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Australian men and women have claimed the most Australian singles titles (94) since the inception of the event. Its closest rival is the USA, which holds 29 men's and women's singles titles.



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Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 18

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The Daily Star

Competition closes at 8 pm Feb 7, 2003 and draw

1. Who clinched the national junior chess title?
Parag Ali Zia

2. Bangladesh lost to Namibia by 20 runs 2-wkt 7-wkt

3. Who became MVP in the SAFF Championship?
Arman Rajani Afaz

4. Who will lead Kenya in the cricket World Cup?
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Venus Williams
(American tennis star)

"When you lose you are more motivated. When you win, you fail to see your mistakes and ... no one can tell you anything."

After losing in the Australian Open final.

School cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Five more teams Govt Laboratory High School, Monipur High School, Muradpur Adarsha High School, Rabeya Pre-Cadet School and Barnamala High School emerged group champions to reach the quarterfinals of the Dhaka Metropolis zone in the Standard Chartered 21st National School Cricket tournament at different venues yesterday.

Govt Laboratory beat Sultan Mollah High School by eight wickets at East End Club ground, Monipur defeated National Bangla also by eight wickets at Mirpur City Club ground. Muradpur HS beat West End HS by 64 runs at Mirpur Outer Stadium while Rabeya Pre-Cadet School beat National bank School by five wickets at Kalindi KC ground.

At Uttara Friends Club ground, Barnamala declared winner against Janatabagh High School as Janatabagh fielded illegal players.

The England team has already received anonymous letters threat-

Khulna on cherry chase

Mazhar slams sizzling century

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Young batsman Mazharul Haq scored a brilliant century as Dhaka piled on runs against Khulna on the opening day of the four-day championship final of the Ispahani Mirzapore National Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Mazharul hammered a chanceless 119 to guide the holders to a commanding 339 for seven before bailiffs were taken off at the end of 90 overs.

It was the right-hander's first ton this season and Dhaka could not have asked for a better start in their quest for defending the title.

The boy with a big frame clubbed sixteen sweetly timed hits across the rope in his 167-ball vigil at the crease. More importantly, the aggressive middle-order featured in two vital stands with Naimur Rahman and wicketkeeper Sajjad Kadir.

He shared 96 runs for the fifth wicket with Naimur before the former national captain departed for a typically aggressive 45 that included six boundaries.

He then dominated an 85-run sixth wicket stand with Kadir, who played a perfect foil at the other end with a 54-ball 27.

Mazharul was eventually out in the penultimate over of the day, hoisting Khulna captain Hasanuzzaman to Jamaluddin at wide mid-wicket.

Mazharul's decision to field first

completely backfired as Dhaka batted into lunch with 100-odd runs on the board and for the loss of one wicket.

Opening the innings, Javed Omar and Rashedul Haq batted with great comfort against a wayward Khulna pace attack. Javed, who was ignored for the World Cup, scored 26.

Rashedul hammered a stroke-filled 50 off 100 balls that included seven fours.

Hasanuzzaman had to step in for his struggling bowlers. He picked up four wickets for 60 runs with his slow medium pace.

Left-arm spinner Manjarul Islam toiled hard to capture one wicket for 60 runs in his 21 overs.

Fahim Muntasir and Neeyamur

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PHOTO: STAR

Centurion Mazharul Haque of Dhaka Division sweeps Khulna spinner Manzarul Islam (not in the picture) on the opening day of the Ispahani Mirzapore 4th National Cricket Championship final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Shane Warnes

ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003

REUTERS, Melbourne

Australia leg-spinner Shane Warne, who has returned to action after a month on the sidelines with a shoulder injury, believes he will regain top form in next month's World Cup. "With each game I play I'm going to get better and better and more confident. I'm starting to get there. I'm not far away," Warne told reporters in Melbourne after Australia's 2-0 one-day finals series win over England.

The 33-year-old was man-of-the-match for Australia in their 1999 World Cup final victory over Pakistan at Lord's. Warne announced earlier this week he would retire from the shorter version of the game after the upcoming tournament in South Africa and is looking to go out a winner. Warne dislocated his shoulder in



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