

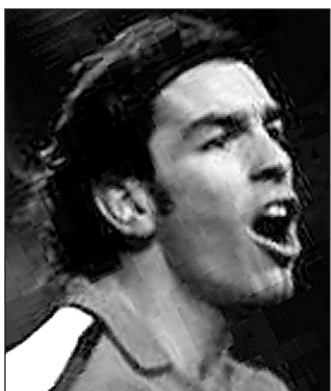


## Did U Know?

Tottenham Hotspur was the first to twice retain the England's FA Cup after the second World War.



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Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm  
Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
11:00 pm



**Robert Pires**  
(Arsenal's French in'tl 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 year."  
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- 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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**GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League**  
Mohammedan SC v Victoria SC  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.  
**Abahani KC v City Club**  
Venue: BKSP  
**First Division Cricket League**  
Agrani Bank v Uttara Friends Club  
Venue: KOACS, Fatullah  
**White Plus GM Chess Tournament Round Three**  
Venue: NSC Chess Room.

## Two-man demolition act

### GrameenPhone Premier League



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 two-wicket 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 Mushfiqur 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.

Mushfiq 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 9 overs.

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 league.

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,

overhauled the target in the last ball 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 105.

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

Team	M	W	L	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	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



**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.

## 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 yesterday.

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

Middle-order Tanveer top-scored with an unbeaten 40 off 69 balls while one-down Imran added 25.

Eskaton's Marshal took four wickets for 16 runs.

In reply, Eskaton were bowled out for 144 in 42.5 overs with Ruhul 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 14-man winning squad attended the dinner.

## 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 runs.

In reply, CU scored 110 runs in 21.4 overs losing two wickets.

Shiplu scored and unbeaten 27 and Babu unbeaten 26 while Rashed also scored 27 runs.

Shakil of BUET bagged one wicket for 22 runs.

Babu of CU was adjudged man-of-the-match for his allround performance.

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

## 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 pose for the title.



**MAY YOU REST IN PEACE:** (L) the body of former national cricketer and coach of Victoria Sporting Club Dowlatzaman 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 Dowlatzaman before the start of a game at the BNS.

## Reefat stays joint first



SPORTS REPORTER

International Master (IM) Reefat-bin-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 Bangladesh Fide Master (FM) Enamul Hossain Rajib while Johannessen edged past one of the country's top women chess player Shabana Parveen Nipa.

In the other matches of the day, Indian GM Dibyendu Barua beat Taybeur Rahman Sumon of Bangladesh.

GM Fominyh Alexander of Russia beat Mehdi Hasan, GM Ziaur Rahman drew with Indian Raktim Bandyopadhyay, GM Niaz Murshed drew with fellow

Bangladeshi Saifuddin Lovelu and GM Alexander Goloschchapov of Ukraine drew with FM Zi Jing Wong of Malaysia.

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 Goloschchapov (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), Taybeur (0.5) v Mehdi (0.5), Shakil (0.5) v Pallab (0.5), Nasir (0) v Mahfuz (0).

**BDR clinch kabadi title**

BSS, Dhaka

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 in the competition.

## Pepsi media cricket final today

UNB, Dhaka

Dainik Aiker Kagoj reached the semifinals of the Pepsi Six-a-Side Media Cricket tournament with all-win-record beating Dainik Bhorer Kagoj by eight runs in an exciting Group B match at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium here yesterday.

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. Aiker Kagoj beat Bhorer Kagoj by 8 runs and Dainik Inquilab got walkover against Dainik Matribhumi as the latter side did not field their team.



Pakistan cricket legend Imran Khan (R) receives an award from Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Lt Gen Taqir 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



SPORTS REPORTER

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 here.

The entire day's play was wiped out by heavy overnight rain 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 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 reducing 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 dropping in pitch but his team slumped to 19 for four before a gritty

202-minute knock by recalled all-rounder Chris Harris, backed up by Craig McMillan's 41 and Parore's unbeaten 24, restored the innings.

Paceman Andrew Caddick became the ninth England bowler to take 200 Test wickets when he removed McMillan lbw 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 conditions.

"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 on the board we're in the game. The second innings could be the best conditions of the match and I also believe it will get up and down."

Caddick ripped through the New Zealand top order as openers Mark Richardson and Lou Vincent were bowled between bat and pad and first Test double-centurion Nathan

Astle was out to a sensational left-handed slips catch by Graham Thorpe.

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 fours.

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," Harris said.

"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 days yet."



Indian Nisha Mehta (L) ponders her next move against compatriot Girinath during their New White Plus Grand Masters' chess tournament at the NSC conference room on Sunday.