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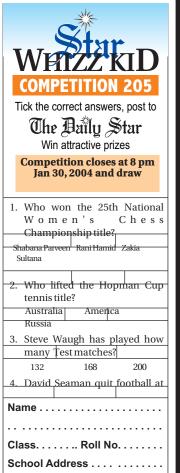
(Former Australian Test captain) "It is taken for granted that Sachin will surpass all batting records except perhaps Don Bradman's average of 99.94.



ESPN

Australia vs Zimbabwe Tri-Series, Fourth ODI Repeat at 12:00 pm **English Premier Football League** Wolves vs Man United Live at 6:25 pm Liverpool vs Tottenham Hotspu Live at 8:55 pm Primera Liga Barcelona vs Bilbao Live at 2:30 am (Sunday) **STAR Sports** Pakistan vs New Zealand

Fifth ODI Live at 6:57 am South Africa vs West Indies Fourth Test, Day Two Live at 2:45 pm



# **Russell peg Abahani back**

But the joy turned sour for

five goals, will now miss Abahani's

crucial match against arch rivals

Inspired by the one-man advantage, Sheikh Russell put

sustained pressure on Abahani in

the second session and finally got

the reward, when former

Bangladesh midfielder Mintu

passed the ball to Milon from the

eft and the striker was in the right

position to slot the ball in from a

Red card: Maxim (Abahani).

close range (1-1).

Mohammedan on January 21.

# Maxim to miss Mohammedan clash

SPORTS REPORTER in the 28th minute (1-0).

Surprise -Abahani after seven minute when package Sheikh Russell Krira referee Tazul Islam showed Maxim the red card following a tackle on না নি ট্র্য্যান্সফার TALLEAR MAN Chakra earned a Kamal. Maxim, who is one of the top marksmen in the league with

valuable point in the Western Union Premier Division Football League when they held 10-man Abahani to a 1-1 draw at the Sher-e-Bangla National

Before leaving the ground, the temperamental striker reportedly Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. In a tense game, Abahani's Russian forward Maxim got the marching orders in the 35th min-ute moments after he had put the Dhanmondi-based side ahead. swore at the referee. A section of Abahani supporters also got charged up to see their favourite attacker sent off and verbally abused photojournalists and threw stones on them when they were Sheikh Russell leveled the margin through Milon in the 73rd minute. taking photographs of the incident.

The outcome left Abahani in econd position for the time being with 14 points from eight matches while Sheikh Russell raised their tally to 12 points also from eight outings. Brothers Union are leading the table with 15 points from even matches.

Abahani were not in their freewing mood but still took the lead when Maxim, the son of team coach Anatoly, drilled in a free-kick

'Vision' mission

Visiting 'Vision Asia' officials

expressed satisfaction with their

The Asian Football Confede-

ration (AFC) project aimed at

elping a select group of countries

to improve their infrastructure and

status in regional and world foot-

The high-powered AFC and

FIFA delegation ended their visit

with a press conference at a local

hotel yesterday. Brendon Menton,

AFC director national associations

and clubs, told reporters that

during each day of the seminar

they had productive discussions

with Bangladesh Football

Federation (BFF) and club officials.

offered BFF our suggestions after

hearing their various problems,'

He informed that they espe-

cially gave emphasis on youth

development, marketing, techni-

"We are hopeful about

Bangladesh's success because

there exists enthusiasm for the

game here," he said adding that

overnment must assist to improve

cal support and media relations.

he said

"It was a successful mission. We

five-day mission to Bangladesh.

satisfied

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Yellow cards: Nizam (Abahani), Jalal, Narayan and Abdel (Sheikh Russell

TEAMS

Abahani: Nizam, Osamanu, Nikolai, Mahmudul Hasan, Masood Rana, Parvez, Pranotosh, Narayan (Wali), Alessandro (Shiraji), Uzzal and Mazim.

Sheikh Russell KC: Khaled Biplab, Biplab, Kamal (Jalal), Narayan, Abdel Ali (Apu), Fabio, Rashidi (Asif) and Milon.

Referee: Tazul Islam.

In the other match of the day, Victoria Sporting Club posted a 2-1 win over Dhanmondi Club.

Idris and Sohag scored one goal each for the winners in the 9th and 24th minutes while Ghanaian striker Kennedy pulled one back for Dhanmondi in the 55th minute.

The win raised Victoria's collection to 10 points from eight matches while Dhanmondi remained at the bottom of the table with only two points also from eight matches.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN Abahani striker Maxim (C) making his displeasure known to referee Tazul Islam (2nd from L) after being shown the red card against Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra yesterday.

# **Ctg lose solo lead** Centuries at last

Sylhet's Golam Mabud and Khulna skipper Hasanuzzaman cracked the first centuries of the Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Fifth National League's one-day competition yesterday.

hammered136 off 120 balls as visiting Sylhet scored a tense ten-run victory over lowly Barisal.

the lead with Dhaka and Chittagong at the end of the sixth round with eight points.

Hasanuzzaman's virtual run-aball 101 not out ended Chittagong's reign at the top after just one round when Khulna won by 13 runs at the Jessore Stadium. It was their second win in the meet

short of joining the three-figure party but his effort still helped the

### **AKC fans target** photojournalists

#### SPORTS REPORTER

A section of Abahani supporters yesterday verbally assaulted pho-tographers of different newspapers and threatened them with dire consequences during the Western Union Premier Division football league match between the Dhanmondi giants and Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

It all started after Abahani's Russian striker Maxim was shown the red card in the 35th minute of the first half. As a furious Maxim made his way to the dressing room, photographers covering the game rushed to take snaps.

As they neared the corridor to the players' enclosure, a group of Abahani fans started hurling expletives and threatened the lensmen for taking Maxim's photos.

The insults continued to rain in for the rest of the game as the photojournalists started feeling insecure.

"I left the stadium under police protection as I feared for my safety. This kind of behaviour from fans directed at mediamen is unprece SEE PAGE 14 COL 4

## **DMFLC to discuss MSC's fate** tomorrow

#### **SPORTS REPORTER**

Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC) is likely to sit tomorrow to decide the fate of the unfinished Western Union Premier Division Football League match between holders Mohammedan Sporting Club and Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra on Thursday.

The match was played for 86 minutes before Mohammedan, demanding cancellation of a goal against them, refused to play. The result was 1-1 at that time

According to a top DMFLC official yesterday, the organisers of the Dhaka Premier Division league are going to take proper action against Mohammedan as per the bylaws.

"We are going to consider it as a case of Mohammedan refusing to play. Besides, recorded clips in news channels have shown it clearly that it was a legitimate goal and everything happened infront of thousands of people. So, Mohammedan must face the consequences. They won't be given any privilege for being a big club," said a top DMFLC official opting anonymity.

According to the DMFLC bylaws, if any team refuses to play, the opponents are declared 2-0 winners and a points from their SEE PAGE 14 COL 4 overall collection is also forfeited.



Barisal's occasional spinner Tariqul Islam picked up a fivewicket haul but he couldn't prevent Sylhet from scoring 245-7 in the allotted overs.

The right-handed Mabud, who had made only 94 runs in his previous five innings, smashed 14 fours and three sixes during his time at the wicket. Despite half-centuries by Nahidul Haq (75) and Arafat Salahuddin ( 72 ) Barisal managed 235-8 in 38 overs.

**KHULNA V CHITTAGONG** Hasanuzzaman hammered six over-boundaries and four fours off 106 balls to power Khulna to

second placed Rajshahi, who have Nizamuddin was the other notable scorer with 40 off 65 balls

> Left-arm paceman Syed Russel and spinner Abdur Razzak Raj combination to share six wickets after Chittagong were dismissed for 224 in 49 overs

DHAKA V RAJSHAHI Neeyamur hit a blazing unbeaten 95 off 86 balls and national dis-

card Mehrab Hossain scored an 87-ball 66 as Dhaka made 222-6 in 45 overs after deciding to bat. Man-of-the-match Neeyamur

clobbered 12 fours and two sixes. Then former national skipper and off-spinner Naimur Rahman

captured four for 40 as Rajshahi were bundled out for 208 in 42.3 overs Skipper Nuruzzaman made 56 off 92 deliveries with five hits to the

#### fence. SCORECARDS Scoreboard of the limited-overs

Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League matches played at different venues across

**ISPAHANI** Mirzapore Tea six points 5th National Cricket League SPORTS REPORTER

Stadium.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Mabud

The result gave them a share of

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Dhaka all-rounder Neevamur Rashid fell five runs

Barisal occupy last place with only two points to their credit SYLHET V BARISAL



Western Union Premier DivisionFootballLeague Brothers Union vs Badda Jagarani (4:30 pm) Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur Nat'l Cricket League (Day-1) Sylhet vs Barisal Venue: Barisal Stadium Khulna vs Chittagong Venue: Shamsul Huda Stadium, Jessore Dhaka vs Rajshahi Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket the standard in the country. SEE PAGE 14 COL 5 day

Rajshahi opener Rafiqul Islam looks back at the stumps after being bowled by Dhaka's Masudur Rahman during their Ispahani Mirzapore Tea 5th National League one-day fixture at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yester-

holders to a 14-run victory over

the fighting 237-5 in 50 overs after deciding to bat. Sheikh

# Smith, Gibbs hit hundreds

the tour early because of injury.

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the fourth and final Test between

South Africa and the West Indies at

**SCOREBOARD** 

Centurion Park on Friday

Cricket

AFP, Centurion

South African captain Graeme Smith and opening partner Herschelle Gibbs slammed centuries as the West Indies paid dearly for a decision to bowl on the first day of the fourth and final Test at Centurion Park here on Friday.

At tea, Smith was unbeaten on 118 and Gibbs had made 102 not out as South Africa reached 241 for no wicket, a record opening stand for South Africa against the West Indies and the biggest partnership for any wicket in a Test at Centurion.

The left-handed Smith hurried his sixth test century off 125 balls, reaching the mark when an unusually subdued Gibbs was on

But Gibbs then unleashed some fluent strokes to notch his third century of the series and the 13th of his career shortly before tea. It took him 183 balls, with his second fifty scored off just 66 deliveries.

West Indian captain Brian Lara won the toss for the first time in the season and hoped his bowlers would exploit a pitch which had a green tinge.

The recalled Mervyn Dillon gained some early movement off the pitch and had Gibbs playing and missing several times, but his new ball partner Fidel Edwards was expensive and the batsmen were able to score freely.

The closest the West Indies came to taking a wicket in a first ession shortened by half an hour by morning rain was when Smith was stranded in mid-pitch after a running mix-up.

His score was on 23 and the total on 54. Ramnaresh Sarwan fielded at point and ran towards the stumps before flicking under-arm and missing from close range.

Smith had another scare on 89 when he top-edged a pull against Edwards but the ball just cleared a fielder positioned on the boundary and went for six. Smith went to his century with

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 17 fours and a six. Gibbs hit 14 fours and a six in his hundred.

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and a six in his hundred.	Smith not out				118
Both teams went into the match	Gibbs not out				102
without a specialist spinner.	Extras: (b-1, lb-8, nb-8, w-4) 21				
Left-arm spinner Paul Adams was left out of the South African	Total: (For no loss in 55 overs) 241				
team and replaced by all-rounder	Bowler	0	Μ	R	W
Andrew Hall, while fellow left-	Dillon	13	3	40	0
armer Dave Mohammed was	Edwards	11	0	69	0
dropped in one of three changes in the West Indies team.	Drakes	12	4	39	0
	Collymore	8	0	35	0
Experienced fast bowlers Dillon and Corey Collymore returned to	Gayle	7	0	39	0
the touring side in place of	Sarwan	4	0	10	0
Mohammed and Adam Sanford, while left-handed batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul was back	<b>To bat:</b> J Rudolph, Kallis, Kirsten, McKenzie, Boucher, Pollock, Hall, Ntini, Nel.				

Ntini, Nel after recovering from a thigh strain. WEST INDIES: Lara, Gayle, Ganga, Sarwan, Chanderpaul, Smith, Jacobs, Drakes, Dillon, Collymore, Chanderpaul replaced Wavell Hinds, who returned home after the third Test with a groin injury, the fourth West Indian to depart Edwards

Umpires: David Shepherd (ENG) and Srinivas Venkataraghavan (IND) Television umpire: Brian Jerling (RSA)

Match referee: Ranjan Madugalle (SRI).



PHOTO: STAF

Farris Khatib of Great Britain (L) who won the boys' singles and girls' singles winner Kartikti Bhat of India pose for photographs at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex yesterday.

# Khatib, Bhat clinch crowns

PHOTO: STAF

#### Dhaka leg begins today SPORTS REPORTER

Farris Khatib of Great Britain and Kartikti Bhat of India emerged boys' and girls' singles champions in the Rajshahi International Junior Tennis tournament yester day.

At the Rajshahi Tennis Complex. Khatib beat Chang Hui An of Chinese Taipei 6-2, 7-6 to win the boys' singles title while thirdseeded Bhat broke two serves in the final set on way to win 7-5, 6-3 3 over her compatriot fourth seeded S Punam Reddy.

Bhat was looking forward to continuing her good form in the Dhaka leg that begins today at the Ramna National Tennis Complex.

"I think I've got off to a great start this year and looking forward to doing in Dhaka," she said.

Bhat had to overcome the crowd's support for her compa-triot, who was aiming not to finish as runner-up for the second time in her career like in 2002. But in the end the champion made fewer mistakes at the crucial juncture of the contest.

In the boys' final seventhranked Chang Hui An of Taipei dropped his serve four times in the first set and then double-faulted in the second to hand his tenth-ranked British opponent the crown.

capital armed with his booming serve.

"I'll be relying on my powerful serves just like I did here, said Khatib, the boys' doubles finalist at the BKSP International meet.

## WHiZZ KID-204

# winner

(BAF Shaheen School, Dhaka)

Please produce your ID card and an attested passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on January 25.

# **Gilchrist ravages Zim**

## Cricket

#### AFP, Hobart

World champions Australia found record-shattering form to once again outclass a struggling Zimba-bwe and record their third straight win in the tri-nation international one-day cricket series at Bellerive Oval here on Friday.

In the biggest one-day score yet on Australian soil, the hosts beat Zimbabwe by 148 runs.

Wicketkeeper and opening batsman Adam Gilchrist set the tone for the day when he blazed an incredible 172 from just 126 deliveries to set Australia on their way to a total of 344 for seven.

## The tally edged out Sri Lanka's 343 for five against Australia last January as the highest interna-tional one-day score made in the country country.

Gilchrist pilfered 16 boundaries, including three sixes to carve out a masterful innings which fell just



one run short of Australia's highest individual score in a one-day match.

He was finally bowled by Sean Ervine, allowing the Australian record of 173, set by Gilchrist's former one-day opening partner Mark Waugh against the West Indies in 2001, to remain intact.

Lee, who has been out of form, In reply to Australia's massive took 1-29 from 10 overs. total, Zimbabwe could muster only 196 for six, giving them to their third straight loss from three matches in the series so far. For Zimbabwe, Streak also took

the bowling honours with 3-50 but apart from the effort by Taibu and a positive 40 by Grant Flower, the remainder of the batsmen once again disappointed.

lia and India in opening encoun-ters and were always going to struggle in their pursuit of the

Pace bowlers Brett Lee and Brad

Williams then took a wicket each

inside the first eight overs, to make

massive Australian innings.

the task virtually impossible.

Once again captain and allrounder Heath Streak tried to rally his side. His competent 64 not out was the third time in a row he Zimbabwe were also fined by match referee Clive Lloyd for a slow has top-scored for the over rate.

> As captain, Streak was fined 20 er cent of his match fee because his side was two overs slow, while his teammates were fined 10 per

> > Australia, with three straight

wins and two bonus points from wins over Zimbabwe, play India in

Brisbane on Sunday.

Gilchrist completed his man-ofthe-match performance by taking three catches behind the stumps.

Wicketkeeper Tatenda Taibu

also showed resilience, making 44 before being caught off the bowling of Andy Bichel in the last over.

Zimbabweans.

Zimbabwe came into the match in poor form, losing to both Austra-



172

Gilchrist b Ervine	172
Hayden c Sibanda b Streak	63
Ponting c Matsikenyeri b Flow	wer 37
Martyn not out	47
Symonds run out	0
Bevan c Streak b Ervine	7
Clarke c Vermeulen b Streak	0
Bichel b Streak	0
Hoggnotout	6
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, w-4, nb-2)	12
Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs)	344
Fall of wickets: 1-140, 2-246,	3-310,

4-310, 5-326, 6-331, 7-332. Did not bat B Lee B Will

Did not bat: B.Lee, B.Williams									
Bowler	0	Μ	R	W					
Streak	10	1	50	3					
Hondo	6	0	41	0					
Blignaut	8	0	66	0					
Ervine	9	0	65	2					
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# Khatib also expressed confi-dence that he would do well in the

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# Sajid Iqbal Anik