

## BSFNA cricket

**RU CORRESPONDENT**

Al-Rashid Cricket Club defeated Mukti Sangha-B by 59-runs in the Bangladesh Sports Foundation of North America (BSFNA) cricket tournament at the Rajshahi College playground yesterday.

Winning the toss Al-Rashied batted first and collected 152 runs in 38 overs after being out.

In reply, Mukti were all out for 93 in 39 overs.

Johny of Al-Rashied was adjusted man-of-the-match.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**AL-RASHIED CRICKET CLUB:** 152 all out in 38 overs (Johny 51, Farhad 27; Nadim 3/23, Hashu 2/15)

**MUKTIE SANGHA-B:** 93 all out in 39 overs (Ripon 30, Jafu 19; Rajib 3/20, Ripon 2/19 and Jafu 2/16)

## M'singh cricket

**OUR CORRESPONDENT**

Abahani Krira Chakara defeated Renaissance Club by 41 runs in the Navana Premier Division Cricket League at the local Circuit House ground yesterday.

Winning the toss Abahani batted first and made 215 all out in 44.2 overs.

In reply, Renaissance were all out for 174 in 38.4 overs.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**ABAHANI KRIRA CHAKRA:** 215/10 in 44.4 overs (Arman 47, Hira 46, Emon 37 and Uttam 20; Milton 4/38, Liton 1/3, Ujjal 1/40, Rana, 1/13).

**RENAISSANCE CLUB:** 174/10 in 38.4 overs (Khokon 59, Liton 27, Bishwajit 21, Mona 19; Hira 5/27, Uttam 2/14, Shawon 1/29).

## Wasim's wise

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The first one-day is scheduled for Karachi on March 13.

The remaining limited-overs internationals will be played in Rawalpindi (March 16, day-night), Peshawar (March 19) and Lahore (March 21 and 23, both day-night).

Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq and coach Javed Miandad requested pep talks by Imran and Wasim ahead of their series against India.

## Mukti sink

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convert from the spot after Muktiyoddha midfielder Biddyt was guilty of handling the ball.

Sandro stepped up to take a weak kick, which was saved by custodian Aminul.

Abahani regrouped after the breather but they failed to open the Muktiyoddha defence.

Luck also deserted Abahani when a Joy header hit the sidebar with a few minutes to go before the final whistle. Yellow cards: Masud Rana, Joy, Khokon (Abahani), Saiful, Biddyt (Muktiyoddha).

### TEAMS

**MUKTIYODDHA SANGSAD:** Aminul, Mamun, Prodig, Ghansa, Harry (Deen Mohammad), Saiful (Tipu), Biddyt, Matur Munna, Kaboa, Lulenti and Kanchan.

**ABAHANI:** Nizam, Siraj, Osamanu, Sila, Masud Rana, Parvez, Joy, Sandro (Nayan), Nikolai, Ujjal and Khokon (Pranatosh).

*Referee:* Abdur Rakib.

### ARAMBAGHWIN

In another match, Arambagh Krira Sangha registered their sixth victory with a 2-0 victory against Badda Jagarani Sangsad at the same venue.

Walid put the winners ahead in the 49th minute while Wino doubled the margin in the 73rd minute.

The win increased Arambagh's tally to 23 points. Badda have just five points from 16 matches.



PHOTO: STAR

Khairul Anwar Piaru's, the president of Dhanmondi Club and also a vice-president of Bangladesh Football Federation who was killed in the city on Sunday night, *namaj-e-janaza* was held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday morning. Sports personalities, organisers, current and former players and journalists attended it.

# Australia's mixed day



**REUTERS, Colombo**

Australia strike bowler Brett Lee sustained an ankle injury during his team's 245-run victory over a Sri Lanka President's XI on Thursday.

Lee, who completed figures of four for 29 in the first innings following an explosive spell with the new ball, hobbled off the field during the hosts' second innings after bowling just 3.4 overs.

Scans showed no signs of serious structural damage but there is doubt over Lee's availability for the first Test starting on Monday in Galle.

"It is a big concern, especially the way he bowled in the first innings here," skipper Ricky Ponting told reporters.

"He bowled quick and swung the ball a lot and we had hoped he could do that in the first Test," he added.

"He feared the worst straight away but the scans have come up pretty clear today so we will keep a close eye on him over the weekend and that everything comes up ok for Monday."

There was positive news, though, for the Australians as spinners Shane Warne and Stuart MacGill shared five wickets.

Australia declared on their overnight 250 for four, setting an unlikely 569-run victory, before dismissing the President's XI for 323 in 85.2 overs.

MacGill followed his three wickets in the first innings to take three for 57 and Warne claimed two for 79, dismissing Russel Arnold and Kaushal Lokurarachchi.

Both leg spinners could play in the Galle Test.

Sri Lanka are due to finalise their Test squad later on Thursday.

### SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the final day of the three-day practice match between Sri Lanka President's XI and Australia on Wednesday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 484-6 declared in 89.5 overs (D Lehmann 134, R Ponting 116, S Katich 116)

**SRI LANKA PRESIDENT'S XI:** First innings 166 all out in 36.2 overs (A Gunawardene 70; B Lee 4-29, S MacGill 3-34)

**AUSTRALIA:** Second innings (over-night 250-4)

Langer lbw b Fernando 63  
Secombe lbw b Perera 6  
Symonds not out 119  
Warne lbw b L'rachchi 31  
Lee c S'weera b L'rachchi 2  
Kasprowicz not out 15  
Extras: (b-2, lb-9, nb-2, w-1) 14  
Total: (For 4 wkts decl in 51 overs) 250

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-148, 3-202, 4-208

Did not bat: Ponting, Katich, Lehmann, MacGill, Williams

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Perera	9	1	46	1
W'dene	8	3	20	0
Herath	16	0	83	0
Fernando	5	0	26	1
Wijekoon	2	0	13	0
L'rachchi	10	1	51	2

**SRI LANKA:** Second innings  
Arnold c Williams b Warne 25  
Gunawardene c Katich b Lee 11  
Jayanthi c Secombe b MacGill 45  
Fernando c Secombe b Williams 10  
Samaraweera c Warne b K'wicz 50  
De Silva c Langer b Lehmann 92  
Wijekoon c Secombe b MacGill 67  
Lokuarachchi lbw b Warne 11  
Herath c Kasprowicz b Symonds 4  
W'dene c Katich b MacGill 0  
Perera not out 0  
Extras: (b-2, lb-3, nb-3) 8  
Total: (All out in 85.2 overs) 323  
Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-53, 3-66, 4-108, 5-209, 6-278, 7-301, 8-323, 9-323

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Lee	3.4	0	18	1
K'wicz	10	1	43	1
Lehmann	9.2	2	25	1
Warne	23	5	79	2
Williams	10	3	31	1
MacGill	13	1	57	3
Katich	8	0	38	0
Symonds	8.2	0	27	1

**Result: Australia won by 245 runs.**

## No Waugh action

**AFP, Sydney**

Australian cricket's Waugh twins took to the field for what could well be their first-class swansong here Thursday, but neither got a chance to show their talents with either bat or ball.

Apart from the last over of the day, bowled by Steve Waugh to the musical strains of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" coming from the small crowd, the pair spent the day fielding as their New South Wales state team fought for a place in the final of the domestic Sheffield Shield competition.

Facing a powerful Queensland batting outfit, neither risked rolling their arm over a practice both have become accustomed to in their 20 years of playing Test and one-day cricket at the highest level.

The four-day match against Queensland, being played at the Sydney Cricket Ground, will help determine which state plays in the final against Victoria starting on March 12.

At stumps on the first day Queensland were 282 for six after New South Wales skipper Steve Waugh had sent them into bat.

For the Waugh brothers, it is their last match at their beloved home ground as the final, should they reach it, will be played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The pair are locked in a personal duel after scoring more than 50,000 first-class runs between them over 20 years, Steve, older by four minutes, is shading brother Mark in career batting averages: 52.01 to 51.98.

Both brothers, competitive since childhood, want to finish their first-class careers ahead of the other.

New South Wales and Queensland must take maximum points from the match and rely on Victoria denying Tasmania points in Hobart if either state is to have a chance of making the final.

For New South Wales, left-arm paceman Nathan Bracken, unwanted by selectors for the current Australian tour of Sri Lanka, ripped through Queensland's middle order and at one stage had figures of three wickets for one run off 24 balls.

Amongst his victims was the prized scalp of prolific run-scorer Martin Love for 52.

## Indians

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It was on Vaipayee's insistence that the government lifted a three-year ban on bilateral sporting ties with Pakistan in October following a thaw in diplomatic relations between the warring neighbours.

Vaipayee, who initiated peace moves with Pakistan last April, intervened a second time last month when the tour was put in doubt following reports that security agencies wanted it postponed till after the Indian general elections in April-May.

Sporting teams in India are not normally granted an audience with the head of government before an event, but official receptions are held on their return if they have turned in an exceptional performance.

The Indian team, which will undergo a three-day conditioning camp in Calcutta from Sunday, will arrive in New Delhi a day before their departure.

Besides meeting with the prime minister, the team will also attend briefings by security agencies and the foreign office, the cricket board release said.

Media reports on Thursday quoted government officials as saying that a four-member security detail will accompany the team on the 40-day tour.

It includes Yashovardhan Azad, an intelligence official in the VIP division of the home ministry, who toured Pakistan with a cricket board delegation last month to oversee arrangements at various venues.

The other members of the security team are three senior police officials Manoj Lal, Dharmendra Kumar and Prabhakar, who like many Indians uses only one name.

India last played a Test series in Pakistan in 1989, but crossed the borders for a week-long tour in 1997 for three one-day internationals.

## Teams ready

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tional stars by their coach Aaqib Javed.

### TEAMS

**PAKISTAN** (from): Khalid Latif (captain), Adnan Zaheer, Abid Ali, Jahangir Mirza, Mohammad Asif Iqbal, Fawad Alam, Zulqarnain Haider, Tariq Mahmood, Mansoor Aamjad, Usman Saeed, Salman Qadir, Wahab Riaz, Riaz Afridi, Ali Imran Pasha.

**WEST INDIES** (from): Denesh Ramdin (captain), Kirk Edwards, Xavier Marshall, Tishan Maraj, Lendl Simmons, Assad Fudadin, Liam Sebastian, Ravi Rampaul, Mervin Matthew, Rishi Bachan, Lionel Baker, Barrington Yearwood, Jonathan Augustus, Zamil Khan.

**Umpires:** Jeremy Lloyds (England) and Peter Parker (Australia)



PHOTO: AFP

World number one Justine Henin-Hardenne of Belgium hits a return to Maria Vento-Kabchi of Venezuela during their match at the Qatar Open in Doha on March 3.

# Henin, Capriati cruise



**REUTERS, Doha**

World number one Justine Henin-Hardenne and second seed Jennifer Capriati reached the quarterfinals of the Qatar Open on Wednesday.

Henin-Hardenne, winner of three titles already this year including the Dubai Open last weekend, took some time to settle before defeating Venezuela's Maria Vento-Kabchi 7-5, 6-3. In her second-round match Capriati beat China's Li Ting 7-6, 6-1.

Defending champion Anastasia Myskina of Russia emerged a 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 winner against compatriot and last year's beaten finalist Elena Likhovtseva.

American Meghann Shaughnessy showed the door to world number 10 Ai Sugiyama of Japan, posting a 6-3, 6-2 victory. Lowly-ranked but highly moti-

vated Chinese world number 77, Zheng Jie upset Jena Dokic 6-4, 6-4.

In Thursday's quarterfinals, top-seed Henin-Hardenne will take on France's Nathalie Dechy while Shaughnessy meets Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova. Myskina will clash with Zheng and Capriati will cross swords with Silvia Farina Elia of Italy.

Henin-Hardenne had starting problems in her match after Vento-Kabchi broke her in the first and third games to jump to 3-0 lead. But once she settled down on the fast court there was no stopping her.

"I didn't start the way I wanted," the Belgian said.

"The court here is different from the one in Dubai. Here it is faster and I needed time to get used to the pace."

Russian duo Myskina and Likhovtseva are vastly improved from last year when they fought out the final. Myskina is more aggressive and powerful while Likhovtseva is sharper.

# A worthy Plate

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the contrary we actually thought of it as an advantage as this was our home fans," said Ashiqui.

Speaking on Bangladesh's performance as a whole McInnes was relatively content.

"We played nine matches in this World Cup and lost only two of them to India and New Zealand. From Bangladesh's context, I think that qualifies for a good result. But we have to remain focused on our primary goal and that is to try and improve all the time. But I'm sure these players will be better cricketers after this tournament," said McInnes.

McInnes' counterpart Bennett King was prepared to look at the broader picture rather than dawdling on the loss.

"At this level the standards are not very distinguishable as you may have seen with Nepal beating South Africa and Zimbabwe outplaying us. Most teams in this World Cup had players with first-class experience while we had none in our team and I don't expect them to be either in another three or four years as our first class base is very demanding. So you can say that we were probably a bit weak given the standard of the competition," said King.

King also felt that his team had handed over the match after being in a winning position.

"Bangladesh played fantastic

cricket and congratulations to them. We expected them to wilt under pressure and they were showing some signs of that. But we capitulated towards the end and I feel it was more a case of us losing rather than Bangladesh winning."

Man of the match Enamul Haque had the most decisive influence in the game with five wickets and a run out and was the lone man keeping cool when nerves were being stretched around him.

"I have always had confidence in my ability and that helps me to sustain pressure. Today's performance was the best of my career as it brought us something special," said the Test star.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the ICC U-19 Plate final between Bangladesh and Australia at the Fatullah Stadium yesterday.

**BANGLADESH U-19**  
Nafees c & b O'Keefe 59  
Naeem c Crosthwaite b Paine 66  
Aftab st Crosthwaite b Beadle 57  
Nazimuddin b Beadle 18  
Dhiman c Beadle b Henriques 6  
Aftab 0.2 0 4 0  
Bashar run out 5  
Nadif b Henriques 11  
Enamul 9.3 1 31 5  
Nadif 10 0 56 0  
Naeem 5 0 47 0  
Enamul not out 3  
Shahadat not out 1  
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-15, nb-2) 21  
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs) 257  
Fall of wickets: 1-124, 2-152, 3-204, 4-

## Paradorn survives

**REUTERS, Dubai**

Paradorn Sichaphan bucked the trend of upsets at the one million dollar Dubai Open on Wednesday when opponent Dominik Hrbaty retired during their first round match.

The Thai, seeded seventh, had been leading 4-3 when Hrbaty quit, suffering the after-effects of influenza in the heat.

It was a spot of good fortune for Paradorn who had his workout cut against a form player. Slovakia's Hrbaty has won three titles already this year in Adelaide, Auckland and last week in Marseille.

Five of the eight seeds had already been beaten in first round action this week.

Hrbaty explained he had no choice but to withdraw.

"I was sick last week and had a temperature before the final (in Marseille)."

"I came here and thought I would feel better. Yesterday I was practising and didn't run too much and felt okay, but today when I played I felt when I was running I was coughing too much and couldn't breathe and I didn't feel I could finish the match."

## Kirsten eyeing Tests century

**AFP, Napier**

South African batsman Gary Kirsten has set his sights on reaching a century of Tests as the tourists seek to bounce back against New Zealand next week.

"My biggest goal is 100 Tests, which hopefully I'll do on this tour," said Kirsten, who already has a South African record 98 appearances under his belt. "That'll certainly be a major highlight for me."

Kirsten, 36, arrived here this week for the three Test series which opens in Hamilton next week following their 5-1 drubbing against New Zealand in the one-day series.

The veteran batsman said he was coming under increasing pressure from South African authorities to make a decision over his long-term plans.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 "Garden of Earthly Delights" painter  
6 Gives a leg up  
12 Big shot  
13 Parisian ruffian  
14 Reach  
15 Situated below  
16 God of thunder  
17 Antelope's playmate  
19 Infinitesimal  
20 Ersatz  
22 Emulating  
24 Nonstick spray  
27 Boast  
29 Sea flier  
32 Voluntary helper  
35 Additionally  
36 Trig function  
37 "Births = deaths" stat  
38 Post-proof abbr.  
40 Sipowicz's org.  
42 — Darya

**44** Particular  
**46** Incursion  
**50** "The Naked and the Dead" author  
**52** Show  
**54** Completely  
**55** Actor  
**56** Ready to nod off  
**57** Barkin or Burstyn  
**58** Timothy  
**59** Ready to nod off  
**60** "Dancing in the Dark" composer  
**61** Friend's address  
**62** Withered  
**63** Rabbit  
**64** This and that  
**65** Aware of  
**66** Snowman's  
**67** Vet  
**68** Six-pack  
**69** Accessory  
**70** Perhaps  
**71** O'Hare loc.  
**72** Floral wear

**5** Its capital is Tegucigalpa  
**6** Thorn in one's side  
**7** Phantom's balliwick  
**8** Feedbag  
**9** "Dancing in the Dark" composer  
**10** Friend's address  
**11** Withered  
**12** Rabbit  
**13** This and that  
**14** Aware of  
**15** Snowman's  
**16** Vet  
**17** Six-pack  
**18** Accessory  
**19** Perhaps  
**20** O'Hare loc.  
**21** Floral wear

**24** Woods' org.  
**25** "You've got mail" letters  
**26** Summer-time pest  
**28** Cup-bearer of the gods  
**30** Kindergarten's break  
**31** Chang's closest relative  
**33** Female kangaroo  
**34** Agt.  
**39** 9-Down's lyricist partner  
**41** Rehearsal  
**42** "Lucky Jim" author  
**43** Horace or Herbie  
**45** Helen of —  
**47** Stud fee  
**48** Computer-screen symbol  
**49** Lair  
**51** Privy  
**53** Actor  
Kilmer

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CRYPTOQUIP

R P V B R V F V E I Z E Z S L D E X C D

R H I D A V S E R X H S X L B M P V

B X X T V M L A X H Z D Z

E Q Z F V B V Q D S I V S T

YESTERDAY'S CRYPTOQUIP: MIGHT THE WORLD'S TWENTY MOST 'TENSE PEOPLE GET TO BE ON THE BEST-STRESSED LIST?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals C

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.