

Nitol-Niloy b'ball starts today

SPORTS REPORTER

The Nitol-Niloy Boys Schools Basketball Championship begins at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium today.

Fifteen city schools, split into four groups, are taking part in the meet, three matches will be held on opening day.

St. Gregory High School will take on Aga Khan School in the inaugural match while the second game of the day will be played between Maple Leaf and St. Joseph. St. Judas will take on Mastermind in the other match of the day.

The group winners will qualify for the semifinals to be held on May 12. The final is billed on May 13.

Foster blow for England

BBC ONLINE, London

England wicket-keeper James Foster will miss the first two Tests against Sri Lanka after breaking his arm during a net session.

Foster was practising for his first appearance of the season for Essex in Sunday's B&H Cup game against Hampshire when he was hit on the arm while batting.

"He has undergone an X-ray and the arm has been put in plaster and he is expected to be out for four weeks," said England and Wales Cricket Board spokesman Andrew Walpole.

U-19 boys

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opener Mayukh Biswas 32 runs.

Skipper Kamrul Islam bowled superbly to grab three wickets conceding 17 runs in his five-over spell while Ziaul Islam and Rubaiyat Haque took two wickets each giving away 22 and 30 runs respectively in 8 overs.

In reply, Bangladesh reached their target for the loss of nine wickets and 4 balls to spare.

Number six batsman Iftekarul Islam hammered highest 24 runs, opener Nafees Ahmed 23, Dhiman Ghose not out 21, Kafi Khan 18 and Jahirul Islam 17.

Soumya Roy Chowdhury and Ambar Roy took three wickets each conceding 23 and 26 runs for the home team.

What to watch

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Crickit Programming
Super Selector
Repeat at 6:30 am
West Indies vs India
Third Test, Day Four
Live at 8:05 pm

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Zealanders. Shoab had said then: "I'm not longer just concentrating on speed. I am also thinking about line and length..."

But he made a nonsense of that by bowling a delivery recorded unofficially at 100.04 mph (161 kph) later that month.

Neither Shoab or Inzamam appeared for the second New Zealand innings on Friday.

Shoab, complaining of a swollen ankle, was probably trying to keep busy by doing press-ups in the pavilion. And Inzamam, probably, was not.

Michel bombshell

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"The president has constantly taken decisions which are favourable to the economical interests of Jack Warner and some of his family members, and thus are contrary to the financial interests of FIFA," said Zen-Ruffinen.

Zen-Ruffinen claimed FIFA overpaid one of Warner's sons over one million US dollars for an internet project.

But more damagingly, he said Warner paid only a symbolic one dollar for the World Cup television rights in the Caribbean for 1990-94 and 1998.

The charges left executive committee members stunned, Hayatou said.

"You could hear a pin drop when he finished his report," said the CAF president.

During the meeting five of the seven FIFA vice-presidents took Blatter aside to a room once used by former FIFA president Joao Havelange and asked him to resign.

Stunned Blatter refused. Later Blatter declined to go into details about the charges.

"It is a total misunderstanding," said Blatter, who has worked for FIFA for 27 years.

But Zen-Ruffinen warned that his report was only the start.

"More evidence will come," he said after the record breaking eight hour long executive committee meeting. "This is a strong shot into the whole body (FIFA)."

And he hinted that since he began his investigation FIFA members have been offering him more information.

A senior FIFA official said that Zen-Ruffinen would not let go.

"He has the bit between his teeth. He will go to the bitter end," said the official.

"It is time for FIFA to clean it's house. I feel very strongly about it," said Zen Ruffinen.

Windies pile on runs



AFP, Bridgetown

Shivnarine Chandepaul and skipper Carl Hooper cracked robust unbeaten half-centuries to put the West Indies in a strong position against India in the third Test here on Friday.

The left-handed Chandepaul was batting on 75 and Hooper on 70 as the West Indies posted an impressive 314-4 at stumps on the second day in reply to India's 102 at the Kensington Oval.

The hosts, trailing 1-0 in the five-Test series, were 212 runs ahead with six wickets in hand as their batting flourished throughout the day. They scored 281 after resuming at 33-1.

Chandepaul smashed 12 fours in his 25th Test half-century and Hooper 10 in his 28th to thrive on a mediocre Indian attack.

Chandepaul initially dominated a 153-run stand for the second over the fifth wicket with Hooper, who grew in confidence after a slow start.

The pair dashed India's hopes of bouncing back into the match with a vigorous counter-attack after fast bowler Ashish Nehra had dismissed well-set Brian Lara (55) and Ramnaresh Sarwan (60) off successive overs.

Lara and Sarwan steadied the innings with a 119-run stand for the third wicket after opener Chris Gayle's departure in the second over of the day, while Chandepaul consolidated his team's position with Hooper.

Hooper survived a close run-out chance when on 15 as he got the benefit of the doubt from the TV umpire after Nehra had deflected a Sarwan straight-drive onto the stumps at the non-striker's end.

India skipper Sourav Ganguly struggled to find his wicket-taking bowlers despite taking the second new ball after 80 overs at 220.

Ganguly persisted with his trio of pacemen for a major part of the day, but none was consistent enough to keep pressure on the West Indian batsmen on a pitch getting better for batting with each session.

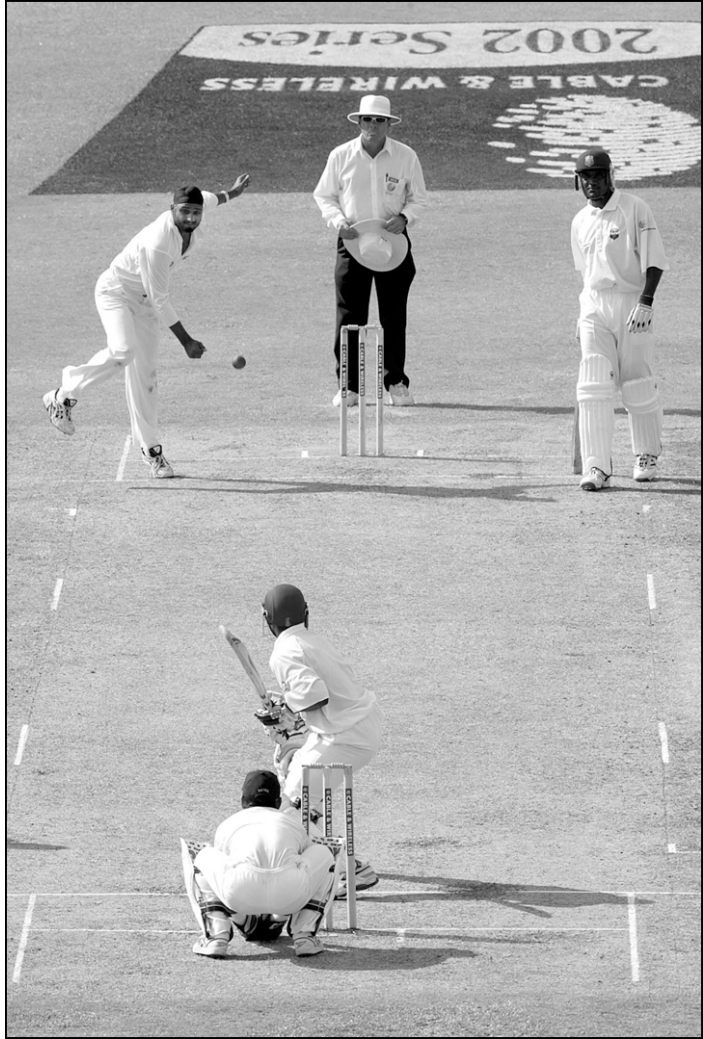
Veteran fast bowler Javagal Srinath went wicketless as he oftened in line and length, conceding 72 off 26 overs. Nehra and Zaheer could bowl just one impressive spell.

Top off-spinner Harbhajan Singh failed to find rhythm and resorted to

negative line of attack outside the leg-stump for a couple of overs before being spoken to by Sri Lankan umpire Asoka de Silva in the last session.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the second day of the third Test between the West Indies and India at the Kensington Oval here on Friday:

Lara c and b Nehra	55			
Hooper not out	70			
Chandepaul not out	75			
Extras: (nb-12, lb-7, b-3)	22			
Total (for 4 wkts)	314			
Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-35, 3-154, 4-161				
BOWLING	O	M	R	W
Srinath	26	6	72	0
Nehra	25	7	76	2



West Indies' Shivnarine Chandepaul is all set to have a go at a Harbhajan Singh delivery on the second day of the third Test against India in Barbados on Friday.

INDIA: First innings 102 (S Ganguly 48, M Dillon 4-41, A Sanford 3-20)	Zaheer	23	8	67	2
WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 33-1)	Ganguly	7	5	9	0
Williams c Jaffer b Zaheer 18	Harbhajan	27.4	6	73	0
Gayle lbw b Zaheer 14	Tendulkar	1	0	7	0
Sarwan c Jaffer b Nehra 60	Umpires: Asoka de Silva (Sri) and Daryl Harper (Aus)				
	Match-referee: Ranjan Madugalle				

BCB U-13 cricketers win again

UNB, Dhaka

Touring BCB Dhaka Metro Under-13 team recorded their second consecutive victory in the Chand Ballav Ghose Memorial All-Bengal Cricket tournament with a massive 165-run victory against Agragami Green in Shilguri yesterday.

The Bangladesh Under-13 cricketers who earned a four-run victory over SP Roy Memorial Club in a rain-affected match Friday, will play their next match against Baghajatin AC today.

Favoured by coin, BCB Under-13 side opened the innings and made 187 runs for six in stipulated 25 overs with Saimon Ahmed scoring 70 runs.

Shams Arefin hammered 49, Nazimuddin 22, Abul Bashar 21 and Iftekar Nayeem 12 for the visitors. Biswas, Majumder, Talukder and Saha took one wicket each.

In reply, Agragami collected only 22 runs for the loss of three wickets in the 25 overs with Sandeep contributing six runs.

Moazzem Hossain of BCB captured two wickets for six runs while Nur Hossain claimed one for three runs.

Shoab hopes to be fit in time

BBC ONLINE, London

Pakistan fast bowler Shoab Akhtar expects to be fit for the second Test against New Zealand, which starts in Karachi on Wednesday.

Shoab recorded career-best figures of six for 11 in the opening game, which Pakistan won by an innings and 324 runs, but was unable to bowl in the tourists' second innings.

He twisted his ankle during the second day's play in Lahore but insists it is not a long-term problem.

"It is swollen and I am using ice, but there is nothing serious to worry about and I will be available for the second Test," he told Pakistan's Dawn newspaper.

The 26-year-old has been plagued by injury problems during his career, but has been in the best form of his life of late.

Vaas vexes students

AFP, Northampton

Sri Lanka's Chaminda Vaas made the most of a rain-affected second day against British Universities here Friday with a fine all-round performance.

His two for eight reduced the students to 37 for two after his unbeaten 50 steered the tourists, 318 for seven overnight, to 383 for eight declared.

Left-hander Vaas enjoyed himself with the bat, facing just 68 balls including one six and eight fours for his 50 not out.

Then, in what play was possible before the rain poured down, his pace bowling put the students on the back foot.

First he had opener Will Jefferson (one) taken at short leg by Thilan Samaraweera.

Soon afterwards Vaas had James Adams (12) caught at second slip by Russel Arnold. That gave him the impressive figures of 5-2-8-2 when the heavens opened.

Earlier, the only Sri Lankan wicket to fall Friday in this three-day game was Charitha Fernando. His dismissal gave paceman Mark Tourneur first class career-best figures of five for 88.

Sri Lanka play the first of three Tests against England at Lord's on May 16.

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before the tour to West Indies," he said.

His coach Denis Aberhart meanwhile said Saturday his country needs to increase the depth of its cricketing skills.

"What New Zealand cricket needs is to keep trying to increase the depth for better results in the future because we are a small country and have limited resources," Aberhart told the news agency.

Aberhart said if the Pakistan tour gives him two or three new players, it would be satisfying.

"What we now look for is to find two to three new players on this tour and when the injured players come back they help us in combining a good team for the West Indies tour."

Pakistani captain Waqar Younis meanwhile said his team was ready for their tour of Australia later this year.

"The way we have played here I am sure we are ready for Australia who are reckoned as the best team in the world," Younis said.

Pakistan play Australia in three one-day internationals in June and then compete with the world champions in a tri-series in Pakistan in August-September this year.

Australia will also tour Pakistan for three Tests in October.

Lloyd points at WI pitches



REUTERS, New Delhi

The decline of pitches in the Caribbean has eroded the quality of the West Indies pace attack, according to former captain Clive Lloyd.

"Pitches in the West Indies have deteriorated and so has the standard of fast bowlers," Lloyd told reporters.

Lloyd moulded West Indies into a world-leading side in the late 1970's by encouraging an all-out pace attack to instil fear in the opposition.

But West Indies' pace attack has struggled even at home since the retirement last year of Courtney Walsh - the last in the line of great West Indian fast bowlers - who holds the world record for most Test wickets, 519.

West Indies have slumped to eighth among 10 Test playing countries after being routed 3-0 by Sri

Lanka and 2-0 by Pakistan in consecutive series recently and they trail 1-0 in the ongoing five-test series against India.

"We just keep hoping we'll come out of this trough, but it is not happening."

"We have lost a lot of big players. A number of youngsters have come into the side who have not been able to fill the gap."

"Winning, just like losing, is contagious. Any win now would be a bonus," he added.

Lloyd's comments came as a four-pronged pace attack showed verve to skittle out India for 102 on the first day of the third Barbados test on Thursday.

He said India would have to find a durable opening pair if they are to become competitive playing abroad.

India have not won a Test series outside south Asia in 26 years, mainly owing to the weakness of their batsmen against rising deliveries on pacy overseas pitches.

"India need two openers to give a good start on most occasions. If you lose the openers rather quickly and you don't have a very good number three it will be a problem."

Opening the batting has remained a weak area since Gavaskar retired in 1987 after scoring a record 10,122 runs in 125 Tests, including a world test record of 34 centuries.

In the current series, India have tried out three different batsmen to open with Shiv Sundar Das, who himself has struggled for runs.

The former West Indies skipper also announced a campaign launched by the publishers of the Wisden cricket almanac to select an Indian cricketer of the century.

A 35-member jury, which includes many former Test players, will provide five nominees each and the final announcement will be made in London on July 23, Wisden officials announced.

An Indian team of the century would also be chosen.

Injury couldn't stop her



REUTERS, Hamburg

Defending champion 45 overcame an ankle injury to beat Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and reach the semifinals of the Hamburg Cup.

Top seed Williams came from a set down for a 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 victory and will now face third seed Martina Hingis, who beat sixth seed Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia 7-5, 6-4.

The other semifinal will be between second seed Kim Clijsters, who dismissed Barbara Schett 6-4, 6-2, and fifth seed Jelena Dokic, who upset fourth seed Justine Henin 7-6, 7-6.

Williams, nursing a suspected strained tendon, was tentative at first and stayed largely on the baseline, and it was not until midway through the final set that she began to take control.

Up until that stage the eighth-seeded Spaniard had done her best to exploit Williams' lack of mobility, but a number of unforced errors and the American's greater aggression in the final stages prevented an upset.

"It was sore when I woke up this morning," said Williams of her ankle. "I definitely wanted to cut out on the movement."

"I didn't want to have any sudden twists. I don't know how it's going to be. I've never had an injury like this before. I'm on new ground - new shaky ground - so I just have to see how it goes."

Although she was in some pain, Williams did not consider retiring from the match.

"I wasn't really trying to push myself to the point where I would have to quit the match," she said. "I wanted to stay out there, of course for myself and also for the fans and the tournament."

"I thought if I could survive one more day I could have a fighting chance for the next day."

Hingis avenged her defeat by Hantuchova in the final of the Indian Wells tournament in March, but it was the Slovak who dictated much of the play.

She often beat Hingis with well-

struck forehands, and forced a number of errors with her deep groundstrokes or by stretching Hingis wide. But she also overhit the ball often enough to keep the Swiss number three seed in contention.

Hantuchova earned a set point at 5-4, but Hingis escaped when the Slovak netted a backhand, and then broke to lead 6-5 and served out to love for the set.

In the second set, Hingis took a 2-1 lead on her fifth break point, but she failed to convert another six break points for a 4-1 lead and allowed Hantuchova to level at 4-4.

The 2000 champion, however, hit back by forcing a backhand error to break again for 5-4, and then safely served out for victory.

Clijsters faltered only slightly on her way to an easy win over Schett, allowing her opponent to level at 3-3 after winning the first three games.

From there her positive performance always had Schett on the back foot and she was never under pressure.

By contrast, Dokic's victory over Henin was anything but routine. Dokic swept to a 5-1 lead before Henin won the next five games but failed to serve out for the set at 6-5.

Dokic then took the tiebreak, broke to lead 5-4 in the second set and held a match point, but was broken herself.

She served for the match a second time at 6-5 before again needing a tiebreak to close out the proceedings.

VENUS WILLIAMS



Players and officials of both Tripura Table Tennis Club and Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation President's Team pose for photographers along with State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman after the friendly matches at the NSC yesterday.

Round 2, Draw in Khulna

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 The Daily Star 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.

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Prize	Item	Model	Winner
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4th	One Toshiba Rice Cooker 1.8Ltr.	RC 186KE	YOU
5th	One Toshiba Dry/Iron	TA-A20C	and YOU
6th	A SPECIAL PRIZE WILL BE UP FOR GRABS FOR THE LOCALS WHO ATTEND A QUIZ DRAW. SPECIAL PRIZE WILL BE GIVEN IN EVERY ROUND. SO, WATCH OUT FOR THE DRAW IN YOUR AREA.		

QUIZ SCHEDULE

Round & Draw	Starts	Answers must reach by noon	Lucky Draw for prizes
1 Barisal	12 April	25 April	26 April
2 Khulna	26 April	9 May	10 May
3 Rajshahi	10 May	23 May	24 May
4 Sylhet	24 May	6 June	7 June
5 Chittagong	7 June	20 June	21 June
6 Dhaka	21 June	28 June	29 June

The Daily Star RANGS TOSHIBA World Cup Quiz, Round 2 Ends May 9, 2002

Tick (O) the correct answers

- First World Cup was played in Argentina Uruguay Brazil
- Maradona scored his 'Hand of God' goal in 1984 1986 1990
- Pele played his last World Cup in 1962 1966 1970
- How many World Cups were held from 1938-1950? 2 3 4
- Who is this?  Gullit Valderrama Higuita

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Telephone (if any)Signature Date.....

Write with a ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters.
Cut along the dotted lines and mail to OR drop in the Quiz Box at The Daily Star
You may send as many entries as you like. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star World Cup Quiz 2."

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