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India's Sved Kirmani is the first wicket keeper to dismiss five batsmen behind the stumps in a World Cup match. He caught five Zimbabwean batsmen at Leicester or





Brian Lara

(West Indies cricket captain) "It's nice to see young guys coming through and having a passion for the game. His work ethic is great and he's a very positive individual. While congratulating teammate Dwayne Smith for scoring a century on debut.



ESPN

Football Focus

Repeat at 7:30 am Australia vs India First ODI Live at 9:15 am

Sportscentre Hind Sport News Live at 8:30 pm

STAR Sports

Sportsline Tonight Sport News Live at 11:30 pm



Competition closes at 8 pm Jan 16, 2004 and draw

1. Who clinched the Leonine Grand Masters chess title?

2. Who won the Pepsi Nat'l

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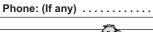
volleyball women's crown?

Who became World Youth

football champions?

Brazil Holland France

Class...... Roll No.....





Western Union Premier

Badda Jagarani vs Dhaka Wanderers (3:00 pm) Muktijoddha vs Sheikh Russell KC (5:00 pm) Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National

Stadium Nat'l Cricket League

Venue: Comilla Stadium

Dhaka vs Sylhet

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Chittagong vs Barisal



Arambagh defender Shamsher Alam (L) is clearing the ball against Abahani's left wing back Mahmudul Hasan during yesterday's Western Union Premier Division Football League clash at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

Blank firing Abahani

left surprise-setters Sheikh Russell

Krira Chakra with the enviable

prospect of taking a solo lead in the

eague. But to do that, the youthful

Russell side, who have 11 points

from five matches, must overcome

SPORTS REPORTER



League leaders Abahani came picnic in the last

match when Arambagh Krira Sangha held them to a goalless draw in the Western Union Premier Division Football League at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in

The Sky Blues' slip up comes a day after arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club had lost two vital points in an unexpected draw with bottom team Dhanmondi. The much-vaunted Abahani

attack, which had hit 18 goals in ive games before yesterday, were found wanting against an overly cautious Arambagh who seemed determined not to lose the match at any cost. Despite the tie, Abahani still stayed atop with 12 points from six

games. Arambagh are in mid-table with eight points also from six

Yesterday's outcome however

struggling giants Muktijoddha Sangsadin today's match. An apparently over-confident Abahani, still on cloud nine after their 7-3 demolition of

Dhanmondi, started the game as if they only needed to turn up to ensure three points. But Arambagh had other ideas. They employed every man behind the ball and left little space for Abahani to play in their usual flamboyant style. Still Abahani had their fare share of openings. Striker Saiful Islam Khokon, the top marksman

of the league with seven goals including two hattricks, was guilty of reacting late to a Alessandro minus from the left and allowed a diving Arambagh custodian Tareq to grip the ball in the 10th minute.

Brazilian playmaker Alessandro then just failed to connect his foot to a pass from Parvez with an open goal post beckoning.

In the final seconds of the first half, Alessandro received a great through ball from an overlapping Masud Rana inside the danger area. But his goal-bound shot deflected off Arambagh's Guinea defender Mustafa Kaba.

Abahani 'keeper Nizam in the 40th minute after Ugandan midfielder Dominique had split the defence with a classy pass. But Oinu in his haste shot the ball miles over the crosspiece.

Maxim having an off day, scoring was always going to be tough.

They can also thank their lucky stars for not losing the match as Arambagh forward Johnny was denied by the bar in the 52nd minute following a Nizam blunder.

IFT jr. tennis

Singh, Khatabi in boys' final

SPORTS REPORTER

Nav Deep Singh of India and Faris Khatabi of the United Kingdom moved into the boys' singles final of the BKSP International Junior Tennis Championship after winning their respective semifinals at the country's lone sports institute in Savar yesterday.

Singh had an easy 6-1, 6-2 sail

In the girls' semifinals, Indian Punam Reddy ousted Korean Baehae Toun 6-1, 6-3 while Korean Soon Min Sea defeated You Ting Leen of Chinese Taipei 6-2, 6-2.

Rani leads

SPORTS REPORTER

International Women Master Rani Hamid took a solo lead in the Igloo 25th National Women's Chess Championship yesterday with a win against Narayanganj's Kishowar Sajrin Ivana in the fourth

With that win, Rani, country's lone IWM, collected maximum four points, a point clear from Shabana Parveen Nipa, who how-ever has a match in hand.

In the day's other matches, Nazrana Khan Iva drew with Chittagong's Tanima Parveen while Zakia Sultana of Ansars shared point with Barisal's Masuda

Points: 4 Rani; 3 Nipa (3 matches) and Iva; 2.5 points Simmi, Masuda; 2 Nupur; 1.5 Liza, Zakia; 1 Tanima and Ivana.

The fifth round starts at the NSC

Cute handball

Bangladesh Police humbled Old Ideals 35-9 in the Cute Premier Division Handball League yester-

The winners dominated the first half 19-4.

Time for shorter cricket BBC ONLINE, undated ally draining Test match in Sydney.

Australia and India are set to lock horns again on Friday only three days after the end of an emotion-

RICKY PONTING

Jan 9 (D/N)

Jan 11 (D/N)

Jan 18 (D/N)

Jan 20 (D/N)

Jan 22 (D/N)

Jan 24 (D/N)

Jan 26 (D/N)

Jan 29 (D/N)

Feb3(D/N)

Feb 6 (D/N)

Feb8(D/N)

Feb 10 (D/N)

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SERIES FIXTURE

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over Chang Huai-En of Chinese Taipei while Khatabi had to sweat for his 6-7, 7-6, 6-0 win over Korean Lin Hyung Joon.

Meanwhile, the boys' doubles semifinal line-up was completed yesterday. In the quarterfinals, Singh and Uzbekistan's She Gay beat Chinese Taipei duo Hsu Yi Che and Chang-Chien Lung 6-1, 6-2, while Indian Amrit Rupa Singh and his Sri Lankan partner Sivendran Nishendiran ambled past another Chinese Taipei pair of Shin En Chang and Chun Jen Tsai

BSS, Dhaka

In the other match of the day Mariner Young's Club defeated Dhaka Wanderers Club 20-13.

SAURAV GANGULY

After ending the Test series 1-1, home skipper Ricky Ponting wants a winning start to the one-day competition that also includes

MCG

SCG

Hobart

Hobart

Brisbane

Brisbane

Adelaide

Adelaide

Perth

MCG

Melbourne

Australia's squad includes one-day specialists Ian Harvey, Michael Bevan, Andrew Symonds and Brad

"They inject a little bit more life into it and I'll be asking them to do that here," Ponting commented.

He will lead the team at the Melbourne Cricket Ground despite suffering from a virus which prompted team officials to delay his journey from Sydney to Melbourne for 24 hours.

Ponting is not the only player who is feeling the effects of the

Pace bowler Brett Lee struggled to rediscover his normal potency following an injury lay-off, taking eight wickets in two games at a cost of 59 runs each.

But Ponting expects him to have an important say in the outcome of the tri-series which will culminate in a best-of-three final next month.

"I thought he bowled pretty well with the new ball on a couple of occa-sions, got a couple of wickets off no-balls, had a couple of catches put

"I'm sure with a few days rest and a bit more bowling under his belt in the next couple of weeks, you'll see him come back to his Indian vice-captain Rahul Dravid is expected to take over the wicket-keeping duties from Parthiv

Skipper Saurav Ganguly said, however, that all 15 players were in contention to play in the opening

They are not at full strength with Harbhajan Singh and Zaheer Khan having flown home because of injuries and Mohammad Kaif unable to make the trip.

Gritty Jamal not enough

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Jamaluddin Babu scored a defiant half-century but that was not enough for Bangladesh A to avoid an innings and 15-run defeat against Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) in the Patron's Trophy four-day match at the Quaid-e-Azam Park in Karachi vesterday

The gritty lower-order batsman frustrated the home side with 81 off 175 balls after Bangladesh A, resuming the final day on 134-5 and needing another 166 runs to make their opponents bat again, slumped to

Together with paceman Gazi Alamgir he shared 96 runs for the ninth wicket before champion offspinner Saqlain Mushtaq finally broke through the stubborn pair for

Jamal, who made his one-day debut during the home series against England in Chittagong, stayed at the crease for more than four hours only to brighten his reputation as a useful bat apart from his exploits as a regular off-

Alamgir also scored a plucky 25 before Saqlain, who claimed his

second five-wicket haul in the match, also dismissed him. The tourists' innings folded at 284 but not before they played another 51.4 overs on the final day.

Saqlain finished with a matchhaul of 11 wickets including a firstinnings effort of 6-80.

It was the A team's third successive defeat in four games in the first-class competition of Pakistan. They will play their next match against Customs from January 12 at the Karachi National Stadium SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the Patron's Troph Filian Scoteboard of the Patton's Flopin's four-day match between Bangladesh A and Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) that finished at the Quaid-e-Azam Park in Karachi yesterday:

BANGLADESH A: First innings Kabir b Saqlain Rashedul b Fazle Moniruzzaman b Fazle Tushar lhwh Saglain Halim c Ahmed b Najaf Mazharul c and b Saglain

Anwar lbw b Fazle Jamaluddin c Ghulam Ali b Saqlain Alamgir not out Ashraful lbw b Saqlain Gazi b Saqlain Extras: (b-4, lb-7, nb-1) Total: (All out in 77.2 overs) 203 Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-80, 3-109, 4-136, 5-137, 6-156, 7-167, 8-193, 9-193

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Najaf Shah Ilyas Saglain **A** Muitaba PIA: First innings Kamran b Gazi

Ghulam b Ashraful Najaf run out Faisal lbw b Alamgir A Mujtaba c Anwar b Jamal 126 Mehmood c and b Ashraful Zahid run out Ahmed not out 100 Saglain c Halim b Alamgii

Ilvas cand b Jamal Fazle not out Extras: (b-13, lb-12, nb-3, w-3) Total: (For wkts in 140.3 overs Dec.) Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-19, 3-36, 4-254, 5-M R W 0 Bowler Alamgir 36.3 4 133 Gazi Alamgir 18 68 Ashraful Jamaluddin 149

Tushar BANGLADESH A: Second innings Kabir b Fazle Rashedul b Saqlain Moniruzzaman b Najaf Tushar b Saqlain Halim b Saqlain

Mazharul b Fazle SEE PAGE 14 COL 1

Sunil Gavaskar has the world

record for the most Test centuries

with 34 and is third behind Australians Allan Border and Steve Waugh on the list for Test runs with

His son has scored 4,913 runs in

81 first-class matches.

reparation of the three nations for BSS, New Delhi

(BCDF) to a brilliant three-wicket victory over India in the first semifinal of Under-19 Commonwealth

in 49 overs.

The visitors will play in Sunday's final against the winners of the other seminfinal between South

Africa and Kenya, which will be played today. The Bangladeshis made a sensational plundering 20 runs off the first over as they chased 214 for

Man-of-the-match Nizam thrilled the crowd with some lusty hitting. Skipper Habib with 28 and Rahman 26 supported him.

Faisal, who had earlier rocked the Indians with four for 28, struck the winning run in style with a six over mid-on. He made a breezy 17. Earlier, the Indian openers were

On their way to the final the Bangladeshis beat Sri Lanka by four wickets in the last group match, a curtailed 31-over encounter, played at the Terry Oval Stadium in Gurgaon, Haryana on Wednesday

The Sri Lankans were all out for 141 while the Bangladeshis made

Div II b'ball

BSS, Dhaka

Rainbow Basketball Club earned a comfortable 86-21 win over Saboteurs in the FedEx Second Division Basketball League at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yester-

Rainbowled the first half 48-8. Shadow struggled against Friends Welfare Development Society before snatching a dramatic 60-59 victory.

Shadows were trailing 24-25 at the breather.

Rohan wants to be known by himself Cricket were there when I first started out, but I think now it's a lot better.

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Kabir

AFP, Melbourne

Bowler

Fazle Akbar

Rohan Gavaskar wants to carve out his own identity in international cricket and not just be known as the son of Indian batting great Sunil Gavaskar.

The 27-year-old left-handed batsman and spin bowler hopes to make his full international debut in the one-day tri-series, which gets underway against Australia here on Friday.

A regular in the India A team, Rohan Gavaskar, named after former West Indian batsman Rohan Kanhai, was a late addition to the one-day squad last week when Mohammad Kaif was ruled out with a thumb injury.

Gavaskar said he "couldn't stop smiling for three days" when told he would join the national squad. He was equally happy to talk

about his father, answering questions that have been fired at him since before he made his first-class debut seven years ago. "It's an honour to be his son, I get up every morning feeling very

proud of him, he's been great," he

said of his father. "Hopefully now I've got the chance to create my own identity in international cricket.

"Everyone in India has realised I'm my own man and I've got my own cricketing identity, I've been playing first-class cricket for seven

ROHAN GAVASKAR

Indian captain and Bengal

teammate Saurav Ganguly said Gavaskar was in contention to play in friday's match. "He knows he can't be a Sunil Gavaskar and he knows that pres-

sure is going to be on him, but he still leads a normal life and goes and enjoys himself," Ganguly said "He's a bit more attacking than

what I've seen his dad play, but he has to be because he's playing one-"Probably the expectations day cricket, he's a good player

'Get Gilchrist'

Cricket

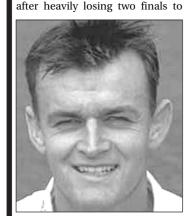
AFP, Melbourne India has targeted Adam Gilchrist as the Australian player they must stop to repeat their Test perfor-mances when the triangular oneday series begins here on Friday.

Gilchrist was a key factor in Australia's World Cup win and

ternational series win in India in 2003 with top-order batting that devastated the Indian attack. With both Australia and India ntering the one-dayers against Zimbabwe with injury-depleted bowling attacks, batsmen appear

o hold the key. "There are some key batsmen in the Australian team and especially Adam, he is a very attacking player and a very positive player, so it's important to get him early on," said Indian batsman VVS Laxman on

India have unfinished business



ADAM GILCHRIST Australia last year.

"Winning in a crunch situation is very important for us. It was unfortunate we lost the World Cup final but I felt the Australians played really well there," Laxman

Laxman was playing India's cards close to his chest on the use of a limited bowling attack in the

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble opened the bowling in the Sydney Test and, asked if he may do so in the limited-overs matches, Laxman replied "that is something that the team will be working on."

"It's unfortunate that we're missing Harbhajan Singh and Zaheer Khan due to injuries but the bowlers over here are looking forward to performing for the Zimbabwe have had the best

the upcoming series, having a succession of one-day tune-up However Laxman felt Australia and India's disadvantage in terms of preparation was balanced by

having experienced playing Tests against each other over the past "We are tuned up in the sense that when you play Test cricket, you play against a similar attack that is going to play in the one-day

"It was a great effort by the boys (in the drawn Test series) and we're looking forward to carrying that into the one-day series."

from Healy

Patel learns

AFP, Melbourne Ian Healy, the most successful wicketkeeper in Test cricket, spent time here on Thursday helping young Indian wicketkeeper Parthiv

Patel first approached Healy during the Brisbane Test last month and asked for his advice. "Indian coach John Wright wanted me to give them idea of how to train, give them a routine they can follow," Healy said on

"That's what we've done today." Rahul Dravid will keep in Friday's series-opening one-dayer against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. He has had that job in limited

overs internationals for the last

year, but made some glaring errors in last year's home series involving Australia and New Zealand. Dravid missed chances off Ricky Ponting and Adam Gilchrist before they made centuries in the same innings as Australia reached 347 for

two in a pool match. Healy, who holds the world SEE PAGE 14 COL 5

Totally against the run of play, Arambagh came up with the best opportunity. Kenyan forward Oinu found himself only needing to beat

Abahani came out with more purpose after the breather and earned as many as eight corners But with the normally deadly due of Khokon and Russian forward

SEE PAGE 14 COL 1 **BCDF** move into

C'wealth final

Cricket

A superb unbeaten 86 by Sheikh Nizamuddin powered Bangladesh Cricket Development Foundation

Singh Cricket Stadium in Faridabad, Haryana yesterday. Electing to bat the hosts scored 213-8. BCDF replied with 219 for 7

going at six runs an over in the first 10 overs before Faisal did the dam-

Wednesday.



Australian sports psychologist Anthony Stewart (R) sharing a light moment with Bangladesh all-rounder Mushfiqur

Rahman at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.