



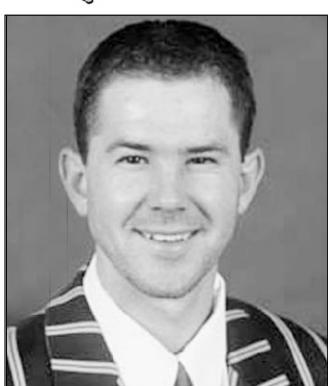
Did U Know?

Ken Norton broke a famous jaw during a heavyweight boxing title match. The shattered jaw belonged to great Muhammad Ali.



What to WATCH

- ESPN**
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
7:30 am
English Premier Football League
Tottenham Hotspur vs Liverpool
4:00 pm
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
6:00 pm
Serie A
Highlights at 6:30 pm
Football Focus
7:30 pm
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm
West Indies vs Pakistan
Third ODI
Highlights at 9:30 pm
Western Union World Football
11:00 pm
UEFA Champions League
Deportivo vs Juventus
Live at 1:30 am (Wednesday)
STAR Sports
Sportsline Today
Sport News
8:00 am
Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
8:30 am
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
9:30 am
English Premier Football
Leeds United vs West Ham United
1:00 pm
Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
3:00 pm
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm



Ricky Ponting
(Australia's newly appointed ODI captain)
"When I got the call I was absolutely over the moon and honoured to be passed down this job as Australian captain."

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 167

Tick the correct answers, post to
The Daily Star
Win attractive prizes
Competition closes at 8 pm
March 1, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who won the U-19 cricket World Cup?
Australia South Africa New Zealand
 - Who became African Nations Cup football champions?
Cameroon Senegal Ghana
 - What was the result of the first ever Test series in Sharjah between Pakistan and West Indies?
1-0 2-01 - 1
 - Who clinched the National junior chess title?
Jamaluddin P a r a g Sagar
 - Who won the Pan Pacific Open tennis title?
Hingis Seles Kournikova
- Name
Class Roll No.
School Address
Phone: (If any)

Target Tk 250 crore

Idle school sports teachers irk Rahman

SPORTS REPORTER

The government, its Ministry of Education to be precise, has more than Taka 250 crore in its sports fund which has been remained completely unutilised for years due to lack of planning and initiatives, revealed State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman yesterday.

"This fund is being raised from students. But, due to lack of initiatives and co-ordination between ministries concerned the whole amount lays idle when the government including the National Sports Council is going through financial crisis," said the sports boss at the 'Meet the Press' programme of the Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU).

"I have already talked with the Prime Minister and hopefully we will get a direction from her after the Eid vacation," he said.

Rahman also disclosed that all the 64 districts have sports officers who prefer to sit idle instead of working. Besides, the sports teachers of the country's schools also do not feel like promoting sports.

"I want to stop all this and utilise them for the development of sports," vowed Rahman.

The state minister meanwhile held himself responsible for mishandling of the recent football fiasco and looked forward to working collectively for the betterment of the ailing sport.

Rahman did never hesitate to admit that he made a grave mistake by dissolving the elected committee of the Bangladesh Football Federation that resulted in the FIFA

suspension and ended with lifting of the ban on reinstating the body.

"I don't want to reveal names of the people who actually had misled me to bring in the disaster for football. Because, everything is past now and we have overcome the problem. However, since I'm the minister, I have to accept that it was my fault," Rahman said.

He also expressed his concern at the perennial tug of war between cricket and football over the possession of the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS).

"You see, we have Bangabandhu and Sher-e-Bangla

Stadiums in the capital. Both the parties can take one each. But none is ready to leave their claim over the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

"I want you to help me in getting public opinion on this issue so that we can decide which game should be played where."

While being reminded that Bangabandhu was designed to play cricket and Sher-e-Bangla was built for athletics and football, Rahman mentioned that he also knew a few journalists who thought football should also be played at the BNS.

SEE PAGE 15



State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman speaks during the Meet the Reporters programme organised by Dhaka Reporters' Unity at its office yesterday.

Cricket in for crisis

AFP, Sharjah

Asia's cricket chiefs launched a scathing attack on the sport's world governing body on Sunday, saying the region's sentiments were not being respected.

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC), which met here over the weekend, decided to serve an ultimatum to the International Cricket Council (ICC) that could lead to a virtual split in the world game.

The ACC resolved to support India's stand that a Referees Commission meeting should be put on hold till the issue was discussed at the ICC's Executive Board meet in Cape Town in March.

The ICC, which has already rejected the proposal to put off the February 23 meeting of the commission, may now be left with no option but to seek a vote on the contentious issue in Cape Town.

India was unhappy at the composition of the commission, which is to probe the penalties imposed by match referee Mike Denness on six Indian cricketers during a Test match in South Africa last year.

The ICC rejected the names proposed by India, and instead appointed Justice P S Sachs of South Africa, Andrew Hilditch of Australia and Majid Khan of Pakistan to the commission.

With the four Asian votes - India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh - pledged in favour of India, the ACC needs just one more vote among the remaining six members of the

Executive Board to jettison any ICC ruling.

The Executive Board comprises the 10 Test-playing nations, and an ACC source told AFP that support of Zimbabwe, South Africa and the West Indies was "guaranteed".

"Only England, Australia and New Zealand may go the other way," the source said.

Pakistan Cricket Board chairman, Tauriq Zia, who also heads the ACC told a news conference here that "Asia's voice must be heard."

In another resolution, the ACC said that any country refusing to tour the Indian sub-continent would be boycotted by all the four Test-playing nations of the region.

New Zealand, which is undecided about touring Pakistan in April, could be the first non-Asian nation to back the boycott.

"What we want from the ICC is that there should be some form of compensation... around a million dollars... to the host country if a team declined to play there," Zia said.

"If the ICC does not accept this recommendation, the four Test-playing nations of Asia will automatically refuse either to visit or host that country."

Zia hoped there would be no Test series again at a neutral venue, like the recent one between Pakistan and the West Indies in Sharjah, which was forced by a West Indian refusal to play in Pakistan.

"The West Indies could easily have played in Pakistan," Zia said. "In fact, even New Zealand should

have stuck to their scheduled tour of Pakistan last October.

"I am saying this because the situation in Pakistan is no different now than it was on September 11," said Zia, a serving general in the Pakistani army.

Zia also stressed that he will not support any suggestions to have New Zealand play Pakistan at a neutral venue.

"If they refuse to come, the ICC should either give us compensation, or the four Test nations from Asia will boycott New Zealand," he said.

"Teams are refusing to tour because they do not get appearance money from the hosts, like in the past. And this is not good for the game."

The united stand by Asian cricket nations comes despite the Indian government's repeated refusal to allow its national team to play in Pakistan because of the political dispute over Kashmir.

"That India is not allowed to play against Pakistan is a cause of worry," Zia said.

"The matter, however, is out of the Indian board's hands since it is a government decision and the ACC appreciates the reasons leading to this impasse."

"We are confident India and Pakistan will play each other in the near future, and the boards of these two countries are solidly behind each other."

Jamuna Cup hockey final today

SPORTS REPORTER

Favourites Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on defending champions Usha Krira Chakra in the Jamuna Bank Club Cup hockey tournament final at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium today.

The match starts at 3 pm.

Premier Division champions Mohammedan made it to the final with a 2-1 win over neighbours Mariner Youngs Club on Friday while Usha eliminated last year's finalists Abahani by a solitary goal in the second semifinal on Sunday.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman is expected to witness the final as chief guest.

Schools



UNB, Sherpur

Mymensingh Laboratory High reached the final round of the Standard Chartered 20th National schools cricket tournament beating Gazipur Sinabah High by eight wickets at local Shahid Muktijoddha Smriti Stadium on Monday.

Opting to bat first, Gazipur Sinabah scored 125 runs for nine wickets in stipulated 40 overs.

In reply, Mymensingh Laboratory reached the target of 126 runs losing two wickets in 15.4 overs.

Meanwhile, Kurigram M A Sattar High emerged divisional champions beating Natore Sher-e-Bangla High by 84 runs at Kurigram Stadium on Monday.

Deciding to bat first, M A Sattar High scored 216 runs for 7 wickets in stipulated 40 overs.

In reply, Sher-e-Bangla were all out for 131 runs in 29.4 overs.

Siraj Cricket from today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The third Siraj Memorial Inter-school Cricket League begins here today.

The league, being organised by the Chattagram Mohanagari Krira Sangstha (CMKS) in cooperation with the Arab Bangladesh (AB) Bank Limited, gets underway with the defending champions Chittagong Police Institution taking on Chittagong Govt High School, the national school cricket champions this year at Dampara Police Lines ground.

Nine schools, split in three groups, will take part in the league.

CMP commissioner Mohammad Shahidullah Khan, who is also the president of CMKS, will inaugurate the league as the chief guest while Feroz Ahmed, the vice-chairman of the board of directors of AB Bank will be present as the special guest.

Inter-varsity cricket

PRESS RELEASE

The inter-private university cricket tournament will start on March 12 at the Old DOHS ground. The meet was jointly organised by American International University, Bangladesh and Manarat International University.

Thirteen teams, split into four groups, will take part in the meet.

The teams are: North South University, Independent University of Bangladesh, East West University, University of Asia Pacific, Peoples University of Bangladesh, BRAC University, Asian University of Bangladesh, International Islamic University Chittagong (Dhaka campus), Gono University, Stamford University, City Dental College, American International University and Manarat International University.

Int'l jr tennis

UNB, Dhaka

The 16th Bangladesh International Junior Tennis Championship reached the semifinal stage at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday.

In the boys' singles, top seed Liu Tai Wei and third seed Hsieh Wang Cheng of Chinese Taipei, Alex Miotto of Great Britain and Taniajuwsnter Tara of Thailand reached semifinals.

In the girls' singles, top seed Isha Lakhani of India, second seed Pichya Laosiruchon of Thailand, third seed Wang Ting Wen of Chinese Taipei and 4th seed Noha Mohsen of Egypt moved into the last four.

The semifinals of both groups will be held today.

Big wins for Dhaka, Rajshahi Sylhet upset Chittagong

ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League

SPORTS REPORTER

Paceman Al Mamun returned to action with fire as hosts Rajshahi cruised to a nine-wicket victory over Barisal in their limited-overs contest of Ispahani National League on Monday.

Mamun, who did not take part in the four-day game because of a suspension, picked up four wickets for 27 runs as the visitors, electing to

eleven boundaries in his 57-ball knock.

The victory took Rajshahi's collection to 12 points from seven games.

CHITTAGONG - SYLHET

While Rajshahi continued their impressive run, their fellow pace setters Chittagong stumbled to a five-wicket defeat against hosts Sylhet.

The former champions were bowled out for 119 after their captain Azam Iqbal won the toss and decided to bat.

Sylhet reached the victory target of 120 for the loss of five wickets in

45.

DHAKA - KHULNA

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, hosts Dhaka recorded a massive 100-run victory over Khulna.

Bating first, Dhaka recovered from a disappointing start to post a moderate total of 204 thanks to a fine 51 from Neeyamur Rashid.

Coming into bat at with his team reeling on 106 for five, Neeyamur held the innings together. He put on a vital 50 runs for the seventh wicket with Halim Shah, who made 20.

Neeyamur hammered five fours and a six in his dazzling undefeated knock.

Khulna, in their chase were all out for 104 runs in 26 overs. The visitors seemed as if they were still recovering from the 10,000 taka fine and ban on skipper Hasanuzzaman inflicted after the four-day game the day before. Hasanuzzaman was suspended for breach of discipline and his team was fined for acting against the spirit of the game.

Khulna never recovered after losing opener Morshed in the very first ball of the first over by Dhaka captain Khaled Mahmud.

Only fellow opener Sajjadul played with some purpose, making 59 off 69 balls. He hammered eight boundaries.

SCORECARDS

Scoreboards of the three limited-overs matches of the Ispahani National League held at different venues on Monday:

Dhaka vs Khulna	
Venue: DCS	
DHAKA	Rashedul c Al-Amin b Russel 39
	Ashraf c Taj b Al-Amin 14
	Jahangir c Salim b Russel 8
	Aminul c Razzak b Sajjadul 14
	Halim st. Salim b Jamal 20
	K Mahmud c sub b Morshed 11
	S Kadir c Morshed b Sajjadul 3
	Neeyamur c Salahuddin b Razzak 51
	Fahim not out 19
	Sharif b Razzak 1
	Saiful run out 0
	Extras: (b-7, lb-1, nb-2, w-14) 24
	Total: (All out in 46 overs) 204
	Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-61, 3-77, 4-

SEE PAGE 15



Dhaka's Mohammad Sharif (3rd from R) is being greeted by teammates after he bowled Khulna's Salauddin (L) during their National Cricket League limited-overs encounter at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

bat, were bundled out for only 106 runs in 29.3 overs.

Mamun was suspended for one match for abusing Dhaka captain Khaled Mahmud in his side's previous game at Mymensingh which prevented him from taking part in the four-day match against Barisal which ended on Sunday.

The lanky speedster ripped through the Barisal top-order after his new-ball partner Faisal struck in the third over. Experienced right-arm seamer Aminul Islam jr. also joined the party taking three for 24.

Rajshahi, who are leading the one-day table, romped to 107 in 16.5 overs with opener Shamsul hammering an unbeaten 59. He struck

33.2 overs with Rajin Saleh making 41. Rajin also took three important catches earlier on the day to win the man-of-the-match award.

He shared 67 runs with Nasirul Alam after Chittagong paceman Safiuddin Ahmed rocked the top-order, claiming three wickets in his first four overs.

Earlier, Chittagong's innings never took off after the top-order collapsed in the face of some impressive bowling from Nayeem, who captured three wickets including the prized scalp of prolific veteran star Minhazul Abedin for 1.

Only opener Anisul Hakim offered some resilience with a gritty 108-ball

Guyana baffle BD A

Cricket

AP, Georgetown

With more than a day to spare, Guyana beat the Bangladesh A team by an innings and 143 runs in the fourth-round match of the Busta Cup cricket tournament here at the Bourda Cricket Ground.

Bangladesh, asked to follow on after folding for 184 in their first innings, the visitors put in an even more abysmal batting performance, surrendering at 129 for nine with more than an hour of play left in the day.

Last man Tareq Aziz Khan retired hurt after being struck on the wrist by a snorter from Guyana and West Indies fast bowler Reon King to give the home side their second consecutive victory in the round robin competition so far.

Touring captain Akram Khan, who lashed 72 in the first innings came good again with 42. Akram, Anwar Hossain (31 not out) and Ehsanul Haque with 26 were the

only ones to show any resistance to the combined Guyanese spin and pace attack.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the Busta Cup fourth round match on the third day between Bangladesh A and Guyana at Bourda in Georgetown on Sunday:

GUYANA: First innings 456 for 5 in 126 overs declared (A Haniff 235, S Chattergeon 143; Mushfiqur R 2-79, T Aziz 2-100)

BANGLADESH A: First innings (overnight 105-6)
Hannan c Ally-Haniff b Darlington 39
Ehsanul lbw b Darlington 38
Mazharul lbw b Darlington 2
Tushar lbw b Nagamootoo 0
Akram c Haniff b McGarrell 72
Naimur lbw b Nagamootoo 0
Mushfiq c Ally-Haniff b Nagamootoo 2
Anwar c Dowlin b Darlington 2
Ahsanullah c Ally-Haniff b McGarrell 10
Mosaddek b Nagamootoo 5
Aziz not out 14
Extras: (b-6, lb-7, nb-1) 0

Total: (All out in 68.4 overs) 184
Fall of wickets: 1-64, 2-84, 3-87, 4-95, 5-95, 6-105, 7-125, 8-169, 9-184

Bowler O M R W
Darlington 26 6 26 0
King 10 2 49 4
McGarrell 14.4 2 51 2
Nagamootoo 18 5 45 4

BANGLADESH A: Second innings
Hannan lbw b King 0
Ehsanul c Dowlin b Darlington 26
Mazharul b King 0
Naimur c Cush b King 5
Akram c and b Nagamootoo 42
Tushar b Nagamootoo 9
Anwar c Dowlin b Nagamootoo 0
Mushfiqur not out 31
Ahsanullah lbw b King 3
Mosaddek c Haniff b Nagamootoo 2
Aziz retired hurt 1
Extras: (b-4, lb-4, nb-2) 10
Total: (For 9 wkts in 42.5 overs) 129
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-2, 3-8, 4-60, 5-73, 6-102, 7-110, 8-118, 9-129

Bowler O M R W
King 11.5 2 27 4
Darlington 9 2 34 1
Percival 2 0 13 0
Nagamootoo 15 3 38 4
McGarrell 5 2 9 0

Result: Guyana won by an innings and 143 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Azimul Haniff.

WI's happy ending

Cricket

AFP, Sharjah

Carl Hooper played a captain's knock of 112 not out as the West Indies gained a consolation 110-run victory over Pakistan in the third and final one-dayer here on Sunday.

Hooper's seventh one-day century helped the West Indies pile up 260-5, before Pakistan were shot out for 150 in 40.2 overs in the inconsequential last match.

It was West Indies' first success after four defeats here in the last three weeks. They lost the two Test matches by heavy margins before going down in the first two one-dayers.

The matches, a scheduled home series for Pakistan, were shifted to this desert venue due to West Indies' reluctance to play in Pakistan because of security concerns.

Hooper smashed eight boundaries and four sixes, sharing a 154-run stand for the fifth wicket with Shivanine Chanderpaul (67), after the West Indies were reduced to 61-4.

Pakistani captain Waqar Younis claimed two wickets, including the one of Darren Ganga off the third ball of the match.

Faced with a target of 5.22 runs an over under lights, Pakistan never recovered after the early loss of

openers Shahid Afridi and Naved Latif.

Afridi was caught at square-leg off Pedro Collins in the second over and Naved Latif fell in the third, trapped leg-before by Mervyn Dillon.

Half the Pakistani side were back in the pavilion by the 23rd over with only 86 on the board.

Shoaib Malik, who hit an unbeaten century on Friday, made 37 when he was sixth out, bowled by Hooper, to make it 91-6.

Inzamam Haq, dropped to number seven due to his poor form, appeared to be settling in when he was bowled for 27, trying to play a reverse sweep off part-time spinner Chris Gayle.

Gayle also took the last three wickets, including Rashid Latif for 37, to finish with a career-best 4-19.

Pakistan return home on Tuesday to prepare for the final of the Asian Test championships against Sri Lanka, scheduled to start in Lahore on March 6.

The West Indies next host India for five Tests and as many internationals from April 11.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of the third and final one-day international between Pakistan and the West Indies at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium on Sunday:

WEST INDIES: 260 for 5 in 50 overs (C Hooper 112 not out, S Chanderpaul 67; W Younis 2-47)

PAKISTAN

Afridi c Morton b Collins	5
Naved lbw b Dillon	4
Younis c Hooper b Collins	6
Malik b Hooper	37
Youhana c and b Dillon	20
Razzaq run out	10
Inzamam b Gayle	21
Rashid b Gayle	37
Waqar c Dillon b Gayle	2
Akhtar b Gayle	0
Sami not out	1
Extras: (lb-4, w-2, nb-1)	7
Total: (All out in 40.2 overs)	150