



## Did U Know?

Sri Lanka's wicketkeeper-batsman Kumar Sangakkara scored his eighteenth century on the first day of the second Test against Pakistan on Sunday.



## Guus Hiddink

(Chelsea manager)  
"I knew about [Didier] Drogba because of his performances in the World Cup and other tournaments, but I didn't know him personally. But I'm very positive about his contribution."



## What to WATCH

- Neo Cricket**  
New Zealand v India  
First ODI  
Live from 7:00am
- TEN Sports**  
Pakistan v Sri Lanka  
Second Test, Day Three  
Live from 11:00am
- ESPN**  
Sportscentre India  
Sports News  
Live at 8:30pm
- English Premier League**  
Liverpool v Sunderland  
Live from 2:00am (Wednesday)
- STAR Sports**  
English Premier League  
West Bromwich v Arsenal  
Live from 2:00am (Wednesday)



## DAY'S EVENT

Premier Div Cricket League  
Victoria v Gazi Tank  
Venue: Fatullah Cricket Stadium  
Abahani v City Club  
Venue: BKSP-2

## Indira ride on Sujon

SPORTS REPORTER

Asadul Sujon slammed a hundred as Indira Road coasted to a 40-run victory over Badda Ekota Sangha in the First Division Cricket League at the Jagannath University ground yesterday.

In his 143-ball knock Sujon smashed eight boundaries



## ASADUL SUJON... 100

while Rubel added 61 as Indira Road scored 231 for eight in 50 overs.

Shipon and Monir took two wickets each.

In reply, Badda Ekota Sangha was restricted to 191-9 with Imran making 43 runs.

Fari was most successful bowler with three for 19 runs and Mohammad Isam picked up one wicket for 30 runs.

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## Sunny shines in vain

### Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Elias Sunny's impressive all-round effort was in vain as BKSP secured a two-wicket victory over Cricket Coaching School (CCS) at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium yesterday as the Premier League resumed after a three-day break.

It was BKSP's third win in six matches while CCS remained at six points from the same number of outings.

Partex Sporting Club registered their second win when they handed a five-wicket defeat to Young Pegasus at BKSP. Pegasus has one point from six games, which they have earned from the tie match against Mohammedan.

Victoria will meet Gazi Tank today at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium in the last sixth round game while the seventh round also start today with the match between defending champions Abahani and pointless City Club at BKSP.

In a gesture of solidarity, with the scores of army officials who lost their lives in the BDR mutiny, each game was preceded by a minutes silence.

### BKSP-CCS

Sunny followed up his stroke-filled 72 with a two-wicket haul but his effort was not good enough to confirm CCS's fourth victory.

The opening batsman smashed twelve boundaries during his 92-ball essay while Nazmul Hossain contributed 37 off 68 balls as

CCS posted 203 for nine after being sent into bat first.

Mominul Haque was the most successful bowler with four for 25 while Asif Ahmed captured three for 35 runs.

In reply, BKSP rode on Shoumya Sarker's half century to reach the target with 207-8 with one over in hand.

Shoumya made 56 off 80 balls that featured five boundaries and a six and Tanveer Haider added 37 off 52 balls with the help of three fours.

Left-arm spinner Sunny had an impressive 10-over spell as he conceded only 27 runs to pick up two wickets.

### PARTEX-PEGASUS

Partex thrived on two half centuries from Tarique Ahmed and Pakistan's Rashed Hanif to make 212 for five in reply to Pegasus's 211-7.

After a 71-run opening stand between Shafiqul Alam (38) and Mehrab Hossain (27), Tarique hit a 68-ball 59 that saw six fours while Hanif was not out on 50 off 61 balls that contained five boundaries.

Earlier, a 69-run knock by Jupiter Ghosh helped Pegasus put up a decent total on the board. Jupiter hit five fours in an 118-ball innings.

Rezaul Haque took three wickets for 36 runs.

### BRIEF SCORES

CCS: 203-9 in 50 overs (Elias 72, Butt 29, Shuvagoto 14, Nizamuddin 14, Nazmul 37 not out, Asadullah 15, extras 10; Riaz 1-25, Imamul

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Australia paceman Mitchell Johnson (L) celebrates the dismissal of South Africa all-rounder Jacques Kallis (not in picture) during the fifth and final day of the first Test at the Wanderers in Johannesburg yesterday.

## Football power struggle reaches Bangladesh

SPORTS REPORTER

As the power struggle gets intense for the FIFA executive committee seat from Asia in upcoming elections, Bangladesh gets into the scene.

The Asian football chief Mohamed Bin Hammam expects to overcome a hostile challenge for his FIFA seat, which the powerful Qatari has not lost since winning the West Asian seat in 1996.

But after Bahraini football president Salman bin Ebrahim al Khalifa last month announced plans to contest, the battle drums have started to beat.

And Salman's brief visit to Dhaka on Saturday, he was accompanied by four on a private jet, to meet Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president Kazi Salahuddin will no doubt stir a lot of people.

Salahuddin, however, sees nothing wrong in it.

"We just discussed issues about future of Asian football," Salahuddin told The Daily Star yesterday.

"He told us what could be the future of Bangladesh and other Asian countries and how Bahrain could help us."

Two officials of Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) were also present as the group had dinner at a local hotel before the tourists left the same night. It was learnt that Salman, reportedly being backed by the IOC, brought Olympic bosses with him.

It is guessed that with BFF showing signs of development in the last year, everyone is interested in Bangladesh football but it could have been nothing but an election campaign.

The AFC chief, who has extended his helping hands in rebuilding Bangladesh football in recent times, himself is

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## BCB meeting postponed

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The Wednesday's scheduled meeting of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will not take place.

BCB's media committee chairman Jalal Yunus, who informed on Sunday that the earlier scheduled meeting was still on despite the fact that the country has gone through difficult time following the tragic deaths at BDR headquarters, said yesterday that the meeting was postponed for indefinite time.

"The meeting will not be held on Wednesday as per earlier schedule and is postponed until further notice," said Jalal.

It was expected that some important decisions would be taken in meeting including the cricketers' new payroll and preparations for the 2011 World Cup, which Bangladesh will jointly host with India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

## Aussies go one up

### Cricket

AFP, Johannesburg

Australia bounced straight back from a home series defeat when they beat South Africa by 162 runs on the fifth day of the first Test at the Wanderers Stadium on Monday.

South Africa survived until after tea on the final day before being bowled out for 291. Their resistance was worn down by accurate, disciplined Australian bowling.

Left-arm fast bowler Mitchell Johnson sealed the win when he bowled Dale Steyn eight balls after tea.

Man-of-the-match Johnson finished with four for 112. He took four for 25 in the first innings and also made 96 not out with the bat.

While Johnson was the main strike bowler, he received excellent support from fellow seam bowlers Peter Siddle (three for 46), Ben Hilfenhaus (two for 68) and Andrew McDonald (one for 31), who all applied relentless pressure on the South African batsmen.

Australia were beaten 2-1 in a home series against the same opponents earlier in the season. They need to win or draw the return three-Test series to retain their International

Cricket Council Test championship.

A young and inexperienced Australian team, which included three new caps, set up the win by dominating the first three days.

The tourists recovered from 38 for three and 182 for five to reach a first innings total of 466, then bowled out South Africa for 220.

Pre-match favourites South Africa fought back in the second innings but had an almost impossible mountain to climb.

South Africa started the day on 178, still with an outside chance of chasing down a target of 454.

For the first hour, Hashim Amla and Jacques Kallis batted solidly. But then Amla clipped a ball from Siddle to midwicket to be out for 57.

First innings century-maker AB de Villiers made only three before he was trapped leg before by the persistent medium-pacer McDonald.

The key breakthrough came in the third over with the second new ball when Kallis was bowled off an inside edge by Johnson for 45.

In Johnson's previous over, Kallis was given out by umpire Billy Bowden but Kallis asked for a referral and was reprieved by television umpire Asad Rauf because the ball pitched marginally outside leg stump.

Kallis scored 40 off 85 balls before Amla's

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## SUPER CUP

## BFF appoints PR firm

### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) high-ups claimed they have taken another step towards professionalism by appointing an event management group to do the public relation works for its mega event Citycell Super Cup.

Masthead PR, which signed an agreement with football's governing body in the country at the BFF Bhaban yesterday, will also be in charge of media management, coverage and publicity.

BFF president Kazi Salahuddin, Super Cup chairman Harunur Rashid, vice-chairman Shawkat Al Khan Jahangir, Masthead PR's CEO Fahad Karim and other officials were present.

Harunur Rashid, a BFF member and also the ex-general secretary of the organisation, said that the new step would help the federation launch its big-budgeted

event with a professional approach.

"They (Masthead) are professionals. So we expect the best service from them. I hope there involvement would make the tournament a success," Harun told at a press briefing after the signing ceremony.

Fahad Karim said their

target was to make the greatest sport of the world popular again in the country.

"Our effort would be to revive the glory of once the most popular game of the country. We have many distinguished clients but I feel that BFF is the most precious of them all," Fahad said.

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Masthead PR's CEO Fahad Karim (2nd from R) shakes hands with Super Cup tournament committee chairman Harunur Rashid after signing an agreement with BFF at the BFF Bhaban yesterday. BFF president Kazi Salahuddin is also seen.

## Another Thilan double

### Cricket

AFP, Lahore

Thilan Samaraweera became only the sixth batsman in Test cricket to notch a double hundred in consecutive matches as Sri Lanka made Pakistan toil in the second and final Test there on Monday.

The 31-year-old followed his 231 in the drawn first Test with an imperious 214 to lift Sri Lanka to 606 in their first innings and shared a record 207-run stand for the fifth wicket with Tillakaratne Dilshan (145).

Despite being under pressure to score 407 to avoid the follow-on, Pakistan got off to a confident start, finishing the second day on 110-1 with opener Khurram Manzoor unbeaten on 59. Salman Butt was run out in the last over for 48.

Khurram, playing only his second Test, hit eleven boundaries in his maiden half-century on a day when Sri Lanka once again dominated with the bat.

Before Samaraweera, Australia's Don Bradman and England's Walter Hammond achieved the feat of hitting double hundreds in successive Tests twice.

Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara, South Africa's Graeme Smith and India's Vinod Kambli have also done it.

"It is a great honour to be in that elite company," Samaraweera said. "My positive attitude has worked as I look for runs all the time. It is a great feeling and I am very happy."

Samaraweera was eventually run out after failing to beat a throw from the covers when

he was sent back by Dilshan.

He batted for 414 minutes, faced 338 balls and hit 32 boundaries. In the company of Dilshan, he erased the previous best stand of 143 for the fifth wicket against Pakistan set by Russel Arnold and Romesh Kaluwitharana on the same ground in 1999.

Dilshan also joined in, plundering a hapless Pakistan attack before he too was run out as Sri Lanka lost their last four wickets for 40 runs.

Dilshan, who flopped in the first Test in Karachi, made amends as he knocked 21 boundaries during his 170-ball innings.

Samaraweera said he hoped for a result in the Test.

"We still have runs and if

our bowlers work hard we can force a result."

Pakistan's bowling attack toiled hard on a pitch which eased for batting. Paceman Umar Gul was the pick of the bowlers, finishing with a career-best 6-135, his fourth five-wicket haul in Tests.

Gul removed Prasanna Jayawardene (15), Thilan Thushara (10) and Ajantha Mendis (nought) to polish off the tail. His previous best of 5-31 came against India on this ground in 2004.

Muttiah Muralidaran (22) and Dilhara Fernando (14) added a quickfire 34 for the last wicket before debutant Mohammad Talha took his much-awaited first wicket by

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Sri Lanka batsman Tillakaratne Dilshan (L) pulls the ball as Pakistan captain Younis Khan looks on during the second day of the second and final Test at the Gaddafi Cricket Stadium in Lahore yesterday.



Prolific West Indies batsman Ramnaresh Sarwan (R) and his sixth-wicket partner Denesh Ramdin run between the wickets on their way to reaching individual milestones on the fourth day of the fourth Test against England at Kensington Oval in Bridgetown on Sunday. Sarwan hammered a career-best 291 while Ramdin struck his maiden ton (166).

## Sarwan thwarts England

### Cricket

AFP, Bridgetown

England's bid for a series-levelling victory in the fourth Test against West Indies was derailed on Sunday, when Ramnaresh Sarwan hit his highest Test score and Denesh Ramdin his maiden Test hundred to give their side a 149-run lead.

Sarwan hit the top score of 291 and Ramdin supported with 166 to allow West Indies to declare on 749 for nine, replying to England's first innings total of 600 for six declared, on the fourth day at Kensington Oval.

Batting a second time, England reached six without loss in the two overs available before stumps.

For close to four hours England were powerless as Sarwan and Ramdin added a record 261 for the sixth wicket at this ground.

The visitors also found themselves staring down the highest team total on the ground for almost six decades.

England had to wait until 10 minutes before

tea to gain their first breakthrough, when they removed a tired Sarwan.

Off-spinner Graeme Swann took five wickets for 165 runs from 50.4 overs, and James Anderson finished with three for 125 from 37 overs.

Sarwan completed his second Test double-hundred to take West Indies to 483 for five at lunch after the hosts resumed from their overnight total of 398 for five.

Anderson was the bowler when Sarwan upper cut a short, rising ball outside the off-stump to the third man boundary for his 21st four to reach his double-hundred.

England thought they may have had him, when Ryan Sidebottom appealed for an lbw verdict with Sarwan on 208.

Umpire Aleem Dar ruled not-out, and when it was referred, the video evidence ruled the ball clearly pitched outside leg-stump, thus England lost their last referral.

Just prior to the interval, Ramdin reached his 50 from 112 balls, when he guided Paul Collingwood to third man for his fifth four.

By tea, West Indies reached 607 for six with

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