



South Africa batsman AB de Villiers glides the ball towards the fine-leg boundary as West Indies wicketkeeper Patrick Browne looks on during the fourth one-day international in Durban on Friday.

## Sunnydale mini h'ball from today

UNB, Dhaka

The Sunnydale fifth mini (boys) handball tournament begins today at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex.

Defending champions Sunnydale will play BIS in the opening match.

A total of 14 teams from Dhaka Metropolitan, split into four groups, are taking part in the tournament.

Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) general secretary Asaduzzaman Kohinor disclosed the details of the tournament at a press conference at the federation office yesterday.

Out of a total budget of Tk 1.95 lakh, sponsors Sunnydale will provide Tk 80,000.

Founder president of BHF col (ret) MA Hamid will inaugurate the meet while principal of Sunnydale Tazin Ahmed will be present as special guest.

## Go-Karting C'ship held

SPORTS REPORTER

The inaugural Dhaka Go-Karting Championship took place in Ashulia on Friday, with over 90 participants vying for the top prize in the day-long event.

Fayaz Hussein Khorasani, an A' Level student finished top of the pile bagging the winner's prize of Tk 15,000.

He was closely followed by Moshir Rahman, a BBA student from IBA and Moinoy Mitro, an O-Level student.

Held at the premises of Speedway Karting, the event was organised by Station Rock and sponsored by Partex and Navana Batteries.

The event was aimed to raise money for Sidr victims and Station Rock duly donated all proceeds from the event to the Chief Advisor's Relief Fund.

Go-karting is a variant of open-wheeled motor sports, with small four-wheeled vehicles of similar stature competing against each other. It is often seen as a stepping stone to higher and more expensive ranks of motor sports.

## Giants back

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Abahani: Biplab, Pradip, Wali, Nazrul, Joy, Zahed, Abul (Abdullah), Siraji, Ujjal (Sunny), Tipu (Robin), Emily.

Wanderers: Jahangir, Hossain, Anupam, Jahangir, Shuvro, Aminul, Asif, Kabir, Anisul, Luksan, Lunti (Hirok).  
Referee: Ibrahim Nesar.

## Alves could face

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the Dutch Football Federation gave the player the green light to join Boro as he was no longer registered with Heerenveen, but not registered with Alkmaar either.

The forward has signed a four-year deal with Middlesbrough with media reports indicating a transfer fee of in the region of 16 million euros.

## Setback for SL

Cricket

AFP, Hobart

Opener Sanath Jayasuriya was hit in the jaw as Sri Lanka slumped to a disappointing defeat here Saturday in their final warm-up match before the triangular series against India and Australia.

The Sri Lankans beat the Prime Minister's XI comfortably on Wednesday in Canberra, but Tasmania thrashed them by seven wickets in their one-day match.

After winning the toss and batting, the Sri Lankans failed to bat out their overs in making 183 for nine, with Jayasuriya retiring hurt on eight.

In reply, Tasmania cruised to 184 for three, winning with more than 13 overs to spare.

Jayasuriya, in his last tour of Australia, was hit in the jaw when he top-edged a delivery from Tasmanian opening bowler Tim MacDonald in the eighth over.

The 38-year-old needed six stitches and was taken to a local hospital for precautionary X-rays, but is expected to be available for Sri Lanka's opening tri-series clash with India in Brisbane on Tuesday.

Captain Mahela Jayawardene was the only Sri Lankan to impress with the bat, making 51 from 59 balls.

However, star wicketkeeper-batsman Kumar Sangakkara failed for the second time in three days, falling for a second-ball duck to Tasmanian paceman Brendan Drew.

Chamara Kapugedera made 34 and put on 53 with Jayawardene, while Farveez Maharoof chipped in with 29, but the Sri Lankans lost their last five wickets for just 31.

Opener Travis Paine and Michael Dighton then set the Tasmanians up for victory, putting on 91 for the first wicket before the latter was caught behind by Sangakkara from the bowling of Nuwan Kulasekara for 45.

Paine made 54, before also falling to Kulasekara.

**BRIEF SCORES**  
SRI LANKA: 183-9 in 47.4 overs (Tharanga 24, Jayasuriya 8 retired hurt, Jayawardene 51, Kapugedera 34, Maharoof 29; Drew 536, Doherty 2-36)

TASMANIA: 184-3 in 36.1 overs (Paine 54, Dighton 45, Anderson 47 not out, Bailey 21 not out; Kulasekara 2-27)

Result: Tasmania won by seven wickets.

match in Karachi by 104 runs, followed by victories at Hyderabad (five wickets), Multan (37 runs) and Faisalabad (seven wickets).

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the fifth and final one-day international between Pakistan and Zimbabwe at Sheikhupura Stadium on Saturday:

**ZIMBABWE**  
Sibanda run out 18  
Masakadza c and b Rauf 5  
Williams c Manzoor b Riaz 19  
Taibu c Rizwan b Riaz 6  
Taylor b Malik 49  
Chibhabha lbw b Malik 1  
Chigumbura st Sarfraz b Alam 34  
Dabengwa not out 16  
Brent run out 4  
Price b Rauf 7  
Mpofo b Rauf 0  
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-7, w-11) 22  
Total: (All out in 45.4 overs) 181  
Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-35, 3-48, 4-64, 5-67, 6-152, 7-154, 8-158, 9-180.

**Bowler O M R W**  
Tanvir 7 1 24 0

previous stint at the club and fit-again winger Damien Duff is relishing the challenge.

"It's great having Kevin about the place, he's such a positive person and he will benefit players like myself," said the Irish winger.

Points are the priority however. Newcastle have not won a league game since they beat struggling Fulham 1-0 in mid-December and a defeat on Sunday would leave them only marginally above the relegation battle.

Duff admitted: "The bottom teams are creeping up and we need to get some points. We are looking at games like Middlesbrough to get points. But these are still exciting times and we aim to play exciting football."

Keegan's chances of seeing the first goal of his second reign have been boosted by news that Australian striker Mark Viduka will make his comeback from injury on Sunday.

## Sania goes to India's rescue

PTI, Bangkok

Sania Mirza returned to the court to save India from demotion as India beat Hong Kong 2-1 in the Federation Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group I relegation play-off here yesterday.

The World number 29, who did not play any of India's Pool A matches due to leg injury, finally took the field in the deciding doubles after the tie was locked 1-1.

Pairing with Sunitha Rao, Sania was instrumental in downing the Hong Kong pair of Yang Zi-jun and Zhang Ling 7-6, 6-2 to ensure that India finish seventh in the eight-team Group I and remain in the same group next year.

Earlier, Shikha Uberoi had helped India to a 1-0 lead with a 6-1, 7-6 victory over Yang Zi-jun but Isha Lakhani lost to Zhang Ling in the second rubber before the Sania-Sunitha rescue act.

India had lost to Indonesia (1-2), New Zealand (1-2) and Australia (0-3) in the earlier matches of Pool A league.

Hong Kong are relegated to Group II next year while Uzbekistan, who beat New Zealand 2-1 in the battle between pool toppers, were promoted to world group II.

Rauf 8.4 0 45 3  
Riaz 8 3 19 2  
Malik 10 1 35 2  
Rizwan 4 0 26 0  
Fawad 8 0 28 1

**PAKISTAN**  
Jamshed c Dabengwa b Chigumbura 19  
Manzoor b Price 50  
Younis Khan c Masakadza b Price 63  
Misbah not out 31  
Fawad not out 14  
Extras: (nb-1, w-9) 10  
Total: (For three wks in 31 overs) 187  
Did not bat: Malik, Sarfraz, Tanvir, Rizwan, Riaz, Rauf.

Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-137, 3-145.

**Bowler O M R W**  
Chigumbura 6 0 37 1  
Mpofo 3 0 23 0  
Brent 6 0 35 0  
Price 10 1 38 2  
Dabengwa 6 0 54 0

Result: Pakistan won by seven wickets to take series 5-0.  
Man-of-the-match: Younis Khan.  
Man-of-the-series: Shoaib Malik.  
Toss: Zimbabwe

England made a bright start to their two-month tour of New Zealand by easily winning their first practice game against Canterbury in Christchurch on Saturday.

England won the match by 51 runs after racking up 295 for six from their 50 overs then bowling the home team out for 244.

Ian Bell top-scored with 79 off 89 deliveries, while opener Alastair Cook was the only other player to post a half-century, making a rapid 51.

Kevin Pietersen chipped in with a typically robust 48 and Sussex all-rounder Luke Wright provided some late fireworks with an unbeaten 42 off just 15 balls.

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a City player.

They were hoping to use the fee to cover the cost of bringing in England striker Jermain Defoe from Tottenham, a deal they secured in the last minutes of the transfer window on Thursday.

The Premier League are investigating but a decision will now have to wait until Monday.

"If Benji is back we'll just have to see where we go with that one. He's a good player and we didn't want to lose him but we had to try to balance the books," said Portsmouth boss Harry Redknapp.

City manager Sven-Goran Eriksson said that he is still hopeful the deal will be completed.

"I really don't know exactly what's happening. We will have to wait and see what's coming," said Eriksson.

# Polly's fitting home farewell

## Final ODI against Windies today

Cricket

AFP, Durban

AB de Villiers struck a confident 77 while Shaun Pollock bid an emotional hometown farewell as South Africa beat the West Indies by five wickets at Kingsmead Friday to maintain a perfect record in the one-day series.

Pollock, playing in his last match on his home ground before retiring after Sunday's final match in Johannesburg, delighted a capacity crowd by hitting the winning boundary to seal South Africa's win with 13 balls to spare in the fourth one-day international.

"We all wanted him to do so well today," said Proteas captain Graeme Smith.

"There were lots of times, especially when he bowled his last over, that he was very emotional, and I think he was very nervous when he went out to bat."

"We were all hoping that he would do well, and it worked out perfectly that he could finish the game like he did."

South Africa faced a bigger than expected target after an unbeaten last wicket stand of 57 between Jerome Taylor and Fidel Edwards lifted the West Indies to a competitive total of 263 for nine.

But captain Graeme Smith got South Africa off to a fast start, hammering 50 off 37 balls and dominating an opening stand of 77 with Herschelle Gibbs.

There was a brief wobble as Smith was caught at midwicket immediately after reaching his half-century and Jacques Kallis went for a single in the next over.

Gibbs followed for 39 with the total on 118 but De Villiers and JP Duminy put South Africa firmly on the way to victory with a fourth wicket stand of 99 before Duminy was caught at wide-long on for 44.

De Villiers fell with 34 still needed but veterans Pollock and Mark Boucher steered South Africa home.

West Indian captain Dwayne Bravo, back in action as a bowler after suffering a side strain during the second Test four weeks ago, showed up the waywardness of some of his other bowlers by taking the wickets of Gibbs and Duminy for 31 runs in 8.5 overs.

The West Indies failed to take full advantage of their best opening partnership of the series after winning the toss in ideal batting conditions.

Inexperienced duo Brenton Parchment and Sewnarine Chattergoon put on 97 for the first wicket and the West Indies seemed set for a big total on a good pitch in scorchingly hot weather.

But home town favourite Pollock broke the stand and the tourists slid to 206 for nine in the 45th over.

Pollock had the left-handed Chattergoon caught behind for 48 and Parchment followed for the same score two overs later when he was leg before to Andre Nel.

Despite a hard-hit 38 off 24 balls by Patrick Browne, playing in only his second one-day international, the West Indies were unable to build any other substantial partnerships until Taylor and Edwards came together.

Taylor smashed 43 not out off 21 balls, while Edwards was undefeated on 12. Taylor, with a previous highest one-day international score of 13, was especially severe on Mahaya Ntini, hitting the fast bowler for two successive sixes, including one off a full toss that was no-balled for being over waist height.

Ntini, recalled to the South African team after missing the previous five one-day matches, conceded 44 runs off his last two overs, including 24 off the final over of the innings, and had figures of one for 80 from nine overs.

Pollock bowled with his usual economy to take one for 38 from 10 overs.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the fourth one-day international between South Africa and the West Indies at Kingsmead on Friday:

**WEST INDIES**  
Parchment lbw b Nel 48  
Chattergoon c Boucher b Pollock 48  
Chanderpaul c Smith b Botha 28  
Samuels c Gibbs b Nel 4  
Bravo run out (De Villiers) 18  
Browne c and b Morkel 34  
Sammy c Boucher b Ntini 2  
Lewis b Morkel 15  
Taylor not out 43  
Powell run out (Botha) 0

**SA**  
Smith c Chanderpaul b Sammy 50  
Gibbs b Bravo 39  
Kallis c Sammy b Edwards 1  
De Villiers c Bravo b Powell 77  
Duminy c Taylor b Bravo 44  
Pollock not out 21  
Boucher not out 21  
Extras: (lb-6, nb-1, w-6) 13  
Total: (For 5 wks in 47.5 overs) 266  
Did not bat: Botha, Morkel, Nel, Ntini.

Fall of wickets: 1-77, 2-78, 3-119, 4-218, 5-228.

**Bowler O M R W**  
Taylor 9 0 48 0  
Powell 10 1 49 1  
Sammy 10 0 58 1  
Edwards 5 0 39 1  
Bravo 8.5 0 31 2  
Lewis 5 0 35 0

Result: South Africa won by 5 wickets and lead five-match series 4-0.

Man-of-the-match: AB de Villiers.  
Umpires: Daryl Harper (AUS) and Ian Howell (RSA).  
Match referee: Jagavall Srinath (IND).

## Six lead Jr chess

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Six players continued their winning ways to share the lead in the 29th National Junior (Under-20) chess championship after the fourth round matches at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall on yesterday.

Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar, Shamima Akhter Lisa, Abdullah Al Saif, Saimon Siddiqui Rahman, Shamsuddoha Shakin and Masum Hossain won their respective matches to secure four points each.

Sharif Hossain, Nazmul Haque and SM Sharon followed the leaders with 3.5 points each.

In the day's round, Sagar beat Arifa Khatun Moni, Lisa beat Mosabbir Khan Shibli, Saif beat Shahidul Alam Abir, Shakin beat Rezaul Islam Babu, Saimon beat Mohammad Asgar, Masum beat Kramul Haque Siam, Sharif beat Tariqul Islam, Nazmul beat Delwar Hossain Sumon and Sharon beat Zohar Haque Proddhan.

**BKSP tennis**  
SPORTS REPORTER

New Zealander Ben McLachlan and Lisa Whybourn became boys' and girls' singles champions in the Amicus 6th BKSP International Junior tennis tournament in Savar yesterday.

Lisa easily beat China's Di Zhao 6-2, 6-2 while Ben, younger of the McLachlan brothers, also had a easy win, defeating Yi-Lun Lin of Chinese Taipei 6-2, 7-5.

But local boy Ranjan Ram gave Lin something to smile about after the pair won 6-4, 7-6 in the boys' doubles final against the Taipei pairing of Chi-Chin Chen and Jui Mao.

In the girls' doubles final, Dutch pair Yvette Vlaar and Demi Schuurs beat Chinese Zong-Yuan Yang and Xi-Yao Wang 6-3, 6-1.

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## One last hurrah

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that have happened I don't think you will gain anything from it."

Australia have fitness worries over Ponting (lower back) and Matthew Hayden (right thigh) while India will be without Yuvraj Singh, who should be desperate to show his limited-overs class after his problems in the Test series. However, rain could be the biggest problem for all three teams -- India play Sri Lanka here on Tuesday -- and the forecast is for more wet weather throughout the week.

Packs of fast bowlers might be the best options on a pitch that spent much of Saturday under the covers, but Australia will wait until Sunday morning to name their squad. Adam Voges is on standby for Ponting and Hayden while Ashley Noffke has come in for Stuart Clark, who remains in Sydney for personal reasons. Once calls have been made on the two injured players, Ponting will decide whether to go with an all-pace attack on a greenish pitch or use Brad Hogg, the specialist spinner.

India's problem is shoe-horning

Lee, Nathan Bracken, Mitchell Johnson.

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SPORTS REPORTER

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