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## Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Zia Smriti Sangsad recorded a 136 runs victory over Patriot Sporting Club in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium on Saturday.  
Winning the toss, Zia Smriti batted first and collected 313 runs for eight wickets in the stipulated 35 overs.  
In reply, Patriot were all out for 177 runs in 26.5 overs.

# Dhaka dazzling champs

## ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League

SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka crowned themselves as the new National League champions defeating Khulna by 138 runs at the Jessore Stadium on Saturday.

The star-studded capital team celebrated their maiden title in the six-team first-class competition with a match in hand after they dismissed their hosts for 132 runs in the second innings.

On the final day, Khulna needed another 226 runs to stop the run-away leaders. But the home side could add only 90 runs to their overnight score of 42/3 before being all out in 44.4 overs.

The Dhaka victory came shortly after lunch when their captain Khaled Mahmud claimed the final wicket of Tushar to cap his team's fantastic season that saw them win seven of their eight games.

The only unbeaten team in the third edition of the meet, which has been sponsored by leading tea manufacturer Ispahani, Dhaka have only conceded a draw against nearest challengers Rajshahi in an earlier round.

Chittagong won the inaugural edition in 1999 and Bangladesh Biman won the second in 2000-2001. But unfortunately the organisers dumped the national airlines as well as Dhaka Metropolis from this year's competition.

However, Dhaka have also confirmed a winners cheque of Taka 400,000 before going into their final match against Rajshahi next week.

Dhaka were led by not one but four captains on their way to the title. Naimur Rahman got Dhaka off to a good start before he flew off to the West Indies with the Bangladesh A team and Mahmud finished the job after serving his national duty.

In between Sajjad Ahmed Monsur and Halim Shah were at the helm.  
Dhaka's success was built on the contributions of their senior players with Jahangir Alam and Halim in particular standing out.

While Dhaka basked in the glory, Rajshahi had to settle for a draw with hosts Sylhet.

With the championship over, second-placed Rajshahi can only hope to win the one-day title.

The team of national captain Khaled Mahmud is leading the limited-overs competition with 12 points. But to consolidate their position, Rajshahi will have to deny Sylhet's aspiration to join them at the top.

Elsewhere, the misery continued

for the former champions Chittagong as they drew with bottom-placed Barisal at the MA Aziz Stadium.

Barisal opener Imran, who carried his bat on Friday to thwart the port city team a third win in the League, transformed his overnight 89 to a superb 141.

The game was also a disappointment for Minhazul Abedin, who was eyeing to become the first player to score 1000 runs. But the veteran middle-order bat, needing 77 runs to reach the milestone, could only score only six and 33.

Minhaz's has now only a match in hand to grab those precious 38 runs.

Meanwhile, the tournament committee of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has brought forward the two next round matches, which were scheduled to start on March 8, by two days.

**SCORECARDS**  
Final scoreboards of the three Ispahani National League matches played at different venues across the country on Saturday:

**Dhaka v Khulna**  
Venue: Jessore  
DHAKA: First innings 159 all out

POINTS TABLE						
(Four-day competition)						
Team	M	W	Lead	L	D	Pts
Dhaka	9	8	-	-	1	48
Rajshahi	8	4	3	1	3	30
Chittagong	9	2	3	2	5	22
Sylhet	8	2	1	2	4	14
Khulna	8	1	3	3	4	12
Barisal	8	-	-	7	1	-

# Sourav keeps it up

## Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

Sourav Ganguly cracked his first century in 23 Tests as India frustrated Zimbabwe on a rain-hit third day of the second and final Test here on Saturday.

The stylish left-hander scored an unbeaten 135 for his eighth Test hundred to help India reach 319-6 at stumps in reply to Zimbabwe's 329 at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground. Anil Kumble was 19 not out.

Only 52 overs were possible due to poor light and rain, which were more than enough for Ganguly to complete his first century in 18 Tests as the Indian captain.

Ganguly, whose last Test hundred came against New Zealand at Ahmedabad in October 1999, reached the three-figure mark when he pulled seamer Heath Streak for four at the stroke of tea.

He returned to form at the right time, sharing a 120-run stand for the fifth wicket with hard-hitting Virender Sehwag after his team had been reduced to 144-4 on Friday.

Local hero Sehwag made an entertaining 74 with the help of 15 fours, batting aggressively from the beginning to outscore even his captain during his second Test half-century in five matches.

Sehwag used his feet well against left-arm spinner Raymond Price, fluently driving him on both sides of the wicket.

Ganguly also punished the Zimbabwean spinner, hitting three successive fours in the extended closing session. He has so far hit one six and 21 boundaries in his 279-ball knock.

Sehwag and Ganguly batted confidently against both pace and spin as the tourists waited 27 overs for their first success in overcast conditions despite taking the second new ball in the 82nd over during the morning session.

Streak broke the partnership when he trapped Sehwag leg-before with the one that came in sharply for his second victim of the innings. The batsman was let off the previous ball, dropped by Andy Flower at first slip.

Sanjay Bangar, who smashed a brisk unbeaten 100 in the previous Test at Nagpur, did not last long as

he contributed just four before being run out three overs later.

There was no stopping Ganguly, who continued to bat comfortably as India scored 148 for the loss of just two wickets after resuming at 171-4.

India lead 1-0 in the two-Test series following their win by an innings and 101 runs in the first match.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second and last Test between India and Zimbabwe at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground on Saturday:

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings 329 (D Ebrahim 94, A Flower 92, T Friend 43; A Kumble 3-88)

**INDIA:** First innings (overnight 171-4)  
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Bowler	O	M	R	W
Streak	32	8	82	2
Watambwa	18	5	47	0
Friend	17	2	66	1
Price	47	13	94	1
G Flower	5	0	17	0

**Umpires:** Avi Jayaprakash (India) and Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka).



PHOTO: AFP  
Sourav Ganguly works the ball on the on-side on the third day of the second Test against Zimbabwe in New Delhi yesterday. The Indian captain converted his overnight unbeaten 78 into a hundred on the day.

# Knee troubles Tendulkar

## Cricket

REUTERS, New Delhi

India's leading batsman Sachin Tendulkar will miss this month's one-day series against Zimbabwe to undergo treatment for knee trouble, an Indian cricket official said on Saturday.

"Tendulkar has some problem with his knees and he has to do exercises to strengthen them," Niranjan Shah, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said after naming a 14-player squad for the first three games in the five-match series.

India's selectors hope Tendulkar will return refreshed from his break for a busy international schedule that includes back-to-back Test

tours of West Indies and England starting early next month.

Shah said in a statement that Tendulkar's knee trouble, which he described as not serious, began during the home series against England late last year.

But Shah was confident Tendulkar would be available for the tour to West Indies after undergoing physiotherapy treatment and prescribed rest.

The 28-year-old Tendulkar, widely recognised as the world's leading batsman, has played non-stop international cricket since making his debut 13 years ago and has suffered back problems in the past due to wear and tear.

India's selectors have also rested experienced paceman Javagal Srinath for the five-match series against Zimbabwe after the bowler

requested a break, Shah said.

Tinu Yohannan has been brought in to replace Srinath in the one-day series while batsman Rahul Dravid returns to the side after missing the recent series at home to England to receive treatment for shoulder trouble.

The one-day series starts in the northern Indian town of Faridabad on March 7, followed by matches at Mohali (March 10), Cochin (March 13), Hyderabad (March 16) and Guwahati (March 19).

**SQUAD**

Sourav Ganguly (captain), Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid, Vangipurappu Laxman, Dinesh Mongia, Sanjay Bangar, Mohammad Kaif, Ajay Ratna, Zaheer Khan, Ajit Agarkar, Tinu Yohannan, Harbhajan Singh, Sharaddeep Singh, Anil Kumble.

# Kapil, Robin to coach bowlers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Former all-rounder Robin Singh will assist India's bowling coach Kapil Dev, BCCI announced on Wednesday.

The Indian board had announced a month back that Kapil Dev would coach bowlers in its build up to the World Cup in 2003. The announcement of Robin's role was made after Kapil Dev had a meeting with Board president Jagmohan Dalmiya late in the night on Wednesday.

Robin's appointment as an assistant to Kapil seemingly spelt an end to his aspiration to make a comeback in the international cricket.

Kapil stated that he had no problems working with Robin. "He has been one of the fittest Indian cricketers around. So he can help in monitoring the fitness of the bowlers. It is important for each and every bowler to maintain their fitness. Otherwise, they will not be able to sustain at the international level," Kapil said.

"I just know that I will be helping the bowlers. However, I have no idea as to when I will start working with them," said the former Indian captain.

# It's Pepsi v tea in Sri Lanka

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's cricket control board is locked in a row with the sport's world governing body over a battle between Pepsi-Cola and a local tea marketing firm.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has told the local board that the Sri Lankan team cannot wear outfits advertising Dilmah tea while playing in international matches sponsored by Pepsi.

However, a spokesman for the Sri Lankan board said they entered into a three-year team sponsorship deal with Dilmah tea in October while the ICC's objections were received only last month.

"The board has raised objections with the ICC on the issue and it will be taken up at the Executive Board meeting in Cape Town" over March 21-24, the spokesman said.

Sri Lanka were unaware of any restrictions on the advertising of tea, the island's main export commodity, at the time of entering into the deal with Dilmah, he said.

The ICC had specifically informed Sri Lanka that tea could not be advertised during the Champions' Trophy and the 2003 World Cup, both tournaments sponsored by Pepsi.

# CCDM meets today

UNB, Dhaka

An emergency meeting of Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolis (CCDM) will be held today at 5:30 pm at the Bangabandhu National Stadium conference room.

All Premier and First Division Cricket League members have been requested to attend the meeting.

# Zia defeats Reefat

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman continues to dominate the Professor Abdur Razzak 28th National Chess Championship at the Bangladesh Chess Federation Auditorium on Saturday.

The reigning champion defeated his Biman teammate International Master (IM) Reefat Bin Sattar to stamp his fourth successive victory.

Playing with black pieces, the in-form Zia, who only the other day floored fellow GM Niaz Murshed, adopted a Modern Defence and won after just 35 moves.

Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib occupied the second position alone by defeating Ruhul Kabir.

Rajib countered Ruhul's English Opening to win in 36 moves.

Despite earning a creditable draw with Niaz, IM Abdullah Al Rakib slipped to the third position.

Rakib played with black and drew after 41 moves.

In other results, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed won his board against Abu Sufian Shakil and Saifuddin Lavlu beat Taibur Rahman. Shawkat Hossain drew with Syed Ejaz Hussain.

**Points:** 4-Zia, 3.5-Rajib, 3-Rakib, 2.5-Reefat, 2-Shakil and Lavlu, 1.5 Niaz (3 games), Nasir and 1-Ejaz, 0.5-Sumon (3 games), Ruhul, Shawkat.

**Today's matches:** Sumon v Ejaz, Zia v Lavlu, Rakib v Reefat, Shakil v Niaz, Rajib v Nasir and Shawkat v Ruhul.

# BD A forced on back foot

## Cricket

AP, Kingstown

Boosted by a five-wicket haul from leg-spinner Orlanzo Jackson, the Windward Islands gained the ascendancy over Bangladesh A on the opening day of their sixth-round Busta Cup Series match at Arnos Vale on Friday.

At the close, the sixth place Windwards, who dismissed the Bangladesh second-string team for a modest 163 with Jackson capturing five for 66 off 28 overs, were 37 without loss.

Young opener Devon Smith was unbeaten on 30, having already struck four boundaries while his partner Kirsten Casimir was on five.

Opener Ehsanul Haque batted with grit and determination to top score for Bangladesh with a patient 50, which included just three fours in 205 minutes off 168 balls.

Middle-order batsman Tushar Imran emerged from a series of low scores, to hit an attacking 46, laced with five fours off 76 balls while the only other double-digit contributions came from opener Hannan Sarkar and leg-spinner Mosaddek Hossain.

Young left-arm swing bowler Kenroy Peters supported with two for 18 off 11.1 overs while Deighton

Butler took the key wicket of Ehsanul and also effected two run outs to get rid of all-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman and fast bowler Anwar Monir without scoring.

Bangladesh A, who were sent in to bat, had made a promising start but declined from 56 for one at lunch to 139 for six at tea as Jackson spun a web around the batsmen, removing Mazharul Haque, Naimur Rahman and captain Akram Khan to seize the initiative for the Windwards.

Jackson added the wicket of wicketkeeper Anwar Hossain, who made just one as the Windwards made an excellent start toward their bid of gaining a victory which would keep alive their hopes of reaching the Busta International Shield semifinals.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard on the first day of the sixth-round Busta Cup Series match between Bangladesh A and the Windward Islands at Arnos Vale on Friday:

BANGLADESH A: First innings	
Hannan c Shillingford b Jackson	28
Ahsanul b Butler	50
Mazharul c Shillingford b Jackson	6
Naimur c Casimir b Jackson	1
Akram b Jackson	1
Tushar b Peters	46
Mushfiqur run out (Butler)	4

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PHOTO: STAR  
Taibur Rahman (R) and Saifuddin Lavlu ponder next move during their Prof Abdur Razzak National Chess Championship engagement at the National Sports Council yesterday.

# India end losing streak

## Hockey

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

India, under a new coach after Cedric D'Souza was sacked earlier in the day, thrashed first-timers Cuba 4-0 to record their first win in the World Cup here on Saturday.

It is a moot point that India would have beaten the whipping boys of the tournament without a coach at all.

But the Indians received a shock when D'Souza was sacked on Saturday morning and the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) asked assistant coach Chandru Kumar to take over for the remaining matches.

The IHF wanted D'Souza to stay on and assist Kumar, but D'Souza preferred to take the first flight home, saying "he did not want to be where he was not wanted".

The Indians, who lost three of their first four matches and drew

one, outplayed the Cubans after leading 3-0 at half-time.

Dilip Tirkey opened the scoring with a penalty corner in the ninth minute, before Daljit Dhillon and Deepak Thakur increased the margin by the 16th minute.

Captain Baljit Dhillon scored the final goal midway through the second half as the Indians again missed several opportunities in front of goal.

Cuba, who qualified for their first World Cup by virtue of being the Pan-American champions, have now conceded 27 goals in five matches and have scored just three.

Kumar, asked by an Indian reporter whether he too should have walked out with D'Souza, said he "did not have a choice".

India play their last two league matches against Australia and Poland before fighting for the lower placings in the classification rounds.

**SA HOLD SPAIN**  
Spain's semifinal hopes in the field hockey World Cup took a beating

when they were held to a 2-2 draw by a vastly South Africa.

Germany further complicated the tussle in the tough Pool A when they secured a hard-fought 2-1 win over New Zealand.

# BD Games Hockey to start Mar 9

UNB, Dhaka

The seventh Bangladesh Games hockey competition will begin on March 9 at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

Bangladesh Army will take on Rajshahi at 2 pm in the inaugural match while Faridpur face Bangladesh Navy in the another opening day match at 3.30 pm.

Eight teams splitting into two groups will take part in the competition.

**GROUP A:** Dhaka, Bangladesh Air Force, Dhaka University and BKSP.

**GROUP B:** Bangladesh Army, Faridpur, Bangladesh Navy and Rajshahi.

Two top finishers in each group will reach the semifinal to be held on March 16 and the final match will be held on March 17.

# M'singh cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

Mukul Fouj Lal beat County Club by 43 runs in the Premier Division Cricket League at the Circuit House ground yesterday.

Batting first, Mukul Fouj scored 193 runs for nine wickets.

In reply, County were all out for 150.

**BRIEF SCORES**  
MUKUL FOUJ LAL: 193/9 (Asim, 69, Rana 33; Zahir 2/30, Chandan 2/32)

COUNTY CLUB: 150/10 (Rabi 32\*, Sumon 17; Nusan 4/11, Pronab 2/29, Manju 2/31).

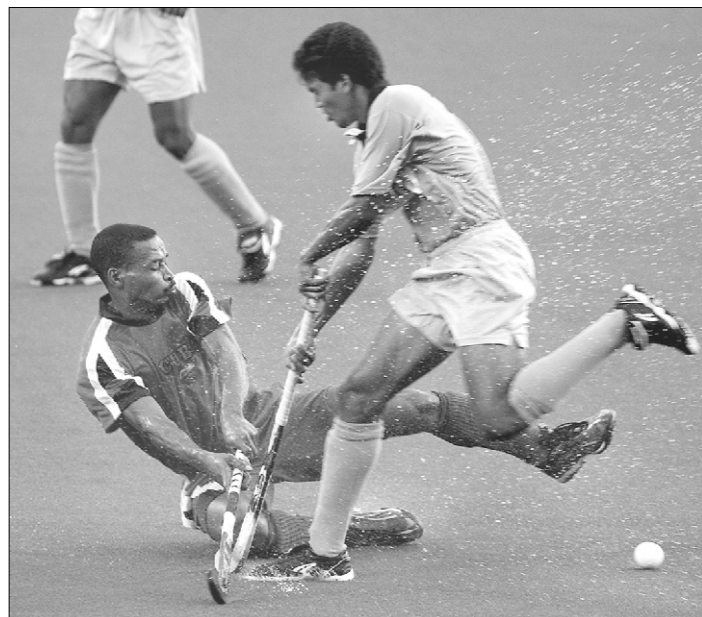


PHOTO: AFP  
Cuba's Yuri Perez Perez (L) takes a tumble after tackling Lajrus Barla of India during their Men's Hockey World Cup clash in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.