

School h'ball

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The semifinal lineups of both boy's and girl's groups in the 18th Bata School Handball tournament completed after the last day's group matches held at Dhanmondi Sports Complex ground yesterday.

St Gregory's High School, BIS, Narinda Govt High School and BAF Shaheen School and College moved into the semifinals in the boys groups while Scholastica, Sunnydale, BIS and Viqarunnisa Noon School and College advanced into the girl's semifinals.

Scholastica defeated DPSSTS 4-0, Viqarunnisa blanked Marie Curie 10-0, Sunnydale ousted South Breeze 7-0 in the girl's group.

In the boy's group, BAF Shaheen School overwhelmed DPSSTS 15-0, BIS crushed Marie Curie 12-0, St Gregory's thrashed Scholastica 16-2, South Breeze defeated Rahmatullah Model High School 5-3 and Oxford International School beat South Point 5-3.

U-19 football

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Bangladesh suffered another defeat in the AFC U-19 Qualifiers when they were beaten 1-0 by Vietnam in the second match at Royal Thai Army Stadium in Thailand.

Bangladesh on Monday conceded a massive 5-0 defeat to South Korea in their first match at the same venue.

Wicket

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the fourth one-day international between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe at the Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong on Tuesday:

ZIMBABWE

Masakadza c Ashraf b Nazmul	2
Vermeulen lbw b Razzak	3
Taylor c & b Razzak	0
Coventry c Mushfiq b Nazmul	1
Waller c Nazmul b Shakib	13
Matsikenyeri c Ashraf b Enamul	11
Chibhabha b Enamul	0
Chigumbura c & b Enamul	4
Cremer not out	7
Price lbw b Shakib	0
Jarvis c & b Shakib	0
Extras: (w-3)	3
Total: (All out in 24.5 overs)	44

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-8, 5-32, 6-32, 7-36, 8-36, 9-39.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
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Nazmul	6	2	10	2
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Razzak	5	0	10	2
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Enamul	7	2	16	3
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Shakib	6.5	1	8	3
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BANGLADESH

Tamim c Cremer b Price	22
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Zunaid c Vermeulen b Cremer	8
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Ashraf lbw b Price	0
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Rokibul not out	9
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Nayem c Chibhabha b Cremer	0
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Mushfiqur not out	2
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Extras: (lb-2, w-4, nb-2)	8
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Total: (For four wickets in 11.5 overs)	49
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Did not bat: Shakib, Mahmudullah, Enamul, Razzak, Nazmul.	
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Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-33, 3-36, 4-38.	
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Bowler	O	M	R	W
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Jarvis	2	0	21	0
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Chigumbura	1	0	1	0
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Matsikenyeri	2	0	9	0
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Price	4	2	5	2
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Cremer	2.5	0	11	2
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Result: Bangladesh won by six wickets and lead five-match series 3-1.

Man-of-the-match: Nazmul Hossain.

Toss: Zimbabwe

Umpires: Aleem Dar, Nadir Shah.

Match referee: RS Madugalle.

Foreign stars

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dead, was forced to release him when Berbatov's father Ivan intervened on his behalf.

"It was an horrific ordeal," Berbatov told The Times.

Footballers based in South America have often been targeted by gangsters - recently 12 members of a Colombian amateur team were kidnapped and 10 of them murdered.

The most notorious example of a player falling victim to the criminal underworld was that of Colombian defender Andres Escobar, who was shot dead following his side's surprise first round exit at the 1994 World Cup finals.

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New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond bowls to Pakistan's Salman Butt during the first one-day international at the Abu Dhabi Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Pakistan pile up big total

Cricket

AFP, Abu Dhabi

Shahid Afridi, Kamran Akmal and Khalid Latif hit half-centuries to help Pakistan reach 287-9 in the day-night first one-day international against New Zealand at Abu Dhabi Stadium here on Tuesday.

Dashing all-rounder Afridi hit a quickfire 50-ball 70 and opener Latif a snail-paced 64 to help Pakistan recover from a precarious 75-4 after Younus Khan won the toss and opted to bat on a flat pitch.

Akmal gave the innings final touches with a belligerent 43-ball 67 laced with four sixes and five boundaries as Pakistan ran rampage, collecting 107 in the last ten overs.

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He added 101 runs for the fifth wicket with Latif after New Zealand paceman Shane Bond dismissed opener Salman Butt and Younus -- both without scoring -- in his incisive five-overs spell.

Latif, who scored 19 in his only previous one-day in January last year, was also involved in a 57-run stand for the third wicket with Mohammad Yousuf, who shaped well for his 30 before being run out.

Afridi hit Vettori for a six before smashing two off successive deliveries off Nathan McCullum. He hit Bond for a straight drive to reach half-century off 36 deliveries, his first after 33 matches.

Afridi's last ODI fifty came against Zimbabwe at Multan last year.

Paceman Jacob Oram finally got Afridi off a miscued shot, caught at short fine-leg in the 39th over to break a repair-damaging partnership. Latif followed, bowled by Vettori's vicious arm ball two overs later.

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