

## U-15 cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Khulna Division and Dhaka Metro Blues set up a final clash in the Age Group Under-15 Tournament after winning their respective semifinals at different venues in Faridpur yesterday.

Khulna shot Chittagong out for just 50 in the second innings to score a 121-run victory.

Resuming the day on 74-2, Chittagong were bundled out for 151 in reply to Khulna's 203 on the final day of their two-day match.

Khulna then set a 172-run winning target after scoring 119 all out in their second essay.

Dhaka Metro won their battle against Rajshahi Division by virtue of a first-innings lead.

Rajshahi were all out for 151 in their first innings in reply to Dhaka Metro's 203 after resuming the day on 64-3.

Dhaka Metro scored 107-1 in the second innings by stumps on the final day.

## Army hockey

BSS, Comilla

Rangpur Area team won the annual hockey championship of Bangladesh Army that ended at Comilla Cantonment on Thursday. They defeated Bogra Area by a solitary goal in an exciting final.

Lieutenant Md Raihan Khaleque of Comilla Area was adjudged the best player of the meet.

General Officer Commanding of 33 Infantry Division and Comilla Area Commander of Bangladesh Army, Major General Masud Uddin Chowdhury witnessed the final as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

## CJKS cricket league delayed

CU CORRESPONDENT

The start of the Chittagong Jila Krira Sangstha (CJKS) cricket league is likely to be delayed by a week due to unavoidable circumstances.

CJKS cricket committee secretary Ali Abbas said yesterday that they were keen on starting the league after April 10 due to a two-day hartal on April 7-8. The league was scheduled to begin on April 4.

## Navy edge BKSP

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Bangladesh Navy came from behind to beat BKSP by 63-61 points in the inaugural match of the Maple Leaf Independence Day Basketball Competition at the Dharmadib Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

BKSP led the first half 29-25.

Goshami caged 17 and Barua 16 for the winners while Emran scored 27 for the losers.

## Nat'l camp

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Bangladesh A against the visiting Zimbabweans.

### PRELIMINARY SQUAD

Habibul Bashar, Hannan Sarker, Shahriar Hossain, Mohammad Ashraf, Nafees Iqbal, Alok Kapali, Javed Omar Belim, Mushfiqur Rahman, Khaled Mahmud, Rajin Saleh, Mohammed Rafique, Al-Shahriar, Manzarul Islam Rana, Enamul Haque, Faisal Hossain, Tapas Baishya, Alamgir Kabir, Tareq Aziz Khan, Monjurul Islam, Anwar Hossain Munir, Tushar Imran, Abdur Razzak, Khaled Mashud and Jamaluddin.



PHOTO: AFP

**WHY AREN'T THE WICKETS FALLING?** Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar (R) inquiring something with the umpire while Sachin Tendulkar (L) and Virender Sehwag have a mid-pitch chat during the first day's play of the Multan Test yesterday.

# Murali reported again



REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lanka off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was reported for a suspect bowling action on Sunday, Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) officials said.

They said International Cricket Council match referee Chris Broad had made the report after the close of the third and final Test match, won by Australia to complete a series whitewash.

Broad was to hold a news conference later on Sunday.

Sri Lanka team manager Ajith Jayasekera said: "I was called this morning to the match referee's office and Chris Broad told me that he had some bad news and that he would be reporting Muralitharan for the ball that goes the other way."

"We broke the news to the team and Murali at the end of play. He was very disappointed, but Murali does not think he has a problem with this delivery."

Muralitharan possesses a lethal leg-spinner, which spins in the opposite direction to his stock ball. He will now start the ICC's new streamlined two-stage process for dealing with bowlers with suspect

actions.

Broad will acquire video footage of his action from the host broadcaster and send it to the ICC.

The SCL will be responsible for reviewing his action and submitting a report to the ICC within six



MUTTIAH MURALITHARAN

weeks.

Throughout this period -- which includes Sri Lanka's two-Test tour of Zimbabwe from mid-April -- Muralitharan will be able to play for Sri Lanka.

The report will then be circulated to the ICC's umpires and

referees.

If Muralitharan is reported again within a 12-month period then stage two of the process will be automatically started and his action will be reviewed by an ICC-appointed Bowling Review Group.

The 32-year-old had enjoyed a prolific series against Australia, claiming 28 wickets to extend his career tally to 513, in sight of Courtney Walsh's world record 519 but four behind rival Shane Warne.

Muralitharan's bowling action has been the source of controversy since he was no balled for throwing by umpire Darrell Hair during the Boxing Day Test match at Melbourne in December 1995.

Muralitharan was called for throwing later in the tour during a one-day match and again during Sri Lanka's next tour of Australia in 1998 by umpire Ross Emerson in Adelaide.

Muralitharan was later cleared by the ICC after a bio-mechanical analysis at the University of Western Australia, which concluded that his bent-arm action created the "optical illusion" of chucking.

Muralitharan, who generates prodigious spin from his rubber-wristed and bent-armed action, is unable to fully straighten his arm because of a congenital deformity.

# Manjarul, Alamgir

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### SCORECARD

Scorecard of the first limited-overs match between Bangladesh A and Zimbabwe A at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bograyesterday:

### BANGLADESH A

Rashedul b Panyangara	0			
Al-Shahriar lbw b Rinke	5			
Ehsanul c Matsieniyed b Chigumbura	19			
Tushar c Gripper b Rinke	0			
Kapali b Mwayenga	5			
Ashraf b Chigumbura	11			
Manjarul c Gripper b Ewing	53			
Dhiman run out	6			
Razzak c Maregwed b Panyangara	7			
Tareq not out	9			
Alamgir not out	11			
Extras: (b-2, lb-3, w-25)	30			
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs)	156			
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-12, 3-13, 4-35, 5-46, 6-60, 7-83, 8-112, 9-132, 10-156.				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Panyangara	10	2	29	2
Rinke	10	1	39	2
Mwayenga	10	1	23	1
Chigumbura	5	0	25	2
Ewing	10	2	29	1

Gripper	5	1	6	0
<b>ZIMBABWE A</b>				
Rinke c Manjarul b Tareq				0
Gripper c and b Razzak				28
Sibandab Alamgir				27
Chigumbura c Tushar b Alamgir				0
Sims st Dhiman b Kapali				40
Matsikeneyere b Razzak				0
Coventry b Manjarul				9
Maregwede b Alamgir				25
Ewing b Alamgir				4
Panyangara not out				6
Mwayengara run out				1

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

37 Mensa contender

4 Hopalong Cassidy portrayal

8 Cereal choice

12 Fuss

13 A woodwind

14 Garage job

15 Hamlet's "advisor"

17 Never again

18 Swann's chronicler

19 Seesaw quorum

21 Bang-up time

22 Line segment

26 Region of India

29 Trot

30 Playtex product

31 Laugh-a-minute

32 Demure

33 Likes a lot

34 Coach Par-seghian

35 Bestow knight-hood on

36 Kentucky Derby wreath

**DOWN**

1 Dog-patch's "founder"

2 Stench

3 Pastime on ponies

4 Dwarf tree

5 Last writes

6 Whom Uncle Sam wanted

7 Ruin

8 With 33-Down, Red Cross helper

9 Skedaddle

10 Easy as

11 Born

16 Word of obligation

20 Vacillate

23 Wading bird

24 Licit

25 Friction between engine parts

27 Green acres

28 Library transaction

29 Exemplar of patience

32 Ingredient in zuppa inglese

33 See 8-Down

35 Pair

36 Go over old material

38 Turn of phrase

39 Secure tightly

42 Isinglass

43 Channel marker

44 Capri, e.g.

45 Clear the decks?

46 "Eureka!"

47 Hodges of baseball puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



**CRYPTOQUIP**

M J P O V S B I U ' K K J G N V V E

L G B B V M H I G U K H L P

N B Z U K T ? N E V W Z W B P

W G O Z S T G J G J Z I U ' K W K Z U P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A GARDENER'S LIFE IS REALLY EASY, I IMAGINE THAT IT MIGHT BE A BED OF ROSES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals N

## Ganga cover for Smith

AFP, St. John's

The West Indies, down 2-0 in the four-match series and facing the prospect of losing a home series to England for the first time in 36 years, have refused to press the panic button for the third Test starting at Bridgetown's Kensington Oval on Thursday.

Adam Sanford has been dropped while fast bowler Fidel Edwards, who missed the last game through injury, has been recalled to a squad increased to 14 to allow Daren Ganga to come in as cover for the doubtful Devon Smith.

West Indies trail the series 0-2 after losing the opening Test at Sabina Park by 10 wickets and the second Test starting at Queen's Park Oval by seven wickets.

Sanford's omission means that there is the strong possibility that the West Indies attack could comprise four Barbadian fast bowlers for the first time in two decades.

In the 1984 Test against Australia at Queen's Park Oval, the West Indies attack comprised Malcolm Marshall, Joel Garner, Wayne Daniel and Milton Small, all Barbadians.

### SQUAD

Brian Lara (captain), Tino Best, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Pedro Collins, Corey Collymore, Fidel Edwards, Daren Ganga, Chris Gayle, Ryan Hinds, Ridley Jacobs, Devon Smith, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Ricardo Powell, Dwayne Smith.

## Singer chess

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Grand Masters Ziaur Rahman, Niaz Murshed and International Master Reeefat-bin-Sattar won their opening round matches of the Singer 30th national chess championship that began at the NSC conference room yesterday.

### FIRST ROUND RESULTS

Zia bt Monjur Alam, Niaz bt Debaraj Chatterjee, Reeefat bt Saifuddin Lavlu, FM SK Nasir Ahmed bt Aminul Islam Polash, Mehdi Hasan Parag bt Sawkat Hossain Pollab, IM Enamul Hossain Rajib drew with IM Abdullah Al Rakib and Mohammad Javed drew with Abdul Maleq.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Reefat v Nasir, Zia v Polash, Rakib v Monjur, Pollab v Rajib, Javed v Parag, Debaraj v Maleq and Lavlu v Niaz.

## Varsity athletics IU lead

### the table

IU CORRESPONDENT

Islamic University (IU) led the table after the opening day of the inter-university athletics competition that began yesterday at the central playground of Jahangirnagar University.

Islamic University bagged four gold and four silver while National University (NU) secured second position claiming three gold, three bronze and two silver in 10 out of 30 events. Third-placed Rajshahi University (RU) have three gold, two bronzes and a silver.

Kazi Shahjalal of NU was the fastest man while Shefali Shoren of RU because the fastest women of the meet.

The three-day meet ends tomorrow. Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Khondaker Mustahibur Rahman inaugurated the meet in the morning.

## Global Insurance Cup golf held

SPORTS REPORTER

Brig Gen Mosharrar Hossahin bagged the men's title while Mrs Matuor captured the ladies' crown of the Global Insurance Cup Golf Tournament at the Army Golf Club, Dhaka Cantonment on Saturday.

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury later gave away trophies among the winners.

### OTHER RESULTS

Junior Winner: Rafquat Nizam, Nearest to Pin: Mohammad Imtiaz Khondaker, Longest Drive: Shan Kibria, Senior Winner: Flt Lt Golam Murtaza, 2nd Best Floss: Maj Iqbal, Best Gross: Noh Kyang Ho, 2nd Runner-up: Benson Song and Runner-up: Maj Gen Manzurul Alam.



PHOTO: COURTESY

Winners of the first Global Insurance Cup golf tournament pose with the Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury at the Army Golf Club, Dhaka Cantonment on March 27.

# Styris stops Kiwi slide



AFP, Wellington

As fast as New Zealand bowled themselves back into the third cricket Test against South Africa here Sunday, they batted themselves out again, slumping to 128 for five in their second innings when bad light stopped play.

It left the Black Caps with an overall lead of just 109 runs as they try to protect their 1-0 lead in the series.

When the umpires called play off with five overs still to be bowled in the day, Scott Styris was leading the way for New Zealand on 41 alongside Chris Cairns on seven in possibly his last Test innings, amid speculation he is to limit himself to one-day matches after the South African series.

Only the prospect of rain forecast for the final two days can deny a result as South Africa try to protect a proud record of never having lost a series to New Zealand in more than 70 years of Test cricket.

New Zealand took the honours in the first session of play, capturing the first seven South African wickets for 79 runs to dismiss the tourists for 316, 19 runs ahead of their first innings 297.

But it was another poor opening partnership for New Zealand with Michael Papps again the victim of a dubious decision when given out leg before wicket for nought off Shaun Pollock in the first over.

Captain Stephen Fleming joined Mark Richardson and they grafted away for 42 runs, the highest partnership of the innings, when Fleming went for nine as he skied a rash hook shot to Andre Nel and wicketkeeper Mark Boucher took an excellent running catch.

Pollock came back to win his second leg before decision with Mathew Sinclair gone for 21 leaving New Zealand were 73 for three.

With all-rounder Jacques Kallis still suffering the effects of a side strain, Graeme Smith turned to Nicky Boje earlier than expected and the leg-spinner took Richardson for 37 and Brendon McCullum for three in successive overs to have New Zealand at 111 for five.

In a mesmerising spell of bowling, Boje took two for 40 from 21 overs, and Pollock had two for 31 from 15 overs, and New Zealand were again left to rely on the middle and late order that stymied South Africa in the past.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the third day of the third and final Test between New Zealand and South Africa Sunday:

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 297 (Sinclair 74, Cairns 69, McCullum 55; Boje 4-65, Pollock 3-85)

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings (overnight 237-3)

Smith b Cairns	47
Gibbs c sub b Martin	77
Rudolph not out	93
Kirsten c McCullum b Martin	1

Van Jaarsveld c Oram b Martin	59
Kallis c McCullum b Martin	0
Boucher c Papps b Martin	0
Pollock c Fleming b Oram	5
Boje b Cairns	25
Ntini c McCullum b Cairns	4
Nel c Oram b Cairns	0
Extras: (nb-4, lb-1)	5
Total: (All out in 99.5 overs)	316

Fall of wickets: 1-103, 2-130, 3-136, 4-252, 5-265, 6-265, 7-270, 8-304, 9-308

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Martin	20	6	55	5
Mason	16	4	73	0
Oram	11	3	21	1
Vettori	26	6	76	0
Cairns	16.5	2	60	4
Styris	10	4	30	0

**NEW ZEALAND:** Second innings

Papps lbw b Pollock	0
Richardson c Smith b Boje	37
Fleming c Boucher b Nel	9
Sinclair lbw b Pollock	21
Styris not out	41
McCullum b Boje	3
Cairns not out	7
Extras: (b-1, lb-4, w-2, nb-3)	10
Total: (For 5 wickets in 59.4 overs)	128

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-42, 3-73, 4-107, 5-111

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	15	9	31	2
Ntini	11.4	3	28	0
Nel	12	4	24	1
Boje	21	6	40	2



PHOTO: STAR

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman (R) makes a move against Monjur Alam during their opening round match of the Singer 30th national chess championship at the NSC conference room yesterday.

# Lanka Warne-washed

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Kasprovicz did not have to wait long for his first victim as he sent opener Marvan Atapattu's off-stump flying with a fuller-length delivery that came in to beat the batsman.

Atapattu added only nine to his overnight score of five.

### SCOREBOARD

Complete scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the third and last Test between Australia and Sri Lanka at the Singhalese Sports Club ground in Colombo on Sunday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 401 (Lehmann 153, Ponting 92; Muralitharan 5-123, Vaas 3-93)

**SRI LANKA:** First innings 407

(Atapattu 118, Tillakaratne 74 not out, Jayasuriya 71; Lehmann 3-50, Gillespie 3-96)

**AUSTRALIA:** Second innings 375 (Langer 166, Katich 86; Herath 4-92, Muralitharan 3-93)

**SRI LANKA:** Second innings (overnight 18-0)

Atapattu b Kasprovicz	14
Jayasuriya c Katich b Lehmann	51
S'weera st Gilchrist b Lehmann	53
J'wardene c Gilchrist b Lehmann	37
Sangakkara b Warne	27
Dilshan c Martyn b Warne	31
Tillakaratne lbw b Gillespie	17
Vaas lbw b Warne	9
Zoysa b Warne	1
Herath lbw b Kasprovicz	0

Muralitharan not out

Extras: (b-4, lb-1, nb-2, w-1)

Total: (All out in 93.4 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-92, 3-156, 4-181, 5-191, 6-232, 7-245, 8-247, 9-248

**Bowler**

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gillespie	18	6	38	1
K'wicz	16.4	5	37	2
Warne	33	11	92	4
Williams	5	0	19	0
Lehmann	17	2	42	3
Katich	4	1	15	0

**Result: Australia won by 121 runs and clinch three-Test series 3-0.**

**Man-of-the-match: Darren Lehmann.**

**Man-of-the-series: Shane Warne.**