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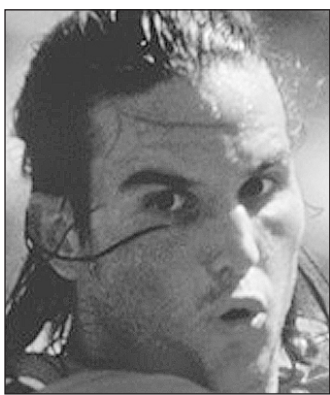


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Patrick Rafter

(Australian tennis star)
"There comes a time for everyone where they feel that they've had enough, that they feel mentally that they don't want to go out there and do the grind."
While revealing that he was thinking of retirement recently.

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1. Who clinched the Indian Wells Masters Series tennis title?	Hewitt	Henman	Agassi
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3. How many balls did Nathan Astle face to score Test cricket's fastest double century?			1532 0 0
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4. Who lifted the Bangladesh 'Games football' title?	Chittagong	Dhaka	Army
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Bagan, Brothers prevail

GrameenPhone Premier League



SPORTS REPORTER

Kalabagan Krira Chakra and Brothers Union registered their second victory in the GrameenPhone Premier League on Tuesday.

Kalabagan overrode Dhanmondi Club by five wickets despite a superlative century from Tariq Mehmud at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Tariq, the tall Pakistani who has been a regular visitor in the Dhaka League, plundered 115 runs off 104 balls. Still, his side Dhanmondi could manage 194 for seven in a reduced 42-over match.

Kalabagan, in their chase, easily topped the target making 196 for

the loss of five wickets in only 37.1 overs, thanks to a 99-run fourth-wicket stand between Ziaur Rahman and Anisur Rahman.

Ziaur, the elder brother of former Pakistan paceman Ataur Rahman, hammered a solid 64 off 87 deliveries before being dismissed in the 36th over, leaving Kalabagan 12 runs away from victory.

Young Anisur, who joined Kalabagan this year from Abahani, scored an unbeaten 56.

But the GrameenPhone man-of-the-match award was rightfully reserved for Tariq, the entertainer of the day with nine boundaries and seven savage hits over the rope.

While Kalabagan needed a collective effort to celebrate their second successive victory after three defeats, Brothers Union rode on a staggering extra 70 runs to squeak past a winless Dhanmondi Club.

The once-giants prospered with

Mr Sundries to score 190 before being all out in a match revised to 47-over-a-side because of rain. Left-arm spinner Mustadir Litu was the second highest score with 43 followed by Mahabubur Rahman, who made 31.

In reply, Dhanmondi were all out for 177 in 46 overs. A rearguard action from Golam Rabbani, who scored an unbeaten 41, however threw a caution to the wind. But Brothers captain Athar Ali dashed the hopes of an intriguing finish by removing number eleven batsmen Moin in the penultimate last over.

Although the two games in the capital progressed smoothly despite a brief spell of rain, the other match at the BKSP in Savar between Young Cricketers and Young Pegasus was washed out without a ball being bowled.

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PHOTO: STAR

Brothers Union players celebrate the fall of another Uttara Sporting Club wicket during their GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday.

White Plus GM's chess Sermek just in front

SPORTS REPORTER

Slovenian Grand Master Drazen Sermek maintained his solo lead in the New White Plus Grandmasters Chess Tournament after the fourth round with 3.5 points at NSC Chess Room yesterday.

The top seed in the meet drew with his India counterpart Dibyendu Barua in this round. This was the first draw for the Slovenian after three successive wins.

Hot on Drazen's heels are GM Ziaur Rahman, IM Reefat Bin Sattar and FM Enamul Hossain Razib, GM Dibyendu Barua, Roktim Bandyopadhyaya and Norwegian IM Leif Erlend Johannessen, all having 3 points.

GM Alexander Fominyh of Ruussia, GM Alexander Goloschapov of Ukraine and FM

Taibur Rahman are in third position with 2.5 points.

Ziaur Rahman, the country's top player, missed an excellent chance to catch up with Drazen when he draw with Russian GM Alexander Fominyh.

IM Reefat Bin Sattar however fared better, defeating P.D.S Glinath of India.

Country's first GM Niaz Murshed was a disappointment again. He lost to Roktim Bandyopadhyaya of India to remain at the bottom of the table.

In the other matches of the day, Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib defeated FM Zi Jing Wong of Malaysia, GM Alexander

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We cheated: Pargat



AFP, New Delhi

India "cheated" their way to winning field hockey's Junior World Cup in Australia last year by fielding over-aged players, former Olympic captain Pargat Singh alleged on Tuesday.

"People may not like what I am saying, but we cheated at the Junior World Cup by playing those who were above the stipulated age limit," Pargat told this news agency.

"Fielding over-aged players is not a secret in Indian hockey. But no one is willing to come out and say it openly.

"I am saying it because it is harming the game in India. It makes good reading when we win the junior World title, but has anyone cared to find out why we are not doing well at the senior-level?" Pargat said.

India, winners of eight Olympic gold medals, finished a poor 10th in the recent World Cup in Kuala Lumpur.

There was no immediate reaction to Pargat's charge from the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF).

Pargat, who led India at the Barcelona and Atlanta Olympics during his seven-year tenure as captain from 1989 to 1996, said hockey was a dying sport in India.

"Very few youngsters are taking up hockey, because they are unsure what the future holds for them," he said.

"The administrators could not care less why few sponsors are willing to put in money for the devel-

opment of the sport.

"The IHF does not have any programme to groom youngsters. Whatever training schools are there are run by private promoters."

Pargat said the sacking of senior Indian coach Cedric D'Souza midway during the World Cup ruined India's image.

"That is no way to treat a coach,"



PARGAT SINGH

he said. "There may have been a communication gap between the players and the coach, but why not wait till the tournament ends before taking any action."

Asked if he wanted to administer hockey in India, Pargat shot back: "I will first have to learn the game of politics and the knack of getting votes."

Pargat, regarded as one of the game's finest defenders, said his dream of setting up a hockey academy was being hampered by a lack of sponsors.



PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Grand Master Ziaur Rahman makes a move against Russian GM Alexander Fominyh during their New white Plus Grand Masters Chess Tournament engagement on Tuesday.

Nitol-Tata nat'l f'ball Final round from Apr 16

SPORTS REPORTER

The final round of the Second Nitol-Tata National Football League will commence on April 16.

Eight teams including defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra and their arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club will compete in the final phase to be held at five different venues across the country.

The draw of the eight-team meet will be held at a local hotel on March 7.

The eight participants are: Abahani Krira Chakra, Mohammedan Sporting Club, Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra, Chittagong Abahani KC, Khulna Abahani KC, Rajshahi Abahani KC, Sylhet Chaturanga Juba Sangha, Bangladesh Army, Narayanganj Mohsin Club and Barisal T & T Club.

Inter-varsity cricket Ctg defeat Rajshahi

UNB, Savar

Chittagong defeated Rajshahi by 4 wickets in the inter-university cricket competition at the central playground of Jahangirnagar University on Tuesday.

Rajshahi managed to score 192 runs for 8 wickets in their allotted 35 overs after being asked to bat. The match was reduced to 35-overs-a-side from 40 due to rain.

Titu scored 52 and Rana 31 for Rajshahi. Azad bagged three wickets conceding only 25 runs and Adnan took two for 52.

In reply, Chittagong overhauled the target making 196 for the loss of 6 wickets with only one ball to spare.

Rashed scored 38 and Babu 36 for the winners while Masud of Rajshahi captured two wickets for 29.

Azad from the winning side was adjudged man-of-the-match for his all-round performance. He took three wickets and scored 22 runs.

School v'ball on UNB, Dhaka

The First Security Bank school volleyball tournament, organised by Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, began here on Tuesday.

On the opening day Viqua-runnisa Noon School beat BIT School 25-15, 25-17 in the girls' group while BIT Gulshan beat Adarsha Shikka Nikethan by 25-7, 27-7 in the boys' group.

NSU in AIUB cricket final

UNB, Dhaka

North South University moved into the final of the AIUB Cup inter-private university cricket tournament defeating American International University Bangla-desh by 84 runs at the Old DOHS ground in the city on Tuesday.

NSU scored 262 for nine in their 40 overs after deciding to bat with Yasir scoring 87.

Younis was the most successful AIUB bowler picking up five wickets for 55 runs.

Made to face the daunting task, AIUB were bundled out for 178 runs in 35.2 overs with Rubel making the team highest 48. Erfan of NSU captured four wickets for 29 runs and Annid two for 8.

NSU will take on the winners of today's second semifinal between Asian University of Bangladesh and Stamford University at the same venue.

BDR sports

BSS, Chittagong

The annual sports competition of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) began at the Bangladesh Rifles Training Centre and School (BDRCTS) at Baitul Izzat under Satkania upazila here on Tuesday.

Around 300 BDR men are competing in 23 events of the eight-day meet.



GrameenPhone Premier League Mohammedan SC vs City Club
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
Bangladesh Biman vs Surjo Tarun
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium
Young Pegasus vs Young Cricketers
Venue: BKSP
White Plus GM Chess Tournament Round Four
Venue: NSC Chess Room



PHOTO: STAR

Scene from the opening match of the Premier Division Hockey League between Mohammedan and Bangladesh Railway at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium on Tuesday.

Prince MSC's prince



SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting got off to a flying start in the Senior Division Hockey League's Premier Division with a 8-0 thrashing off promotes Bangladesh Railway at Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

The opening match of the much-awaited League that started after Shuvo opened the floodgates in the very

debut for talented striker Ariful Haq Prince for the black and whites.

Prince, who joined Mohammedan this year from Usha Krira Chakra, scored five goals including a hat-trick to give the holders the best possible start to the season.

His attacking partners Moududur Rahman, Rafiqul Islam Kamal and the veteran marksman Musa Miah accounted for Mohammedan's other goals.

The popular Motijheel outfit never looked back after Shuvo opened the floodgates in the very

first minute of the one-sided affair.

Kamal doubled the margin five minutes later and Musa scored the fourth goal in the 19th minute.

Prince struck his in first in the eighth minute. A minute later, the nimble forward had his second goal. He scored all the three goals after the break in a space of 11 minutes.

Mohammedan, who holds an enviable record of winning the League title six times on the trot, could have won the match by even a bigger margin had their forwards availed some easy chances.

Pace dose awaits India



AFP, Georgetown

West Indies cricket captain Carl Hooper said on Monday his team would try to capitalise on India's weakness against fast bowling in the upcoming Test series in the Caribbean.

"We'll rely more on pace than spin to put pressure on India," Hooper said at Bourda, venue for the opening Test starting on April 11. Sourav Ganguly's Indians arrived in Barbados today to play five Tests and as many one-day internationals on their two-month tour.

Pace was the key to the West Indies' success against the Indians in the last Test series between the two teams in the Caribbean in 1997.

Sachin Tendulkar's team lost the five-Test series 1-0, their lone defeat coming in the third match at Bridgetown in Barbados.

India, chasing a modest 120-run target, were shot out for 81 as pacemen Ian Bishop grabbed four wickets, while Curtly Ambrose and Franklyn Rose shared the other six.

"Since we don't have world-class spinners like India have in Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh, we'll go for pace," said the 35-year-old West Indian skipper.



CARL HOOPER

of playing in the West Indies.

Hooper said the series was very important for India and the West Indies as both of them have a poor overseas record.

India have yet to win a Test series outside the sub-continent since 1986, while the West Indies have recently lost 3-0 in Sri Lanka and 2-0 against Pakistan at Sharjah in the

United Arab Emirates.

"I was very disappointed with Sharjah," said Hooper, a veteran of 92 Tests and 205 one-day internationals.

He said inexperience was one of the main reasons for the West Indies not performing impressively in away matches.

"We need experienced players, especially on tough tours," said Hooper, who returned to the game last year after announcing his retirement just before the 1999 World Cup in England.

"We have some good, young exciting cricketers, but they lack experience. Our bowling is not as strong as it was in the past. That's why we struggle to win away Tests.

"But I think we are moving in the right direction. It's going to take some time (to win matches on tours). We need patience."

Hooper, however, believed his team would play competitive cricket against India in the forthcoming series.

"It's going to be an exciting series. I think the series against India will be competitive one on good cricketing pitches. Come June, we'll win."

India end their tour with the fifth and final one-day international at Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad on June 2.

Kiwis turn up heat



AFP, Auckland

Nathan Astle and Craig McMillan strong-armed New Zealand into a position to square the series after Daryl Tuffey bowled England out for their lowest innings total in two years in the final cricket Test at Eden Park here Tuesday.

Astle and McMillan turned down the umpires' offer of bad light to play the England bowlers under floodlights as New Zealand zoomed towards a challenging total to go for victory.

New Zealand reaped 216 runs off 41.2 overs in the extended final session which ran for three hours and 19 minutes.

Astle's buccaneering innings came to an end when he was caught just inside the boundary rope by Mark Butcher off Andy Flintoff for 65 off 51 balls with two sixes and eight fours.

In echoes of his sensational 222 off 168 balls in the first Test, Astle bludgeoned two sixes off one Flintoff over.



PHOTO: AFP

New Zealanders Nathan Astle (L) and Craig McMillan are in marauding mood in the second innings on the fourth days of the third Test against England in Auckland on Tuesday.

Tuffey, bypassed for the first two Tests, was New Zealand's hero, SEE PAGE 15