

## Jagannath Hall in last eight

SPORTS REPORTER

Jagannath Hall moved into the quarterfinals of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman Gold Cup Cricket Tournament with a nine-wicket win over Surya Sen Hall in the opening match at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

National captain Habibul Bashar inaugurated the 12-team inter-hall meet of Dhaka University.

Surya Sen Hall scored 111-9 in stipulated 20 overs after winning the toss with Sabuj contributing 21.

In reply, Jagannath Hall easily reached the target of 112 in 11.5 overs for the loss of one wicket. Opener Pushpen made unbeaten 39.

Debashish Kumar, who grabbed 1-17, made unbeaten 37 to be adjudged man-of-the-match.

## Farashganj blank Bachelor

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Farashganj Sporting Club got off to a fine start in the Green Delta First Division Hockey League when they inflicted a 5-0 defeat on Bachelor Sporting Club at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

In the day's other match, Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha also earned a comfortable 4-1 victory over Victoria Sporting Club after dominating the first half 3-0.

## Div I cricket

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Sonargaon Cricketers and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha won their respective matches in the First Division Cricket League at different venues yesterday.

Sonargaon Cricketers defeated Rupali Bank by five wickets at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium.

The bankers thrived on half centuries by Mohammad Rana (66) and Sumon Bhuiyan (65) to score 204-9 in stipulated 50 overs after deciding to bat first.

In reply, Sonargaon reached 209-5 in 40.1 overs, thanks to Neaz Ahmed (52) and Adil Ahmed (61).

At BKSP, Eskaton also earned a five-wicket victory against Azad Sporting Club.

In reply to Azad's 139, Eskaton made 141-5 in 41.2 overs.

## Fletcher to stay

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"He's young and exciting, I challenge him and he challenges me," Jennings said. "He sent me a text message yesterday saying: 'Coach, you're a champion'.

"The (team's) passion has been good, and our catching and ground fielding has improved.

"I will speak to the players and if they want me as a leader I will re-apply, it's all about the players."

Smith, asked to clarify his comments, told reporters: "I don't want to discuss it, I just want what's best for the team."

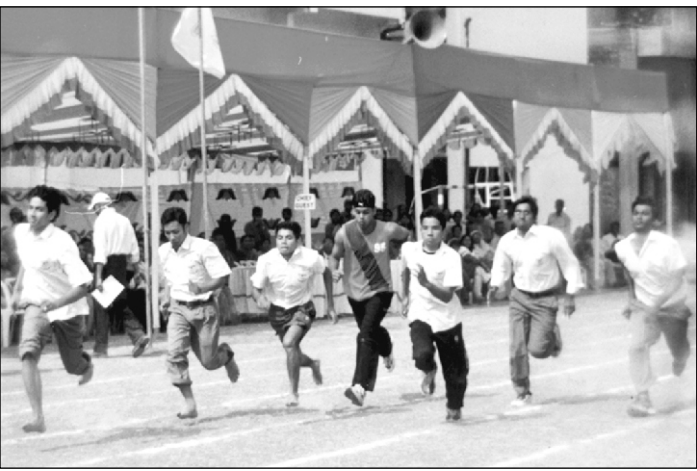


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Participants of the boys' (senior) 100m sprint in action during the annual sports of European Standard School at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday. Prof. Hironmy Sen Gupta of Dhaka University distributed prizes as chief guest in the daylong meet.



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Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Professor SMA Faiz (C) inaugurates the Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman Gold Cup Cricket Tournament yesterday.

# Himel breeze on Day 2

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**RAJSHAHI-CHITTAGONG**

Chittagong crashed to 168-7 in their first innings after Rajshahi posted a handsome first-innings total of 327 on a green-top wicket at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra.

Faisal Hossain saved the blushes of Chittagong with a fine 69 after the visitors were reduced to 49-4 with Sumon Saha capturing three early wickets.

Left-hander Faisal, a prolific scorer in the National League, hit nine fours and one six before being run out. He shared 63 runs with skipper Azam Iqbal (28) for the fifth wicket after Nazimuddin (20) and national cap Aftab (16) fell cheaply.

Earlier, Rajshahi survived 20 overs in the morning, adding 41 runs to their overnight 286-7.

### KHULNA-BARISAL

Barisal took an overall lead of 148 runs with five second-innings wickets intact against Khulna at the Khulna Divisional Stadium when they crawled to 88-5 at stumps.

Jamaluddin Babu top-scored with 34 as the hosts, overnight 15-0, were shot out for 134 in their first innings in reply to Barisal's 194.

Left-arm spinners Nadif Chowdhury (3-33) and Mosharraf Hossain (2-31) shared five wickets as Khulna lost wickets at regular intervals and were all out inside 60 overs.

Khulna hit back with national paceman Mashrafe Bin Mortaza (2-16) and experienced left-arm seamer Manjurul Islam (2-10) reducing the visitors to 20-4 but Shahin Hossain, fresh from his 63 in the first innings, fought with a valiant 40 not out that featured five hits to the fence.

Arafat Salahuddin was batting on two.

### SCOREBOARD

Scorecards of the three matches on the second day of the 6th Ispahani Mirzapore Tea National Cricket League yesterday:

#### DHAKA-SYLHET

**DHAKA:** First innings (overnight 261-6)

Javed b Nabil	79
Mehrab Jr lbw b Hasibul	20
Al Shahriar lbw b Nazmul	2
Ashraful c Mabud b Nabil	27
Halim b Hasibul	48
Rafique c Nazmul b Nabil	4
Mahmud c Tapash b Rezaul	48
Anwar lbw b Nabil	31
Arafat not out	33
Munir run out	0
Talha lbw b Haisbul	0
Extras: (b19, lb8, nb6)	33

Total: (All out in 114.1 overs) 325

Fall of wickets:	1-42, 2-49, 3-111, 4-169, 5-185, 6-231, 7-270, 8-307, 9-325.
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Bowler	O	M	R	W
Tapash	18	3	52	0
Nazmul	20	12	26	1
Hasibul	12.1	1	43	3
Nabil	31	13	62	4
Sadiqur	12	1	50	0
Rezaul	13	2	40	1
Kapali	6	0	15	0
Mawla	2	0	10	0

#### SYLHET: First innings

Himel batting

Mabud run out	1
Sadiqur c Ashraful b Arafat	38
Kapali c Shahriar b Arafat	7
Nasirul lbw b Ashraful	3
Mawla lbw b talha	1
Tapash batting	5
Extras: (b5, lb9, nb1, w1)	16

Total: (For 5 wks in 65 overs) 181

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-141, 3-153, 4-173, 5-174.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Talha	9	2	18	1
Munir	6	3	7	0
Rafique	16	3	41	0
Mehrab Jr	14	4	34	0
Mahmud	10	2	41	0
Arafat	8	3	18	2
Ashraful	2	0	8	1

### RAJSHAHI-CHITTAGONG

**RAJSHAHI:** First innings (overnight 286-7)

Naeem c Sabbir b Tareq	7
Jahurul lbw b Tareq	51
Rafiqul c Masum b Alamgir	5
Nuruzzaman lbw b Alamgir	2
Forhad c sabbir b Aftab	99
Mashud c Kuntal b Tareq	5
Rosel c Kuntal b Aftab	62
Anisur c Ehsanul b Masum	2
Shahzada c Kuntal b Rashed	32
Saifullah not out	6
Sumon run out	10
Extras: (b12, lb12, nb10, w2)	36

Total: (All out in 110.1 overs) 327

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-19, 3-36, 4-125, 5-132, 6-226, 7-229, 8-309, 9-309.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Alamgir	21	2	69	2

Tareq	11	3	35	3
Rashed	17	2	53	1
Sabbir	4	0	32	0
Faisal	29	8	63	0
Aftab	20	5	30	2
Masum	8.1	3	13	1

**CHITTAGONG:** First innings

Masum c Shahzada b Forhad	2
Nazimuddin c naeem b Sumon	20
Ehsanul c Jahurul b Sumon	6
Aftab c Naeem b Sumon	16
Azam c Rosel b Saifullah	28
Faisal run out	69
Sabbir c Naeem b Shahzada	11
Kuntal batting	8
Extras: (b2, lb1, w5)	8

Total (For 7 wks in 66.4 overs) 168

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-27, 3-32, 4-49, 5-112, 6-145, 7-168.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shahzada	24	9	36	1
Forhad	9	3	30	1
Sumon	15	6	55	3
Saifullah	16.4	3	40	1
Nuruzzaman	2	0	4	0

### KHULNA-BARISAL

**BARISAL:** First innings 194.

**KHULNA:** First innings (overnight 15-0)

Sadat b Anis	15
Shafiq lbw b Salahuddin	11
Sajjad b Arman	17
Asadullah b Nadif	7
Manzarul c Imran b Nadif	13
Mashrafe lbw b Nadif	5
Salim c Shahin b Nadif	7
Jamal not out	34
Razzak lbw b Humyaun	13
Manjurul b Mosharraf	0
Dollar run out	0
Extras: (b1, lb7, nb3, w1)	12

Total: (All out in 59.3 overs) 134

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-42, 3-50, 4-58, 5-76, 6-79, 7-98, 8-133, 9-134.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anis	16	4	27	1
Sonnet	10	5	21	0
Mosharraf	12	3	31	2
Arman	3	2	1	1
Salahuddin	6	3	11	1
Nadif	11	3	33	3
Humayun	1.5	0	2	1

### BARISAL: Second innings

Imran b Manju	4
Hannan b Mashrafe	9
Humayun c Manzarul b Manju	0
Shahin batting	40
Nasiruddin c Manzarul b Mashrafe	0
Mosharraf c sadat b Jamal	26
Salahuddin batting	2
Extras: (b5, nb2)	7

Total: (For 5 wks in 35 overs) 88

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-13, 3-15, 4-20, 5-76.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mashrafe	8	1	16	2
Manjurul	7	2	10	2
Dollar	3	0	14	0
Manzarul	6	0	20	0
Razzak	6	1	17	0
Jamal	5	2	6	1

## Football's return

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Stadium in Kamalapur was yet to be prepared for the first phase.

A total of 18 teams split into three groups will compete in the first phase and three group champions will qualify for the second phase.

Five teams, Muktijoddha, Mohammedan, Abahani, Sheikh Russel and Brothers Union are the automatic qualifiers for the final phase.

## Shoaib's misery

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"Shoaib has submitted his explanation and the three-member committee will look into his answers before we decide what action should be taken," said PCB spokesman Abbas Zaidi.

Captain Inzamamul Haq and coach Woolmer have strongly denied reports they don't want Shoaib for the India tour.

"Absolute rubbish to say the least," Woolmer told AFP before his departure on Tuesday.

"What we need from Shoaib is to be fully committed, 100 per cent fit, wanting to take the new ball, wanting to take the old ball, wanting to bowl the sides out in both the innings all the time.

"That's what we need from any bowler. If you look at Brett Lee, Glenn McGrath, you can't get the ball out of their hands," Woolmer said.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Renee Fleming rendition

5 Calendar abbr.

8 Heart of the matter

12 "Consarn it!"

13 Mess up

14 Biblical preposition

15 Getting there

17 Load cargo

18 Brown ermine

19 Hale or Lane

21 Back talk

24 Fish eggs

25 Something outstanding

28 Nuclear energy source

30 Tri-umphed

33 Aye canceler

34 With 43-Across, all over

35 Suitable

36 Skill

37 Singer Horne

38 Urban legend

39 "Malcolm in the Middle" dad

41 Bread spread

43 "See ya"

46 Risk

50 Corn Belt state

51 See 31-Across

54 Unruly tyke

55 A billion years

56 Sea eagle

57 Terrier

20 Host

22 Rescue

23 Secretarial ability

25 Modern-day evidence

26 Listener

27 Incidentally

29 Exam format

31 Make up your mind

32 Ultimate, in a sense

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40 Decrease

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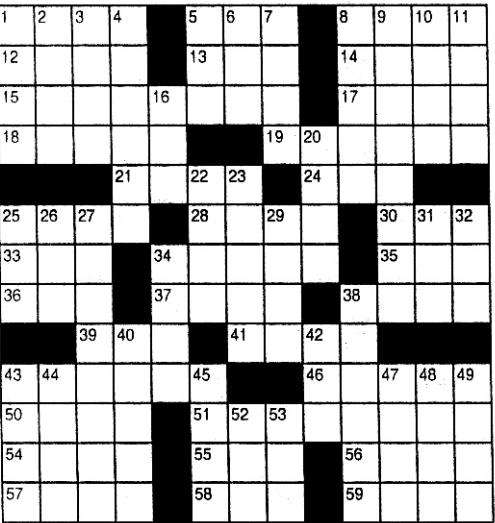
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**Solution time: 21 mins.**

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PATE COMPOSER  
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COMPARER BRIE  
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HEARSE OAK  
AWOL COMPILER  
RENE THE NONO  
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### CRYPTOQUIP

G K O M Q N X P F F N B G R X K N

L M B Z S D F M E D F Z R M Q M S

Z N Z R M K G R B P Z P Z S D L E

G L O M Z R K M L R

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** BECAUSE I REMEMBER THE NUTRITION FACTS OF A CERTAIN CEREAL, IS THAT TOTAL RECALL?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals P

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.