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Curtly Ambrose

(West Indies fast bowling great)
"They need to train much more, train harder and train the proper way."

On why West Indies are not producing enough quickies any more.



ESPN

Sportcenter India
Sports News
Live at 10:30 pm
New Zealand vs West Indies
First one-day international
Live at 6:58 am (Saturday)

STAR Sports

India vs Pakistan
First Hockey Test
Live at 6:30 pm



DRY'S EVENT

7th Nat'l Cricket League
Four-Day Matches (Day Two)
Dhaka vs Rajshahi
Venue: Rajshahi Divisional Stadium
Khulna vs Sylhet
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Pressure mounts on Dhaka

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Rajshahi and Chittagong consolidated their positions on the opening day of their home matches but visiting Sylhet took command away in Khulna in the fifth round of the Ispahani Seventh National Cricket League yesterday.

In a battle for the top spot, second-placed Rajshahi were all out for 283 in their first innings, the lowest total on the day, but they reduced touring Dhaka to 212 by close of play in the four-day match. An outright win will help Rajshahi join Dhaka on top of the table.

Things, however, went awry for

A century by Imtiaz Hossain took Sylhet to 326-8 at stumps while Chittagong, playing their scheduled home match in Dhaka, looked to pile the pressure on Barisal when they stormed to 315-5 at close.

DHAKA-RAJSHAHI

After being put into bat at the Rajshahi Divisional Stadium, the hosts were spearheaded by a 97-run opening stand between in-form Jahurul Islam and Junaid Siddique.

Jahurul, whose 71 helped Rajshahi end Dhaka's unbeaten run in the one-day competition on the previous day, topscored 51 off 109 balls with ten boundaries while his partner hit nine fours to contribute 43 off 73 deliveries.

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