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Babe Didrikson set world records in the 80-meter hurdles, javelin, and high jump at the 1932 Olympics. Having qualified for five different events at the US trials, she took part in these events as the Olympic rules limited her participation to only three events.



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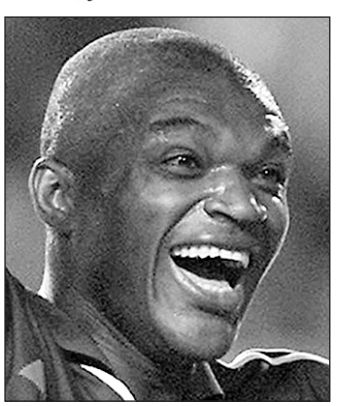
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Cricket Talk Show
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Primera Liga
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Live at 11:00 pm



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(French soccer captain)
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On his retirement.



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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 Aslie 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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PHOTO: STAR
MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: Mohammedan's Sri Lankan Test player Hasan Tillekeratne goes on the front foot defensively during his knock of 108 against Surjo Tarun in a GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday.

Terrific Tillekeratne

MSC's experience prevails over Tarun

GrameenPhone Premier League



SPORTS REPORTER

Hasan Tillekeratne hit back at his critics with a brilliant century as holders Mohammedan Sporting won an absorbing GrameenPhone Premier League match against Surjo Tarun Club by 22 runs at the Bangabandhu national Stadium yesterday.

The Sri Lankan Test cap came out of his typical slow-scoring style to slam an aggressive 109 off 105 balls as Mohammedan recovered from a shaky start to post a huge 278 for six in the stipulated 50 overs. The southpaw, who has not been among the runs since coming in as a replacement for Kenyan Steve Tikolo, also captured three wickets to shot Surjo Tarun out for 256 in 49.1 overs.

Coming in to bat at number six with Mohammedan reeling on 42 for four, Tillekeratne led a spectacular recovery operation with in-form opener Ehsanul Huq. Together they put on 196 runs for the fifth wicket before the Lankan departed in the 47th overs.

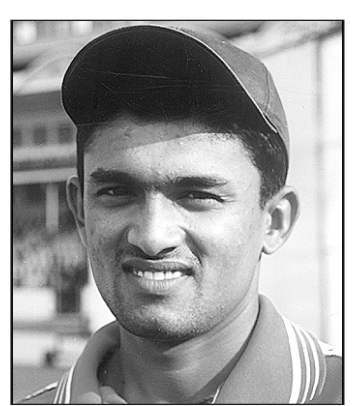
Tillekeratne hammered nine boundaries in his match-winning knock.

Ehsanul played a responsible knock of an unbeaten 94 off 154 balls after Surjo Tarun young left-arm paceman Shafaq-al-Zabir ripped the Mohammedan heart out by dismissing Habibul Bashar (4), skipper Minhazul Abedin (2) and Sanwar Hossain (6) with the new ball.

Ehsanul, who was stranded at six runs short of his second century in the League, struck five boundaries.

Although Tillekeratne stole the show, the youthful Surjo Tarun team did not gave up the match without a fight. And had a marauding Mazharul, who plundered 86 runs off just 64 balls, been a little restraint the fate of the match could have gone the other way.

With the portly right-hander in full cry, Surjo Tarun raced to 172 for two in just 29 overs. Mazhar dominated a 136-run third wicket stand with his captain Hannan Sarker.	Rafique run out Taposh not out Extras: (b-10, lb-4, nb-3, w-22) Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-21, 3-27, 4-42, 5-238, 6-277	22 0 39 278			
The successful Bangladesh A batsman in the Caribbean early this year, smote four towering sixes and eight savage hits across the rope. But Mazharul lost his composure when a victory was in sight. He paid the penalty for charging down the wicket against left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique.	Bowler Sharif Shafaq Hannan Sunny Iqbal Sohel Ashraf	O 10 9 7 10 10 2 2	M 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	R 51 33 46 47 60 14 13	W 1 3 0 0 1 0 0
Rafique also dismissed Hannan, who scored a fine 59 off 81 balls, in the same over to initiate a spectacular Surjo Tarun collapse from where they could never recover despite a 48-run ninth wicket stand between Sohel and Selim Shahed.	SURJO TARUN Hannan b Rafique Salahuddin c Ehsanul b Taposh Ashraf c Sabbir b Safiuddin Mazharul b Rafique Iqbal lbw b Tillekeratne S Shahed c Ehsanul b Tillekeratne Jashim run out Sharif c Anwar b Sabbir Sunny c & b Tillekeratne Sohel b Rafique Shafaq not out	59 15 0 84 1 32 1 12 0 28 0			

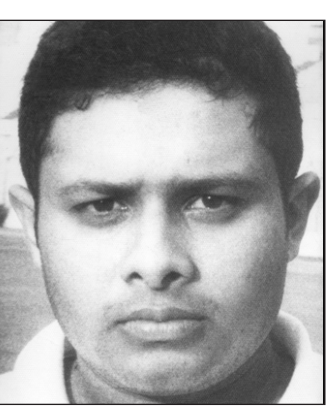


EHSANUL ... 94 n.o

ship between Mazharul and Hannan.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the GrameenPhone Premier League match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Surjo Tarun Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday:	MOHAMMEDAN Rashedul b Sharif Ehsanul not out Bashar lbw b Shafaq Minhaz lbw b Shafaq Sanwar b Shafaq Tillekeratne st. Jashim b Iqbal	2 94 4 2 6 109
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MAZHARUL ... 84

Extras: (b-2, lb-12, nb-1, w-9)
Total: (All out in 49.1 overs)
Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-34, 3-170, 4-171, 5-171, 6-172, 7-202, 8-208, 9-156

Bowler Taposh Safuddin Rafique Minhazul Sabbir Sanwar Ehsanul Tillekeratne	O 8 6 9.1 2 10 2 2 10	M 0 1 2 0 0 0 0 0	R 37 27 32 17 51 18 16 44	W 1 1 3 0 1 0 0 3
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Result: Mohammedan SC won by 22 runs.

Windies' eastern roots



BBC ONLINE, London

After a barren period in the 1980s, the Indian influence in West Indian cricket has reached its peak. Many names in the rival camp will be familiar to Indians as their team tours the Caribbean for the eighth time in 50 years. Not since the glory days of Joe Solomon and Rohan Kanhai have so many East Indians (as the community is known in the Caribbean) made it to the Test side. Mostly from Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago, a total of 20 have represented their adopted land, with as many as seven making their debuts since 1994. Generally from the Indian states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, these cricketers are the descendants of indentured labourers brought over by the British in the 19th century to work in the sugarcane fields.

Outside of cricket, perhaps the best known of these immigrants is the Nobel Prize-winning novelist VS Naipul. Today East Indians make up slightly more than 50 per cent of the population in Trinidad and Tobago and 42 per cent in Guyana. Two of those 20 captained the West Indies, first Kanhai and then Alvin Kallicharan. Traditionally batsmen or spin bowlers, the first from his community to play Test cricket for the West Indies was Sonny Ramadhin. Bowling both off and leg-breaks, he made a huge impact in tandem with left-arm spinner Alf Valentine on his debut tour of England in 1950. The two - Ramadhin and Valentine - inspired the Calypso. There are no Calypsos today sung in praise of the likes of batsmen Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Daren Ganga and Ramnaresh Sarwan. But the trio have been mainstays of the current West Indies squad. The recent resurgence of East

Indian representation has coincided with Afro-Caribbeans increasingly turning away from cricket to more financially lucrative sports likes soccer and basketball. In a role-reversal, all-rounder Rabindra (Robin) Singh was born in Port of Spain but returned to India in the 1980s to study, and starred in the one-day side for much of the 1990s. He is currently captain of the Tamil Nadu Ranji Trophy team and has settled in Madras. It was the very first Indian team that visited the West Indies in 1952-53 that sparked interest among the East Indian community. Under the captaincy of Vijay Hazare, the visitors did well to lose just one of the five Test matches and made a huge impression with their dazzling ground-fielding. Traditionally, Indian (and Pakistani) touring sides have received tremendous local support from crowds at Port of Spain.

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Inter-varsity cricket Hosts reach final

JU CORRESPONDENT

Hosts Jahangirnagar University (JU) moved into the final of the inter-varsity cricket competition handing Chittagong University (CU) a 131-run defeat in the first semifinal at the JU Central playground yesterday. Sent in to bat first, JU scored 232 runs losing five wickets in the stipulated 40 overs. Sanjoy made team highest 58 runs while Chayan scored 36 and Sajal 31 runs. Rubel grabbed four JU wickets for 51 runs while Liton took the other wicket for 28 runs. In reply, CU were all out for 101 runs in 32.1 overs. Skipper Shiplu scored team highest 38 runs. Sajal took four wickets for 19 runs while Sanjoy claimed two wickets for 18 runs. Sanjoy won the man-of-the-match award for his allround show. Dhaka University will take on Islamic University in the second semifinal today.

Aussies' world record victory

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

Australia captain Ricky Ponting and Darren Lehmann have led their side to an extraordinary victory in the sixth one-day international against South Africa. After the hosts won the toss and posted a total of 326 for three, Australia completed the highest winning total by a side batting second in one-day history with five balls to spare. The previous record run chase was 316, achieved by the Australians against Pakistan in Lahore in 1998-99 and by India against Pakistan in Dhaka in 1997-98. Ponting (92) and Lehmann (91) shared a fourth-wicket stand worth 183 runs, picking off singles at will and smashing boundaries whenever the run rate began to climb. Lehmann eventually fell for 91, scored off 119 deliveries with nine fours and a six, when he was stunned off the bowling of Graeme Smith but by that stage the run chase was well under control. Ponting's dismissal for 92 shortly after Damien Martyn (15) was brilliantly caught by Jonty Rhodes gave South Africa hope, but ultimately no more than that as Shane Warne hit the first ball of the final over for four. Earlier, a maiden 50 from Smith and bludgeoning contributions from Jacques Kallis and Rhodes helped South Africa to their highest ever total against Australia.

Barisal cricket

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Warriors Club defeated Arunoday Super Stars by five wickets while Friends Ekadosh beat Four-S Club by six wickets in the First Division Cricket League matches at the Barisal Stadium yesterday. Batting first, Arunoday scored 161 runs all out in 38.1 overs. In reply, Warrior's made 162 runs losing five wickets in 35.5 overs. In the second match, Four-S scored 94 runs losing all the wickets in 23.3 overs. In reply, Friends collected 96 runs for four wickets in 13.1 over.

Navy athletics

UNB, Dhaka

The annual athletics championship of Bangladesh Navy began at the BNS Issa Khan Sports Complex in Chittagong yesterday. MN Islam of BNS Shaheed Moazzem bagged the 10,000-metre gold while B Khastagir of BNS Haji Mohsin in javelin throw on the opening day. About 100 athletes from eight teams of Bangladesh Navy are taking part in different track and field events of the five-day meet.



DAY'S EVENT

GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League

Brothers Union vs Young Cricketers
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Dhanmondi Club vs Young Pegasus
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Metro Premier Division Hockey League
Abahani KC vs Sonali Bank
Metro First Division Hockey League
Dhaka Wanderers vs Victoria SC

New White Plus GM tournament Leader Reefat upends Niaz



Chess

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar consolidated his top spot in the White Plus GM Chess Tournament with a brilliant victory against Grand Master Niaz Murshed in the eighth round on Saturday. Ironically, Reefat's victory over his more illustrious compatriot came the day after Niaz pulled off the biggest win against top seed Slovenian GM Drazen Sermek in the previous round that paved the way for Reefat to take so lead in the Swiss League meet.

Reefat played with white pieces and adopted the Slave Defence to win against the country's first GM after 37 moves. With this win, Reefat improved his tally to six and half points. Following hard on the heels of Reefat was India GM Dibyendu Barua with six points. Dibyendu also won game against Abdullah-al-Rakib. Sermek continued his disappointing run of form after leading the board for the first six rounds. He drew with IM Leif Erlend Johannessen of Norway to share the crowded the third spot with his opponents. The ninth round games will starts at 3:00 pm today.



PHOTO: STAR
International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar (R) makes a move against Grand Master Niaz Murshed during their New White Plus Grand Masters' Chess Tournament engagement at the National Sports Council Chess Room yesterday.

Harbhajan on song



AFP, Georgetown

Spinner Harbhajan Singh grabbed four wickets in a warm-up game as India began their West Indies tour on a bright note here on Friday. The Indian off-spinner finished with 4-37 off 19 disciplined overs as the tourists dismissed Guyana Board President's XI for 118 on the opening day of a three-day match at the Everest ground. India survived a few anxious moments before reaching 73-2 at stumps in reply, with skipper Sourav Ganguly (40) and Sachin Tendulkar (3) at the crease. Deep Dasgupta was the first to go, beaten by a Travis Dowlin direct-hit to the striker's end from long-off while coming back for a third run. Fellow-opener Shiv Das also did not last long, contributing 20 before being caught by wicket-keeper Vishal Nagamottoo off seamer Damodar Dasrath. Ganguly was caught behind off a Rayon Thomas no-ball when on 13, but then batted steadily with Tendulkar to deny the hosts further success. Harbhajan was not the only Indian bowler to strike it rich in the tour-opener as pacemen Javagal Srinath and Zaheer Khan, and leg-spinner Anil Kumble shared the other six wickets to keep pressure



HARBHAJAN ... 4 for 37

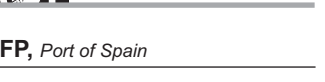
They gained valuable practice ahead of the Test series, enjoying bowling on a pitch which was different from the low and slow home tracks. Homchand Pooran (41) and opener Krishna Arjune (25) were the main run-getters in a dismal batting display by the hosts.

Div I cricket Easy victory for Orient

UNB, Dhaka

Orient Sporting Club earned a comfortable seven-wicket victory over Indira Road KC in the First Division Cricket League at Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. Sent in to bat first, Indira Road were all out for 170 runs in 47.3 overs with Jahirul making team highest 56 runs off 71 balls that saw five fours and a six. Bapji added 35 off 84 balls with four hits across the rope while Nadim Ahmed 26 off 40 balls. Rezanul picked up three wickets for 32 runs while Aminul two for 35 runs and Mohammad Kamal Hossain two for 33 runs. In reply, Orient scored 173 runs for three wickets in 42.5 overs. Rubel made 31 off 54 balls, Firoz 35 off 73 balls, Masumud 38 off 60 balls and Mizanur 32 not out. Raihan, Malick and Faisal took one wicket each.

Lara fit to face India



AFP, Port of Spain

Brian Lara, sidelined with an elbow injury since last December, has declared himself fit for the upcoming series between the West Indies and India. Following a knock of 71 for his Queen's Park Club against an English touring team, Sydenhurst Ramblers, on Thursday at the Queen's Park Oval, the 32-year-old Trinidad-born West Indies batting star told reporters: "I am fit to play in a Test match." "The selectors will be picking the team in a couple of days and they will be looking to hear from me. At this moment, I can give a positive answer. "The most important thing is that I'm in the process of getting back to 100 per cent fitness. It is going to be difficult but I'm looking forward to playing," he added.



BRIAN LARA

paedic surgeon Derrick Lousaing and physiotherapist Lisa Niles seen picking up the injury in Sri Lanka during a collision with Marvan

Attapatu. Whether he would be fit for the series against India had led to growing concerns among regional fans. He missed the Tests and one-day internationals against Pakistan played in Sharjah, and this year's Busta Cup and Busta Shield tournaments. Lara, world record holder for the highest Test and first class scores of 375 and 501 respectively, was recently quoted as saying he wants five more years in the game. In preparation for the series against India, 22 West Indies players attended a one-week camp in Trinidad last month. Among those assisting were former West Indies captain Sir Gary Sobers and ex-fast bowler Andy Roberts. The Indians led by Sourav Ganguly have arrived in the Caribbean for a five Test and five-one-day internationals series against Carl Hooper's West Indies.