

M'singh cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

Golden Future Club defeated County Club by 65 runs in the Basundhara LP Gas First Division Cricket League in the local Circuit House ground yesterday.

Batting first, Golden Future scored 193 for nine wickets in 40 overs.

In reply, County collected 128 runs all out in 31.2 overs.

BRIEF SCORES

GOLDEN FUTURE: 193/9 (Jahangir 59, Tamal 50, extras 46; Yesar 2/19, Majed 2/37, Rabin 2/40).

COUNTY CLUB: 128/10 (Nisat 34, Majed 30; Munna 2/11, Jahangir 2/11, Ratul 2/31).

School b'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Scholastica continued their domination in the girls' school basketball competition beating South Breeze by 26-10 points at the Dharmodi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 14-6. Sumera scored 18 points for the winners.

In another match on Saturday, Maple Leaf beat Sunbeams by a huge margin of 57-10 points after dominating the first half by 30-2 points.

What to watch

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Sport News

Live at 6:30 pm

West Indies vs India

Second Test, Day Four

Live at 8:05 pm

Happy night

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Niranjan Roy Majhi despite few good moves, largely failed to impress.

Yellow cards -- Pradip Poddar, Matur Munna (Mutkijoddha) and Shahinur (Abahani)

TEAMS

Chittagong Abahani -- Biplob, Shahinur, Jahangir (Apu), Amin, Mintu, Liton, Parvez (Jafal), Bakhtiar, Hari Harka (Al-Amin), Moni and Niranjan Majhi.

Muktijoddha Sangsad -- Kalyan Chaubey, Hasan Al-Mamun, Rajani, Pradip Poddar, Lazuk, Pradip Barua, Matur Munna, Rakib, Asif, Farhad and Ashraf (Nayan/Don). Referee: Mansur Azad

Victoria's victory

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Anisul not out 80
Nuruzzaman c Bula b Imran 13
Hasibul not out 48
Extras: (lb-2, w08) 10
Total: (For 5 wickets in 40 overs) 192
Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-34, 3-45, 4-45, 5-69.

Bowler O M R W
Shahidul 10 1 42 2
Tanveer 8 0 37 1
Shamsul 4.2 0 25 0
Morshed 10 0 41 0
Imran 8 0 27 1
Iftekhar 1 0 6 0
Kamal 2 0 9 0
Jahid 0.4 0 3 0
Result: Dhamondi Club won by five wickets.

Murali to miss Lord's Test

REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lanka's leading bowler Muttiah Muralitharan, the world's most successful off-spinner, will miss the first Test against England starting at Lord's on May 16 after injuring his left shoulder.

Muralitharan, 30, sustained torn ligaments in his left shoulder while fielding against Pakistan in the Sharjah Cup final last week. Although he will not need surgery, he will be out of action for at least four weeks.

"We are hopeful he will be able to play some part in the later stages of the tour," coach Dav Whatmore said on Sunday.

CUP CORNER

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"Steven Gerrard performed very well in Beckham's position against Paraguay last week," he said.

"I make no attempt to underplay David's value. I merely believe all would not be lost if he doesn't make it."

Hoddle also believes West Ham youngster Joe Cole should be part of England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson's final 23-man party for the Far East.

Cole, 20, has hit top form with the Hammers and also caught the eye on the international stage at Anfield on Wednesday night.

"I reckon Joe Cole will make the final cut," said Hoddle.

"He's a richly-talented player and quite definitely one for the future."

"He also possesses a capacity to come on and turn a game if he is used as a substitute," he added.

Former England skipper and striker Alan Shearer - who struck his 200th Premiership goal on Saturday - should also be tempted out of international retirement according to Hoddle.

"England need Alan Shearer," Hoddle said. "If it were still down to me to make such decisions, I would move heaven and earth to persuade him to play in this World Cup."

"Maybe he is only waiting to be asked."

"I genuinely do not know what his answer would be - but I do know that he has had a great Premiership season," he said.

Youhana whacks NZ

Cricket

AFP, Karachi

Yousuf Youhana hit a brilliant hundred to steer Pakistan to a solid 275-6 against New Zealand in the first of their day-night limited overs international at the National Stadium here Sunday.

The 27-year-old followed up his triumphant 129 against Sri Lanka in the final of the Sharjah Cup on Wednesday, with 125 to galvanise his team's innings after a poor start.

Youhana shared a damage-repairing stand of 161 runs for the fourth wicket with Younis Khan who made an attractive 69.

Elegant Pakistani batsman Youhana hit 14 boundaries and a six off 155 balls to spur the home team, driving and cutting the ball with immaculate precision.

The tourists started the match on the wrong foot when their captain Stephen Fleming and one-day specialist allrounder Scott Styris were ruled out due to stomach problems.

New Zealand's pacer Daryl Tuffy struck two blows as early as the third over when he removed belligerent opener Shahid Afridi for one and Imran Nazir for seven to leave Pakistan at 15-2.

Inzamam-ul Haq and Youhana took the score to 49 before Haq holed out at deep square leg off Ian Butler for 18 to keep his run of poor scores intact.

Cheered by a packed house of 34,000, Youhana and Khan did the repair work and took Pakistan past 100 in the 25th over.

Youhana reached his 50 off 86 balls with eight fours and a six off leg-spinner Brooke Walker.

When Pakistan reached 178-4 play was halted for 20 minutes due to crowd trouble.

New Zealand captain Craig McMillan walked out with his team after Tuffy and allrounder Andre Adams were hit by objects thrown from one of the stands. Play was resumed after 20 minutes.

Khan reached his seventh 50 with a sweetly timed boundary off McMillan.

He miscued a lofted shot off Butler and was caught at mid-on by Lou Vincent for a 81-ball 69, studded with three fours and a six.

Youhana continued to punish the New Zealand bowlers as Pakistan added 92 runs in the last 10 overs with allrounder Abdur Razzaq.

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Div I cricket
Nabin Sangha, Jatrabari post wins

UNB, Dhaka

Nabin Sangha and Jatrabari KC won their respective First Division Cricket League matches yesterday.

Nabin Sangha defeated Uttara Friends Club by five wickets at the JU playground.

Sent into bat first, Uttara scored 118 runs for nine wickets in curtailed 25 overs.

Mithun made 24 off 22 balls and Farid 23 off 29 balls.

Sanjoy captured two wickets conceding 14 runs in 5 overs, Murad two for 17 runs in 5 overs and Masud two for 18 runs also in 5 overs.

In reply, Nabin Sangha reached the target of 119 runs losing five wickets in 21.5 overs with Kawshik making unbeaten 46 runs off 52 balls and Uttara 22 off 29.

Rihan took two wickets for 24 runs in 5 overs.

At the Jagannath Hall Cricket ground, Jatrabari Krira Chakra beat PWD Sports Club also by five wickets.

A 102-run knock by Joy Basu helped PWD to score 206 runs all out in 48.5 overs after being sent into bat first.

Joy made 102 runs off 112 balls that saw seven fours and four sixes while Arafat added 30 off 36 balls.

Sajal picked up three wickets for 48 runs while Sohel took two for 17, Nasiruddin two for 28 and Apurba two for 31 runs.

In reply, Jatrabari scored 211 runs for five wickets in 48.1 overs with Hiralal making 40 off 73 balls.

Sohag took two wickets for 33 runs and Arafat two for 34.

Eriksson feels

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him.
Jonsson, 34, was also at home. She found time Saturday to watch Premiership champions Manchester United defeat Chelsea, a match also watched -- although in a different part of the stadium -- by Eriksson.

The only key player to have said anything is Dell'Olio, through an intercom at their flat.

"We're still together and we're talking together," she told reporters.

"What the papers are saying is rubbish. It's the facts we're talking about."

Asked if Eriksson would consider resigning because of the tabloid intrusion she replied: "The press have been so irresponsible."

"He doesn't need it, we don't need it, all of this. Everything we do, we do together. We are going to decide after the World Cup."

The story broke in Friday's edition of the Daily Mirror, and Jonsson's agent has refused to deny it.

The Football Association, Eriksson's employer, is standing by him, according to the Mail on Sunday which cited FA sources saying he had worked "terrifically hard" and done a "fantastic job."

"We accept there will be a lot of ballyhoo, but we believe it will die down rapidly once the World Cup gets underway," said an FA insider.

Even before Eriksson took the job, lured from Italian Serie A club Lazio, he had worried that his private life would come under close scrutiny.

And so it has proved, even Prime Minister Tony Blair's press chief Alastair Campbell getting in on the act by saying he had introduced the pair at a party late last year.

"I said to her, 'Here's another Swede for you to talk to,'" the former Daily Mirror journalist told the paper.

Dell'Olio, a lawyer, has been with Eriksson for three years. They met while he was boss at Lazio. Both have children from their previous relationships.

Jonsson, a popular former television weathergirl, has long been a favourite of the tabloids which have followed her career and turbulent private life with unfailing enthusiasm.

A previous lover was ex-England attacker Stan Collymore, with whom she had a high-profile bust-up in a Paris bar during the last World Cup finals in 1998.

Her mother Gun Brodie is reported to have told Sweden's Expressen newspaper that she would be happy if the relationship with Eriksson worked out, implicitly confirming it exists.



PHOTO: AFP

Pakistan's Youhana lofts a ball over cover during the first one-day international against New Zealand yesterday.

received security assurances from Pakistan.

Bowler O M R W

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Tuffy	6	1	24	2
Adams	10	1	41	0
Butler	7	0	49	2
Oram	9	3	51	2
Walker	5	0	28	0
Harris	6	0	34	0
McMillan	5	0	28	0
Astle	2	0	13	0

Toss: Pakistan

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (Wls) and Nadeem Ghouri (Pak)

Match referee: Mike Procter (Rsa)

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of Pakistan's innings in the first day-night limited overs international against New Zealand at the National Stadium here Sunday.

PAKISTAN

Nazir c Butler b Tuffy 7

Afridi c McMillan b Tuffy 1

Spurred on by Lara's fall

Cricket

AFP, Port-of-Spain

Javagal Srinath said Saturday the dismissal of batting superstar Brian Lara had enhanced India's chances of putting pressure on the West Indies in the second Test here.

"It's a very demanding pitch, when someone like Lara is at the crease because he can hit the good balls all over the place. But if you bowl well and be patient, you get wickets."

After Lara's departure, Srinath removed Shivnarine Chanderpaul for one and Junior Murray for nought in the same over to put the hosts in a spot.

"Being a senior member of the side you have to take more responsibility," said the 32-year-old fast bowler.

"Getting wickets quickly is a responsibility shouldered by all the fast bowlers. Of course, with my experience I should lead the attack and the guys are doing pretty well."

He said his team had a