

18th BAGC Rohana stays ahead

SPORTS REPORTER

The second day of Partex 18th Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championship at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday saw Sri Lanka's Anura Rohana again display a brilliant round of golf shooting 3 under par 69. Former winner, Mohammad Siddikur Rahman of Bangladesh also shot 69 and is two strokes behind Rohana after two rounds. Lalith Kumara of Sri Lanka shot two under par to be in third position.

In the net category of the tournament, Mohammad Suruj Miah and J O Park of Savar Golf Club are in first and second position after two rounds.

The ladies first round started on Thursday with 18 ladies participating in the event. Defending champion Jung Sook Jung shot 81 to take the lead. S J Kim of KGC is in second place, three shots behind.

Second day's best gross score are as under:

Name	Gross scores
1. Anura Rohana (SRL)	140
2. Siddikur Rahman (BAN)	142
3. Lalith Kumara (SRL)	144
4. Mohd Milon (BAN)	145
5. Anitya Chand (IND)	146
6. Mohammad Sayum (BAN)	148
7. Shahid Javed Khan (PAK)	149
8. Amarapathma (SRL)	150
9. Mohd Shohel (BAN)	150
10. Tariq Mehmood (PAK)	151
11. Vikrant Chopra (IND)	151

U-14 booters blank N'ganj youths

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh under-14 national team outplayed Narayanganj Football Academy under-16 team 4-0 in their practice match at the Bangladesh Army stadium yesterday. It was part of their preparation before the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Under-14 Festival.

Mithun struck twice while Nandu and Sujon scored the other goals. The AFC festival will be held from December 20-30 in Kathmandu.

The team leaves for the Nepalase capital on December 17.

Coach wants Pete to return in 2003

AFP, New York

Paul Annacone, coach of US tennis great Pete Sampras, is trying to convince the 14-time Grand Slam champion to keep playing.

"I hope that he decides to play on next year," Annacone said.

"I'm doing all I can to push him to come back because I'm convinced he has it in him to win a few more Slams. But the question is whether he wants to make the sacrifices."

Sampras, 31, won his 14th Grand Slam title at the US Open in September — his first tournament title since Wimbledon 2000.

Rajshahi rout

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Result: Rajshahi won the match by ten wickets.

Barisal v Dhaka

Venue: BKSP

BARISAL: 196 and 274 in 91.4 overs (Nahidul 113, Ali Arman 72, Arafat Sunny 5-45, Mosaddek 4-86)

DHAKA: 324 for 9 and 85 for 4 in 25 overs (Jahangir 33 n.o., K Mahmud 27 n.o.)

Khulna v Chittagong

Venue: DCS

KHULNA: 221 and 216 for five in 97 overs (Hasanuzzaman 77 n.o., Salauddin 54, Sajjadul 47, Jamaluddin 26 n.o.)

CHITTAGONG: 310.

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Pakistan crush S Africa

Cricket

AFP, Port Elizabeth

Pakistan gained a record-breaking, 182-run win over South Africa in the second one-day international here on Wednesday to level the five-match series.

Saleem Elahi and Abdul Razzaq hit centuries as Pakistan notched up a record 335 for six at St George's Park.

Pakistan captain Waqar Younis and fellow fast bowler Mohammad Sami then ripped through the South African batting as the home side crashed to 153 all out.

The defeat was the heaviest by a margin of runs in South African one-day international history.

It was a dramatic turnaround by Pakistan, who were trounced by 132 runs in the first international in Durban Sunday. "We played really well and showed that when we play well we are one of the top sides," said Waqar.

Elahi (135) and Razzaq (112) led an imposing batting performance which was backed up by aggressive bowling. Elahi and Razzaq put on 257 off 40 overs for the second wicket. It was the highest partnership for any wicket by any country against South Africa. The total beat the 330 for seven scored by Australia at the same ground last season, the previous highest by all-comers against South Africa.

Elahi, 26, who had been unimpressive when he struggled to 31 off 69 balls at the start of the five-match series in Durban Sunday, played with a silky touch and sweet timing as he made his highest score and his third one-day international

century in four innings. He made two hundreds in a recent series in Zimbabwe. Razzaq, promoted to number three after the early loss of Shahid Afridi, went to his maiden one-day international century in his 116th match with some vigorous strokeplay. Herschelle Gibbs got South Africa off to a flying start, hitting 40 off 30 balls but South Africa collapsed after Gibbs was first man out, bowled by Waqar, with the total on 57.

Waqar followed up by bowling Graeme Smith, the other opener,



SALEEM ELAHI ... m-o-m

before trapping Neil McKenzie leg before as he claimed figures of three for 45.

Sami bowled at high pace to take three for 26 before spinners Shahid Afridi and Saqlain Mushtaq finished off the innings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second one-day international between Pakistan and South Africa at St George's Park on Wednesday:

PAKISTAN

Elahi c Pollock b Kallis	135			
Afridi c Gibbs b Ntini	13			
Razzaq c Ntini b Klusener	112			
Youhana b Ntini	9			
Inzamam not out	36			
Younis b Donald	11			
Akram b Donald	0			
Latif not out	2			
Extras: (lb-5, nb-1, w-11)	17			
Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs)	335			
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-272, 3-284, 4-288, 5-333, 6-333				
Did not bat: S Mushtaq, W Younis, M Sami				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	10	0	61	0
Ntini	10	1	65	2
Donald	10	0	60	2
Kallis	9	0	60	1
Boje	6	0	45	0
Klusener	5	0	39	1

SOUTH AFRICA

Smith b Waqar	18			
Gibbs b Waqar	40			
Boje c Youhana b Sami	7			
McKenzie lbw b Waqar	4			
Kallis c Latif b Sami	12			
Rhodes b Sami	1			
Boucher c Latif b Afridi	4			
Pollock b Afridi	18			
Klusener not out	29			
Donald c Latif b Afridi	2			
Ntini c and b Saqlain	5			
Extras: (lb-2, nb-2, w-9)	13			
Total: (All out in 29 overs)	153			
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Akram	6	0	37	0
Waqar	7	2	45	3
Sami	5	1	26	3
Afridi	7	0	35	3
Saqlain	4	1	8	1

Result: Pakistan won by 182 runs to level the series at 1-1.

Man-of-the-match: Saleem Elahi.

Next match: Dec 13, East London.

Zim too strong for Kenya

Cricket

AFP, Kwekwe

Zimbabwe comfortably took a 1-0 lead in the three-match international series against World Cup rivals Kenya at the Kwekwe Sports Club here Wednesday with one match to play.

The first encounter produced no result at Harare because of rain.

This time the hosts pulled off the victory aided by fine innings from captain Alistair Campbell and Travis Friend, who put on a match-winning second wicket partnership of 146.

Zimbabwe, put into bat by Kenya's captain Steve Tikolo on a slow but otherwise excellent batting wicket, scored 273-4 and in reply the Kenyans were 181 for the loss of six wickets when umpires Alim Dar of Pakistan and Ahmed Esat of Zimbabwe offered them the light with six overs left.

This gave them victory by 47 runs based on the Duckworth-Lewis calculation.

At that stage, with 93 runs needed for victory from six overs there was no prospect of a Kenya victory.

Campbell, searching for form after a bad spell, took his time amassing 71 in 122 balls. Friend, sent in as a pinch hitter after Mark Vermeulen went for eight and with

11 on the scoreboard, helped himself to a sparkling 91 in 81 balls, his highest in internationals.

Friend, who normally bats number eight and opens the bowling, revelled in his high batting position, exuberantly hitting two sixes and nine fours. He was run out by substitute James Kamande, but not before he was able to take full advantage of a fielding error when dropped after scoring 26.

Zimbabwe were slow off the mark, scoring only 42 in the first 15 overs — compared to Kenya's 78-2 — but they accelerated towards the end of their allotted 50 overs, Andy Flower scoring an unbeaten 58 to take their average per over at the close to almost 5.5, from 2.7.

Kenya began well in response, Kennedy Obyua and Ravindu Shah linking up to score 55 before the first wicket fell. Shah was content to play safe while Obyua hit 54.

Henry Olunga and Travis Friend were generous with no-balls and wides and the Zimbabweans gave away 14 runs in wides and no-balls. However, when Tikolo, returning to the side after bronchitis, was run out in the same over as Obyua's dismissal, Kenya's prospects faded.

At the second tea break Kenya required 122 from 14 overs with six wickets down. It was asking too much of the lower order and the rapidly fading light brought forward the inevitable.

The final international will be played at Bulawayo on Sunday.

SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the second of three one-day internationals between Kenya and Zimbabwe at the Kwekwe Sports Club on Wednesday:

ZIMBABWE: 273 for four in 50 overs (T Friend 91, A Campbell 71, A Flower 58; M Suji 1-17, S Tikolo 1-49)

K Obyua c Friend b G Flower	54			
Shah c Vermeulen b Hondo	8			
Odoyo c Marillier b Friend	1			
Tilokun run out (Murphy)	20			
Modi b Marillier	26			
Ondumbe lbw b Murphy	12			
Patel not out	28			
Suji not out	16			
Extras: (b-2, w-8, nb-6)	16			
Total: (For 6 wkts in 44 overs)	181			
Fall of wickets: 1-55, 2-59, 3-94, 4-94, 5-122, 6-145				
Did not bat: J Angara, O Ondik, C Obyua				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Friend	7	0	33	0
Olonga	3	0	25	0
Hondo	5	0	28	1
Murphy	10	1	30	1
G Flower	10	1	27	1
Marillier	7	0	2	1
Campbell	2	0	7	0

Result: Zimbabwe won by 47 runs on the Duckworth-Lewis method after bad light stopped play.

Adam in for Andrew

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Adam Hollooake is likely to get an England recall later Thursday after Andrew Flintoff became the latest casualty on an injury-ravaged Australian tour.

Coach Duncan Fletcher confirmed the Lancashire allrounder was to become the fifth England player to be sent home after after

his recuperation from a double hernia operation stalled.

Hollooake was last week named in England's 30-man provisional World Cup party, but has not played international cricket since the 1999 tournament.

"There is a very good chance that Adam Hollooake will be the immediate replacement," Fletcher said here on Thursday.

"He is in Perth. I just want to confirm that with the convenor of selectors. It will just be for the one-day squad."

Having taken the early months of the 2002 county season off following the death of his brother and England teammate Ben in a Perth car crash, Hollooake returned to the game with a fresh outlook.

The combative all-rounder, who captained the England one-day side in 14 of his 35 appearances, played with a zest and boldness that had for so long been associated with his younger brother.

He captained Surrey to the county championship and, in nine first-class matches, Hollooake scored five fifties and two centuries, including a blistering 208.

He also registered an unbeaten limited-overs century, while his bowling in the shortened game was devastating.

Of those who bowled 30 overs of more in the season, only Ian Harvey and South African captain Shaun Pollock had a better average than Hollooake's 14.86 and best return of 5-43.

Despite numerous X-rays and scans during Flintoff's ill-fated stay in Australia, the medics still cannot ascertain why he remains in pain.

Flintoff will follow Darren Gough, Simon Jones, Ashley Giles and Chris Silverwood to England in the coming days, where he will work with a specialist medical officer already appointed by the ECB.

"We've had a very, very difficult decision to make over the last 48 hours," Fletcher said.

"It's very disappointing for Andrew and also for the England set-up."

"Andrew's going to go back to the UK to try and get this injury sorted out, hopefully for the World Cup (in February and March)."

"He's making no progress at the moment. I've been in touch with Lord's and it was agreed this was the right decision for England and Andrew."

ICC names WC umpires and refs

AFP, London

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Wednesday released the names of the umpires and match referees who will officiate at the World Cup in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Kenya next year.

There will be 25 umpires and six match referees for the tournament which gets underway on February 9.

All eight members of the Elite Panel of Umpires and the five Match Referees will be on duty throughout the tournament.

The ICC Elite Panel umpires are Steve Bucknor, Daryl Harper, Rudi Koertzen, Dave Orchard, David Shepherd, Asoka de Silva, Russell Tiffin and Srinivas Venkataraghavan.

They will be supported by 11 members taken from the ICC's International Panel of Umpires, who are Darrell Hair, Simon Taufel, Arani Jayaprakash, Neil Mallender, Peter Willey, Brent Bowden, Aleem Dar, Nadeem Ghouri, Brian Jerling, T Wijewardena, Kevan Barbour.

Two umpires from have been taken from the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) First Class list, Ian Howell and Shahid Wadvalia. The final four appointments are from the participating Associate Member nations: Michael Henry from Canada, Chris Pickett from Holland, Rockie D'Mello from Kenya and Jeff Luck of Namibia.

The ICC referees will be Clive Lloyd, Ranjan Madugalle, Mike Procter, Wasim Raja and Gundappa Viswanath. The Panel has been boosted by the appointment of Denis Lindsay, from the Supplementary Panel of Referees.

"With more than 50 games to be played during the World Cup there will be a heavy workload for all match officials. The International Panel was created for occasions such as this, to supplement and support the eight full time members of the Elite Panel. These appointments represent a great opportunity for these umpires to demonstrate their abilities on the biggest stage of all," commented ICC General Manager-Cricket, David Richardson.

International Panel umpires will be appointed to on-field and third official duties, while the UCBSA and Associate umpires will act as fourth officials for the Group stage of World Cup matches.

US magazine Paula, Hicham top athletes

AFP, Washington

Britain's Paula Radcliffe and Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj were named athletes-of-the-year 2002 by the US magazine Track and Field News.

The American monthly arrived at the same verdict as the IAAF, the world governing body for the sport, which honoured Radcliffe and El Guerrouj at its traditional gala last month in Monaco.

The 28-year-old Radcliffe, the world cross-country champion, European champion and European record-holder at 10,000m, also grabbed the world's best time in the marathon with her victory in Chicago. She was given the best female athlete nod ahead of sprinter Marion Jones.

El Guerrouj, winner of the Golden League and top performer in the world in 2002 over 1,500m, took the men's honour ahead of American Khalid Khannouchi, who improved on his world's best marathon time in winning the London Marathon.

V-Day cricket

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SHAHEED JEWEL XI: Kafi Khan (captain), Naeem Islam, Sagir Ahmed, Johurul Islam, Tanveer Rashid, Ashkur Rahman, Mahmudullah Riyad, Nazimuddin, Iftekarul Islam, Nadif Chowdhury, Abul Bashar, Enamul Haque, Shafaq Al-Zabir, Rubayet Haque, Ziaur Rahman, Kamrul Islam, Asif Nawaz, Arif Hossain and Arafat Sunny.

World Series

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us they had beaten us in a few big games over the last few years.

"We know about all that stuff and hopefully that will make us hungrier when the games against Sri Lanka come around."

Sri Lanka's top three of Sanath Jayasuriya (42), Marvan Atapattu (51) and Kumar Sangakkara (48) made light work of the Australian bowlers in pursuit of just 163 runs for victory in Colombo.

But Ponting said the Sri Lankans would not find life so easy against pacemen Glenn McGrath, Jason Gillespie and Brett Lee on bouncing, quicker Australian pitches.

Australia's first match against Sri Lanka is on December 22 at the WACA Ground in Perth conducive to fast bowling.

"They've got a number of good players, particularly batsmen," Ponting said.

"They have got some very talented and skilful one-day players but players like that tend to play better in their conditions as well."

"Hopefully, we can exploit some of their players out here."

Million dollar Haile

Athletics

AFP, Doha

Olympic legend Haile Gebrselassie of Ethiopia broke the 10km road race world record and won the one million dollar prize here Doha on Wednesday.

Gebreselassie, double Olympic 10,000m champion, clocked 27min 02secs in his comeback after a calf injury sustained during the London marathon in April, to break Kenyan Sammy Kipketer's world best of 27min 11sec.

In the women's race, fellow Ethiopian Derartu Tulu, the world and Olympic 10,000m champion, won in 32:23, to lead a clean sweep by her country ahead of compatriots Geta Wami and Kutre Dulecha.

Running in windy conditions with temperatures of 24 degrees Celsius, Gebreselassie made a break from the leading group at 6.5km which included Kenyans Francis Kiprop and James Kipketer and fellow Ethiopians Worku Bikila and Hailu Mekonnen.

Once Gebreselassie took control, the race result and the record were never in doubt with the Ethiopian winning from Mekonnen and Kiprop.

Gebreselassie, a four-time world champion, kept a brisk pace from the start.

"I had a plan chalked out on how to break the world mark and I am very happy that I did it," he said.

"I wanted to take the lead from the beginning and maintain it till the end. When I completed the first half of the race, I saw the clock and I knew the record would be mine."

Fellow Ethiopian Mekonnen

finished second in 27:29, while Kiprop was third in 27:49.

"The first kilometre was a little bit fast and I was a little nervous but everything turned out so well, it's really fantastic," added Gebreselassie.

"This race was to help me access my fitness and I am very pleased though I still need more speed. I would say I was at between 75 to 80 percent of the level I hope to achieve next year."

"This has been a fantastic result for my confidence, after my injury problems. My next race is likely to be indoors in Stuttgart."



HAILE GEBRESELASSIE

Meanwhile, the women's race produced a top three finish by Ethiopian athletes.

Tulu claimed the top spot in a time of 32:23 while Wami finished second in 32:27 and Dulecha was third in 32