games, but these attempts have been foiled by our investigators with the co-operation of the respective cricket boards around the world.

"The figure rises to around a billion dollars in important games where there is a lot of interest.

"But I am certain the challenge from corrupt influences has been suppressed. Cricket is much cleaner now where the outcome is

was marred by allegations of some Pakistani matches being fixed, but Condon said the problem will not arise at the next event in February-March 2003.

"The measures being put in place in South Africa and around the cricket world will ensure that the World Cup is played entirely on merit," he said.

"There will be sensible, but stringent security regime in place, which will act as a major deterrent to would-be corruptors.

"At the same time it will be as unobtrusive as possible, as far as players and spectators are concerned."

And in a major boost to organisers of matches in Sharjah, Condon described the venue as "clean with excellent facilities".

"Sharjah has acted swiftly and decisively in acting on upon the security recommendations of my unit," Condon said.

India, a major crowd-puller here, has refused to take part in Sharjah tournaments in recent times on the pretext that matches here were played under the influence of bookmakers.

Halim leads Dhaka's way

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Mustadir 16 4 56 0
Imran 13 2 45 1
Mahbub 5 2 10 2

Dhaka v Khulna

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

KHULNA: First innings 190 all out in 73.5 overs (Jamaluddin 54 n.o., salim 41, Razzak 21, Rafique 3/26, Fahim 3/44)

DHAKA: First innings (overnight 58 for 16 overs)

Rashedul c Razzaq b Jamaluddin

Ashraful Asad b Russel 24

Jahangir c Salim b Russel 13

Aminul c sub b Jamaluddin 46

Halim Shah batting 71

Sajjad c & b Jamaludin 26

Rafique batting 5

Extras: (nb-5, nb-1, w-3) 9

Total: (For 5 wks in 106 overs) 227

Fall of wicket: 1-48, 2-60, 3-74, 4-161, 5-201.

Bowler O M R W

Al-Amin 21 6 50 0
Russel 15 5 43 2
Razzak 16 7 28 0
Jamaluddin 31 9 70 3

Nahidul 1 1 0 0
Tamim 22 7 31 0

CHITTAGONG v Sylhet

Venue: Sylhet Stadium

SYLHET: First innings (overnight 191 for 3 in 96 overs)

Imtiaz c sabir b Shafuddin 4
Parvez lbw b Enamul 121

Kapali b Suja 41

Rana lbw b Enamul 5

Nasirul st Mortaza b Sabir 50

Rajin c & b Enamul 19

Nayem run out 7

Hasibul lbw b Enamul 0

Taposh not out 10

Imon lbw b Enamul 9

Mistu c Shafuddin b Sabir 16

Extras: (b-4, lb-7, nb-8, w-2) 21

Total: (All out in 159.1 overs) 303

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-96, 3-111, 4-223, 5-231, 6-264, 7-264, 8-264, 9-277.

Bowler O M R W

Ashique 6 5 2 0
Shafuddin 27 11 73 1

Suja 48 26 68 1

Enamul 49 21 84 5

Sabir 25.1 5 57 2

Azam 1 0 4 0

Minhazul 3 1 4 0

Friendly cricket

BSS, Dhaka

Jatiya Press Club defeated British American Tobacco Bangladesh by six wickets in a friendly match at BATB ground yesterday.

Winning the toss, British American Tobacco collected 160 for six wickets in the stipulated 30 overs.

In reply, Press Club scored 161 for four wickets in 27.3 overs.

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