

BIT, Scholastica in semifinals

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BIT and Scholastica stormed into the semifinals of the Dhaka metropolitan Women's School football tournament with big wins yesterday.

BIT emerged Group C champions with a 5-0 drubbing of Rajdhani High School at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex. Asna scored a hattrick but the player-of-the-match award went to two-goal Priyanka.

BIT will face Scholastica in the second semifinal at the same venue at 9.45 am while Aga Khan fight it out against Viqarunnissa in the first semi, which kicks off at 8.45 am.

Scholastica, meanwhile, crushed Siddheshwari Girls High School 6-1 with a hattrick from player-of-the-match Zara and a brace from Nabila to win Group B.

In a Group D match with academic interest, Julie scored twice to help Australian International School defeat Natun Kuri 4-0.

SHOHARDU CUP
JMB too strong for MBUST

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The booters of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge (JMB) blanketed Maulana Bhawan University of Science and Technology (MBUST) 3-0 in the fourth match of the Shohardu Cup football tournament here at the Tangail Stadium on yesterday.

Soen, later adjudged man-of-the-match, completed the MBUST rout with a third goal in the 70th minute after Bablu and Ruhul struck in either half for the winners.

The day's other match between Tangail Municipality and Govt Saadat College Karatia ended in a 1-1 draw.

Shamim gave Saadat College a 60th minute lead but Mehdi Hassan restored parity for Tangail Municipality 12 minutes later.

Hirok Joardar of Saadat College was adjudged best player of the match.

Tangail Zila Krira Shangstha will face Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge while Tangail Police meet Modhupur Adivasi Ekadash in today's matches.

Sourav

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Bangalore. Tendulkar then became the highest run-scorer in Test cricket during his 88 in the second Test in Mohali, while Ganguly went past 7,000 Test runs during his 16th Test century in the same match, which India won by 320 runs.

Gambhir 206

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decision to bat first on a flat Feroz Shah Kotla track.

It was the first time that two batsmen have scored double-centuries in an innings for India.

There was little joy for the tourists, who toiled for two wicketless sessions before tasting some success when Shane Watson accounted for Gambhir and Mahendra Dhoni (27) and Katich sent back Sourav Ganguly (five).

A desperate Ricky Ponting brought himself into the attack but without much luck as the Indians made batting look easy.

It was Watson who gave his team the breakthrough when Gambhir inside-edged onto his stumps but by then the damage had already been done.

Stuck for 11 balls on 99, Laxman reached his 13th century and sixth against Australia with a cover-driven four off leg-spinner Cameron White.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the third Test between India and Australia at the Feroz Shah Kotla stadium in New Delhi on Thursday:

INDIA: First innings (overnight 296-3)

Gambhir b Watson 206

Schwarz lbw Lee 1

Dravid c Hayden b Johnson 11

Tendulkar c Haddin b Johnson 68

Laxman not out 200

Ganguly Ponting b Katich 5

Dhoni c Haddin b Watson 27

Kumble lbw b Johnson 45

Zaheer not out 28

Extras: (b-6, lb-8, nb-6, w-2) 22

Total: (For 7 wkts dec'd in 161 overs) 613

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-27, 3-157, 4-

435, 5-444, 6-481, 7-579

Did not bat: Sharma, Mishra

Bowler O M R W

Lee 30 2 119 1

Clark 33 9 69 0

Johnson 32 4 142 3

Watson 20 4 66 2

White 15 1 73 0

Clarke 14 0 59 0

Katich 15 3 60 1

Ponting 2 0 11 0

AUSTRALIA: First innings

Hayden not out 16

Katich not out 29

Extras: (b-4, nb-1) 5

Total: (For no loss in 15 overs) 50

To bat: Ponting, Hussey, Clarke, Watson, Haddin, White, Lee, Johnson, Clark

Bowler O M R W

Zaheer 4 2 9 0

Sharma 4 1 9 0

Kumble 4 0 17 0

Mishra 3 0 11 0



England's Andrew Flintoff arrives at the Stanford Cricket Ground in St John's on Wednesday to give a press conference ahead of their Stanford Twenty20 Super Series match against Stanford Superstars. England and Stanford Superstars will battle to win the 20-million-dollar Twenty20 match on November 1.

Sarwar not going to SA

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Sarwar Imran will not be travelling with the Tigers in the upcoming tour to South Africa this month.

The bowling coach has cited personal reasons for not accompanying the national team in the monthlong series that will see three one-dayers, two Tests and a Twenty20 international.

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UNDER-14 CRICKET

Manikganj defeat Jamalpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Manikganj defeated Jamalpur by four wickets in the under-14 national cricket competition at the Shahid Miraz-Tapan Stadium in Manikganj on Thursday.

Batting first, Jamalpur were all out for only 70 runs in 23.5 overs. Saddam top-scored with 30 runs. Russel of Manikganj took four wickets while Jahid claimed three and Tutul grabbed two wickets.

In reply, Manikganj reached 74-6 in 21 overs. Sarwar Kabir scored an unbeaten 12. Mehedi and Saddam of Jamalpur took three wickets each.

Marvellous Mithapukur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Mithapukur won the Inter-upazila football title with a 4-0 thrashing of Pircacha in the final at the Rangpur Zila Schoolground yesterday.

After a goalless first half, Mithapukur thumped in all four goals in the last 20 minutes with Hiron scoring twice and Hasan and Ripon notching one apiece.

Brig Gen of 66 Infantry Division of Bangladesh Army Kamrul Islam witnessed the final and distributed prizes among the winners. Deputy Commissioner of Rangpur Abdul Ahad was also present.

Northern win title

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Northern University came through the backdoor to lift the Mentors' Inter-private University football title when they defeated IUBAT in the tiebreakers in yesterday's final.

The match at the Army Stadium ended 2-2 in regulation time before Northern won 3-1 in penalties.

Man-of-the-fifth Sujan put Northern ahead after 34 minutes while Wasim doubled the lead in the 52nd minute but player-of-the-tournament Manzurul's 66th minute strike threw a lifeline to IUBAT, who levelled the scores through Abid eight minutes later.

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Lawson sorry to leave

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Geoff Lawson, who was sacked as the Pakistan coach last week, has said he was better off than other officials working with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) since he was paid out and got a decent exit.

"There are so many other staff who have been sacked or are leaving and I don't think they got paid an awful lot," Lawson was quoted as saying in the Sydney Morning Herald. Lawson worked out a financial agreement with the PCB after sending back a cheque the board had given him, claiming the payment was far short of what was owed to him as per the terms of his contract.

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