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## Did U Know?

The shortest ever Test match to date was between Sri Lanka and India in Colombo, in 1996. All but 50 minutes of the match was rained out.



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7:30 am  
UEFA Champions League  
Deportivo vs Bayer Leverkusen  
9:00 am  
English Premier Football League  
West Ham United vs Man United  
11:00 am  
South Africa vs Australia  
First ODI  
3:00 pm

English Premier Football League  
Man United vs Middlesbrough  
Live at 8:55 pm

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New Zealand vs England  
Second Test, Day Three  
Live at 4:27 am  
Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
11:30 am  
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12:30 pm  
Football Asia  
8:00 pm  
Primera Liga  
Highlights at 8:30 pm  
New Zealand vs England  
Second Test, Day Three  
Highlights at 9:30 pm  
Primera Liga  
Bets vs Sevilla  
Live at 2:30 am (Sunday)



## TALK TURKEY



### Malcolm Speed

(ICC chief Executive)  
"Restructuring the panel will take the standards of decision-making and authority to new levels."  
On the appointment of a new streamlined panel of international match referees.



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WELCOME BACK: Mohammedi's star Kenyan recruit Steve Tikolo plays one towards fine-leg against Young Pegasus at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

## Big guns all blaze

### Cricket

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Star Kenyan batsman Steve Tikolo got into business straightaway as holders Mohammedi Sporting Club made a blistering start to their GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League campaign with a seven-wicket win over promoted Young Cricketers at the newly built Khan Shaheb Osman Ali Cricket Stadium in Fatullah yesterday.

Elsewhere, centuries from young opener Nafis Iqbal and former Bangladesh captain Naimur Rahman powered last year's runners up Abahani to an emphatic 161-run mauling of minnows Uttara Sporting Club while Bangladesh Biman posted a facile seven-wicket victory over Young Pegasus at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

**Mohammedi v Young Pegasus**  
At Fatullah, Tikolo, the right-handed stroke-maker, picked up from where he left off last season by smashing an unbeaten 86 as the popular Motijheel based club, chasing Young Cricketers 199 in 50 overs, reached 200 in 43.4 overs.

Coming to bat at number four with Mohammedi struggling a little on 32 for two in the eighth over, Tikolo, who had amassed a record 1222 runs last year, promptly saw his side through.

Together with opener Ehsanul Haque, Tikolo put on 137 runs for the third wicket to lay the foundation of the win. The stand was broken on 167 when Ehsanul was caught off a well-made 61.

Ehsan, in his patient 111-ball innings, hit five boundaries.

After Ehsan's departure, Sanwar joined Tikolo and the two ensured no further hiccups.

Tikolo hammered one six and

eight boundaries in his 101-ball knock while Sanwar was unbeaten on 15 of 28 balls.

Earlier, put into bat, Pegasus were restricted to 199 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs.

Opener Jamal Ferdous and Pakistani middle order Majed Jafri scored 55 runs each while Haque (31) were the other notable run getter.

Mohammedi pacer Taposh Baishya, off spinner Sabir Khan and captain Minhazul Abedin captured two wickets apiece.

**Abahani v Uttara Sc**  
Away at the BKSP ground,

was dropped from the Bangladesh squad after the home series against Zimbabwe last November, got out.

In his swashbuckling, 76-ball innings, Naimur smote half a dozen sixes and eleven fours.

After losing Naimur, Nafis shared another 104-run stand with his captain and uncle Akram Khan before getting run out.

Nafis, faced 144 balls for his knock that included eight boundaries.

Akram Khan made merry with the bat in making an unbeaten 56 off 63 balls (3x4).

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### Cricket

#### APP, Johannesburg

Australia survived a late assault by back-in-form Lance Klusener before clinching a 19-run win in the first one-day international against South Africa at the Wanderers Stadium Friday.

Jason Gillespie ripped out South Africa's first three batsmen inside the first 10 overs and Ricky Ponting seemed on target for an easy win in his first match as captain when South Africa, chasing 224 to win, crashed to 93 for seven.

But Klusener, who surprisingly only batted at number eight, slammed 83 off 77 balls, with eight fours and a six, before he was last man out, caught on the long-on boundary off Glenn McGrath. Klusener hit 39 of South Africa's last 40 runs.

Ponting, who has replaced Test captain Steve Waugh as one-day skipper, admitted: "It was a bit nerve-wracking towards the end."

But he said he had always been confident that his team could defend a total of 223 for eight on a pitch which became slower as the match went on.

"Overall it was a pretty good game for us."

Medium-pacer Ian Harvey followed up Gillespie's opening burst with a three-wicket spell and Australia were in complete command when off-spinner Nathan Hauritz took a wicket with his fifth delivery in international cricket to

dismiss Boeta Dippenaar for 51.

Klusener and Nicky Boje gave South Africa a glimmer of hope as they put on 71 for the eighth wicket before Boje was run out when he was sent back by Klusener, seeking a second run after driving into the covers.

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Earlier, Australia made a flying start after Ponting won the toss, with Adam Gilchrist and Matthew Hayden hitting 39 off the first six overs.

But Makhaya Ntini, who came on as South Africa's first change bowler, slowed Australia's momentum. Ntini started with two maidens, then had Gilchrist caught at midwicket for 37.

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GILLESPIE....m-o-m

succession of powerful strokes before he fell to McGrath.

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No other Australian batsman was able to exceed Gilchrist's score on a pitch of uneven bounce.

Ntini took three for 24, while Jonty Rhodes undermined the Australian innings with two outstanding examples of the fielding skill which has made him a key player for South Africa in one-day cricket for the past decade.

Rhodes flung himself to his right at backward point to hold a powerfully-struck square cut by Hayden off Jacques Kallis and later ran out Michael Bevan with a direct hit as Bevan tried to steal a single.

Darren Lehmann equalled Gilchrist's 37 but although each of the nine players who batted for Australia reached double figures, none went on to a big score.

South Africa made a disastrous start, losing both opening batsmen for two runs. Herschelle Gibbs was caught in the gully off a leading edge against Gillespie before Gary Kirsten gloved the ball down the leg-side and Gilchrist held a diving catch to his right.

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In reply, Fakirbari scored 237 runs losing 7 wickets in 43 overs.

Mamun and Nahid scored 59 and 73 runs respectively while Prodip took 2 wickets for 32 runs.

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## Umpires say no problem

REUTERS, Cape Town

Cricket's newly appointed elite panel of international match umpires has backed the International Cricket Council's (ICC) plan to experiment with extended television technology to aid umpiring decisions.

The eight umpires on the panel have agreed to test the new system during this September's ICC Champions Trophy tournament in Sri Lanka, the ICC confirmed on Thursday.

The decision was reached on the first day of the ICC umpires and referees conference at the Arabella Country Estate near Cape Town.

"This endorsement was a positive outcome from a very good day's business for the conference," said ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed.

"The issue of technology was debated at some length and it was agreed that a trial was the best way to move forward, to judge if more technological assistance would be of benefit."

Under the system, which was agreed at an ICC meeting in Cape Town on Sunday, on-field umpires will be able to consult with the third official on any decision.

Consultation will be optional but, when a third umpire is contacted, he will be allowed only two replays before passing information to the on-field officials.

The third umpire will not be able to intervene unless he is called upon by the on-field umpires.

Line decisions, hit wicket and boundary referrals will continue to be decided by the television umpire, as they are at present.

The ICC's recommendation for the extended use of television technology will now go forward for final ratification by the ICC's executive board, which will meet in England this June.

The ICC's umpires panel comprises: Steve Bucknor (West Indies), Asoka De Silva (Sri Lanka), Daryl Harper (Australia), Rudi Koertzen (South Africa), Dave Orchard (South Africa), David Shepherd (England), Russell Tiffen (Zimbabwe) and Srinivas Venkataraghavan (India).

### Age-gp cricket

BSS, Dhaka

The semifinals of the under-13 cricket competition of the Dhaka Metropolitan zone will be held on March 24 in the city.

Abahani Krira Chakra will meet Kalabagan Krira Chakra at the Dhanmondi Club Ground while Mohammedi Sporting Club take on Surja Tarun Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The final of the competition takes place on March 26 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

### Inter-varsity cricket

#### Second win for BAU

UNB, Savar

Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) earned the successive second victory in the inter-university cricket competition beating Shahjalal Science & Technology University by two wickets at the Jahangirnagar University playground yesterday.

Batting first, Shahjalal Science & Technology University, who suffered consecutive second defeat, managed 137 runs for nine wickets in the stipulated 40 overs. Rajib made 31 while Mohsin and Shubashish 21 runs each.

Parvez picked up three wickets conceding 27 runs while Babul three for 19 runs for the winners.

In reply, BAU reached the target scoring 139 runs for eight wickets in 34 overs. Sachin scored team highest 47 runs.

Parvez was the another notable bowler contributing 34 runs.

Emon captured three wickets for 11 runs while Joy two for 18 runs.

Today's match: Dhaka University vs Khulna University at the same venue.

### Barisal cricket

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Fakirbari Cricket Club defeated BM College by 140 runs in the First