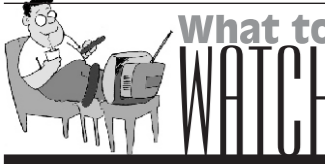




## Did U Know?

Paul Strang is the only Zimbabwean batsman to score 100 runs and take 5 wickets in an innings of a Test match



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## Windies name ODI team for South Africa

**AFP, St John's**  
The West Indies selectors have named a 15-man squad for the one-day series against South Africa, which starts in Cape Town on January 25.  
The Windies trail South Africa 2-0 in the ongoing four-Test series so have no chance of winning the series.  
Brian Lara's side finally recorded a first-class win on their South African tour on Monday when they beat provincial team Easterns.  
**SQUAD**  
Brian Lara (captain), Ramnaresh Sarwan (vice captain), Chris Gayle, Ridley Jacobs, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Dwayne Smith, Vasbert Drakes, Ravi Rampaul, Mervyn Dillon, Fidel Edwards, Corey Collymore, Ryan Hurley, Ian Bradshaw, Ricardo Powell, Kurt Wilkinson.

## Ctg, Khulna stunned



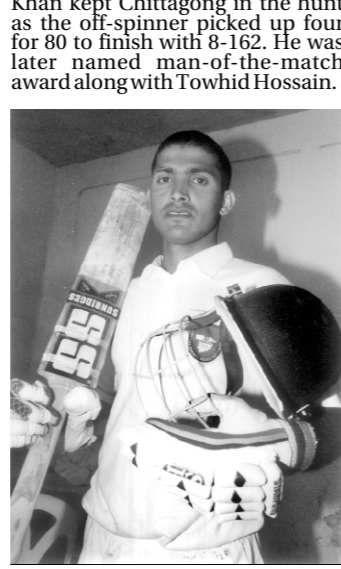
### SPORTS REPORTER

The lightweights of the Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League Barisal and Rajshahi finally registered victories yesterday when they defeated Chittagong and holders Khulna respectively on the final day. The four-day between hosts Dhaka and Sylhet, however, ended in a draw.  
Barisal and Rajshahi shared third spot with 12 points each.  
A century by Sylhet captain Parvez Ahmed denied Dhaka a win. However, the capital team still bagged four points by virtue of taking a first innings. They dominate the table with 24 points. Sylhet trail the leaders by six points.

### CHITTAGONG V BARISAL

Proshanta Bose and Towhid Hossain hit fighting half-centuries as Barisal recorded an exciting three-wicket victory over hosts Chittagong at the Comilla Stadium.  
Starting the day with 21-1 they soon plunged to 67-4 chasing 198. But Bose hammered 72 off 154 balls that featured nine fours and a six while Hossain contributed 51 off 139 to rescue the side.

The pair shared 95 runs for the fifth wicket as the visitors somehow reached 199-7 in 85.2 overs.  
First innings centurion Sabir Khan kept Chittagong in the hunt as the off-spinner picked up four for 80 to finish with 8-162. He was later named man-of-the-match award along with Towhid Hossain.



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### KHULNA V RAJSHAHI

Spinner Saifullah Khan spun Rajshahi to a six-wicket victory over Khulna at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore.  
Saifullah grabbed six wickets for 73 runs as Khulna, who began their second innings on 97-5, were dismissed out for 146 leaving their opponents needing just 70 runs to

win.  
Rajshahi lost four wickets before they achieved the target in 25.3 overs with one down Murad Khan making 38.  
Spinner Abdur Razzak Raj captured three for 28 in 9.3 overs and later was adjudged man-of-the-match. He scored 83 in their first innings and captured six wickets for 70 runs.

### DHAKA V SYLHET

Sylhet skipper Parvez, unbeaten on 63 overnight, reached 106 in match dominated by batsmen.  
The right-hander slammed 14 boundaries in his 250-ball knock as Sylhet piled up the runs after they resumed on 145-6 and eventually scored 324. It gave them a lead of 245.  
Time was not Dhaka's side and they finished on 40-2 in 7.3 overs.  
National discard Sanwar Hossain with 117 was adjudged man-of-the-match.

### SCORECARDS

Final scoreboard of the three four-day Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League matches finished at different venues across the country yesterday:

### DHAKA V SYLHET

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium  
SYLHET: First innings 247 all out in 88.4 overs (Mowla 68, Ejaz 51, Mabud 50; Neeyamur 3-50, Elias 3-53)

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Action on yesterday's Western Union Premier Division Football League clash between Brothers Union and Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

## BU alone atop



### SPORTS REPORTER

Brothers Union Club were firmly back in the title race as they established a two-point gap at the top of the Western Union Premier Division Football League table with a 2-0 victory over Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.  
Russian striker Victor Edward continued his impressive spell in the league and scored the first goal for the season's biggest spender while his Ugandan partner in attack Okelo added the other. Both goals came in the first half. Brothers, who had a stop-start beginning to the championship, went into solo lead for the first time.

The men in orange have 15 points from seven matches. Archives Abahani and Mohammedan share the second spot with 13 points each from the same number of games.

Sheikh Russell, who had caused a stir in their debut season in the Premier Division by staying on par with the big guns until Round Five, have gone off the boil somewhat. Their second consecutive defeat pushed them down to the fifth position with 11 points.

In an open game, the going was even until the star-studded Brothers notched up two goals in four minutes.

Victor, who had scored a hat-trick against Victoria Sporting Club in their previous match, put the Gopibagh team ahead with an awesome left footer in the 42nd minute. The Big Russian, who looks a complete striker, received a pass from Lito on the left corner of the box and unleashed a powerful shot which went in through the first bar before Russell custodian Biplob could even react (1-0).

Okelo then sealed the match heading home a low Alfaz cross from the right in first half injury time (2-0).  
The second goal was too much for Russell who appeared dispirited after the breather. It was Brothers all over and they could have added at least four more goals.

National forward Alfaz spoiled the first chance when he failed to connect a neat minus from Victor in the 59th minute while Victor's own shot from an Arman minus in the 72nd minute went out after kissing the crosspiece.

Three minutes later, substitute Ritko missed the near post by inches after being nicely fed by Okelo in the 75th minute. Victor muffed the last chance soon after when he hit the side of the net after a mazy solo run down the left flank.

For Sheikh Russell, it was a fixture to forget. They failed to create even a single clear scoring chance as Brothers' four national booters

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## Int'l junior tennis

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirty-nine matches were decided on the fourth day of International Junior Tennis Championship at Rajshahi Tennis Complex yesterday.  
Punam Reddy, Bhat, Ashmitha and Gayatri of India, Elna of Uzbekistan, Yu Ting Lin of Taipei, Jung Yoon of South Korea and Tsasa of Solomon Islands moved into the quarterfinals of the girls' singles.

In the boys' singles, India's Jeevan, Sanam K Shing, Dutta and Navdeep Shing, Taipei's Hui Chang Hung, Chang Hui En, Lee Hsin Han and Lien Chio Chu, Great Britain's Faris Khatib, Chris Eaton, South Korea's Hyung Seol Yun, Sri Lanka's Nishendiran, Japan's Sato, Uzbekistan's Talgat Bayiglov, Thailand's Tup Wong and Australia's Myies Elake won their respective matches.

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## BD A shame



### SPORTS REPORTER

The touring Bangladesh A team hit a new low yesterday when they were shot out for only 30 in their second innings to suffer a humiliating 118-3 and 41-run defeat against Pakistan Customs at the Karachi National Stadium.  
The four-day game was settled inside two days when the second string national side lasted only 14.4 overs against a fiery bowling from Pakistan discard Junaid Zia, who finished with magical figures of 7-3-4-7-7.

Junaid, son of former Pakistan Cricket Board boss Tauqir, exposed the brittle batting of the second batch Bangladesh A team after Customs scored 189 in response to

the visitors' first-innings total of 118.

It was Bangladesh A team's fourth consecutive defeat in five matches.

The visitors came out to bat for a second time with a deficit of 71 runs, but ended up with a worst possible display of batting. It was their lowest score in the first-class competition of Pakistan although they made an encouraging start against Defence Housing Society in their first match a month ago.

On a wicket that assisted the bowlers, Bangladesh A paceman Alamgir Kabir and off-spinner Fahim Muntasir took three wickets each, but that was not enough for the tourists to avoid their second defeat by an innings.

They lost their previous four-day match against Pakistan International

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## SAF Games Pakistan promises adequate security

### UNB, Dhaka

Pakistan will ensure tight security measures when it hosts the eight-nation South Asian Federation (SAF) Games. Secretary-general of South Asian Sports Federation (SASF) Muhammad Latif Butt, who is also the secretary-general of the Pakistan Olympic Association, told journalists at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday.

The biggest regional extravaganza begins in Islamabad on March 29.

"We are fully-prepared to host the SAF Games. We are capable of arranging the meet this month, ahead of schedule," he said.

"We would like to assure all the athletes and officials of the Games that adequate security will be provided to them," he added.

Either the President or Prime Minister of Pakistan will be chief guest at the opening ceremony billed for March 29 at the 50,000-seating capacity Jinnah Stadium in Islamabad.

The ninth edition of the Games, which first scheduled for October 2001, was deferred three due to political and security reasons.

Butt, who now in Bangladesh attending the seminar on sports and environment, informed that doping tests will be conducted for the first time.

## Korea slam Spain Australia over take India

### AFP, Kuala Lumpur

South Korea defeated a lacklustre Spanish side 4-1 Tuesday to take their first win in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup field hockey tournament at the National Hockey Stadium here.

The defeat dented Spain's hopes of putting themselves in contention for a place in Sunday's final.

Korea's win meant they collected their first full points in the tournament and moved up the standings.

Lee Jung Seon opened scoring for South Korea in the 17th minute when he was put through by Yoo Fyo Sik and sent the ball past Spanish keeper Bernardino Herera.

The Koreans should have doubled their advantage but the forwards failed to capitalise on several chances created by their German based player Song Seung Tae.

Spain got the equaliser six minutes into the second half when skipper Juan Escarre Uruena sent an unstoppable shot past Korean keeper Ko Dong Sik after he had saved an initial shot by Santiago Freixa Escude.

Seo Jong Ho put Korea ahead 2-1 in the 43rd minute and Yoo Woon Kon made it 3-1 in the 65th minute.

Spain put numbers into attack but paid dearly as Lee scored Korea's fourth goal in the 67th minute.

In the day's second match Australia came from two goals down to defeat a spirited India 4-2.

India led 2-0 by the 16th minute after goals by Dhanraj Pillay but the younger team could not hold on against the more experienced Australia side.

The win puts Australia in a favourable position to make the final as they now sit third in the standings with seven points from four matches.

## Tests before ODIS India's departure delayed



### BBC ONLINE, undated

Tests will be played before one-day matches on India's breakthrough tour of Pakistan in March.

It was reported the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) had made a request for the five one-dayers to be played before the Test series on the six-week tour.

But the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said on Tuesday India had agreed to play the three Tests first.

The PCB is now expected to announce a comprehensive tour itinerary in the next couple of days.

PCB chief Rameez Raja said: "We are glad the BCCI has accepted

our proposal that Tests should take preference."

He added: "The PCB's stance on scheduling Test matches before the one-day internationals was based on cricketing grounds and weather conditions."

"The BCCI was willing to send the team on March 1.

"But we have requested them to delay their arrival for a few more days because of Ashura (a Shiite Muslim festival) that is expected to fall on March 2 and 3."

BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmiya informed the PCB by letter that India will visit in the first week of March and will stretch the tour until mid-April.

The tour will be the first by an Indian national team to neighbouring Pakistan in 13 years.

## It's still Rani

### SPORTS REPORTER

IWM Rani Hamid of Bangladesh Biman maintained her solo lead in the points table with maximum points after the end of the ninth round of the final phase of the Igloo 25th National Women Chess Championship at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Reigning champion Shabana Parveen Nipa of Titas Club was in the second position with 7 points.

Zakia Sultana of Ansars was in third position with 6 points.

In the round, Rani beat Nazrana Khan Eva of Manikganj, Nipa beat Shamiha Sharmin Shimmi, Masuda beat Shamima Akter Liza of Narayanganj, Dilara Jahan Nupur of Barisal beat Kishwara Shajrin Evana of Narayanganj and Zakia earned walkover against Tanima Parveen.

## Pressure on Pakistan



### AFP, Napier

For the first time in the series, New Zealand cricket captain Stephen Fleming sees Pakistan under pressure as they go into the fourth one-day match here Wednesday with the pendulum of favouritism swinging back in New Zealand's favour.

Following on from his match-winning 115 not out in Christchurch last weekend, Fleming is intent on backing up with another match-winning knock to close out the five-match series 3-1 and give New Zealand a rare victory over Pakistan just a month after being on the receiving end of 0-5 hiding.

To do that, the Black Caps must exploit Pakistan's preference to play just five bowlers by seeing off the frontline pair Shoab Akhtar and Mohammad Sami here launch into the rest of the attack.

Akhtar, the star paceman, reached 159 kilometres per hour in Christchurch and will be a big threat again on what should be another hard and fast surface.

Fleming said it was up to New Zealand to turn Akhtar's extreme pace to their advantage.

"They've got three quality backup bowlers (Abdul Razaq, Azhar Mahmood and spinner Shoab Malik) but once you've faced 150-160kmh, you've got to be a pretty special bowler to then follow in because guys, if they get through it, are going to look to pick up the pace," Fleming said.

"There's certainly pressure on their bowlers three, four and five."

That was the formula New Zealand adopted in Christchurch where they won by seven wickets to give their confidence a much needed boost after snatching a surprise win in the first game of the series and being comprehensively outplayed in the second.

They are also buoyed by their sound record at McLean Park here where they have won 13 and lost

six.

Fleming too has happy memories of the ground, having scored 90 on debut against India in 1994 and his only other century in New Zealand 111 not out against Australia in 1998.

He averages 64.4 from 14 matches here and said the big challenge for him was to back up from the sapping 213-minute knock in the Christchurch heat.

"I'd love to do it again. I have had good times here and I enjoy batting here."

Pakistan may well take in the same team that lost in Christchurch, although there is an injury concern with Salim Elahi, who topscored with 80 on Saturday.

He is nursing a badly bruised finger and would make way for Younis Khan if ruled out.

### TEAMS

**NEW ZEALAND** (from): Stephen Fleming (captain), Craig Cumming, Hamish Marshall, Scott

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## WI's first 1st-class win



### AFP, Johannesburg

The West Indies finally recorded a first-class win on their South African tour after provincial team Easterns squandered a prime position at Willowmoore Park in Benoni on Monday.  
The tourists beat Easterns by 33 runs on the final day of their four-day encounter, their maiden first-class win on South African soil.

For much of Monday's play though an Easterns victory seemed likely.  
Pursuing a modest 285 for victory, Easterns moved swiftly to 196 for four before imploding, finally stuttering to 251 all out.

The home team lost the wicket of retired South African Test player Daryl Cullinan cheaply early in the day and the role of anchor fell on opener Andre Seymore, who played his way to a solid 79 before being trapped in front by Vasbert Drakes.

Seymore's dismissal signalled

the slide from which the homeside failed to recover although Geoff Toyana continued to take the fight to the visitors.

Batting at number six, the left-handed Toyana hit a six and six fours in making a spirited 43 from 56 balls.

When Drakes accounted for him though the homeside retreated into its shell, blocking out four consecutive overs before the tea break.

Such a timid approach proved equally unsuccessful as the hosts lost Gareth Flusk shortly after the break.

Debutant Morne Morkel, who made an unbeaten 44 in the first innings, was then run out for three in unlikely fashion.

Batting with his elder brother Albie, Morne Morkel was left stranded at the non-striker's end when Chris Gayle managed to get a hand on a powerfully hit straight drive.

With just Jacob Malao left, the elder Morkel mixed aggression and defence to inch the score closer to the target.

The first innings centurion smashed Drakes over wide long on to bring up the 250 before holing out for 34.

### SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fourth and final day of the tour match between Easterns and the West Indies at Willowmoore Park on Monday:

**WEST INDIES:** First innings 334 (Gayle 145, Baugh 36; Z de Bruyn 3-52, P de Bruyn 2-25, A Morkel 2-59)

**EASTERNS:** First innings 313 (A Morkel 132, M Morkel 44, Seymore 34; Rampaul 4-63)

**WEST INDIES:** Second innings 263 (Sarwan 72, Ganga 51, Drakes 37, Baugh 31; A Morkel 3-48, Flusk 2-18, M Morkel 2-25)

**EASTERNS:** Second innings (overnight 28-2)  
Seymore lbw b Drakes 79  
Jennings c and b Sanford 0  
Z de Bruyn b Rampaul 15  
Cullinan c sub (Lara) b Collymore 17  
P de Bruyn c Baugh b Rampaul 34

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Arifa Khatun Moni (R) makes a move against Afroza Khanam Babli during their ninth round engagement of the Igloo 25th National Women's Chess Championship at the NSC yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR