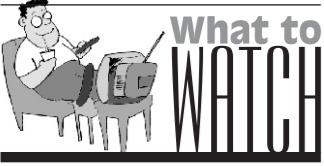




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Hattrick hero Morshed

GrameenPhone Premier League

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Experienced left-arm seamer Morshed Ali Khan bagged an excellent hattrick as Brothers Union sailed past Dhanmondi Club, while Victoria overcame Uttara Sporting Club in yesterday's GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League matches.

Brothers Union v Dhanmondi

Morshed, a veteran campaigner in the Dhaka league, took five for 29 from 9.1 overs in his unique spell as Dhanmondi were bowled out for 196 after being invited to bat first at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

After giving Brothers an early breakthrough with two wickets in his opening spell, Morshed came back in the closing overs and captured the last three Dhanmondi wickets in three balls to become the season's first hattrick-taker.

Dhanmondi's Debabrata Paul was the first of his hattrick victims when he was caught by Sajjadul at mid wicket in the fifth ball of the 48th over. Morshed then took a return catch to send middle order Adil Ahmed (38) back with the following delivery. In the very first ball of his next over, Morshed forced last man Ashraf to edge to wicketkeeper Joy Kumar to complete the rare feat.

Pakistani veteran right hander Tareq Mehmud scored highest 61 off 77 balls for Dhanmondi.

In reply, Brothers reached their target in the 45th overs with eight wickets to spare.

Brothers' Pakistani Mohammed Mashru top scored with an unbeaten 81 off 96 balls that featured two sixes and eight boundaries while opener Sajjadul Hasan chipped in with 34.

Victoria v Uttara

In the other match of the day, Victoria Sporting Club registered a hard-fought three-wicket win over newcomers Uttara Sporting Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Opener Al-Shahriar scored a stroke-filled 72 as Victoria, chasing a fighting Uttara total of 218 in 50 overs, reached 221 in 45.3 overs with only three wickets in hand.

Al-Shahriar, the right handed Bangladesh opener, took only 63

balls for his magnificent innings that included a six and a dozen fours.

Among others, Jahangir Alam made 46.

It was Victoria's fourth in win five matches. They join last year's runners up Abahani in the second position in the league with both having eight points.

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PHOTO: STAR

Brothers Union's Pakistani player Mohammad Masroor (R) and Mustadur Litu leave the field after coasting their team home against Dhanmondi Club in the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Friday.

India not afraid of pace

Cricket

AFP, Georgetown

India skipper Sourav Ganguly said Thursday his team was well-equipped to deal with fast bowling in the upcoming Test series against the West Indies.

"We've come here well-prepared to win the Test series," said Ganguly, who joined the squad two days late as he had to attend to his ailing wife.

West Indies captain Carl Hooper had earlier said his team would rely more on pace than spin to put pressure on the Indians, known for collapsing against fast bowling.

"I know they are not going to give us spinner-friendly tracks. Why would they?" said Ganguly.

"No team would like to give an advantage to the visiting side. I know we have to play on grassy and pacy pitches because the West Indies are known to rely on their fast bowlers."

Ganguly said his team had the best opportunity to win a Test series on the sub-continent in 16 years if it plays up to its potential.

"It's the best opportunity for us to win a Test series in the West Indies."

"They're a good side at home, but we are well-prepared too," said Ganguly, who is yet to lead India to an away Test series victory since taking over the captaincy from Sachin Tendulkar in 2000.

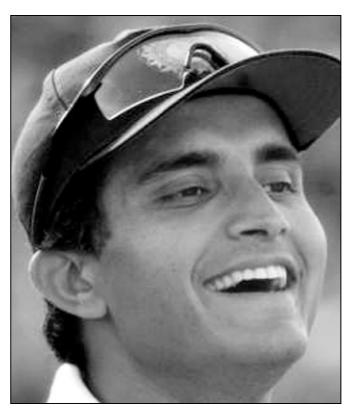
India, under his leadership, drew 1-1 in Zimbabwe and then lost in Sri Lanka and South Africa last year.

"We'll have to be at our best,"

said Ganguly. "We've to take care of all aspects of the game if we've to win in the West Indies."

"Our batting, bowling and fielding will have to be organised. We have to excel in all departments of the game to win the Test and one-day series on this tour."

India, who play five Tests and as many one-day internationals, open their two-month tour with a three-day game against a second-string Guyana Board President's team



SOURAV GANGULY

here on Friday.

The Indian captain said his squad would have to make the most of the only warm-up match before the first Test, starting at Bourda on April 11.

"It can't be helped if Guyana is playing the Busta final," he said.

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Pak demand

REUTERS, Karachi

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has urged the sport's world governing body to come up with compensation rules after losses they say amount to more than 20 million dollars from India pulling out of matches against their team.

"The ICC's finance committee needs to quickly have a procedure in place for member countries making compensation claims," PCB chief Tausif Zia told this news agency.

"With Australia also pulling out of its tour to Zimbabwe for security reasons, the finance committee must quickly finalise regulations and a procedure for dealing with compensation claims," he added on Friday.

At the last International Cricket Council executive board meeting in Cape Town, Pakistan said it wanted compensation for being forced to play its home series against the West Indies earlier this year at a neutral venue, Sharjah.

"We're working out details for our compensation claim, but first we are waiting for the finance committee to complete their work," Zia said.

"We've got the maximum advantage of this game. We've got used to the weather and playing conditions. The batsmen will have to

AIUB Cup cricket NSU clinch title

UNB, Dhaka

North South University (NSU) clinched the AIUB Cup inter-private university cricket tournament title by beating Asian University of Bangladesh (AUB) by 48 runs at the Old DOHS ground yesterday.

Batting first, NSU scored 251 runs for eight wickets in the stipulated 40 overs with Ethen making team highest 77 runs.

Mithu was the most successful bowler picking up three wickets for 32 runs.

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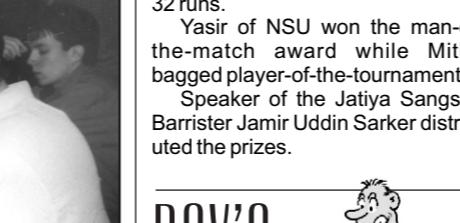


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A 185-run target was set in 25 overs for the AUB but they were all out for 137 runs in 24.4 overs with Russel making 34 runs.

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