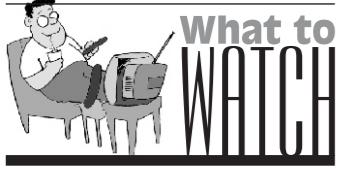




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**V-Day volleyball final tomorrow**  
**BSS, Dhaka**

Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Navy moved into the final of the Victory Day Volleyball Championship after beating their respective rivals at the Volleyball ground yesterday.

Bangladesh Army defeated favourites Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) in the first semifinal 25-14, 25-21 and 25-20.

Bangladesh Navy, who earned a stunning victory against fancied BDR in their last group match on Sunday, moved into the final when they beat Bangladesh Air Force 25-23, 25-21 and 25-17 in the other semifinal.

The final will be held tomorrow after the third place deciding encounter between the BDR and Air Force.



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Muktijoddha Sangsad striker Rokonuzzaman Kanchan (R) tries to dodge past a Dhanmondi defender during their Western Union Premier Division Football League encounter at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

## D'mondi spoil Reds' day

### SPORTS REPORTER

**WESTERN UNION** সার্কে প্রিমিয়ার ডিভিশন

The draw-syndrome, which has hit title contenders like a naught-virus, struck Muktijoddha Sangsad Kria Chakra yesterday when tiny Dhanmondi Club came from two goals down to hold them 2-2 in a Western Union Premier Division Football League match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

Having watched Mohammmed Sporting Club, Abahani and Brothers Union all drop precious points in their last round of matches through drawn games, the Reds found themselves in the same boat yesterday but must be ruling conceding the goals to a team that had lost all their previous three outings.

The result left the Federation Cup and National League champions in sixth position in the ten-team league table with five points from four matches. Dhanmondi mean-

while, celebrated their first point of the season.

In an entertaining encounter, midfielder Bidyut gave Muktijoddha a perfect start when he headed home a Rokonuzzaman Kanchan cross from the left (1-0). Just before half time, Kenyan defender Harry appeared to have sealed Dhanmondi's fate when he made it 2-0 by shooting home from a goal mouth mellee.

But Dhanmondi had other ideas. In time added on, Aminul headed past his namesake under the Muktijoddha bar Aminul Haque from a Mishti chip (1-1).

Dhanmondi maintained the pressure over their far superior counterparts after the breather who rather surprisingly looked content in defending the slender lead.

The Reds heaved a sigh of relief when Dhanmondi's Ghanaian recruit Kennedy was hauled down inside the D box by Papel in the 57th minute but referee Tayeb Hasan ignored the appeals for a penalty.

But the minnows' enterprise

eventually paid off when Kennedy found the net with a brilliant flip-back header from a Maruf freekick in the 68th minute (2-2).

The league will resume at the same venue tomorrow with today's two scheduled matches deferred by 24 hours because of the National Mourning Day. Victoria Sporting Club will face Dhaka Wanderers Club in the first match at 3 pm followed by the second match at 5 pm between Sheikh Russell KC and Arambagh KS.

**Yellow cards:** Prodeep Barua and wasim (Dhanmondi).

### TEAMS

**Muktijoddha Sangsad:** Aminul, Hasan Al-Mamun, Papel, Harry, Riad, Rajuk, Tushar (Kabin/Tipu), Ghanshah, Bidyut, Moni and Kanchan.

**Dhanmondi Club:** Ratan, Prodeep, Arman, Mishu, Wasim, Maruf, Aminul, Donald, Kennedy, Bipul and Palash.

**Referee:** Tayeb Hasan.

**WAPDA head for big total**

### SPORTS REPORTER

It was a long hard second day for Bangladesh A at the UBL ground in Karachi yesterday as Pakistan WAPDA piled up a huge 383 for four in the first innings of their four-day Patron's Trophy match.

The home side, who resumed the day on 58 for two, have already taken a 217-run lead after they bundled out the second string Bangladesh team for 166 on the first day.

Asif hammered 139 runs while Adil was unconquered on 143 runs when the bats were drawn for the day. Sdab Khan was accompanying the not out batsman with 48.

For the tourists, right-arm pacer Alamgir Kabir was one of the two successful bowlers on the day while the other being spinner Jamal Uddin.

### BRIEF SCORES

**BANGLADESH:** First innings 166 all out in 69.1 overs (Hannan Sarker 64, Shahriar Hossain 15, Moniruzzaman 0, Mohammad Ashraf 1, Ehsanul Haq 0, Mohammad Selim 4, Jamal Uddin 10, Mosaddeq Hossain 26, Manjarul Islam Rana 18 not out, Anwar Hossain 6, Alamgir Kabir 5; Nadir 4-51, Sarfaraz 4-31).

**PAKISTAN WAPDA:** First innings 383 for two in 108 overs, stumps (Aziz 5, Asif 139, Jaman 27, Asil 5, Adil 143 batting, Sdab 48 batting; Alamgir 2-68, Jamal 1-101, Manjarul 1-63).

**INDIA:** First innings 366 (Sehwag 195, Dravid 49, Chopra 48; MacGill 3-70).

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## Aussies draw level

### Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

New Zealand umpire Brent Bowden took some time before raising his finger to give him out leg before wicket to Ajit Agarkar with the Australian total on nine.

India will be without left-arm strike bowler Zaheer Khan for the final Test with hamstring trouble, which restricted his bowling in the Melbourne Test and kept him off the ground on the final day.

India, who had won three of their previous four Tests against Australia, threw away their chance in this Test when they slumped from 278 for one in the first innings on Friday, only to be all out for 366 losing their last nine wickets for 88 runs.

Australia batted for almost 10 and a half hours for 558 and a crushing innings lead of 192 with Ponting

compiling a Test-best 257 and Hayden 136 to set up victory.

### SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the third cricket Test between Australia and India at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Tuesday:

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LET'S CELEBRATE: Australia's Matthew Hayden (L) and Ricky Ponting swap the high-five after defeating India in the third Test at Melbourne yesterday.

## Dhaka crash & slump

**ISPAHANI Mirzapore Tea**  
5th National Cricket League

### SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka slumped to a massive 105-run defeat against Sylhet in the one-day competition of the Ispahani Tea Fifth National Cricket League yesterday.

The result at the Sylhet Stadium meant that the holders dropped to second spot in the table while their victors ended the third round sharing the lead with Rajshahi and Chittagong each on four points.

Khaled Mashud's Rajshahi coasted to a comfortable 95-run victory over hosts Barisal but Chittagong had to work hard before managing a narrow win against Khulna.

### SYLHET VS DHAKA

Mohammad Rafique may have won the 'battle of the spinners' with Sylhet's leggie Nabil Samad but even five wickets was not enough to prevent the home team's march to victory as Dhaka collapsed to 117 while chasing 223.

Nabil captured four for 13 in 4.4 overs to design Dhaka's downfall.

### RAJSHAHI VS BARISAL

Rajshahi recovered from a shaky

start to pile up 261 for seven.

The total, however, was beyond Barisal's reach as they made 166-7 in their allotted overs at the Barisal Stadium.

Former national paceman and Barisal skipper Anisur Rahman rattled the visitors claiming three of the four wickets to fall by the time

Rajshahi had put 14 runs on the board. He eventually collected 5-42.

But a 139-run partnership between Nuruzzaman Nayan and Anisur Rahman salvaged the situation.

One down Sajid Hossain top-scored with an 83-ball 44 that included three boundaries while Jahangir Alam added 25 off 49 balls.

Earlier Imtiaz Hossain Tanna's half-century propelled Sylhet to 222-9 after being put in to bat.

The opener was later adjudged man-of-the-match after scoring an exciting 53 off 65 deliveries with seven sweetly-timed fours. Nasirul Alam Nahid added 43 and Bangladesh all-rounder Alok Kapali contributed 27 off 36 balls with one over-boundary.

Left-arm spinner Rafique finished with five for 16.

### CHITTAGONG VS KHULNA

Chittagong returned to winning ways in the abridged version of the first-class competition.

In a curtailed affair at the Comilla Stadium, Akram Khan's men, which last week lost to hosts Dhaka, defended a modest total of 183-8 in 47 overs after being invited to bat.

Due to foggy conditions the match referee deducted three overs.

The former national captain Akram was the top-scorer with 41 off 68 balls with two hits to the fence.

Khulna spinner Abdur Razzaq Raj claimed three for 24 while

Nuruzzaman made 67 off 95 balls with five boundaries while his fellow right-handed partner Anis top-scored with 81 off 113 balls with seven fours and a six.

It was lower-order batsman Hasanuzzaman Rozel who really punished the Barisal bowlers with a rapid-fire for fifty. The man-of-the-match during a 32-blitzrieg smashed five fours and a six.

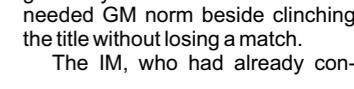
In Barisal's innings Nahid Haq Shaon made an unbeaten 69 off 131

## Reefat's 2nd GM norm

### SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar finished the Leonine Grand Masters' Chess Tournament in grand style as he earned his much-needed GM norm beside clinching the title without losing a match.

The IM, who had already con-



REEFAT-BIN-SATTAR

firmed the title on Monday with a game in hand, drew his ninth and final round board against fellow IM Abdullah Al Rakib at the federation half room yesterday, but that was

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### WAPDA head for big total

**Cricket**

AFP, Wellington

Pakistan humiliated New Zealand by taking advantage of a break in the rain to polish off the second Test in ease Tuesday, cracking the final 28 runs inside four overs on the fifth and final day at the Basin Reserve.

After two rain delays and the prospect of more disruptions, Younus Youhana and Inzamam Haq were in a hurry to finish as they caned the New Zealand attack to clinch a seven-wicket win and claim the two-Test series 1-0.

Pakistan's two key batsmen deservedly led the way to the target of 274 with Youhana typifying their dominance as he nonchalantly smacked pace bowler Ian Butler to the boundary for four to bring up the winning runs and finish unbeaten on 88 with captain Inzamam on 72.

The brief spell of fine weather which allowed the victory meant Inzamam could breathe easier after

They lost their last seven wickets

for