

Div I cricket Wins for Wari, Nabin Sangha

UNB, Dhaka

Wari Club and Nabin Sangha won their respective matches in the Metropolitan First Division Cricket League at different city venues yesterday.

At the Jagannath University College ground, Wari defeated Uttara Friends Club by 27 runs. Nabin Sangha beat PWD SC by 39 runs at the Dhaka University Jagannath Hall ground.

BRIEF SCORE
WARI CLUB: 195 all out in 49.5 overs (John 44, Billu 44, Raju 36, Montu 28, Turki 11, extras 17; Nadip 3/28).

UTTARA FRIENDS: 168 all out in 45.5 overs (Pavel not out 87, Farid 38, Bashar 13, extras 9; Billu 3/17, Montu 3/35).

NABIN SANGHA: 241 all out in 49.5 overs (Uttam 46, Ranim 43, Murad 39, Kamrul 29, Sujon 22, extras 27; Deepak 3/33, Arafat 3/39, Shohag 2/44).

PWD SC: 202 for 8 in 50 overs (Joy 54, Shohag not out 30, Arafat 28, Robin 23, Abhi not out 16, Sanjoy 2/22, Masud 2/39, Murad 2/39).



PHOTO: STAR

GOOD TO SEE HIM WHERE HE BELONGS: Injured fast bowler Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza exchanges pleasantries with veteran Bangladesh batsman Aminul Islam at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Mashrafe, who is recovering from a serious knee injury, came to the BNS to watch Aminul's Biman side play Mohammedan Sporting Club in a GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League fixture.

School b'ball

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Scholastica defeated Maple Leaf 33-27 points in the exciting inaugural match of the girls' school basketball competition at the Dhamondi basketball gymnasium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 15-11. Sunira caged 14 and Sharmin 12 for the winners while Nazia scored 16 for the losers.

A total of six schools are taking part in the first ever girls' meet.

Army score

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Altaf, Nasir, Ashis, Kamal and Ripon (Billah).

T AND T: Pannu, Jewel, Shimul, Titu, Palash, Liton, Rikto, Sumon, Dipu, Zakir and Jonny (Shamim).

Security satisfactory

Cricket

REUTERS, Karachi

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming is confident his players will feel at ease on their tour of Pakistan because of security measures taken by the host country.

"We came here with the confidence that things have settled down...I am sure the players will be very much at ease on the security offered by the PCB (Pakistan Cricket Board)," Fleming told a

news conference after his team arrived on Thursday for their delayed tour.

New Zealand were on the way to Pakistan when the September 11 attacks on the United States forced them to return home.

"There will be a natural apprehension, but we believe things have improved here," Fleming said.

The Pakistani authorities have stepped up security for the tourists, who are due to play three one-day internationals and two Test matches.

The first one-dayer will take place in the port city of Karachi on April 21 and the other two at Rawalpindi on April 24 and Lahore on April 27.

The two Tests will be played in Lahore from May 1 and Karachi from May 8.

Heavy contingents of police and paramilitary rangers greeted the Kiwis at Karachi airport on Thursday, when they arrived from Sharjah after failing to reach the final of a tri-nation one-day tournament won by Pakistan.

The visitors were escorted by security agencies from the airport to their hotel.

"It's a very important tour for us and we are aware of security concerns, but we will not be bothered as we are given assurance (about security)," Fleming said.

"We are missing some key players and a few known players because of their injuries, but we have an ability to fight in a situation like this.

"At the end of this tour we are going to know a few new faces who will probably be the future for us at the (next) World Cup and it's a good opportunity for us to develop such players," he added.

Captain Stephen Fleming said he was not worried that his side had been tagged as underdogs in the Pakistani press.

"We are here to play competitive cricket and we're not bothered about paper talk of underdogs and things like that," Fleming said.

New Zealand's leading all-rounders Chris Cairns and Dion Nash, and fast bowler Shane Bond are missing the Pakistan tour through injury.

Batsman Lou Vincent has recovered from injury and will join the New Zealand squad. He suffered a bruised lung after being struck in the chest by a ball from England's Andy Caddick in the third Test two weeks ago.

Travelling with Vincent to join up

with the squad will be wicketkeeper Robbie Hart.

Hart will replace the retired Adam Parore in the Test team and is also likely to take over in the one-dayers from Chris Nevin who damaged a hamstring in Sharjah.

Meanwhile, New Zealand have hired a security specialist from rivals Australia to accompany them on their tour of Pakistan.

Brisbane-based Reg Dickason advises the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) on security, and his

role for New Zealand would be to ensure the players are well-protected.

"I am basically with them to ensure their security is well looked after and to coordinate with local authorities," Dickason told this news agency on Friday.

Dickason was with the team at a practice session held at Karachi's National Stadium, the venue for Sunday's first one-day international.

"I am quite satisfied with the security arrangements for New Zealand and I am sure this tour will progress smoothly," he said.

"I have been before to Pakistan with the Australian team in 1998 and am well aware of the conditions and how the security system works in this country," he added.

Dickason also visited Pakistan last month with an Australian cricket delegation on a reconnaissance visit ahead of a tour in September.

NEW ZEALAND SQUAD
 Stephen Fleming (captain), Andre Adams, Nathan Astle, Ian Butler, James Franklin, Chris Harris, Matt Home, Craig McMillan, Chris Nevin, Jacob Oram, Scott Styris, Daryl Tuffey, Lou Vincent, Brooke Walker and Robbie Hart.

CHINA'S JUNE 8 MATCH AGAINST BRAZIL is a sell-out but tickets are still available in South Korea for the Costa Rica and Turkey games on June 4 and June 13 respectively, Huang said.

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Extra measures are being examined to stop people using the World Cup as cover to flee illegally to comparatively lucrative South Korea, Jin said, including forcing people to leave a bond of thousands of dollars at the border.

"For those fans that do not have adequate proof that they are really going with the goal of watching the games, then we might ask for financial guarantees," she said.

Fans who could prove that they had previously travelled abroad would be exempt, but people without adequate proof they were going to the World Cup would have to hand over 50,000 yuan (6,000 dollars), which would be refundable upon their return to China, she said.

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If fans are caught with such materials "they could be arrested, depending on the situation," Huang said.

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BCB picks 19 for All-India U-19 tourney

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) primarily selected 19 players yesterday for All-India Under-19 Invitational tournament beginning on May 26 in Kolkata.

The players are: Iftekarul Islam, Asif Newaz, Kafi Khan, Golam Rabbani, Kazi Tariqul Islam, Rubaiyat Haq and Dhiman Gosh (BKSP), Arafat Sunny, Ziaul Hossain, Kamrul Islam, Ashiqur Rahman and Shahriar Nafiz Ahmed (Dhaka), Mahmud Ullah Riad (Mymensingh), Arif Hosain (Barisal), Zahurul Islam Ami (Rajshahi), Golam Rahman Chowdhury Himel (Sylhet), Nayeem Islam (Nilphamari) and Nazim Uddin (Chittagong).

Mudassar takes Kiwis seriously

REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan coach Mudassar Nazar says that a below-strength New Zealand side will compensate with strong team work in the upcoming one-day and Test series.

The tourists must manage without injured Chris Cairns, Dion Nash and Shane Bond, and will have a new man behind the stumps in the Tests with Robbie Hart replacing Adam Parore, who retired after the recent home series against England.

But Mudassar still expects them to prove difficult to beat.

"New Zealand has always been a side without star players. But their greatest strength has been their ability to support each other on the field," Nazar told Reuters on Friday.

"They are a very cohesive unit and this is reflected in the results they have achieved in the last six months in Australia and against England."

The Pakistan team are preparing for the first one-day international against New Zealand on Sunday after reaching the port city of Karachi late on Thursday evening from Sharjah where they humbled Sri Lanka in the Sharjah Cup final.

"I am happy with the way my boys responded in the last two matches including the final in Sharjah. But I would not like to take it easy in the coming series because we beat New Zealand twice in the pool matches," Nazar said.

What to watch

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STAR Sports

Cricket Programming
 Super Selector
 Repeat at 10:30 am
 Primera Liga
 Highlights
 Taped Version at 6:30 pm
West Indies vs India
 Second Test, Day Two
 Live at 8:05 pm

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Other Chinese travel agencies, like China International Travel Service and China Youth Travel Service, told AFP that they had each obtained up to 2,000 tickets from South Korean agents and were selling them fast.

"It is hard to say how many Chinese fans will be going in total, but a lot of other travel agencies have been getting tickets through other channels," Jin said.

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Aberhart unconcerned

Cricket

AFP, Karachi

New Zealand cricket coach Denis Aberhart said Friday his team was on target for next year's World Cup and dismissed criticism of their lacklustre form.

"We have had a lot of injuries recently but we're still progressing well towards next year's World Cup, and although at times the results are disappointing and we need to be consistent, we definitely are not underachievers," Aberhart told reporters.

"We are not under-achievers even though we could not win series in Australia and against England. We just have to be more consistent but that is difficult given the number of injuries to our key players," he said.

The Black Caps are preparing to take on Pakistan in the first of three day-night limited overs games here Sunday.

New Zealand came close to

beating Australia in the drawn three-match Test series in November-December and finished runners-up to South Africa in the following tri-nation one-day series in Australia.

They beat England 3-2 in the



DENIS ABERHART

one-day series at home and won the last Test in Auckland to square the Test series 1-1.

But they were demolished by Pakistan in Sharjah on Monday and ended last in that one-day series,

which also involved Sri Lanka.

Players affected by injuries recently include frontline batsman Craig McMillan, wicketkeeper Chris Cairns, star all-rounder Chris Cairns, batsman Lou Vincent and main spinner Daniel Vettori.

Nevin and vice captain McMillan are still under an injury cloud, Aberhart said.

The tourists are under tight security given recent threats to Western interests in Pakistan by Islamic extremists angry over Islamabad's cooperation with the US-led war in neighbouring Afghanistan.

In contrast, Pakistan is on a high after their victory in Sharjah, when they crushed Sri Lanka in the final.

But experienced opener Saeed Anwar has been ruled out of the series after he failed to fully recover from a wrist injury he sustained in October.

The other two one-day games will be played in Rawalpindi on April 24 and in Lahore on April 27.

The tourists will play two Tests in Lahore and Karachi.

Cup Corner

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finals, but that does not stop Sven Goran Eriksson's love life being the stuff of tabloid gossip.

The England coach is apparently dating fellow Swede Ulrika Jonsson, a TV presenter and former television weathergirl who is already settled in Britain, according to Friday's edition of the Daily Mirror.

They met at a London party a few months ago, found they had a lot in common and became lovers, the daily said.

Jonsson's agent refused to comment. The Football Association said it was a "private matter."

Eriksson, 53, has been with 37-year-old Italian lawyer Nancy Dell'Olio for three years after meeting her when he was manager of Italian Serie A side Lazio.

Dell'Olio was in the crowd for England's friendly international Wednesday against Paraguay.

Jonsson, 34, has long been a favourite of the tabloids, which have followed her career and turbulent private life with unflinching enthusiasm. She split from her latest boyfriend last year. A previous lover was former England striker Stan Collymore and the pair had a high-profile bust-up in a bar in Paris during the last World Cup finals in 1998.

Eriksson is credited with revitalising the England national team's fortunes in just over a year in his post, steering them through to the finals in Japan and South Korea in June.

FERGIE SEES ENGLAND STRUGGLING

London
 Manchester United supremo Alex Ferguson believes England could struggle to progress beyond the quarter-final stage at the World Cup.

The Scot tipped France or Italy as winners but said England may even have difficulty qualifying from their tough first-phase group.

"I'd have to say the England group is very difficult," Ferguson told The Sun newspaper.

"Aside from Argentina, Nigeria is not an easy opponent. And Sweden, of course, also have a great record.

"England don't have any young player breaking through who you would think is going to light up the stage," he added, ignoring the claims of players such as 20-year-old West Ham midfielder Joe Cole who had an outstanding match against Paraguay this week.

Ferguson said World Cup holders France were going from strength to strength.

"France have a marvellous group of players and they've some youngsters now breaking into the squad who will augment the great pools from the European Championship in 2000 and the 1998 World Cup.

"But I also feel Italy will have a great chance, while Argentina and Spain probably have some of the best players around."

PIRES PREFERS SURGERY

Paris
 France midfielder Robert Pires has opted to undergo surgery on his injured cruciate knee ligaments and will be unable to resume training for four months, he told Friday's L'Equipe newspaper.

The 29-year-old Arsenal star said he had no choice but to opt for an operation after failing to recover in time to take his place in France's squad for the World Cup finals which begin on May 31.

Pires was advised by top French specialist Jean-Pierre Franceschi that an operation would allow him to recover more quickly.

"A scan that I had on Wednesday morning showed that my right knee is still 'on the ground,'" Pires told L'Equipe.

"Professor Franceschi told me it would be better to operate, even if I wasn't far off from avoiding an operation.

"Professor Franceschi says I'll need four months of recovery before resuming training and then another two months before playing competitively."

Pires sustained the injury in his club's FA Cup quarter-final win over Newcastle in mid-March, striking a bitter blow to a player who had been in fine form in Arsenal's Premiership title challenge and who was expected to play a key role in France's bid to retain the World Cup.

NO PROTESTING

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The regulations did not specify any particular groups, but exiled Chinese political dissidents, human rights activists and members of the banned Falungong spiritual group have often protested against the Chinese government at international sporting events.

Also banned were weapons, explosives, illegal drugs, pornography, public drunkenness and other deviant behavior or paraphernalia normally outlawed at sporting events.

The ministry said the regulations came from the South Korean government, indicating that Seoul may also be concerned with Chinese fans spouting communist propaganda or engaging in hooligan behaviour.

Biman blow

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GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League matches at different venues yesterday.

Biman v Mohammedan SC
 Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.

MOHAMMEDAN SC
 Sabbir c Mahmud b Aminul jr 9
 Ehsanul b Anis 15
 Bashir c Sajjad b Anis 4
 Tikolo run out 18
 Minhazul run out 75
 Sanwar st Sajjad b Razzak 57
 Anwar run out 0
 Rafique c Imran b K Mahmud 3
 Taposh c Anis b K Mahmud 6
 Ashiq c Sajjad b Anis 6
 Shafiuddin not out 0
 Extras: (lb-2, w-3) 5
 Total: (All out in 48.3 overs) 198

Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-27, 3-40, 4-66, 5-157, 6-161, 7-174, 8-184, 9-198.

Bowler O M R W
 Aminul jr 7 0 33 1
 Anis 8.3 0 32 3
 K Mahmud 10 1 40 2
 Razzak 10 0 31 1
 Imran 6 0 33 0
 Aminul sr 7 0 27 0

BIMAN
 Javed c Anwar b Shafiuddin 5
 Faruque c Tikolo b Taposh 5
 Imran c Anwar b Taposh 6
 Aminul sr not out 53
 Sajjad c Anwar b Tikolo 65
 Hassanuzzaman c Anwar b Rafique 40
 K Mahmud not out 11
 Extras: (lb-4, nb-1, w-9) 14
 Total: (For 5 wickets in 47.1 overs) 199

Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-15, 3-19, 4-105, 5-178.

Bowler O M R W
 Taposh 9 0 49 2
 Shafiuddin 7 1 32 1
 Ashiq 3 0 15 0
 Rafique 10 3 16 1
 Sabbir 6 0 25 0
 Tikolo 9 0 39 1
 Sanwar 3 0 17 0

Ehsanul 0.1 0 2 0
Result: Biman won the match by five wickets.

Brothers Union v Surjo Tarun
 Venue: Dhamondi Cricket Stadium.

SURJO TARUN
 Hannan c Mo'in b Morshed 28
 Saiauddin b Mustadir 39
 Iqbal lbw b Imran 18
 Mazharul lbw b Athar 21
 Ashraf c Imran b Morshed 69
 S Shaked run out 13
 Sharif b Imran 2
 Elahi run out 3
 Ahmed c Shamsul b Mustadir 5
 Ilyas run out 0
 Shafaq not out 0
 Extras: (nb-1, w-3) 4
 Total: (All out in 47.2 overs) 202

Fall of wickets: 1-44, 2-84, 3-101, 4-121, 5-146, 6-156, 7-177, 8-199, 9-200.

Bowler O M R W
 Morshed 9 1 29 2
 Shamsul 10 1 44 0
 Mustadir 9.2 0 46 2
 Athar 10 0 33 1
 Imran 9 0 50 2

BROTHERS UNION
 Sajjadul c Hannan b Iqbal 30
 Harun c Elahi b Shafaq 0
 Athar not out 77
 Mahbub c Sharif b Ilyas 72
 Towhid not out 0
 Extras: (lb-5, nb-1, w018) 24
 Total: (For 3 wickets in 34.1 overs) 203

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-68, 3-193

Bowler O M R W
 Shafaq 6 0 30 1
 Ahmed 5 0 37 0
 Sharif 6 1 28 0
 Iqbal 6 0 33 1
 Ilyas 6.1 0 45 1
 S Shaked 2 0 14 0
 Ashraf 3 0 11 0

Result: Brothers Union won by seven wickets.

Round 1, Draw in Barisal

Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

Information

- The Daily Star Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2002 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in Japan & South Korea From May 31 to June 30.
- There will be SIX rounds of competition.
- Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of **RANGS TOSHIBA** as per announcement.
- Participants of all the SIX rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.
- For each round, a set of questions including a photographic Quiz will be published in The Daily Star.
- Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Daily Star.
- Winners will have to collect their prizes from office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
- Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners

PRIZES FOR ROUND 1