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India's 11-run win is their narrowest victory margin against Bangladesh.



What to Watch

ESPN
Sri Lanka vs New Zealand
First ODI
Live at 5:00 am (Sunday)
STAR Sports
Australia vs Pakistan
Second Test, Day One
Live at 5:30 am (Sunday)



Talk Turkey



Glenn McGrath
(Australia fast bowler)
"My goal has always been to be the best bowler in the world, not so much the quickest."



Green Delta Premier Cricket League
Abahani vs Orient SC (BKSP)
Mohammedan vs Old DOHS (FCS)
Brothers Union vs Indira Road (DCS)
Green Delta Premier Hockey League
Wari Club vs Azad SC (1-15)
Mohammedan vs Sonali Bank (3-00 pm)

Asian junior chess Parag draws

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh national junior champion Mehdi Hasan Parag drew his fourth round match against Indian Sriram Sarja in the 27th Asian Junior Chess Championships in the Indian town of Bikaner, Rajasthan.

Rating chess Aminul topples Sohel

SPORTS REPORTER

FIDE Master Khondokar Aminul Islam toppled Sohel Chowdhury to take the solo lead in the Prime Bank 7th International Rating Chess tournament after six rounds at the chess federation hall-room yesterday.

Hosts hope for a happy 100th



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh will celebrate their 100th one-day international appearance tomorrow, hoping the cricketers repeat the similar fighting spirit they showed against India in Chittagong two days ago to mark the great occasion in their cricket history.

Two back-to-back matches of the three-match series will be played under lights at the Bangabandhu National Stadium with India leading 1-0 after defeating the home side by 11 runs.

Back from Chittagong, both the teams skipped training on Christmas Eve and they are scheduled to practise this morning at the Big Bowl.

The visitors, who returned to the capital on Thursday night, had a training schedule in the afternoon. However, the whole team, following

light gym work and swimming session in the morning at the hotel, attended a crowded reception at the Indian High Commission in Dhaka and did not go to BNS.

A few Indian cricketers were seen shopping in the evening. The Tigers, on the other hand, returned to Dhaka yesterday in two batches and rested.

The close finish in Chittagong, where a 25,000-plus crowd enjoyed the first ODI, pushed up ticket sales and for the first time during the whole series, ticket touts were very active on Friday. It is expected that Dhaka will enjoy a bigger crowd in the two day-night matches.

And like the first Test, the groundsmen are preparing sporting wickets where batsmen and bowlers will get equal assistance. Appearance of grass on the surface will also inspire both teams to bolster their pace arsenals.

The Indians, eager to give all members of the squad a game in the series, fielded two debutants in

Chittagong but are expected to field a full strength by including an out-of-form Virender Sehwag back. Also, Zaheer Khan and Murali Kartik, who also did not play in the first match, hope to return.

The Tigers, who are expected not call up any new faces for the remaining games, will certainly give Mashrafe-Bin-Mortuza a go after the pace spearhead was rested in the port city.

Medium-pace Mushfiqur Rahman looks set to make way for Mashrafe as the team's thin-tank will certainly not consider going into the game with five seamers.

Despite playing a sedate 52-ball nine in his backyard, Chittagongian opener Nafees Iqbal -- reportedly playing slow under instruction from the team management -- will keep his place in the first eleven as well as middle-order batsman Rajin Saleh, who was surprisingly chosen for the one-day series after being dropped from the second and final Test for poor form.

Div I cricket Sonargaon keep on winning

SPORTS REPORTER

Sonargaon Cricketers thrived on half-centuries by Asif Iqbal and Biplab to continue their hundred percent winning record in the First Division Cricket League when they inflicted an eight-wicket defeat on Young Pegasus at the BKSP yesterday.

In another ground at the sports institute in Savar, an unbeaten 101 by Mustafizur Rahman helped Dhanmudi Club to record an identical victory against Wari Club for their fourth win in six matches.

Sonargaon are now leading the table with 12 points from six matches while second string Young Pegasus suffered their third defeat in same number of outings to remain on six points.

Put into bat first in a curtailed over-match, which was reduced to 42-overs-a-side due to early morning fog, Pegasus were bundled out for a paltry 146 in 42 overs.

New ball bowler Nasiruddin, fresh from his 7-wicket haul in the previous match, did the early damage picking up 3-30 from eight overs.

Asif scored 51 off 89 balls and Biplab remained not out on 66 off 97 balls as Sonargaon reached 150-2 in 33.1 overs.

In the other match, Mustafizur hammered 101 off just 97 balls as Dhanmudi scored 187-2 (31 overs) in reply to Wari Club's 188-9 in the 45-overs match.

It was the third defeat for Wari in six rounds.



LET'S GO SHOPPING INSTEAD: Indian pacers Ajit Agarkar (L) and Zaheer Khan return to the Sonargaon Hotel, where the team is staying during their tour of Bangladesh, after doing some Christmas shopping yesterday.

Ponting warns Pakistan



REUTERS/AFP, Melbourne

Pakistan's fragile batting line-up will be glad to exchange the fast and bouncy Perth wicket for friendlier conditions in the second Test against Australia in Melbourne.

Australia's pace attack were at their best in the opening encounter, Glenn McGrath taking eight for 24 in Pakistan's second innings of 72 as Australia won by 491 runs.

Pakistan's fans responded by burning effigies of players and Bob Woolmer but the coach said on Friday he had been buoyed by the players' reaction in a team meeting after the match.

"They are very disappointed in themselves," Woolmer told reporters.

"They know they've got to come out and fight really hard and make sure this doesn't happen again."

The touring side will have to improve enormously in the second match starting on Sunday, however, if they are to salvage the three-Test series.

"The conditions might suit them more than Perth," Australia captain Ricky Ponting told a news conference on Friday.

"The pitch will be slower and lower than other wickets around Australia. As far as bringing the two sides closer together, we like to think not."

"We like to think we can still dominate Pakistan."

"Whether that be through aggression or discipline, we still think we have most bases covered."

In most areas in our side, it certainly looks stronger than theirs.

"The thing with Pakistan, you never know what they are going to do. (But) If you manage to keep them under pressure, they don't play near their best."

Australia, with nine wins and three draws in 13 Tests this year, may be without opener Justin Langer.

Langer, the leading scorer in test cricket this year with 1,426 runs, is struggling with a bulging disc in his back.

Australia have recalled middle-order batsman Simon Katich as cover. The 29-year-old Katich, with 13 caps, will open if Langer is unfit.

Katich said he had only opened the batting "once or twice" in first class cricket, although he regularly

Premier cricket MSC can't afford another slip

SPORTS REPORTER

Last year's joint runners-up Mohammedan Sporting Club face a tough task to return to winning ways after successive defeats in the Green Delta Premier Cricket League when they take on fellow title contenders Old DOHS in a crucial match at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium today.

After three straight wins, Mohammedan lost to Abahani and City Club to end at second place after five rounds. It seems that losing key players like Habibul Bashar, Mohammad Rafique, Nafees Iqbal and Mashrafe-Bin-Mortuza top the national team caused the side's poor run lately.

The Motifheel outfit will also miss the services of trusted Kenyan Steve Tikolo, who will be replaced by Indian cricketer Arun Jagdish.

The 28-year-old Jagdish, a former Under-19 and India A cricketer, arrived in Dhaka yesterday to play in today's match. The opening batsman who is also a useful seamer, led Karnataka in the Ranji Trophy.

Although DOHS is a new name in the top flight of domestic cricket, the Premier League debutants were co-leaders after fifth round winning four matches. A win will help them retain their joint lead with holders Victoria Sporting Club.

Led by Akram Khan, they have proved a real force with Pakistani Zahoor Elahi in tremendous form.

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Popov denies retirement story

BBC ONLINE, undated

Russian Alexander Popov has denied a story in French newspaper L'Equipe which said he had decided to retire.

He told the Russian Itar-Tass news agency: "L'Equipe is running in front of a locomotive."



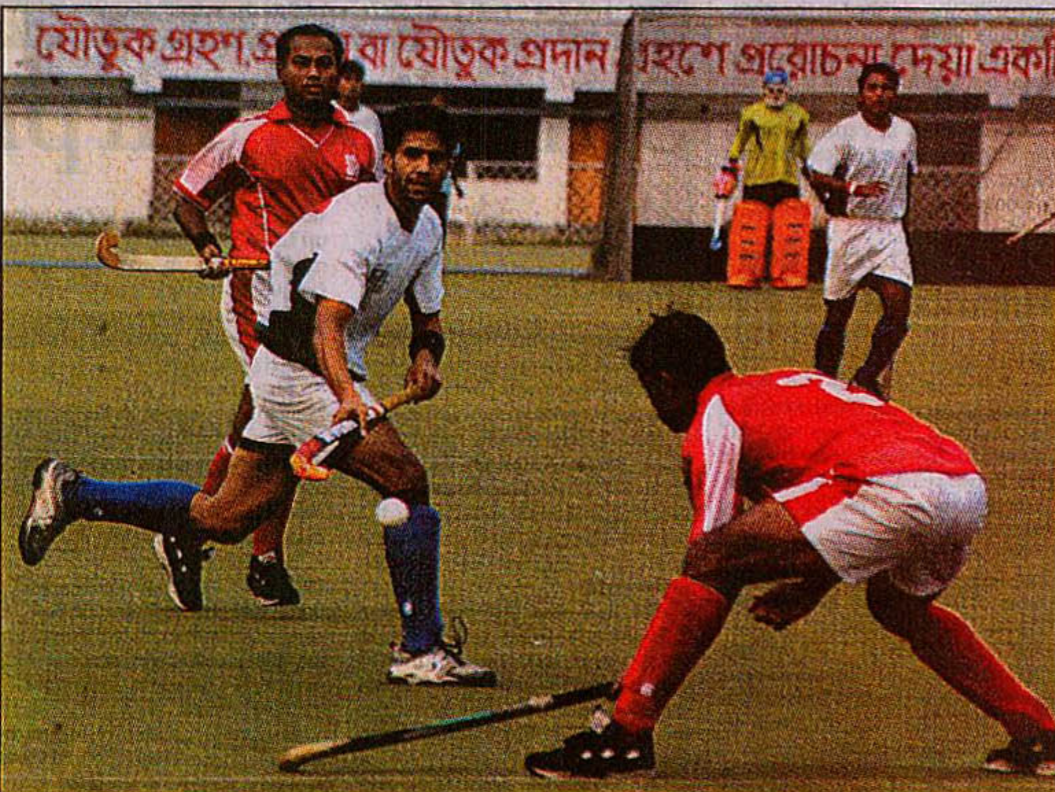
ALEXANDER POPOV

"I have not done any official statements and don't have such thoughts," he added.

However, Popov was not confirmed that he will race again and when asked about his future plans, said: "I could rest for the rest of my life with pleasure."

Popov won the 50m and 100m freestyle gold medals at both the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games. In

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Action from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey between Ajax Sporting Club and Usha Krira Chakra at the Maulana Bhashani Stadium. Usha won 4-2.

Talent runs in the family



BBC ONLINE, undated

Tendulkar is the most famous name in India cricket -- and has been ever since India's premier batsman burst onto the Test scene as a 16-year-old in 1989.

Just two months later, Sachin Tendulkar's eldest brother Nitin was celebrating the birth of a son called Rohan.

And now the young Tendulkar has set his sights on emulating his uncle by making a career in cricket.

Playing for the Indian Education Society's (IES) new English medium school, Banda -- also his uncle's first school -- he scored 73 against Anjuman-I-Islam in the semifinals of the Harris Shield Under-17 Tournament.

"When I went in to bat, my job was to hold one end up. But after

spending some time out there, I started to middle the ball better," he said.

It was his third half-century in the competition and helped his team reach the final for the first time.

They will now take on Anjuman-I-Islam Allana High School next month, a tough challenge against a side who recently created a world record for the highest total in all grades of cricket with 1,121-6 declared.

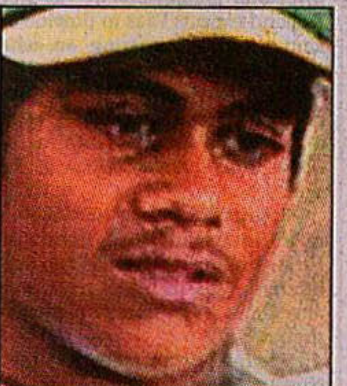
Established in 1897, the Harris Shield is the India's longest running cricket tournament and the same one in which Tendulkar and Vinod Kamble first made a name for themselves with an unbroken partnership of 664 in February 1988.

"I first started playing seriously five years ago."

"My uncle is my inspiration," said Rohan, who will be 15 on

January 29 and never misses the chance to watch India play a Test or limited-overs international.

"I have received valuable



ROHAN TENDULKAR

coaching tips from him, particularly about my stance and the right way to cradle my elbow while

batting."

He has also received coaching from another uncle, Ajit Tendulkar, who first introduced Sachin to cricket at the Poddar coaching camp which he used to run.

But Rohan's current mentor is Satish Sawant, coach of the school team.

Like uncle Sachin, he is a right-hand middle-order batsman and is also an occasional off-spin bowler.

He is still waiting to reach three figures for the first time, but has a personal best of 95.

Rohan is the latest in a new generation of famous names who are making their way in Indian cricket.

Kunal Lal and Stuart Binny, sons of 1983 World Cup winners Madan Lal and Roger Binny, are both playing at first-class level and Sadiq Kirmani, son of former Test wicketkeeper Syed, is making his

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Bangladesh-India Series Quiz 16
Who scored the only century for Bangladesh in One-day International matches?
A Naimur Rahman Durjoy B Mehrab Hossain Opee C Akram Khan D Talha Jubair

Answer by sending SMS* to the number 2003
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