

## Victoria's victory stride on

SPORTS REPORTER

The 'centenary team' of Victoria Sporting Club extended their winning streak in the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League muscling past City Club by six wickets in one of the yesterday's two matches at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Dhanmondi Club registered their second win defeating Young Cricketers by five wickets.

Sajjad Ahmed led the chase for a moderate City total of 168 in 50 overs with an unbeaten 63. Victoria cruised home in 37 overs with six wickets in hand.

Coming in to bat at number four at the fall of two early wickets, the former Bangladesh opener played as per the demand of the situation to steer his side home with his first half-century of the league.

Sajjad, who lost in the wilderness for poor form after making his national debut in the 1994 ICC trophy in Kenya, repaired the innings, putting on 56 runs for the third wicket with opener Parvez Ahmed (25). The 27-year-old then featured in a 64-run stand with Pakistani Gauhar Ali (35).

Sajjad faced 99 balls, in which he clubbed two sixes and seven fours. Earlier, City Club, asked to bat, rode on a polished 84 from Pakistani opener Wasim Nayeem to score 168 all out in 46.5 overs.

Wasim smote two sixes and nine fours in his 114-ball knock. Veteran medium pacer Saiful Islam led the Victoria attack with three for 25 while left-arm spinner Enamul Hoque and leggie Alok Kapali took two wickets each.

It was Victoria's ninth win from ten matches that kept them atop the 12-team league table with highest 18 points. On the other hand, it was City Club's sixth defeat against four wins.

Away at the Dhanmondi Stadium, a fine half-century from middle order Anisul Hakim throttled Dhanmondi Club to a five-wicket win over bottom-dwellers Young Cricketers.

Anisul hammered an unbeaten 80 off 110 balls as the home side, chasing 189 in 50 overs, scored 192 for five in 44 overs.

Anisul hit nine boundaries in his 139-minute stay at the crease.

Together with young wicketkeeper Hasibul Haque, Anisul shared an undefeated 123-run for the sixth wicket after Dhanmondi were reduced to 69 for five in the 17th over.

Hasibul, the Bangladesh A keeper, gave a good support to Anisul with 48 not out off 71 balls.

With that win, Dhanmondi finished their first round campaign second from the bottom (4 points from 11 matches). Young Cricketers are yet to win a match in their 11 outings so far.

Both teams have already confirmed their berths in the relegation league.

### SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the two GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League matches at different venues yesterday:

**Victoria SC v City Club**  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Wasim lbw b Kapali	84	169			
Shahriar b Monjurul	4	4-138			
Halim Shah lbw b Saiful	3				
Tushar c K Mashud b Saiful	8				
Azam c K Mashud b Saiful	0				
Hasibul c Sajjad b Enamul	23				
Rezaul not out	28				
Tareq run out	4				
Sajib run out	1				
Jamaluddin c Gauhar b Enamul	4				

### POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	P	Ts
Victoria	10	9	1	18	
Biman	10	8	2	16	
Abahani	10	7	3	14	
Mohammedan	10	7	3	14	
Brothers Union	10	6	4	12	
Y Pegasus	10	5	5	10	
Kalabagan	10	5	5	10	
Surjo Tarun	10	5	5	10	
City Club	10	4	6	8	
Uttara SC	10	3	7	6	
Dhanmondi	11	2	9	4	
Y Cricketers	11	-	11	0	

Suja b Kapali	1				
Extras: (lb-2, w-6)	8				
Total: (All out in 46.5 overs)	168				
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-36, 3-50, 4-50, 5-107, 6-130, 7-144, 8-155, 9-164.					
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	
Monjurul	10	3	33	1	



Victoria's Sajjad Ahmed keeps his eyes on the ball during the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League fixture against City Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Saiful	8	2	25	3				
Gauhar	6	1	27	0				
Enamul	10	0	42	2				
Kapali	8.5	1	21	2				
Masud	4	0	18	0				

  

<b>VICTORIA SC</b>								
Parvez c Shahriar b Suja	25							
Al-Shahriar c Shahriar b Tareq	7							
Jahangir lbw b Tareq	4							
Sajib not out	63							
Gauhar c sub b Tushar	35							
K Mashud not out	7							
Extras: (b-8, lb-5, nb-3, w-12)	28							
Total: (For 4 wickets in 37 overs)								

  

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Tariqul	10	2	39	3
Debabrata	10	1	31	0
Tahmim	10	0	57	1
Keramat	10	2	28	3
Shahriar	9.5	1	31	3

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## BLAST FROM THE PAST



1970 World Cup Final. Azteca Stadium, Mexico. 21st June, 1970. Brazil 4 v Italy 1. Brazilian captain Carlos Alberto holds aloft the Jules Rimet trophy at the end of the match as Brazil become World Champions for third time, allowing them to keep the trophy forever.

PHOTO: STAR FILE

## Green Delta hockey Bima, Barnak win

SPORTS REPORTER

Sadharan Bima thrashed Azad Sporting Club 4-1 in the Green Delta First Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Barnak Samaj meanwhile, came from behind to pull off an exciting 2-1 win against Police Athletic Club in the other match of the day.

In the day's first game, Mamun and Jewel struck twice for Bima while Mobarak pulled one back for Azad in the 45th minute.

The winners led the first half 2-0. A second half rally saw Barnak Samaj prevailed over Police in an evenly contested match.

Police took the lead in the 29th minute through a nice field goal from Shiplu.

But Barnak Samaj turned the table around with Kaiyum and Sohel scoring in the space of nine minutes after the break.

The Premier and First Division leagues will remain suspended till April 26 due to Dhaka City Corporation election.

## Nat'l Youth Cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Rangamati earned a massive 131-run victory over Noakhali in the Citycell 21st National Youth Cricket competition at Comilla yesterday.

Batting first, Rangamati scored 229 runs all out in 47.3 overs with Shaymol making 70 runs and Sanjit 47 runs. Rajib took two wickets for 42 runs.

In reply, Noakhali were all out for 98 runs in 26 overs with Karmakar making 20 runs. Sumon picked up three for 12 runs and S Dutta three for 27 runs.

At Joypurhat, Dinajpur beat Nilphamari by ten runs.

Nilphamari were all out for 128 runs in 34.2 overs in reply to Dinajpur's 138 runs for all in 48.2 overs.

At Pabna, Sirajganj earned a one-wicket victory over Bogra DSA. Sirajganj scored 134 runs for nine wickets in 40.3 overs in reply to Bogra's 133 runs all out in 48.3 overs.

At Patuakhali, Jhalakati lost to hosts Patuakhali by four wickets. Jhalakati scored 189 runs all out in stipulated 50 overs while Patuakhali, in reply, made 190 runs for six wickets in 45 overs.

At Madanipur, Rajbari defeated Gopalganj by five wickets.

Rajbari made 110 runs for five wickets in 25.1 overs chasing Gopalganj's 107 runs all out in 37.1 overs.



GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League  
**Kalabagan KC v Brothers Union**  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium  
Biman v Uttara SC  
Venue: BKSP

## United Insurance IM Chess ends Johannessen party on Reefat's miss

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International Master (IM) Leif Johannessen of Norway cashed in on a fatal slip by Bangladeshi IM Reefat-bin Sattar to clinch the title of the United Insurance IM Chess Tournament yesterday.

Johannessen, given a life line when Reefat unexpectedly lost to India's International Women's Master Nisha Mohota in the penultimate round on Saturday, did not let the opportunity pass by and leapfrogged his Bangladeshi counterpart with a victory against another Bangladeshi IM Enamul Hossain Rajib in the final round.

While the Norwegian crossed the final barrier, Reefat followed up his defeat with a disappointing draw with Indian IM Neroj Kumar Mishra.

The victory enabled Johannessen to finish with eight and half points in the 11-round Swiss League meet. He also ran away with a winner's purse of 500 USD.

Reefat on the other hand finished runner-up with eight points. He collected a cash award of USD 300.

Nisha Mohota with .5 became third. She also secured a Women's

Grand Master's norm through her performance in the tournament.



LEIF JOHANNESSEN

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman distributed prizes.

## India lead by 109 runs at lunch

AFP, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad

India tightened the screws on the West Indies when they gained a 94-run lead on the third day of the second Test at the Queen's Park Oval here on Sunday.

The West Indies were all out for 245 in reply to India's 339, losing their remaining four wickets for 48 off 23.5 overs in the morning session.

India lost opener Shiv Das for nought before reaching 15-1 at lunch on the third day for an overall lead of 109, with Rahul Dravid batting on eight and Sanjay Bangar on six.

Skipper Carl Hooper, with only tail-enders to give him company, was the lone batsman to defy the Indian attack with 50.

## Latest Sizzling Shoib roasts NZ

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Pakistan thrashed New Zealand by 143 runs in the first one day international at Karachi yesterday.

New Zealand were bundled out for just 122 with Man-of-the-Match Pakistan fast bowler Shoib Akhter taking career-best figures of six for 17 from nine overs.

Earlier, Pakistan made 275 for six in their allotted 50 overs.

## Pabna cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Nimtala Cricket Club defeated Shristy Club by 158 runs in the Pepsi First Division Cricket League at the Pabna Edward College ground yesterday.

Winning the toss, Nimtala decided to bat first and scored 242 for 8 in 41.4 overs.

In reply, Shristy were all out for 84 runs in 25 overs.

## CUP CORNER



AFP, London

The England squad will wear special jackets, developed following NASA research, with the aim of keeping cool and hence help them put their World Cup dream into orbit.

The intense heat and humidity in Japan during the May 31 to June 30 finals have brought about the using of these special garments designed to help athletes sweat less and avoid dehydration.

The jackets work after being soaked in water and frozen before use. They contain special crystals that help maintain a constant low temperature for hours. It is hoped the players will wear them in training, before and after games and during half-time.

Richard Hawkins, deputy head of the Football Association's Medical and Exercise Science Department, told the News of the World: "It brings down the core temperature of the body and reduces the time it takes for a player's body heat to reach the critical peak of 39.5 degrees Centigrade. "By doing that, it reduces the amount a player dehydrates during a match and combats the problems caused by the climate in Asia.

"It is the first time anything like this has been used by the England team and it might take some getting used to for some of the lads, but I'm sure they will see and feel the benefits.

"In theory, the players could even put them on for a few minutes if there was a big break during the game."

The jackets are already used by Aussie Rules football players Down Under. Hawkins added: "The ice jacket has been proved to help athletes handle the high temperatures out there and we are confident it will work."

### CHA KEEPS FAMILY FLAG FLYING

Daegu, South Korea

South Korea registered a morale-boosting 2-0 win over Costa Rica on Saturday with Cha Du-Ri, son of South Korea's greatest player Cha Bum-Keun, scoring his first goal for the national side.

With his father commenting on the World Cup warm-up for television, Cha scored South Korea's first goal and made the second for Choi Tae-Uk, to stake a strong claim for a place in the final World Cup squad that coach Guus Hiddink is struggling over.

Twenty-one-year-old Cha's father went to Germany to make his name in the 1970s and 80s and never played in any of South Korea's five World Cup finals, though he is a



CHA DU-RI

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## Eriksson feels English press!



AFP, London

England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson, hailed a hero for restoring the nation's football fortunes, was getting a crash course in the downside of fame Sunday with his private life splashed all over the papers.

press going full tilt at a story combining the twin tabloid passions of sex and soccer.

Reports of his burgeoning relationship with a fellow Swede, London-based TV presenter Ulrika Jonsson, ranged from the lurid to the fearful.

"Nanny caught Sven at it with Ulrika," trumpeted the News of the World. "She walked in as they romped naked in bed."

Other newspapers feared for

whether to stay in England -- as a sign they might go.

That would be disastrous for England who Eriksson, in little over a year in his job, has turned from dull also-rans to outside contenders at the finals in Japan and South Korea in June.

Neither of the two principal parties were speaking to anyone. Eriksson, 53, was at the home he shares with Dell'Olio, 37, after a late meal out,



(L-R) Ulrika Jonsson, Sven Goran Eriksson and Nancy Dell'Olio

After the frenzy of concern over captain David Beckham's injured left foot, it is now the Swede's turn to savour the experience of the British

Eriksson's future as national team boss, seeing the words of his Italian partner Nancy Dell'Olio -- that they will decide after the World Cup finals

according to the reporters and photographers now pursuing

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2002 FIFA WORLD CUP KOREA JAPAN

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days to go



## Did U Know?

1970 was the first year to see the use of yellow and red cards.



## What to WATCH

**ESPN**  
Western Union World Football  
Repeat at 1:00 pm  
**Sportscentre Hindi**  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
Repeat at 9:00 pm  
English Premier Football League  
Chelsea vs Man United  
Repeat at 9:30 p  
**STAR Sports**  
Gillette World Sports Special  
Int'l Sports News  
Repeat at 12:30 pm  
Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
Repeat at 1:00 pm

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## TALK TURKEY



## Ruud van Nistelrooy

(Man United's ace Dutch striker)  
"This is the proudest moment so far in my career. I have been voted by the players of the Premier League and that is the best league in Europe at the moment. That makes me feel proud."

After winning the prestigious PFA award.

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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 Asle face to score Test cricket's fastest double century?  
1532 0 0  
212
- Who lifted the Bangladesh 'Games football' title?  
Chittagong Dhaka Army
- How many gold medals did Doly Akhter win in Bangladesh Games?  
Nine Seven Ten  
Name .....  
Class ..... Roll No. ....  
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## Happy night in Chittagong

NITOL-TATA NAT'L FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SHAHIDUL ISLAM, Chittagong

In front of a near packed home crowd Chittagong Abahani displayed an entertaining brand of football to hand a 1-0 defeat to Dhaka giants Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra in the Nitol-Tata National Football League at the MA Aziz stadium here yesterday.

The match winner came in the 51st minutes from a spectacular volley by striker Moni. Receiving a free kick on the left corner of the box, midfielder Parvez instantly delivered a perfect pass to Moni, who had no problems in stabbing the ball home amidst thunderous cheers from the partisan crowd.

The ball caressed the side post before rolling into the net past a diving Muktiyoddha goalkeeper Kalyan Chaubey.

Apart from the goal it was an enterprising contest and the first half produced the best entertainment in the League so far.

The score line could well have been 2-0 in favour of the home side if Parvez's 70th minute effort not returned off the post.

The star-studded Muktiyoddha

team miserably failed to make any real breakthrough after conceding the goal.

Muktiyoddha, however, created the first chance of the match in the 14th minute when Lazuk's lob from just outside the D-box was met by Asif, whose perfect header was nicely gripped by Abahani custodian Biplob on the goal line.

Abahani were also lucky not to

concede a freak equaliser in the 78th minute when Biplob's goal kick hit Muktiyoddha's Matiur Munna and trickled towards the goal. Biplob however managed to retrieve it quickly.

Abahani's two foreign recruits Nepal internationals Hari Harka and

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