

Youth Cricket

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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 Bandarban
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 3/27).

Nilphamari v Bogra
Nilphamari: 136 for 9 (Imran 47, Rashed 29; Maruf 3/12).
Bogra: 53 all out (Kutub 11, Maruf 9, Mirajul 9; Alam 4/9, Hadi 2/3, Oli 2/16).

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 3/22).
Barisal: 113 for 3 (Bappi 33, Rabbi 32).

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, Shawon 4/21).

Schools cricket from January 6

BSS, Dhaka
The Dhaka Metropolitan 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



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

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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 off 28 overs.

SCOREBOARD

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

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 Trecothick 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 wks decin 146 overs) | 551 |

Fall of wickets: 1-195, 2-235, 3-265, 4-394, 5-545, 6-551

| Bowler | O | M | R | W |
|----------|----|---|-----|---|
| Caddick | 36 | 6 | 126 | 1 |
| Harmison | 36 | 7 | 108 | 0 |
| White | 33 | 5 | 133 | 3 |
| Dawson | 28 | 1 | 121 | 2 |
| Butcher | 13 | 2 | 52 | 0 |

ENGLAND: First innings
Trescothick c Gilchrist b Lee 37
Vaughan b McGrath 11

| | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Butcher lbw b Gillespie | 25 |
| Hussain not out | 17 |
| Dawson not out | 0 |
| Extras: (b-2, lb-2, nb-3) | 7 |
| Total: (For 3 wks in 34 overs) | 97 |

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-73, 3-94
To bat: John Crawley, Robert Key, James Foster, Craig White, Andy Caddick, Steve Harmison

| Bowler | O | M | R | W |
|-----------|----|---|----|---|
| McGrath | 7 | 2 | 18 | 1 |
| Gillespie | 8 | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| MacGill | 11 | 3 | 36 | 0 |
| Lee | 8 | 1 | 31 | 1 |

Umpires: David Orchard (South Africa) and Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe).

Ntini rips

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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 Waqar 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 Saqlain 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 Mahyana Ntini caught on 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 on Friday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 250-5)

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Smith c Akmal b Sami | 16 |
| Gibbs c Iqbal b Waqar | 11 |
| Kirsten c Younis b Saqlain | 56 |
| Kallis b Sami | 105 |
| Dippenaar c Akmal b Saqlain | 1 |
| McKenzie b Waqar | 24 |
| Boucher c Iqbal b Saqlain | 55 |
| Pollock c Akmal b Waqar | 21 |
| Boje not out | 37 |
| Ntini c Umar b Saqlain | 0 |
| Hayward b Sami | 10 |
| Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-23) | 32 |
| Total: (All out in 107 overs) | 368 |

Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-33, 3-155, 4-159, 5-214, 6-252, 7-286, 8-344, 9-344

| Bowler | O | M | R | W |
|---------|----|---|-----|---|
| Waqar | 25 | 3 | 91 | 3 |
| Sami | 26 | 5 | 92 | 3 |
| Razaq | 19 | 3 | 57 | 0 |
| Saqlain | 37 | 4 | 119 | 4 |

PAKISTAN: First innings
Umar c Smith b Waqar 39
Elahi c McKenzie b Ntini 39
Younis lbw b Pollock 1
Inzamam c and b Ntini 18
Yuhana c Smith b Ntini 12
Iqbal run out (Pollock) 6
Razaq c McKenzie b Hayward 1
Akmal not out 0
Saqlain b Hayward 0
Waqar not out 0
Mamun 9 1 22 2
Aminul jr 8.2 2 15 2
Nuruzzaman 10 5 14 1
Imran 8 1 30 3

Govt backing

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

Tribal Football Good start for Bandarban

INTERNET, undated

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

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: Khagrachhari, Sherpur and Sylhet.
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.

Alistair left out of Zim WC side

INTERNET, undated

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-day 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.

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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 Prograti 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.

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Arshi, Saleha V-Day Cup golf champs
Arshi Haider won the men's title while Saleha Hakim lifted the women's crown of the Victory Day Cup golf tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

Chief of Army Staff and president 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 golfers.

OTHER RESULTS
Senior winner: Maj Gen A S M Maitur Rahman
Junior winner: Taosif Runner-up: Azam J Chowdhury
Senior runner-up: Ferenc Georgi
2nd Runner-up: Gp Capt Munirul Hossain
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 Myra Maung
Longest Drive: Saad Rahim
Winner Nine Hole: Ft Lt Rahmat Ali (retd)
Runner-up Nine-Hole: Gp Capt Mueenuddin Ahmed

V-Day b'ball
SPORTS REPORTER
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 army men led the first-half 57-36. Kamruzzaman caged in highest 26 points for the winners while Selim and Iqbal added 14 and 11 points respectively.

On the other hand, Manjil scored 26 points for the losers.

The winners encounter Bangladesh Navy in tomorrow's final at the same venue.



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Fletcher plays it down

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BBC's five lows

INTERNET, London

From Ben Holloake to crowd trouble in India, cricket suffered some glum moments in 2002. Here the BBC Online sums up its five most sad moments the game has experienced during the period:

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First day of first Ashes Test

It is not often that five-Test series are decided in one day.

But if England held out much hope of an upset after a shattering first day in Brisbane, they were alone.

England won the toss, but Australia was as well have after they hammered 364 runs for the loss of only two wickets.

It banished any vestiges of Ashes hype at a stroke -- and proved a reliable precursor to what was to follow as England lost the series in three Tests.

Crowd trouble in India

The first three one-dayers in West Indies' triumphant series were blighted by crowd disturbances.

Bottles were thrown onto the pitch and fires lit in the stands in the opening match and Windies' fielder Ramnaresh Sarwan was struck by missiles in the next.