

## Runs not day's order

**Cricket**

**SPORTS REPORTER**

There was no run-fest in the CityCell Digital 22nd National Youth Cricket Championship on Saturday.

Seven matches were played at different venues across the country, but not a single team could score 200-plus runs and more importantly not a single innings lasted till the 50th over.

There were only four batsmen who scored a half-century and two bowlers captured four or more wickets.

Ayub Ali of Rajbari scored highest 70 runs in his side's 192 against Madaripur at the Jagannath Hall ground in Dhaka. It was also the highest innings total on the day.

Madaripur, in their chase, were bowled out for 140 in 46.3 overs.

Cox's Bazar on the other hand earned the dubious distinction of scoring the lowest total on the day when they were shot out for 33 against Laxmipur at the Comilla Stadium. Sunny captured five wickets for 10 runs and Jahid took 4-4 for Laxmipur, who rattled up the required 34 in 10 overs and for the loss of one wicket.

At the Mymensingh Stadium, Bishwajit hammered an unbeaten 59 to guide Kishoregonj to an impressive eight-wicket win against

Gazipur. Hamidur also scored 50 not out in Gazipur's unimpressive total of 138 that Kishoregonj toppled in 31.1 overs.

Rangpur recorded the quickest win against Panchagarh at Dinajpur Stadium. Batting first, Panchagarh were bowled out for 90 in 23.2 overs.

Rangpur raced to 91 in just 9.3 overs with Bappi scoring a blazing 54.

Satkhira recorded a seven-wicket win against Jhenidah at Jessore Stadium while hosts Patuakhalhi defeated neighbours Jhalakathi by five wickets.

In the other low-scoring game at Rangpur, Sirajganj defeated Kurigram by four wickets.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**Madaripur v Rajbari**  
Rajbari: 192 all out in 48.1 overs (Ayub 70, Saidur 27; Tariqul 2/20, Sentu 2/28)  
Madaripur: 140 all out in 46.3 overs (Santu 38; Ashraf 3/18, Saidur 3/16)  
**Result:** Rajbari won by 52 runs.

**Gazipur v Kishoregonj**  
Gazipur: 138 for 8 in 37 overs (Hamidur 50, Mainul 29; Khokon 2/18, Kokon 2/26)  
Kishoregonj: 140 for 2 in 31.5 overs (Biswajit 59 not out, Russel 34 not out; Jihad 1/23)  
**Result:** Kishoregonj won by 8 wickets.

**Laxmipur v Cox's Bazar**  
Cox's Bazar: 33 all out in 20.1 overs (Sunny 5/10, Jahid 4/4)  
Laxmipur: 34 for 1 in 10 overs (Tanu 14, Anis 1/13)  
**Result:** Laxmipur won by 9 wickets.

**Kurigram v Sirajganj**  
Kurigram: 120 for 9 in 35 overs (Raja 30, Rachi 30; Liton 3/18, Anik 3/19)  
Sirajganj: 121 for 6 in 31.5 overs (Rubel 41, Hasan 13; Nayan 14/2)  
**Result:** Sirajganj won by 4 wickets.

**Rangpur v Panchagarh**  
Panchagarh: 90 all out in 23.2 overs (Ahsanul 36, Tariq 22; Munna 3/12, Jhonny 3/8, Ijaz 2/9)  
Rangpur: 91 for no loss in 9.3 overs (Bappi, Ripon 32)  
**Result:** Rangpur won by 10 wickets.

**Satkhira v Jhenidah**  
Jhenidah: 115 all out in 44.3 overs (Akhtar 39, Ashraf 17; Zakir 3/11, Tawfiq 2/16)  
Satkhira: 118 for 3 in 27.1 overs (Jahangir 34, Zakir 28; Ashraf 2/31)  
**Result:** Satkhira won by 7 wickets.

**Patuakhalhi v Jhalakathi**  
Jhalakathi: 107 all out in 41.1 overs (Uzsal 24, Sohag 19; Hira 2/11, Babu 3/17, Anu 2/26)  
Patuakhalhi: 108 for 5 in 35.3 overs (Sumon 24, Tuhin 18; Hannan 2/17)  
**Result:** Patuakhalhi won by 5 wickets.

## StanChart School Cricket Dhaka zone ties deferred

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The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) deferred the Dhaka zone matches of the Standard Chartered 21st National Schools Championship for a week to accommodate more participants in the competition.

The matches of Dhaka zone, which was scheduled to start on December 30, would now get underway from January 6.

Eighty-two city schools have so far confirmed their entries. But Ali Hossain, co-ordinator of the competition, said that they have extended that date following requests from different educational institutions that remained closed for long vacations.

Interested schools have been asked to complete the entry formalities at BCB's Bangabandhu National Stadium office by January 1.

## U-14 Football Bangladesh baffle Bhutan

**UNB, Dhaka**

Zahid scored a double hat-trick as Bangladesh thrashed Bhutan 13-0 in their last league match of the AFC Under-14 Festival of Football in Katmandu yesterday.

The Bangladesh boys led the first half 4-0 as Sujon struck two times and Shankar and Mithun scoring the other two. After the breather, Zahid scored six goals and Mithun two while Sujon added the last one to the winners' tally.

In the previous matches, Bangladesh beat Sri Lanka (8-0) and Maldives (6-0), drew with Nepal (2-2) and conceded a 1-2 defeat against India.

## Tribal football Netrokona, Rangamati post wins

**UNB, Dhaka**

Netrokona and Rangamati earned easy wins in the first ever Tribal football tournament beating their respective rivals at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

In the day's first match, a fine hat-trick by Probal enabled Netrokona to beat Cox's Bazar 5-0. Probal scored four goals in a row in the 15th, 30th, 42nd, 52nd minutes after Saikat's first goal in the 9th minute.

In the day's other match, Rangamati defeated Dinajpur 4-1. Barun struck twice in the 18th and 66th minutes while Diptha and Kingshuk netted one each in the 40th and 79th minutes.

Elias netted the consolation goal for the losers in the 70th minute.

## An Anwar reminder

**AFP, Karachi**

Veteran opener Saeed Anwar hit a confident half-century in a domestic match Saturday to revive his comeback chances as Pakistan continue to search for an opening pair ahead of next year's World Cup.

The 34-year-old Anwar, sidelined since September, made 58 in a first-class match to further boost his chances of regaining a place in Pakistan's final 15 for the World Cup, which is due to be announced Tuesday.

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## Caddick handed reprimand

**AFP, Melbourne**

England fast bowler Andy Caddick was given an official reprimand by match referee Wasim Raja on Saturday for making a hand gesture to the crowd during the fourth Ashes cricket Test against Australia.

Caddick apologised for his action after he was no-balled while bowling the 14th over of Friday's second day's play at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Caddick appeared at a hearing at the ground on Saturday attended by Raja, umpires Dave Orchard, Russell Tiffin and Darrell Hair and England team coach Duncan Fletcher.

"At the hearing Andrew Caddick admitted the offence and apologised for his action," Raja said in a statement released by the Australian Cricket Board.

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## India wait on Sachin Second one-dayer starts today

**Cricket**

**AFP, Napier**

India go into the second one-day international against New Zealand here on Sunday hoping to overcome their form and fitness problems. Master batsman Sachin Tendulkar was yet to recover completely from an ankle injury sustained before Thursday's day-night opening game at Auckland, forcing India to shuffle their batting order.

The tourists lost the low-scoring match by three wickets to trail 1-0 in the seven-match series.

"He will have another fitness test tomorrow morning," skipper Saurav Ganguly said of Tendulkar, who did not bat with his teammates in the nets on Saturday.

Tendulkar, the leading run-getter in the world with 11,544 in 300 matches with a record 33 centuries, has not played a one-dayer since the Champions Trophy final against Sri Lanka at Colombo in September.

His absence forced India to try out a new opening combination in Shiv Das and Virender Sehwag at Auckland, with regular opener Ganguly batting in the middle order.

The skipper did not rule out a different pair in the second game at the McLean Park here, saying a fit-

again Sanjay Bangar could open with Sehwag if Tendulkar failed the fitness test.

Bangar (knee) was one of the three key players to miss the opening match due to an injury, others being off-spinner Harbhajan Singh and Tendulkar.

Harbhajan, suffering from a hand injury, has also been declared fit.

Tendulkar's fitness added to India's batting woes as none of their



SACHIN TENDULKAR

players has so far looked in his best form against the New Zealand pace attack in low-scoring matches on seamer-friendly pitches.

India's worst came at Auckland

when they were shot out for 108 to record their lowest total against New Zealand in 62 one-dayers.

"The pitches made more news in Tests and the last one-dayer. Fast bowlers of both the sides bowled well as they got a lot of help from the surfaces," said Ganguly, whose team also lost the two-Test series 2-0.

Ganguly said the pitch looked good for batting and he was looking forward to an improved performance from his batsmen so as to square the series.

"They (batsmen) are all professionals and know what is expected of them at this stage. It is a matter of winning just one game and I am sure the victory will turn things around for us," said Ganguly.

New Zealand, however, were keen to extend their impressive run against the tourists ahead of the World Cup starting in South Africa next February.

This is the last one-day series for both India and New Zealand before the World Cup.

"We have to keep the momentum going for a long time as the World Cup squad is very much on the selectors' mind. Consistency is what we are looking for," said New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming.

Like his Indian counterpart, SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

## Vaughan overtakes Amiss

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**REUTERS, Melbourne**

Opener Michael Vaughan has set an England record for runs in a calendar year after his team were forced to follow on on the third day of the fourth Test against Australia.

Vaughan moved past Dennis Amiss's 1974 tally of 1,379 runs in his unbeaten 55 as England reached 111 for two at the close on Saturday.

Australia, who have already won the first three Tests of the five-match series by big margins, bowled England out for 270 in reply to the home side's 551 for six declared.

Craig White hit 85 not out as England fell 281 runs behind Australia on the first innings after resuming at their overnight score of 97 for three and losing their last seven wickets inside two sessions.

Jason Gillespie took four for 25 runs in 16.3 overs to lead Australia's attack while leg-spinner Stuart MacGill took two for 108 from 36 overs after bowling 25 consecutive overs from the southern end on Saturday.

However, Australia captain Steve Waugh's decision to enforce the follow-on in warm conditions with the pitch offering little assistance left his bowlers straining to break through in England's second innings.

All-rounder White came to the crease with England in trouble at 118 for six. The 33-year-old hit nine fours and three sixes in his 134-ball innings which lasted three hours.

Gillespie ended the innings 12 minutes before the scheduled tea break when he had tailender Steve Harmison caught behind for two, leaving White 15 runs short of his second test century.

Australia had earlier pressed home their advantage by claiming three wickets for seven runs in 22 balls in the first session on Saturday including that of England captain Nasser Hussain for 24 at 118 for six.

Nightwatchman Richard Dawson was caught at slip for six off the bowling of MacGill in the fourth over of the day before Robert Key was lbw to Brett Lee for a second-ball duck.

Hussain swept at MacGill three overs later as the ball brushed past his bat and gloves and Matthew Hayden at short leg claimed a diving catch which was given out.

However, Hussain appeared less than happy with the decision.

John Crawley and White put on 54 in 78 balls for the seventh wicket before Crawley, on 17, top-edged a pull shot to Justin Langer at mid-wicket off the bowling of Gillespie.

England had resumed on their overnight score of 97 for three, with Hussain on 17 and Dawson yet to score, and went to lunch in a sorry state at 185 for seven.

Wicketkeeper James Foster (19) added 55 for the eighth wicket with White and Andy Caddick hit 17 from 30 balls before he was bowled by Gillespie as he missed with a wild slog attempt.

Marcus Trescothick threatened to make a big total for England in their second innings but he was given out lbw off MacGill after attempting a sweep shot while on 37 in the 16th over at 67 for one. The left-hander had struck five boundaries, including three in over off Lee, and one six.

A tired-looking Gillespie made the second breakthrough in the 25th over with the score on 89 when Mark Butcher, on six, edged to first slip and Martin Love held a diving one-handed catch low to his left. Hussain, on seven, was adjudged not out by the third umpire after

extensive video replays as Australia appealed for a stumping off MacGill at 107 for two.

Gillespie said Waugh had consulted the pace attack before enforcing the follow-on.

"We were more than happy to have a bowl. It was the best thing to do to put us in the best position to win the game," Gillespie told a news conference.

"Some short balls are not getting up as high so from a bowling perspective... that puts a little bit of doubt in the batsman's mind for some of the cross-batted shots which is good, definitely."

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard after the third day of the fourth Ashes Test between Australia and England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings- 551 for 6 declared (J Langer 250, M Hayden 102, S Waugh 77; C White 3-133)

**ENGLAND:** First innings (97 for 3 overnight)  
Trescothick c Gilchrist b Lee 37  
Vaughan b McGrath 11  
Butcher lbw b Gillespie 25  
Hussain c Hayden b MacGill 24  
Dawson c Love b MacGill 6  
Key lbw b Lee 0

Crawley c Langer b Gillespie 17  
White not out 85  
Foster lbw b Waugh 19  
Caddick b Gillespie 17  
Harmison c Gilchrist b Gillespie 2  
Extras: (b-3, lb-10, nb-14) 27  
Total: (all out in 89.3 overs) 3-94

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-73, 3-94, 4-111, 5-113, 6-118, 7-172, 8-227, 9-264

**Bowler**  
McGrath 16 5 41 1  
Gillespie 16.3 7 25 4  
MacGill 36 10 70 2  
Lee 17 4 108 2  
Waugh 4 0 13 1

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## Did U Know?

That term 'it's all fun and games until someone loses an eye' is from Ancient Rome. The only rule during wrestling matches was, 'no eye gouging!' Biting, kicking and scratching was allowed, but the only way to be disqualified was to poke someone's eye out.



## What to WATCH

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Repeat at 2:30 pm  
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Repeat at 4:30 pm
- English Premier Football League**  
Newcastle United vs Tottenham Hotspur  
Live at 7:55 pm
- English Premier Football League**  
Arsenal vs Liverpool  
Live at 10:00 pm
- STAR Sports**  
Australia vs England  
Fourth Test, Day Four  
Live at 5:57 am
- South Africa vs Pakistan**  
First Test, Day Four  
Live at 1:55 pm  
Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
Repeat at 10:30 pm



**Sven-Goran Eriksson**  
(England soccer coach)  
"If he changes his mind, it might be considered."  
On former captain Alan Shearer.

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- Who clinched World Squash Open title?  
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## Cricket for noble cause

**AFP, Melbourne**

The proceeds of Sri Lanka's Australian tour match against a Victorian Country XI on Sunday will go towards helping a Colombo cancer hospital.

Sri Lankan batsman Mahela Jayawardene, inspired by the death of his younger brother, said the gate-takings will go towards Project Hope, the pet charity of Sri Lanka's



PHOTO: STAR

Prime Bank managing director Shah Mohammad Nurul Alam makes a move as he inaugurates the Fifth International Rating Chess Competition, which the bank is sponsoring, at a function at the National Sports Council Auditorium yesterday.



PHOTO: AFP

**THE 'BARMY ARMY' UMPIRES!** England supporters called Brett Lee for 'no-ball' whenever the Australia fast bowler came on to bowl on the third day of the fourth Ashes Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday.

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