

## Green Delta hockey MSC run riot, Usha held

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Mohammedan started the return leg of the Green Delta Premier Hockey League with a 6-1 thrashing of Dhaka Railway at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

The defending champions led a lowly Railway 2-0 at the breather.

Shafqat, the Pakistani recruit of the black and whites, struck thrice while forwards Rafiqul Islam Kamal and Moududur Rahman Shovo scored one goal apiece.

Mohammedan captain Ashique opened the floodgates scoring the first goal in the 25th minute.

While Mohammedan cantered Usha Krira Chakra, who forced the Motijheel outfit to drop their first point after a 2-2 draw in the last match of the first round, started disastrously.

They were held by Wari Club 1-1 in the other match of the day.

## Waugh's ankle operated on

AFP, Sydney

Australian Test captain Steve Waugh has had minor surgery on his left ankle, the Australian Cricket Board said Friday.

Waugh's operation repaired an injury that causes discomfort when one bone impinges on the outgrowth of another bone.

The discomfort in Waugh's ankle has increased in recent months during an intensive training programme.

Waugh, who turns 37 on June 2, said he expected to be back in training in two weeks and be fully recovered in six weeks.

"The experts have told me that I will have fully recovered from the minor surgery in six weeks, which gives me plenty of time to prepare for the tour of Pakistan," Waugh said in a statement.

"While nobody likes having surgery, it's in my best long-term interests to get the problem fixed now, so I can use my time off to fully recover.

"Bowling is part of my renewed focus in limited-overs cricket, so repairing the ankle and reaching peak physical fitness will certainly help my efforts with the ball."

Waugh will be placed on a rehabilitation program after stitches are removed from the ankle.

Australia is due in Pakistan in August for a one-day tri-series and in September-October for a Test.

## No play on Day Two

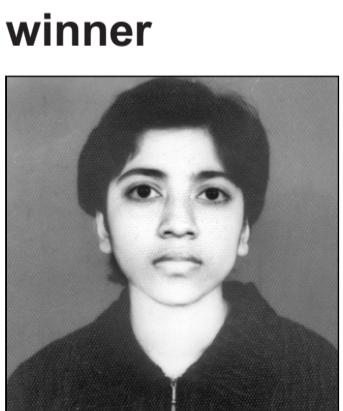
REUTERS/INTERNET, Cardiff

Rain prevented any play on the second day of the four-day tour match between Glamorgan and Sri Lanka at Sophia Gardens on Friday.

Sri Lanka were 337 for seven at the close on the first day on Thursday, Kumar Sangakkara top-scoring with 113.

Earlier, the lunch was brought forward to 12.30pm local time as groundstaff tried to deal with large pools of water on the outfield.

## WHIZZ KID-170 winner



**Easmat Ara**  
(Motijheel Govt Girls High School)

## WHIZZ KID-171 winner

**Tazrian Huda**  
(Vigarnunisa Noon School,  
Dhanmondi Branch)

Please produce your ID card and an attested passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7.30pm on May 30.

## WHIZZ KID-171 correct answers

1. West Indies won the third Test against India by

Ans: 10 wickets

2. Who will lead Bangladesh A team in the Malaysia Cricket Challenge?

Ans: Aminul

3. Who won the man-of-the-match award in the first Test between Pakistan and New Zealand?

Ans: Inzamam

4. Who are the English Premiership champions?

Ans: Arsenal

5. Who clinched the Hamburg Open tennis title?

Ans: Clijsters



Mohammedan striker Alfa Ahmed side-volleys during the final of the Nitto-Tata National Football League against arch-rivals Abahani at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

## Tri-series cricket Rafiq plunders Malaysia

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Bangladesh A continued their impressive showing in the Malaysia triangular series with a 46-run victory over the hosts in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Sent into bat the visitors rode a swashbuckling 72 from Mohammed Rafiq to score 149 all out in 49.5 overs.

The experienced left-arm fast bowler fought a lone battle after the second string national team were reduced to 85 for nine on a difficult wicket.

The southpaw hammered three sixes and a couple of fours in his match-winning knock.

His 83-run stand for the last wicket with Alamgir was also a record for any national selection.

Malaysia, given a revised victory target of 154 due to rain, were bundled out for 108 in 46.5 overs.

Off-spinner Sabir Khan captured three wickets for 23 runs for the tourists. Leg-spinner Alok Kapali and paceman Tariq Aziz took two wickets each.



COME AND WIN! A spectator receives a special prize for the audience from Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University Prof Dr Faisal Islam Faruki, who was the chief guest at the draw of The Daily Star-Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz Round-3 at the Rajshahi Medical College Auditorium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## One-dayers start today



AFP, Kingston

India's preparations for a one-day series against the West Indies suffered a setback as rain washed out their workout ahead of the first match starting at Sabina Park here on Saturday.

The weather is likely to affect the first one-dayer as it has been raining since India suffered a 155-run defeat at the hands of the West Indies in the fifth Test to lose a five-match series 2-1 on Wednesday.

The second one-dayer will be held at the same venue on Sunday, followed by matches at Bridgetown on May 29 and at Port-of-Spain on June 1 and 2.

India will be looking forward to a vastly-improved performance from their batsmen in the shorter version of the game so as to return home in a better frame of mind.

"We've got to salvage our pride. We've lost the Test series and we should now try to win one-dayers," said India skipper Sourav Ganguly on Thursday.

The arrival of one-day specialists Virender Sehwag, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif and Ajit Agarkar augurs well for India, who struggled for all-rounders in the recently-concluded Test series.

Ganguly said his team would have to raise the level of its performance to win the one-day series because the West Indies were a strong side at home.

"We've got a good one-day squad, but winning the series is a different ball-game altogether," said Ganguly.

"Sehwag is an exciting batsman. Yuvraj is very good and Kaif has also been performing, but we'll have to play really well to beat the West Indies at home."

Sehwag returned to the squad

after missing a series of five one-day internationals against Zimbabwe at home due to a shoulder injury sustained during the second Test against the visitors at Delhi in March.

The 23-year-old rose to fame with a 69-ball century against New Zealand in a triangular series at Colombo last year. He has so far scored 699 in 28 matches.

Yuvraj and Dinesh Mongia are the other batsmen capable of dominating any attack with their clean

century and two fifties. West Indies captain Carl Hooper said his team could not afford to be complacent after beating India in the Test series as it was necessary to build on the success.

The hosts also strengthened

their squad with one-day specialists Corey Collymore and Gareth Breese, who replaced fast bowler Adam Sanford and leg-spinner Dinanath Ramarine.

Jamaican off-spinner Breese is the only newcomer in the team, and hard hitting.

Mongia did not get a chance in Tests, but is likely to play a prominent role in one-dayers, especially after his unbeaten 159 in his last match against Zimbabwe at home.

His knock, the fourth-highest by an Indian in one-day internationals, helped his team clinch the five-match series 3-2 against Stuart Carlisle's Zimbabweans.

Kaif is unlikely to find a place in the squad here despite averaging 41.50 in eight matches, as middle-order batsmen Venkatesh Laxman and Rahul Dravid have batted well in Tests.

Laxman scored 474 in five Tests with one hundred and four half-centuries and Dravid 404 with one

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