



## Did U Know?

India recorded a hattrick of wins against South Africa at Wankhede Stadium, Bombay with their five-wicket triumph. They had won both their previous games against South Africa at this venue - by 35 runs on 6.11.1996 and by 74 runs on 14.12.1996.



**DD Sports**  
 India vs Sri Lanka  
 First Test, Day Three  
 Live at 10:00 am

**ESPN**  
 English Premier Football League  
 Charlton vs Man City  
 Live at 9:55 pm

**SuperSport-3**  
 Primera Liga  
 Villarreal vs Barcelona  
 Live at 11:00 pm



**Inzamamul Haq**  
(Pakistan cricket captain)  
*"I am very happy to reach this milestone of 8,000. It is a good feeling and I want to continue adding more runs to my tally for my team until the 2007 World Cup."*

**DAY'S EVENT**

**National Cricket League (Four-Day) (Day One)**  
 Dhaka vs Chittagong  
 Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium  
 Rajshahi vs Sylhet  
 Venue: Bogra District Stadium  
 Khulna vs Barisal  
 Venue: Khulna Div Stadium  
**U-19 Tri-Series Cricket**  
 Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka  
 Venue: BKSP

## More rains in Chennai

AFP, Chennai

The first cricket Test between India and Sri Lanka was in danger of ending in a damp squib after heavy rains forced play to be abandoned for the second successive day here on Saturday.

Thunderstorms waterlogged the Chepauk ground and umpires Daryl Harper and Mark Benson called off play at 1300 hrs (0730 GMT) after inspecting the soggy outfield.

The first day's play was also washed out and more rain was forecast for the next 24 hours.

Cyclone Baaz, which was hovering in the Bay of Bengal, weakened into a depression late on Friday but brought rain through the night to drench this southern metropolis.

Bad weather has already deprived Chennai of its last three international matches. India's one-day internationals against New Zealand in 2003 and South Africa a fortnight ago were abandoned without a ball being bowled.

The second Test against Australia in October last year was drawn after the final day's play was washed out with India on the doorstep of victory.

Local cricket officials, fearing another rain-affected match, have chosen to sell only daily tickets for the Sri Lanka Test.

The three-Test series is Sri Lanka's first on Indian soil in eight years.



PHOTO: STAR

**WHIPPING ENGLAND:** Bangladesh U-19 batsman Tamim Iqbal, who smashed 112 off just 71 balls, salutes the crowd after reaching three figures against England in their tri-series match at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium on Saturday.

## Tamim tears England apart



SPORTS REPORTER

A hurricane century by Tamim Iqbal blew away England as Bangladesh recorded a five-wicket victory in their under-19 tri-nation tournament match at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Left-hander Tamim, the younger brother of national opener Nafees Iqbal, extended the English side's woes in the tour when he put the opponents bowling to the sword with 13 boundaries and six over boundaries.

The opener's blazing 71-ball 112 knock helped the home side reach 179 for 5 in 28.3 overs in reply to the visitors' 173 all out in 46.4 overs.

This was the second successive win for the hosts after a four-wicket win against the same opponents in the opening game of the meet. On the other hand, it was England's

third consecutive defeat in the meet after they went down by 13 runs against Sri Lanka on Friday.

Going into the tournament, the English tourists also suffered a 5-0 whitewash against the High Performance Squad of the Bangladesh Cricket Board.

Tamim was finally caught at deep mid-wicket by O'shea, trying to flick paceman Millar. But before his departure he smashed three huge sixes in that over to collect 20 runs, leaving his team only 14 runs away from the victory.

Mehdi Hasan, who had a 127-run opening stand with Tamim, was the second highest scorer with a 50-ball 29 while Suhrawardi Shuvo ended the chase in style when he swept spinner James for a six. Shuvo was not out with 10 off just 4 balls.

Brown was the most successful bowler with 3-37 in 7.3 overs.

Earlier, left-arm spinner Sakib Al Hasan caused a middle-order collapse picking up 3 wickets for 25

as England were bundled out for 173 after being put into bat.

Super-sub Rezaul Islam took two wickets for 22 runs in 6 overs.

Woodman top scored 55 from 104 balls with four hits to the fence while K Brown added 28 off 42 balls.

Bangladesh take on formidable Sri Lanka today at BKSP.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**ENGLAND UNDER-19:** 173 all out in 46.4 overs (Chopra 19, K Brown 28, Thomson 16, Woodman 55, H Brown 13, James 21, extras 15; Sirajullah 1-17, Nabil 1-30, Sakib 3-25, Mehrob 1-25, Rezaul 2-22, Shuvo 1-21).

**BANGLADESH UNDER-19:** 179-5 in 28.3 overs (Tamim 112, Mehdi 29, Raqibul 7, Sakib 5 not out, Mehrob 4, Mushfiqur 0, Shuvo 10 not out, extras 12; Millar 2-61, H Brown 3-37).

**Result: Bangladesh Under-19 won by five wickets.**

## Dhaka, Rajshahi keep it clean



SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka and Rajshahi maintained their all-win records in the one-day fixtures of the National Cricket League when they won their respective third round games at different venues yesterday.

When Rajshahi sailed past Sylhet by seven wickets in a low-scoring match at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra, Dhaka secured a 21-run victory over Chittagong defending a huge 272 at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Away at the Khulna Divisional Stadium, the hosts won their first limited-overs game after two away defeats despite missing their inspirational captain Habibul Bashar. They thrashed a pointless Barisal by 68 runs.

After the end of the third round, Dhaka and Rajshahi lead the six-team one-day table with maximum six points while Sylhet, Khulna and Chittagong followed them with two points each.

The teams will now play the four-day matches from today at the same venues.

**DHAKA-CHITTAGONG**  
Wicketkeeper Sajjad Kadir and

Mosharraf Hossain led a spectacular recovery operation after a stunning top-order collapse saw the star-studded Dhaka reeling at 139-7 in 27.4 overs.

The pair added 124 run for the eighth wicket to eventually take the match away from the firm grip of Chittagong.

Back in action after serving a one-round ban, Sajjad struck an unbeaten 70-ball 64 that contained six fours and a six.

Mosharraf, who also missed the last round due to commitments with the HP Squad, smashed 57 off 73 balls with seven boundaries.

Mohammad Rafique, who was later adjudged man of the match, was the other notable scorer with 32 from 25 balls that featured two fours and as many sixes.

Chittagong also got off to a jumpy start losing both openers Nafees Iqbal (4) and Gazi Salah-uddin (19) for 29 runs in 10.1 overs.

Seasoned campaigner Faisal Hossain brightened Chittagong's hopes of a turnaround with an unbeaten 62. But the visitors desperately missed a crisis-man like Akram Khan, who won a lot of battles for the port city.

Besides, two in-form batsmen Aftab Ahmed and Waseluddin did not feature in the vital match. Aftab missed the game due to fever while Wasel was nursing a knee injury.

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**Winners of the third Mercedes Trophy Golf Tournament** pose with chief guest Major General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan (3rd R, sitting), GOC, 24 Infantry Division and Area Commander of Chittagong and chairman of sponsors Rancon Motors Ltd A Rouf Chowdhury (3rd L, sitting) at the Bhatiary Golf and Country Club in Chittagong on Friday.

## Sorry, Minhaz

SPORTS REPORTER

Reporters are good at finding faults of others. But at times they do eat their own pies. Otherwise, how could most of the newspapers of the country including The Daily Star Sport mislead the readers from the fact that Minhazul Abedin was the second Bangladeshi cricketer to have scored first-class centuries in both innings.

"You people just forgot that I made 210 and unbeaten 110 (for Chittagong) against Dhaka at Mymensingh in 2001," said a piqued former national captain at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

His reminder left everybody around him in a state of embarrassment.

It was unknowingly reported that Javed Omar became the third Bangladeshi cricketer after Shahriar Hossain and Shahin Hossain to have scored centuries in both innings.

Shahriar achieved the feat against MCC in 1999 while Shahin did it against Chittagong in the National League last year.

Javed scored 106 and 151 against Barisal at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium last week.

## Dalmiya gives up both ACC, AACC posts

AFP, Kolkata

Former International Cricket Council (ICC) chief Jagmohan Dalmiya Saturday resigned as president of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) and the Afro-Asian Cricket Cooperation (AACC).

He sent in his resignation to new chief of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Sharad Pawar, whose faction ousted Dalmiya's panel in this week's elections.

Dalmiya sent in his resignation to Pawar, who is the agriculture minister in India's Congress-led coalition government, because nominations to the posts are submitted by national cricket boards.

"I had the privilege of being the President of the ACC from 2001-02 and the President of the AACC from 2004-05," Dalmiya wrote in his resignation letter, which was

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## DIV I CRICKET Big win for Wanderers

SPORTS REPORTER

A 93-run knock by Himel powered Dhaka Wanderers Club to an eight-wicket victory over Prantik KC in the First Division Cricket League at the Dhaka University ground yesterday.

Wanderers scored 173-2 in 35.2 overs in reply to Prantik's 168 all out in 38.2 overs.

In the day's other matches, Dhaka Mariner Young's Club (226-10) defeated Cricket Coaching School (CCS) (207-10) by 19 runs at the City Club ground while Bangladesh Boys (181-7) beat Jatrabari KC (180-10) by three wickets at BKSP.

## Mercedes Trophy golf held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Jay Ke Kang clinched the men's title while Shifat Yousuf won the women's crown in the third Mercedes Trophy Golf Tournament at the Bhatiary Golf and Country Club (BGCC) in Chittagong on Friday.

A total of 149 golfers including eight ladies from home and abroad took part in the tournament.

General Officer Commanding (GOC), 24 Infantry Division and Area Commander, Chittagong Major General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan, also the senior vice president of BGCC, gave away prizes among the winners as chief guest.

Chairman of Rancon Motors Ltd, a concern of Rangs Group, A Rouf Chowdhury and Managing Director Romo Rouf Chowdhury also addressed the prize giving ceremony.

The function was followed by a raffle draw, fashion show and musical programme.

### OTHER RESULTS

Runner-up: R Osui; Best Gross: Jong Oh Be; Senior winner: M R Chowdhury; Ladies Runner-up: Dr Caroline Bower; Senior Runner-up: Shamsul Huda; Best Front Nine: Md Sirajul Haq Khan; Best Back Nine: Farid Uddin; Nine Hole Winner: Captain Kamrul Hossain; Longest Drive: G B Lee; Nearest to Pin: T W Park; Best per Three's: Monjur Ahmed and Best per Five's: M Shimojima.

## Abahani win again

ABAHANI 1: MOHAMMEDAN 0

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur



Abahani might have been starving for success when it comes to lifting domestic titles for the last couple of seasons. But their amazing success

against their bitter rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club this year reached a new high at the Rangpur Stadium on Saturday.

The Sky Blues won the clash of the titans 1-0 to move atop the Group A table of the Nitol-Tata National League with maximum six points. But for an avid follower of the Dhanmondi-based club the statistics are more refreshing as the latest victory gave Abahani a 4-0 aggregate win over Mohammedan in the five meetings of the two Goliaths of country's football this season. The Black and Whites could only manage

a draw in the Premier League against three defeats including an embarrassing 5-1 thrashing in the Independence Cup.

Midfielder Abdullah Pervaz scored the all-important goal in front of a packed audience of the northern district of the country three minutes before the break.

Although Rangpur like other parts of the country has been gripped by fear of the recent surge in so-called Islamic militancy, the home fans for once turned their focus on a rare Abahani-Mohammedan battle in their own backyard. And they enjoyed every bit of the up and down encounter.

Abahani started at a brisk pace and they virtually pinned Mohammedan at their own half with a series of raids in the first 30 minutes.

Ndem, one of the three foreign recruits of Abahani, got the first real scoring chance in the 15th minute after he was fed a nice through pass inside the Mohammedan box. But the scorching shot by the Cameroon

forward sailed over the cross bar. Two minutes later Ibrahim's powerful shot took a wicked deflection off a Mohammedan defender, but goalkeeper Shakil saved his side from an almost certain shock.

Parvez then struck the all-important goal with a first-time volley off an Ibrahim right-side cross.

Mohammedan, who looked a more organised side after the break, got a golden chance to level the margin in the 72nd minute when Francis broke open an off-side trap and had only Abahani custodian at his mercy. But his shot in front of an empty net came off the cross-bar much to the frustration of the loyal Black and White supporters.

The defeat cast a shadow over Mohammedan's progress in the six-team final round from what dubbed as the 'group of death' that also includes Muktiyoddha.

Mohammedan drew their first match against Muktiyoddha goalless in Khulna. Abahani on the

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PHOTO: AFP

**TOAST OF PAKISTAN:** Fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar (C) is elated after dismissing Geraint Jones as teammates rush to congratulate him on the fifth and final day of the final Pakistan-England Test at the Gaddafi Cricket Stadium in Lahore on Saturday.

## Pakistan bring Ashes heroes down 2-0



AFP, Lahore

Danish Kaneria and Shoaib Akhtar bowled Pakistan to victory Saturday as England collapsed to lose by an innings and 100 runs in the third and final Test in Lahore.

England, trailing by 348 runs on the first innings after Pakistan amassed a massive 636-8 declared, were bowled out for 248 in their second innings on the fifth and final day to lose the series 2-0.

It was their first-ever Test series loss in two-and-a-half years under Michael Vaughan's captaincy and was a rude awakening for a side who triumphed last summer over the mighty Australians in the Ashes.

England had beaten the West Indies (twice), South Africa, New Zealand, Bangladesh and Australia before coming unstuck in Pakistan.

The tourists lost their last eight wickets after lunch in the space of just 47 runs and 12.1 overs, with leg-spinner Kaneria grabbing four scalps and fast bowler Akhtar three.

Akhtar finished with 5-71 for his 12th haul of five or more wickets in a Test innings and Kaneria with 4-52 as Pakistan clinched their first Test series in two years.

Pakistan won the opening Test by 22 runs at Multan before England salvaged a draw in the second at Faisalabad.

There was no hint of a dramatic collapse in the morning session as resolute Ian Bell (92) and Paul Collingwood (80) denied Pakistan

success to raise England's hopes of saving the match with a century stand for the third wicket.

Resuming at 121-2, England were comfortably placed at 201-2 at lunch before the wickets came tumbling down against Pakistan's spin-pace combination.

Kaneria turned the match upside-down in five deliveries after the lunch-break, removing all-rounder Collingwood, Kevin Pietersen (one) and Andrew Flintoff for a duck.

A triumphant Pakistan skipper Inzamamul Haq was full of praise for the way his bowlers performed throughout the series on tracks that favoured the batsmen.

Kaneria, ineffective when bowling around the wicket in the morning

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