



## Did U Know?

Englishman Ian Botham is the first all-rounder in one-dayers to complete a double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets. He achieved this feat against Australia at Lord's on June 3, 1985.



## What to Watch

- ESPN**
- English Premier Football League
  - Newcastle United vs Everton
  - 8:30 am
  - &
  - Man United vs Middlesbrough
  - 10:30 am
  - South Africa vs Australia**
  - Fourth ODI
  - Live at 1:55 pm
  - English Premier Football League
  - Leeds United vs Man United
  - 9:30 pm
  - South Africa vs Australia
  - Fourth ODI
  - Highlights at 11:30 pm
  - STAR Sports**
  - New Zealand vs England
  - Third Test, Day One
  - Live at 4:27 am
  - Asia Sport Show
  - 12:30 pm
  - Primera Liga
  - Highlights at 8:30 pm
  - New Zealand vs England
  - Third Test, Day One
  - Highlights at 9:00 pm
  - Primera Liga
  - Barcelona vs Las Palmas
  - Live at 2:00 am (Sunday)



**Ronaldo**  
(Brazilian soccer super star)  
"In my career I have always conquered everything I wanted. My objective is to be the best again. I know it might take time but I will do it."

## Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 169

Tick the correct answers, post to The Daily Star. Win attractive prizes. Competition closes at 8 pm April 12, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards.

- Who clinched the Indian Wells Masters Series tennis title?  
Hewitt Henman Agassi
  - Who won the Bangladesh Games hockey title?  
Dhaka BDR BJMC
  - How many balls did Nathan Astle face to score Test cricket's fastest double century?  
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  - Who lifted the Bangladesh Games football title?  
Chittagong Dhaka Army
  - How many gold medals did Doly Akhter win in Bangladesh Games?  
Nine Seven Ten
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Surjo Tarun opener Gazi Salahuddin square-drives during their GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League encounter against Kalabagan Krira Chakra at the Cricket Stadium in Fatullah on Friday.

## City looking real good

### GrameenPhone Premier League

#### Cricket

Surprise package City Club continued with their dream run in the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League with a comfortable 67-run win over Dhanmondi Club at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) ground in Savar yesterday.

In the other two matches of the day, Surjo Tarun Club registered their maiden victory by beating Kalabagan Krira Chakra by seven wickets at the Khan Shaheb Osman Ali Cricket Stadium in Fatullah while Young Pegasus handed Uttara Sporting Club a 24-run defeat at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

**City Club v Dhanmondi Club**  
Middle order Tushar Imran scored a near run-a-ball 55, as City Club, after being invited to bat first in a reduced 45-over-a-side match, made 232 for six.

Tushar, the hard hitting right hander faced only 58 balls for his 55 which included two sixes and a four boundaries.

He was given a good support by former national opener Shariar Hossain who chipped in with a patient 86-ball 49. Among others, middle order Halim Shah scored 37 off 42 balls while Sajib Das hammered a quick-fire 23 off 19 balls.

Das also shone with the cherry taking three for 36 as Dhanmondi Club were bowled out for 165 in 44.4 overs.

left arm spinner Suja Erfan returned the best bowling figures for City taking four for 28.

It was City Club's third win in as many matches that placed them atop the 12-team league table along with holders Mohammedan Sporting Club and last year's runners up Abahani Krira Chakra on six points.

**Surjo Tarun v Kalabagan**  
Kalabagan were bundled out for 164 in 46.2 overs in the face of some fired up bowling from Mohammad Sharif.

The national right arm seamer captured four wickets for only 11 runs from his 8.2 overs. Medium pacer Hannan Sarkar and Iqbal

Ahmed gave Sharif a good back up with two wickets each.

In reply, Surjo Tarun raced to 167 in 35.4 overs with seven wickets in hand.

Bangladesh Under-19 opener Gazi Salahuddin led his side to their first win after two successive defeats with a fine 73 off 95 balls. The aggressive right hander smashed five sixes and as many boundaries.

His opening partner Hannan Sarkar (34) and middle order Mazharul Haque (23 n.o.) were the other notable run getters.

It was Kalabagan's third defeat in a row that kept them at the bottom of the table with no points along with Dhanmondi Club, Uttara Sporting Club at Young Cricketers.

**Young Pegasus v Uttara Sc**  
Young Pegasus, rode on two half centuries from opener Humayun (64) and middle order Hasan (58) to make 217 in 49.1 overs before being all out after Uttara asked them to bat first.

Humayun faced 97 balls and hit

a six and four fours while Hasan hit five boundaries in his 73-ball innings.

In reply, Uttara were given a revised target of 210 to win in 46 overs. But despite a brilliant century from middle order Sumon Barua (103), Uttara were all out for 186 in 43.4 overs.

Sumon hit three sixes and nine fours for his gallant innings off just 110 balls.

**SCOREBOARDS**  
Scoreboards of the three GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League matches held at different venues on Friday:

**City Club v Dhanmondi Club**  
Venue: BKSP

Wasim b Ashraf	1
Shahriar lbw b Tamim	49
Azam c Shahriar b Tamim	27
Tushar st Nuruzzaman b Monir	55
Halim run out	37
Sajib st Nuruzzaman b Shahriar	23
Salim not out	1
Tareq not out	4

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## Age-gp cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Eskaton Sabuj Sangha defeated Lalmita Sporting Club by 132 runs in the BCB Under-15 age-group cricket tournament at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

Eskaton SS scored 297 runs for six wickets in stipulated 45 overs with Marshal Ayub making team highest 71 off 62 balls.

The other notable scorers were Wasir Rahman 43, Jisan Abedin 35, Ruhul Amin 59 and Chayan 62 not out.

In reply, Lalmita were all out for 165 runs in 36.4 overs with Sajid Khan making team highest 44 off 65 balls.

Marshal Ayub was the most successful bowler for Eskaton picking up three wickets for 11 runs in 6 overs while Jisan Abedin took two for 39 runs in 4 overs.

## Inter-varsity cricket

JU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) outplayed Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) by ten wickets in the inter-varsity cricket tournament at the Jahangirnagar University playground yesterday.

Winning the toss, BAU batted first and were all out for 67 runs in 23.1 overs.

In reply, DU reached the target of 68 runs without loss in 11.1 overs.

**BRIEF SCORES**  
BAU: 67 all out in 23.1 overs (Johny 13; Sajal 5-14, Sumon 3-15)  
DU: 68 no loss in 11.1 overs (Rubel 33, Debashish 24)

## Flemo resorts to aggression

REUTERS, Auckland

New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming said his team will adopt an aggressive approach in an attempt to wrest the Test series from England's grasp in the third and final match starting on Saturday.

"Sometimes it can be easier if you have to win," Fleming said. "England can get away with a draw and win the series, but we have to win so aggression is the key."

"I'd rather be in England's position than in ours, though."

Fleming said victory in Auckland would cap off a successful season for New Zealand.

"It is similar to the situation we faced in the last one-dayer. We won that after losing the two previous ones and won the series."

"If we win this Test we can look back on a good summer, but if we lose I will be pretty disappointed."

"Chris (Harris) has been batting at four for Canterbury and had a good season," he said.

"Nathan Astle and Craig McMillan are a good combination at five and six and while I like four, I relish the challenge of three."

"I didn't consider opening with Mark Richardson. Lou Vincent's got that job and he's done it well in the past."

## WHIZZ KID-168 winner

Tajmery Akhter (Chaitola High School Nangalkot, Comilla)

Please produce your ID card and an attested passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on April 4.

## WHIZZ KID-168 correct answers

- Who won the Prof Abdur Razzak 28th national chess title?  
Ans. Ziaur Rahman
- Who became Asian Test champions?  
Ans. Sri Lanka
- Who clinched the World Cup hockey title?  
Ans. Germany
- Who won the Jamuna Bank Club Cup hockey title?  
Ans. Mohammedan
- Who is Brazil's national football coach?  
Ans. Scolari



**Premier Division Cricket League**  
Mohammedan SC v Brothers Union  
Venue: BKSP  
Abahani KC v Victoria SC  
KOACS, Fatullah.

## GM meet starts today

### Chess

SPORTS REPORTER

The White Plus Grand Grand Masters (GM) Chess Tournament, the first ever Swiss League GM's tournament in the country begins in Dhaka today. The meet is being organised by Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF).

Six Grand Masters, two from hosts Bangladesh and one each from Slovenia, Ukraine, Russia and India are the main attractions of the eleven-round tournament which will end on April 9. Four International Masters (IM), five Fide Masters (FM) and two International Women Masters (IWM) will also feature in the competition. Hopeless.

GM Drazen Sermek of Slovenia is the highest rated (2595 points) player. The other Grand Masters in the meet are Bangladesh's Ziaur Rahman (2510 points) and Niaz Murshed (2448 points), Russia's Alexander Goloshchapov (2545 points), Ukraine's Alexander Fominyh (2536 points) and Debyendu Barua (2515 points) of India.

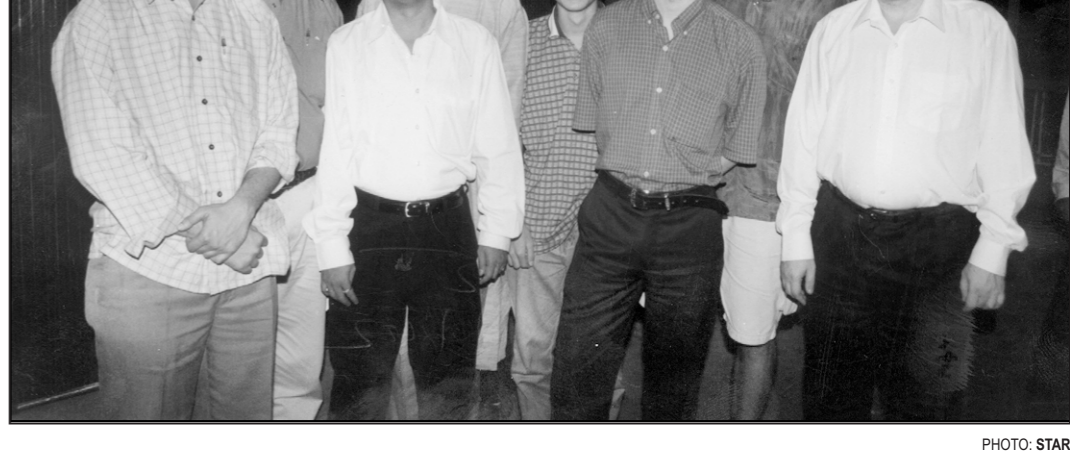
Bangladesh's sub-junior champion Minhazuddin Ahmed (2064 points) is the youngest competitor.

The BCF has fixed a budget of Taka nine lakhs for the meet which offers 5,000 USD in cash awards for the top ten finishers. Square Toiletries, the title sponsors will contribute with Taka 5 lakhs while Crown Cement will pay Taka 2.5 lakh. The rest 1.5 lakh Taka will come from the BCF fund.

BCF general secretary Syed Sujauddin Ahmed at the press conference on Friday afternoon gave details of the tournament. SK Das, the MD of Square Toiletries was also present at the media briefing.

Sujauddin also said that the Swiss League GM tournament could be held every year provided they get sponsors. The other GM tournament under the auspices BCF, a biennial robin league GM meet sponsored by United Insurance, will also be organised simultaneously.

Play will start everyday at 3 pm at the National Sports Council conference room.



Foreign participants, along with Bangladesh GM Ziaur Rahman (4th from L), of the New White Plus Grand Masters' Chess Competition pose for a photograph after the end of the press conference at the National Sports Council Conference Room on Friday.

## Onus on Harris

### Final Test from today

#### Cricket

AFP, Auckland

Experienced all-rounder Chris Harris was Friday charged with fixing New Zealand's batting woes as they look to square the Test cricket series against England in the final match starting here Saturday.

Kiwi captain Stephen Fleming Friday confirmed Harris, who hasn't played a Test since November 1999, would fill the pivotal number four batting slot as the home side look to recover from 0-1 down in the third and final Test at Eden Park.

Harris, who has played 203 one-day internationals, looked to have finished his Test career at the start of this season but has averaged 95.7 in the domestic first-class competition.

He scored 82 for Canterbury against the tourists three weeks ago.

Harris was called up for the

drawn second Wellington Test as cover for injured spinner Daniel Vettori but didn't play.

With opener Matthew Horne

facing the England pacemen early in the innings.

"I'm a little bit surprised, but I can see where they're going," Harris said Friday. "They want to keep Nathan Astle and Craig McMillan at five and six so I'll fit in anywhere," he said.

"It's pretty exciting and it doesn't feel like three years since I last played a Test."

Harris' last Test was against India at Ahmedabad when he scored 12 batting at number nine, leaving him with a Test average of 19.4 from 19 matches.

His preparation has been disrupted by a stomach bug which kept him at the team hotel on Thursday.

"I'm feeling low on energy, I've had a bowl of soup and two bits of toast in the past two days. I'll be having a bit more food and hopefully I'll feel fine."

New Zealand's batting has been below par, with first innings totals of 147 and 218, and the injury-hit bowling attack has been wayward.

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## Cairns to come back in WC

#### Cricket

AFP, Auckland

New Zealand all-rounder Chris Cairns has vowed to recover from his latest crippling knee injury and return in time for next year's cricket World Cup in South Africa and beyond.

Cairns, 31, announced Thursday he would have surgery on his right knee for the second time in just over a year, forcing him out of all cricket until December.

This meant he would miss the first year of his two-year contract with English county Nottinghamshire, but was still hopeful of joining them next year if the operation was successful.

Cairns tore the patella tendon in his knee after diving to field a ball off his own bowling early in the first Test against England two weeks ago.

The operation is similar to the one that saw Cairns miss international cricket from January to November last year.

"It's frustrating, disappointing, all those things, but that's what sport's

about. Some people are gifted and go through their careers with no injury, others like (fellow paceman) Dion Nash and I have found it tough," Cairns said Thursday.

"It's about bouncing back. I reckon I've got one more shot in me, and that's the World Cup which I



CHRIS CAIRNS

think New Zealand can win."

He hoped to be back for the home series against India in December-January, which leads into the World Cup starting in South

Africa in February.

Cairns, who has played 55 Tests and 151 one-day internationals since debuting in 1989, said he had no thoughts of retirement.

"I love the game too much, I love being involved with this team and that's why I want to give it one last crack to get it right."

"If it goes right, I could get another three years, if it doesn't, I feel I can get through another season, play the World Cup then look at things."

Cairns' injury has provided an opening for allrounder Andre Adams to make his debut in the third Test against England starting at Eden Park here Saturday.

Adams, who escaped suspension after being cited for dissent in a first-class match this week, will strengthen the batting at number seven or number eight and play as a third seamer.

Pace bowlers Chris Drum or Ian Butler are likely candidates for 12th man duties.

The match will also see the return of experienced allrounder Chris Harris, New Zealand's most c a p p e d

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Because of holding football matches at the Bangabandhu National Stadium majority of the seven cricket pitches have been damaged. This photo, taken on Friday, shows the surface of the western-most pitch of the arena is being taken off by workers in order to readjust the slope.

PHOTO: STAR