



Did U Know?

In 1984 Games at Los Angeles, Greg Louganis became the first male diver in 56 years to win both the springboard and platform events.



Steve Waugh

(Australian Test captain)
"It's definitely the right place to finish up. It's not always possible and once again I've been pretty lucky it's happened this way."

On his retirement at SCG.



South Africa vs West Indies
Third Test, Day Three
Live at 2:25 pm
Primera Liga
Valencia vs Villarreal
Live at 2:00 am (Monday)

STAR Sports
Australia vs India
Fourth Test, Day Three
Live at 6:00 am



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Jan 16, 2004 and draw

1. Who clinched the Leonine Grand Masters chess title?
Zia Reefat Rakib

2. Who won the Pepsi Nat'l volleyball women's crown?
BJMC Army Navy

3. Who won the European footballer-of-the-year award?
Nedved Owen Zidane

4. Who became World Youth football champions?
Brazil Holland France

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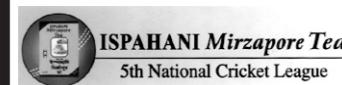


Western Union Premier Football League
Abahani vs Dhanmondi (5:00 pm)
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium

Nat'l Cricket League
Rajshahi vs Chittagong (Day-2)
Venue: Cricket Garden, Rangpur
Barisal vs Sylhet (Day-2)
Venue: Sylhet Stadium

Dhaka vs Khulna (Day-1)
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium
Patron's Cup
Bangladesh vs PIA

Sylhet start strongly



SPORTS REPORTER

Hosts Sylhet made a flying start against lowly Barisal on the opening day of their fourth round match in the Ispahani Tea Fifth National Cricket League yesterday.

Playing without national stars Alok Kapali and Tapash Baisya, who have been asked to join the preliminary Zimbabwe tour camp that starts today, Sylhet first shot out their opponents for only 130 and at stumps were 101-1.

Away at Rangpur not a single ball was bowled in the four-day game between Chittagong and Rajshahi due to the dense fog that enveloped the Cricket Garden venue.

The other match between Dhaka and holders Khulna will start at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium today.

The game will however has lost much of its appeal as Dhaka captain Khaled Mahmud, left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique and Khulna skipper Habibul Bashar will all be attending Day Whatmore's camp.

SYLHET V BARISAL

After a one-hour delay Barisal, winning the toss, batted first at the Sylhet Stadium.

But the visitors may have regretted the decision as they made 130 in their first innings. Number six batsman Towhid Hossain scored a painstaking 31 not out off 70 balls with three boundaries.

Young left-arm spinner Nabil Samad was the most successful Sylhet bowler with three for 23 while Syed Parvez, Rezaul Haq Nayem and Imtiaz Hossain bagged two wickets each.

Imtiaz Hossain and Golam Mabud gave the home team the perfect start sharing 95 runs for the first wicket before Imtiaz fell after scoring 46, which featured six hits

to the fence.

Mabud was on 42 and Nayem one not out when the bails were removed.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the four-day Ispahani Tea Fifth National Cricket League match at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday:

SYLHET V BARISAL

Venue: Sylhet Stadium

BARISAL: First innings

Imran c Imtiaz b Parvez	4
Jamal c Nayem b Parvez	22
Shahin lbw b Imtiaz	18
Nahidul lbw b Nabil	10
Nayan c Mabud b Nabil	0
Towhid not out	31
Mustadir c Moula b Imtiaz	11
Tariqul c Taqrimul b Nabil	3
Anisur c Taqrimul b Ejaz	10
Biaksh b Nayem	9
Kamal lbw b Nayem	0
Extras: (b-7, lb-3, nb-1, w-1)	12
Total: (All out in 57 overs)	130

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PHOTO: AFP

GOD MUST BE AN INDIAN: Master Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar celebrates his double-century on the second day of the fourth and final Test against Australia in Sydney yesterday.

Tushar to lead A team today

SPORTS REPORTER

Middle-order batsman Tushar Imran will lead the Bangladesh A team when it plays formidable Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) in the fourth round of the Inter Department Cricket Championship in Pakistan today.

The second batch of Bangladesh A will take on the airliners in the limited-overs Patron's Cup clash at the Quaid-e-Azam Park in Karachi. Both sides will then feature in a four-day Patron's Trophy at the same venue.

The PIA are leading Pool A in the shorter-version competition securing 12 points from four matches while the second string national side are fourth with eight points from three matches.

All-rounder Mushfiqur Rahaman led the A team to victory against Defence Housing Association in the first match and acting skipper Hannan Sarker enjoyed success against Pakistan Telecommunications Company Limited but the tourists lost to Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) in their last fixture.

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