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#### **Robert Pires**

(Arsenal's French int'l midfielder) "I've already won everything with France so, in one way. If I do miss the World Cup it's not such a drama, but I have no trophies with Arsenal I want something this

On the prospect of missing



The Dailu 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?

Henman Agassi Who won the Bangladesh Game hockey title?

How many balls did Nathan Astle face to score Test cricket's fastest

double century?

Who lifted the Bangladesh Games

Chittagong Dhaka 5. How many gold medals did Doly Akhter desh Games?

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GrameenPhone Premier Cricket

Venue: KOACS, Fatullah
White Plus GM Chess Tournament Round Three Venue: NSC Chess Room

# Two-man demolition act

GrameenPhone Premier League

Cricket

**SPORTS REPORTER** 

After three successive defeats, Kalabagan Krira Chakra finally registered their maiden victory in the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League when they rattled Young Pegasus by ten wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Elsewhere, Surjo Tarun Club beat Dhanmondi Club by three wickets at the BKSP ground in Savar while Uttara Sporting Club posted a twowicket win over Young Cricketers at the Khan Shaheb Osman Ali Stadium in Fatullah.

Kalabagan v Young Pegasus The match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium turned out to be a completely one-sided affair as Pegasus caved in for a paltry 53 in only 17.5 overs with Kalabagan pace duo of Mushfigur Rahman and Talha Jubayer sending down fireball in tandem. The two pacers did not

give any other bowlers to give a try

at the beleaguered batsmen of

Pegasus. Mushfig was the pick of the two as the strong Rajshahi-man returned with an amazing figures of 8.5-2-11-5. His young new-ball partner Talha Jubayer terrified the opponents with his pace but gave away 35 runs for his three scalps off

Middle-order Bidyut (20) was the lone Pegasus batter to have reached double figure mark.

In reply, Kalabagan raced home with out any loss in 15.3 overs. Uttara SC v Young Cricketers

Two half-centuries from opener Mahfuz and Faisal Hossain propelled Uttara to their first win in the

Mahfuz scored 65 off 87-ball while Faisal hit 64 off 71 balls as Uttara, chasing a challenging Young Cricketers total of 278 in 50 overs, of the day with two wickets in hand.

Among others, middle order Rashed-bin-Azad chipped in with an unbeaten 45 off 50 balls.

Electing to bat first, Young Cricketers were on a roll with their Pakistani recruit slamming a superb

Batting at number three, Ahmed smote five sixes ad eight boundaries in his 111-ball knock.

Team	M	W	LI	Pts
Mohammedan SC	4	4	-	8
City Club	3	3	-	6
Abahani KC	4	3	1	6
Biman	3	2	1	4
Victoria SC	3	2	1	4
Young Pegasus	4	2	2	4
Surjo Tarun	4	2		4
Brothers Union	3	1	2	2
Uttara SC	4	1	3	2
Kalabagan KC	4	1	3	2
Dhanmondi Club	2	-	2	0
Young Cricketers	4	-	4	0

Away at the BKSP ground, opener Gazi Salauddin scored a classy 56 to lead the Surjo Tarun chase of 153 in 47 overs. They however lost seven wickets in the process.

Salauddin, the under-19 opener hit two sixes and seven fours in his 84-ball innings. Bangladesh A middle order

Mazharul Haq ably supported him with a patient 66-ball 38. In the first session, Dhanmondi were restricted to 153 in the allotted

Left-arm spinner Sharfuddowla Ibne Shahid took three wickets for 21 while pacers Ahmed Kamal and Hannan Sarkar bagged two wickets

Dhanmondi's Adil Ahmed topscored with 45.

SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the three Grameen -Phone Premier Division Cricket League matches held at different venues on Sunday

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TWIN TERROR: Kalabagan pacemen Talha Zubayer (L) and Mushfiqur Rahman, lead their team off the field after combining to take eight-wicket against Young Pegasus at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

# **India on Mission Hope**

Cricket

India's cricket team leaves Monday for the West Indies, hoping to win their first Test series outside the sub-continent in 16 years despite a poor record in the Caribbean

Sourav Ganguly's team will play five Tests and as many one-day internationals on the two-month tour of the West Indies where they have won just two of 33 Tests.

The failure to win a series away from the sub-continent since a 2-0 victory in England way back in 1986, has rankled the current players particularly pace spearhead Javagal Srinath.

"It's time we won somethina abroad," said Srinath.

"We have been talking about winning abroad but have not been able to do it. Not in my tenure at least, which now spans almost ten

"We have been close to winning on a couple of occasions but the bottom line is that we haven't. And we are ourselves responsible for it."

Srinath and his colleagues will be inspired by two famous victories by their predecessors in the West

The first came in the 1970-71 series when the voracious rungathering appetite of young Sunil Gavaskar helped Ajit Wadekar's men beat Gary Sobers' team at Port-of-Spain to record their first win

Gavaskar strengthened the belief that the West Indies could be

Masters' chess tournament at the NSC conference room on Sunday.

tamed in their own backyard as he belted 774 runs with four centuries in his maiden Test series.

Then in 1976, India scored a record 406-4 in the fourth innings which remains the most successful run chase in Test history - to stun Clive Lloyd's team at Port-of-Spain.

Ganguly believes he has the West Indies, who are not the force they were a decade back despite the presence of brilliant left-hander

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Date	Match	Venue			
April 5-7:	3-dayer	Guyana			
April 11-15:	First Test	Guyana			
April 19-23:	Second Test	Trinidad			
April 26-28:	3-dayer	St Lucia			
May 2-6:	3rd Test	Barbados			
May 10-14:	Fourth Test	Antigua			
May 18-22:	Fifth Test	Jamaica			
May 25:	First ODI	Jamaica			
May 26:	Second ODI	Jamaica			
May 29:	Third ODI	Barbados			
June 1:	Fourth ODI	Trinidad			
June 2:	Fifth ODI	Trinidad			
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Brian Lara.

Carl Hooper's men have lost the last five Tests, including a 3-0 rout in Sri Lanka last year.

'The boys will be happy to get away from the pressure and the hustle-bustle of playing at home," said Ganguly, fresh from a Test and one-day series win against Zimbabwe at home.

"We had a good opportunity of winning the series in the West Indies the last time we went there in 1996-97, but ruined a golden chance at Barbados.'

Barbados Test under Sachin Tendulkar's captaincy, but were shot out for 81 to lose the five-match

"I think the team will do better this time and break the jinx," Ganguly The Indian captain's confidence

sters who contributed handsomely to the team's victories against Left-arm seamer Ashish Nehra,

23, returns to provide variety to the pace attack after missing home Tests against England and

Zimbabwe due to an ankle injury.
"Nehra is a quality bowler," said Ganguly. "His fitness and availability is very important for him and the team. Our fast bowling looks pretty

Srinath is the oldest in the pack at 32, while Tinu Yohannan and leftarm paceman Zaheer Khan are both 23-year-olds. All of them, however, are making their maiden trip to the West Indies

The series will provide a gripping contest between Tendulkar and a fitagain Lara, regarded as two of the premier batsmen in the modern

#### **SQUAD**

Sourav Ganguly (capt), Shiv Das, Deep Dasgupta, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Venkatsai Laxman, Dinesh Mongia, Anil Kumble, Javagal Šrinath, Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan, Sanjay Bangar, Ajay Ratra, Tinu Yohannan, Ashish Nehra, Wasim

Coach: John Wright



Indian Nisha Mehta (L) ponders her next move against compatriot Girinath during their New White Plus Grand

#### **Orient Dhaka's** U-15 champs

SPORTS REPORTER

Orient Sporting Club emerged Dhaka city champions in the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) under-15 cricket tournament with a 20-run win over Eskaton Sabuj Sangha in the final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium

Sent in to bat first in a lowscoring match, Orient made 164 before being all out in 43.4 overs.

Middle-order Tanveer topscored with an unbeaten 40 off 69 balls while one-down Imran added

Eskaton's Marshal took four wickets for 16 runs. In reply, Eskaton were bowled

out for 144 in 42.5 overs with Ruhu Amin hammering highest 39. Miraj, Mamun and Rabiul took

two wickets each for the winners **SCORES IN BRIEF** ORIENT SC: 164 all out in 43.4

overs (Tanveer 40 no, Imran 25, Rabiul 15, Marshal 4-16) ESKATON SS: 144 all out in

42.5 overs (Ruhul 39, Moazzem 21 no, Rabiul 2-16, Mitaj 2-20) Result: Orient Sporting Club

won by 20 runs.

## Imran rights a wrong finally

AGENCIES, Lahore

Former Pakistan captain Imran Khan finally on Saturday thanked his teammates for their endeavours in the 1992 World Cup. Speaking at a celebratory dinner

to mark the 10th anniversary of Pakistan's historic win. Imran paid tribute to his players, after failing to properly congratulate them on the day itself. "Many people still say to me that

when we won the Cup I failed to thank my teammates so today I thank my players for that stupendous win." Imran said.

On being handed the trophy 10 years ago from then International Cricket Council (ICC) president Colin Cowdrey, Imran glaringly forgot to mention his teammates in his speech.

However, Imran excused himself saying he had been taken aback by Pakistan's shock win over England, after they had been humbled earlier in the tournament by the same opponents.

"I was not ready for that speech because we came from nowhere to win the Cup," he said.

Imran made 72 in the final that Pakistan won by 22 runs, but it was fellow all-rounder Wasim Akram who won the man-of-the-match award, scoring 33 from just 19 balls and taking three wickets for 49 runs.

All but one member of the 14man winning squad attended the

### Inter-varsity cricket

JU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University (CU) handed Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) a eight-wicket defeat in their first match of the inter-university cricket competition at the

Jahangirnagar University Central playground yesterday.
BUET won the toss and decided to bat first.

In the 40-over stipulated match, BUET lost all their wickets in 39.3 overs collecting a paltry 106 runs.

Galib scored team highest 25

runs while Morshed and skipper Azam 13 and 11 runs respectively. Babu claimed three wickets for 12 runs while Liton also grabbed three for 16 and Adnan two for 11

In reply, CU scored 110 runs in 21.4 overs losing two wickets. Shiplu scored and unbeaten 27 and Babu unbeaten 26 while

Shakil of BUET bagged one wicket for 22 runs. Babu of CU was adjudged manof-the-match for his allround perfor-

Rashed also scored 27 runs.

mance. Rajshahi University take on Islamic University in the second Group B match today at the same

## Europa Cup b'ball final today

UNB, Dhaka The title-deciding match of the

Europa Cup Independence Day basketball between Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Army will be held today at the Dhanmondi basketball gymnasium. LGRD and Cooperatives

Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan is expected to be the chief guest in today's last group match. Both the finalists have secured eight points each from straight four matches to poise for the title.



MAY YOU REST IN PEACE: (L) the body of former national cricketer and coach of Victoria Sporting Club Dowlatuzzaman being carried out of the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) after his Namaz-e-janaza yesterday. (R) U-15 cricketers hold a minute's silence in memory of Dowlatuzzaman before the start of a game at the BNS.

# Reefat stays joint first

Chess SPORTS REPORTER

International Master (IM) Reefatbin-Sattar registered his second successive win in the White Plus Grand Masters (GM) Chess Tournament defeating compatriot Fide Master Rezaul Haque in the second round yesterday.

Reefat is now sharing the number one position with top seed GM Drazen Sermek of Slovenia and IM Johannessen of Norway. All of them have earned full two points so far. Reefat will meet Drazen in

today's crucial third round. Yesterday, Drazen defeated Bangladeshi Fide Master(FM) Enamul Hossain Rajib while Johannessen edged past one of the country's top women chess player Shabana Parveen Nipa.

Indian GM Dibyendu Barua beat Tayebur Rahman Sumon of Bangladesh, GM Fominyh Alexander of Russia beat Mehdi GM Fominyh Hasan, GM Ziaur Rahman drew with Indian Raktim Bandvopadhya. GM Niaz Murshed drew with fellow

In the other matches of the day,

Bangladeshi Saifuddin Lovelu and GM Alexander Goloshchapov of Ukraine drew with FM Zi Jing Wong

Today's matches (Points in brackets): Drazen (2) v Reefat (2), Johannessen (2) v Barua (1.5), Fominyh (1.5) v Roktim (1.5), Zia (1.5) v Saifuddin (1.5), Niaz (1.5) v Goloshchapov (1), Wong, Zi Jing ( 1) v Abdullah Al-Rakib (1), Rezaul 1) v Rajib (1), Girinath (1) v Shabana (1), Ruhul (1) v Nisha (1 , Kayes (0.5) v Neeraj (0.5), Rani (0.5) v Aminul (0.5), Tayebur (0.5) v Mehdi (0.5), Shakil (0.5) v Pallab(0.5), Nasir (0) v Mahfuz (0).

## **BDR** clinch kabadi title

BSS, Dhaka

in the competition.

Bangladesh Rifles (Red) clinched the title of the Independence Day Kabadi Championship defeating Bangladesh Rifles (Green) 78-70 at the Kabadi ground yesterday.

The winners dominated the first half 41-28. Bangladesh Army finished third

win-record beating Dainik Bhorer Kagoj by eight runs in an exciting Group B match at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium

Dainik Ajker Kagoj reached the semifinals of the Pepsi Six-a-Side

Media Cricket tournament with all-

Pepsi media

cricket final

today

UNB, Dhaka

here vesterday. They will play the second semifinal with Dainik Arthanithi while Dainik Jugantor will take on ATN Bangla in the first semifinal. Both the semis will be held today at 10 am in two separate grounds of the

Hockey Stadium.

The final match will also be held

today at noon. Before the matches, one-minute silence was observed in honour of former national cricketer and Victoria SC coach Daulatuzzaman, who died of massive heart attack on

Saturday. In the day's group matches, Ekushey Television (ETV) beat UNB by 36 runs, Dainik Janakantha defeated ABAS by 26 runs, Ajker Kagoj beat Bhorer Kagoj by 8 runs and Dainik Inquilab got walkover against Dainik Matribhumi as the later side did not field their team.

Pakistan cricket legend Imran Khan (R) receives an award from Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Lt Gen Tauqir Zia in recognition of his contribution as captain of the 1992 World Cup winning team during a ceremony to celebrate the famous triumph at Lahore on March 30.

# Rain odds against Kiwis

202-minute knock by recalled

## Cricket

AFP, Auckland

The washout of the second day's play in the final Test has greatly diminished New Zealand's hopes of squaring the three-Test cricket series with England at Eden Park The entire day's play was wiped

and persistent showers throughout Sunday after only 54 overs were possible on the opening day.

The Kiwis, trailing 1-0 in the series, go into the third day on 151 for five in their first innings with

Chris Harris unbeaten on 55 and

out by heavy overnight rain

Adam Parore not out 24. An early start to Monday's third day may also be doubtful with Eden Park traditionally slow to dry.

More rain is forecast overnight and in the morning, greatly reducon the board we're in the game. ing New Zealand's chances of squaring the series after losing the opening Christchurch Test by 98 runs and drawing the weather-hit second Test in Wellington.

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming won the toss Saturday on a drop-in pitch but his team slumped bowled between bat and pad and to 19 for four before a gritty first Test double-centurion Nathan

all-rounder Chris Harris, backed up by Craig McMillan's 41 and Parore's unbeaten 24, restored the inninas. Paceman Andrew Caddick

removed McMillan Ibw two balls before lunch, and he ended the day with 4-57 off 20 overs. Fleming defended the decision to bat first which was a risky move on a green pitch with cloudy condi-

became the ninth England bowler

to take 200 Test wickets when he

"I don't think we're out of the game. Part of the decision at the toss was that the ball will move around for a couple of days," Fleming said after Saturday's play.

"We wanted to get the runs on the board and later in the match put the pressure on. At 19 for four I was looking at it with starry eyes, but it was a positive move. "If we can grind it out, get a score

The second innings could be the best conditions of the match and I also believe it will get up and Caddick ripped through the New Zealand top order as openers Mark Richardson and Lou Vincent were Astle was out to a sensational left handed slips catch by Graham Matthew Hoggard dismissed

Fleming for one to a bat-pad catch

before Harris and McMillan then recovered to add 67 in 81 minutes with McMillan cracking eight fours in his 59-ball innings. Harris, playing his first Test since playing against India in Ahmedabad

in November 1999, was a model of

concentration and rated the innings

among his best in a largely below par 20-Test career. Batting at number four, he took 26 balls to get off the mark before he brought up his fifth half-century. He faced 141 balls and hit nine

The only blemish came on 28 when he appeared to be caught in close off his glove from a Hoggard delivery but New Zealand umpire Doug Cowie gave him a reprieve.

"I actually came into this Test match thinking I was going to play aggressively but things change, "I just had to leave as many balls

as I could and get them to bowl straighter. Hopefully the pitch is going to be lively for a few more

