Bandarban by 69 runs. At Rangpur, Nilphamari beat

Bogra by 83 runs At the Dhaka University Jagannath Hall ground, Mymensingh defeated Munshiganj by six wickets.

At Patuakhali, Barisal outplayed Barguna by seven wickets. At Dinajpur, Pabna beat

Chapainawabganj by one wicket. At Jhenidah, Magura beat Kushtia by one wicket.

#### **SCORES IN BRIEF** Faridpur v Sherpur

Faridpur: 154 all out (Nikkon 55, Uttam 24; Rony 4/22). Sherpur: 36 all out (Nazmul 7: Habib 3/6, Manjur 2/2, Ranajan 2/6 Mahfuzur 2/14).

Chittagong v Banderban Chittagong: 206 all out (Mithu 82, Sirajul 22, Arafat 21; Nazrul 3/54, Mithu 2/27 and Shamim 2/45). Bandarban: 137 all out (Shahadat 23, Shamim 16, Manoj 16; Mithu

Nilphamari v Bogra Nilphamari: 136 for 9 (Imran 47, Russel 29; Maruf 3/12). **Bogra**: 53 all out (Kutub 11, Maruf 9, Mirajul 9; Alam 4/9, Hadi 2/3, Oli

Munshiganj v Mymensingh Munshiganj: 127 all out (Sunny 29, Jony 23; Mahmudullah 3/28,

Noman 2/14). Mymensingh: 129 for 4 (Uttam 60, Mahmudullah 32: Shohag 2/21). Barguna v Barisal Barguna: 112 all out (Adnan 19,

Shaheen 19; Sonet 4/32, Nahid Barisal: 113 for 3 (Bappi 33, Rabbi

Chapainawabganj v Pabna Chapainawabganj: 116 all out (Fanesur 33, Sohel 16; Rabbi 2/21). Pabna: 118 for 9 (Zadid 31, Mamun 18; Raju 2/22, Toki 2/15).

Kushtia v Magura Kushtia: 128 all out (Kowshik 40, Imran 23: Gora 2/13. Utpal 2/16. Mansoor 2/18). Magura: 132 for 9 (Faisal 33, Zico 25; Russel 4/39,

## **Schools** cricket from January 6

BSS, Dhaka

CHITTAGONG

Nafees b Rezaul

Aftab b Rezaul

Sabbir not out

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**Bowler** 

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Alamgir

(Sylhet).

**KHULNA** 

Mahbud not out

Nasirul not out

Imtiaz c Nadim b Alamqir

Total: (For 2 wkts in 6.3 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-15

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Result: Sylhet won by eight wick-

Man-of-the-match: Nasir Hussain

Dhaka v Khulna

Salauddin c Fahim b Masud

/enue: BKSP

Parvez Ibw b Ashique

The Dhaka Metropolis zonal competition of the Standard Chartered 21st National School Cricket Tournament will begin in the city on January 6 instead of December 30. Interested schools, who have not

Chittagong v Sylhet

Venue: BNS

Nazimuddin c Nasir b Rezaul

Nadim c Mabud b Nasir

Akram c Mabud b Nasir

Faisal c Hadi b Rezaul

Ashigue c Hadi b Nasir

Extras: (lb-1, nb-1, w-7)

Total: (All out in 20.4 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-8,

13, 5-15, 6-21, 7-27, 8-27, 9-27

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Suja İbw b Enamul jr

Alamgir Ibw b Nasir



Scene from the inaugural match of the Tribal Football Championship between Bandarban and Rajshahi at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday

# Langer rattles

FROM PAGE 13 fairytale century as he fell to a faint edge off White to wicketkeeper James Foster for 77

Dominant Australia, who have cleaned up the opening three Tests in just 11 playing days, have amassed 400 or more in the first innings of every Test in the series.

White finished with 3-133 off 33 overs and Dawson claimed 2-121

#### **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the fourth Ashes Test between Australia and England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on

AUSTRALIA: First innings (over-

night 356-3)	
Langer c Caddick b Dawson	250
Hayden c Crawley b Caddick	102
Ponting b White	21
Martyn c Trescothick b White	17
Waugh c Foster b White	77
Love not out	62
Gilchrist b Dawson	1
Extras: (lb-11, w-5, nb-5)	21
Total: (For 6 wkts dec in	
146 overs)	551
Fall of wickets: 1-195, 2-2	235,
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265, 4-394, 5-545, 6-551 О М Caddick 36 6 126 7 108 Harmison 33 White 5 133 Dawson 28 1 121 2 **ENGLAND:** First innings

Trescothick c Gilchrist b Lee

Vaughan b McGrath

Niaz Ibw b Saiful

Manzarul b Fahim

128, 5-147, 6-149

**Bowler** 

Neeyamur

Saiful

Masud

Arafat

Fahim

139

**Bowler** 

Al-Amin

Russell

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Haque (Dhaka).

Imran b Shafaq

**BARISAL** 

Manzarul

Mazharul

**DHAKA** 

Mazharul not out

Neevamur not out

Extras: (lb-6, w-3)

Khaled not out

Hasanuzzaman not out

Extras: (b-5, lb-7, w-6)

Rashedul c Niaz b Razzak

Halim Shah Ibw b Razzak

Jahangir c Khaled b Monirul

Total: (For 3 wkts in 29 overs) 158

Result: Dhaka won by seven wick-

Man-of-the-match: Rashedul

Rajshahi v Barisal

Venue: DCS

Fall of wickets: 1-133, 2-133, 3-

Total: (For 6 wkts in 35 overs) 156

Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-33, 3-114, 4-

Awful Chittagong!

Butcher Ibw b Gillespie 17 Hussain not out Dawson not out Extras: (b-2, lb-2, nb-3) Total: (For 3 wkts in 34 overs) 97 Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-73, 3-94

To bat: John Crawley, Robert Key, James Foster, Craig White.

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Bowler	0	М	R	٧	
McGrath	7	2	18		
Gillespie	8	4	8		
MacGill	11	3	36		
Lee	8	1	31		
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# Govt backing

FROM PAGE 13 "We are hopeful that sponsors will

act in the larger interests of the country and its players. Otherwise, we will be forced to review commercial relations with them." The sponsors have so far refused to back down, but the situa-

tion could change quickly if the government nudges them to side with the cricketers. Seven Indian cricketers -- Rahul Dravid. Virender Sehwag, Javagal Srinath Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Mohammed Kaif and Dinesh

Mongia -- currently have contracts with LG's rival Samsung. Star batsman Sachin Tendulkar

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#### endorses Hero Honda rivals TVS scooters and Fiat, while Sehwag has been signed up by Coca-Cola.

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Pijush c Shafaq b Imran

Debabrata b Aminul jr

Extras: (lb-5, w-1)

**Bowler** 

Mamun

Aminul jr

Nuruzzaman

RAJSHAHI

Jamiul b Nadif

Anisur not out

Jahurul c Nadif b Pijush

Nuruzzaman not out

Rafigul c Reshadur b Nadif

Extras: (b-4, lb-1, nb-2, w-4)

Total: (For 3 wkts in 32.2 overs)121

Fall of wickets: 1-65, 2-65, 3-96

Anisur c Mahbub b Imran

Total: (All out in 44.2 overs) 119 Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-12, 3-27

4-28, 5-56, 6-57, 7-90, 8-96, 9-117

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Nahidul c Rafiqul b Mamun

Monir b Shafaq

Towhid not out

Shahin c & b Imran

#### Tribal Football

#### Good start for Bandarban

UNB, Dhaka

Bandarban made a flying start in the first-ever Tribal football tournament beating Raishahi 5-2 at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur

Deputy Minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Moni Swapan Dewan inaugurated the weak-long

eleven-team meet. The other opening day match between Khagrachhari and Sylhet ended in a goalless draw at the same venue.

**TEAMS** Group A Bandarban, Mymensingh and Rajshahi.

Group B Khagrachari, Sherpur and Group C Netrakona, Barguna and Cox's Bazar.

Group D-Rangamati and Dinajpur. Group champions will play in the semifinals to be held on January 1. The final will be held on January 2.

#### Ntini rips

FROM PAGE 13 Mohammad Sami achieved remarkable reverse swing which confounded Kallis, who was bowled without playing a shot for 105.

At that stage, South Africa had added only two runs to their overnight total of 250 for five. Boucher and skipper Pollock put

on 34 for the seventh wicket, with Pollock batting fluently for 21 before gloving a catch to wicketkeeper Kamran Akmal off Pakistan captain Wagar Younis.

Boucher and Boje put on 58 in just 11 overs before Saqlain Mushtaq had Boucher caught off bat and pad at short leg for 55, made in 190 minutes off 108 balls with eight fours. Earlier off-spinner Saglain on the opening day claimed his 200th Test wicket despite a tough day on the field. Just before tea he took two wickets in successive overs to reach the landmark and finish the day with two for 87. When Boucher was on 31 he

reached 2000 runs in Test cricket. Saqlain followed up by having Makhava Ntini caught at long-on to finish the innings with four for 119. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at close on the second

day of the first Test between South

Africa and Pakistan at Kingsmead

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 250-5) Smith c Akmal b Sami Gibbs c Igbal b Wagar Kirsten c Younis b Saqlain Kallis b Sami 105 Dippenaar c Akmal b Saqlain McKenzie b Waqar Boucher c Iqbal b Saqlain Pollock c Akmal b Waqar Boje not out Ntini c Umar b Saqlain Hayward b Sami Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-23) Total: (All out in 107 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-33, 3-155, 4-159, 5-214, 6-252, 7-286, 8-344, 9-Bowler Waqar

92 57 Razzaq **PAKISTAN:** First innings Umar c Smith b Havward Elahi c McKenzie b Ntini Younis Ibw b Pollock Inzamam c and b Ntini Youhana c Smith b Ntini labal run out (Pollock) Razzaq c McKenzie b Hayward Akmal not out Saglain b Havward

To bat: Mohammad Sami **R** 23 45 Bowler W Pollock Havward 29 22 Umpires: Steve Bucknor and

**M R W** 1 17 0 **Bowler** Anisur 15 Debabrata 0 19 Kafi 24 Nadif 11 Pijush Towhid 0 19 2 5 2 Reshadur 0 Monir 0.2 0 Imran Result: Rajshahi won by seven

Man-of-the-match: Towhid

## V-Day b'ball SPORTS REPORTER

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Bangladesh Army paved their way into the Nitol-Indica Victory Day Basketball Tournament final with a 96-68 win over Bangladesh Rifles in the second semifinal held at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday afternoon.

The armymen led the first-half

Kamruzzaman caged in highest 26 points for the winners while Selim and Iqbal added 14 and 11 points respectively. On the other hand, Maniil scored

26 points for the losers. The winners encounter Bangladesh Navy in tomorrow's

of Zim WC side INTERNET, undated

Alistair left out

Co-hosts Zimbabwe have sprung a surprise by leaving former captain Alistair Campbell out of their 15 man World Cup squad.

Batsman Campbell has scored 5.178 runs in 187 one-dav internationals, and led them to the Super Six phase of the 1999 competition in England.

Only the Flower brothers -- Andy (205) and Grant (192) -- have made more one-day international appearances for Zimbabwe.

#### **SQUAD**

Heath Streak (captain), Andy Blignaut, Dion Ebrahim, Sean Ervine, Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Travis Friend, Douglas Hondo, Douglas Marillier, Brian Murphy, Henry Olonga, Tatenda Taibu, Mark Vermeulen, Guy Whittall, Craig Wishart.

#### Biman

FROM PAGE 13 round which lifted their point tally to 55.5, well ahead of runners-up Bangladesh Ansars' 43.5.

Titas Club finished third with 41.5

Other positions are: Fourth: Kamalapur Samaj Kallyan and Krira Sangha (36 points); fifth: Leonine Chess Club 33.5 (points); sixth: Mohakhali Prodip Sangha (32 points); seventh: Sonali Bank (31.5 points); eighth: Aniban Chess School (28.5 points); ninth: Narayanganj City Club (28 points); 10th: Anushilan Daba Krira Chakra (25 points); 11th: Monipur Chess Club (23.5 points); 12th: Dhaka University Chess Team (23 points); 13th: Nakhalpara Jubo Kallyan Sangha (23 points); 14th: Farashgonj Sporting Club (20.5 points); 15th: Anu Memorial Club (19 points); 16th: Bangshal Progati Samaj Kallyan Sangstha (15.5 points)

Board prizes are: 1st Board: GM Ziaur Rahman (Biman), 12 points out of 12 games. 2nd Board: IM Reefat Bin Sattar (Biman) 11 points out of 12 games, 3rd Board: IM Abdullah Al Rakib (Biman) 11.5 points out of 12 games, 4th Board: IM Enamul Hossain Razib (Biman) 12 points out of 13 games, 5th Board: FM Rezaul Haque (Biman) 8 points out of 8 games and 6th Board: Masudur Rahman Mallik Dipu (Sonali Bank) 4 points out of 7 games.

Anu Memorial Club and Bangshal Progati were relegated to the Second Division.

Meanwhile, the International Rating Chess Tournament, organised by Leonine Chess Club, will start today at 3:00 pm at this venue. 40 rated and 10 unrated players are to participate in the event.

## Arshi, Saleha V-Day Cup golf champs

**SPORTS REPORTER** 

of Kurmitola Golf Club Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury inaugurated the meet and later he distributed prizes among the winners. The tournament was participated by 232

# OTHER RESULTS

Matiur Rahman

Junior winner: Taosif Runner-up: Azam J Chowdhury Senior runner-up: Ferenc Georgi 2nd Runner-up: Gp Capt Munirul

3rd Runner-up: Saad Rahim Ladies runner-up: Mrs Jun Kin Front Nine winner: Brig Gen Jahangir Kabir (retd) Back Nine winner: Brig Gen Abdul Mannan Miah Nearest to Pin: Dr Mya Maung

Longest Drive: Saad Rahim Winner Nine Hole: Flt Lt Rahmat Ali

Runner-up Nine-Hole: Gp Capt



PHOTO: COURTESY

# Fletcher plays it down

Cricket

**INTERNET**, undated

England are unlikely to accept an invitation from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to take part in a triangular one-day series next April.

The PCB is drawing up contingency plans in case India refuse to undertake a scheduled tour at that time because of ongoing political problems between the two

They have asked the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and officials in Sri Lanka whether their teams would be available.

But England coach Duncan Fletcher believes his players will need a break following the World Cup, which takes place in February and March. "We have got to play more one-

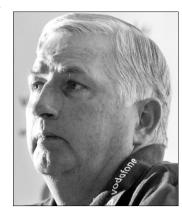
day cricket but that doesn't mean to say that every time we have a break, we need to fill it "We have to make sure we put a plan of action together which will

enable us to play more one-day cricket at suitable times." Pakistan have not hosted a

series since a bomb blast forced

New Zealand to cut short a tour in

But both South Africa and Bangladesh have agreed to tour late



**DUNCAN FLETCHER** 

Following the World Cup final on March 23, England's next international fixture is the first Test of the domestic season, against Zimbabwe on May 22.

Pakistan are due to play a threematch one-day NatWest Challenge series in England in late June. directly before the NatWest Series. involving England, Zimbabwe and

compensation claims to the ICC for

None of his team were injured,

"I saw things people shouldn't

but New Zealand captain Stephen

Normally, sides make a return

trip after a team has toured. England last visited Pakistan in 2000, losing the one-day series 2-1, but winning a three-Test series 1-0.

India are due to play three Tests and three one-day internationals in Pakistan, according to the International Cricket Council (ICC) fixture list.

But the Indian government has for the last two years refused to allow the teams to play Tests against each other.

PCB chairman Tauqir Zia said both the Sri Lankan board and the ECB had been asked about their availability after the World Cup. He however was confident that both sides could be convinced to play the triangular series in April or May.

Australia asked to play their three-Test series at neutral venues in November.

Zia said he had held a teleconference with the Indian board and ICC officials and asked them to set a deadline for confirming

"Right now we have not set a date for them to confirm the tour, but we would like them to do so as soon as possible," he said.

"We can't afford to keep waiting for

called for a rule change after their

team were twice forced to forfeit

commanding positions in order for

the matches to be re-started the

First day of first Ashes

It is not often that five-Test series

hope of an upset after a shattering

first day in Brisbane, they were

Australia may as well have after

they hammered 364 runs for the

It banished any vestiges of

Ashes hype at a stroke -- and

proved a reliable precursor to what

was to follow as England lost the

The first three one-dayers in West

Indies' triumphant series win were

pitch and fires lit in the stands in the

opening match and Windies' fielder

Ramnaresh Sarwan was struck by

the third game when a bottle thrown

at Vasbert Drakes prompted the

visitors to march off the pitch and

was controversially used to deter-

The Duckworth-Lewis method

Bottles were thrown onto the

Tensions reached boiling point in

Crowd trouble in India

blighted by crowd disturbances.

But if England held out much

England won the toss, but

are decided in one day.

loss of only two wickets.

series in three Tests

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# BBC's five lows

revenue lost.

### Cricket

**INTERNET,** London

Fleming said memories of the blast From Ben Hollioake to crowd trouwill haunt him forever. ble in India, cricket suffered some glum moments in 2002. Here the see," a tearful Fleming said on his BBC Online sums up its five most sad moments the game has experienced during the period:

#### Ben Hollioake's death

The cricket world was shocked in March when a car accident in West Australia tragically claimed the life of Ben Hollioake.

Before the crash Hollioake's

over, and the team in the middle of a Test in New Zealand finished the match with only half of a heavy Hollioake's brother Adam contemplated retirement from the

game, but carried on and proceeded

England career had been far from

to skipper Surrey to county championship success He named his daughter, who was born in May, Bennaya, a joining of the words Ben and his dead

#### seriously injured in the crash. Bomb blast in Karachi

brother's girlfriend Janaya, who was

A suicide bomb attack at New Zealand's hotel in Karachi cut short

the Kiwis' tour of Pakistan. It also cut short the lives of 14 people and showed that cricket was not exempt from the danger of our

No team has toured Pakistan since then, leading the Pakistan Cricket Board to make seven-figure

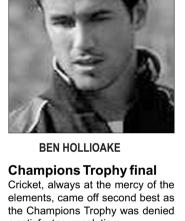


a satisfactory resolution.

It denied local fans a much-



It was not through lack of trying, with the decider between Sri Lanka and India twice rescheduled to no avail as torrential rain persisted in Colombo.



anticipated sub-continental showmine the result, with India gaining a pyrrhic victory. down and resulted in the trophy A West Indies protest was disbeing shared. missed, but their disappointment Leading Indian cricket figures was short-lived as they went on to WHiZZ KID-186 correct answers

PHOTO: COURTESY

Participants of the Victory Day Cup golf tournament are seen with the Chief

of Army Staff and president of Kurmitola Golf Club Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud

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Chapter XI

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dictionary

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

against West Indies by: Ans: 86 runs

1. Bangladesh lost the third ODI

2. Who won the 2002 Davis Cup? Ans: Russia 3. Who was man-of-the-match in the first Test between Bangladesh and

West Indies?

Ans: Ronaldo

Ans: Lawson 4. Who lifted the women's World Cup hockey title?

Ans: Argentina 5. Who was voted World Soccer magazine's player-of-the-year?

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FACTORY. IT'S SIMPLY TOO GRATING Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals A

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**CRYPTOQUIP** PL JQGE UQWWJ PR BXIPZK VPDBGEHR

DXEBQKEXVUHE? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I AM NO LONGER FOREMAN AT THE CHEESE PROCESSING

#### Arshi Haider won the men's title while Saleha Hakim lifted the Extras: (lb-1, nb-2, w-1) 4 Total: (For 8 wkts in 43.2 overs)120 women's crown of the Victory Day Fall of wickets: 1-77, 2-83, 3-83, 4-107, 5-119, 6-120, 7-120, 8-120 Cup golf tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club course yester-

Chief of Army Staff and president

Senior winner: Maj Gen A S M



Action from the Nitol-Indica Victory Day Basketball Tournament semifinal between Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Rifles yesterday.