

## Nagpur schoolboy plunders 461\*

A 15-year-old Indian schoolboy has entered the record books with a marathon innings in an inter-academy tournament. Ali Zoren Khan's unbeaten 461 helped Nagpur Cricket Academy to a mammoth 1025 for 5 in 120 overs against the Reshimbag Cricket Club. He faced 308 balls for his runs, hitting 64 fours and 12 sixes before the declaration came. "I could have scored 500," Ali said later about his innings, "but we had a plan to bat till lunch as we needed enough time to bowl them out twice. So no regrets."

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## Andy banking on pitch

SPORTS REPORTER

Speedster Andy McKay said New Zealand are banking on a more pacer-friendly wicket against Bangladesh today.

The Kiwis are down by one in the five-match series that has already had one match rained off on Friday.

But left-arm pacesman McKay is quite optimistic that the new wicket will be helpful for him.

"We are on a new wicket so hopefully there will be more pace in it, that suits my kind of bowling," he said while talking to reporters yesterday.

"So, there are a few conditions here as well as in New Zealand with the new wicket that has little bit more pace in it. It will suit me nicely so I am looking forward to a good game," added McKay.

The 30-year-old from Auckland however said that the Black Caps were missing the experienced duo of Scott Styris and Jacob Oram, but pointed out the absence of key players during the tri-series in Sri Lanka in August.

"We are missing them [Scott Styris and Jacob Oram], absolutely. Although, we did miss Daniel Vettori and Brendon McCullum in Sri Lanka as well and we did okay without them as well.

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## Proteas edge out Zim

AGENCIES

JP Duminy hit 96 not out as South Africa edged out Zimbabwe by eight runs at the Diamond Oval on Sunday.

Batting first, the hosts made 194-6 in 20 overs before Zimbabwe were stopped at 186-7 in their 20 overs. The South Africans took the 2-match Twenty20 series 2-0.

The left-handed Duminy made his runs off 54 balls, with his last 46 scored off just 17 deliveries, as South Africa sought to complete the two-match series with a second convincing win. The hosts won by seven wickets in the first match in Bloemfontein on Friday.

Utseya took two for 28 while part-time off-spinner

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LOOKING UP: Bangladesh's inspirational captain Shakib Al Hasan (C) trains with teammates at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday ahead of their third one-day international against New Zealand today.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Get the big one: Jamie

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh coach Jamie Siddons stressed on the importance of his batsmen to carry on after getting starts in today's third one-day against New Zealand at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

The Tigers lead the 5-match series 1-0 through a fantastic one-man show from Shakib Al Hasan who struck a half-century and picked up four wickets. But Shakib aside, none of the batsmen passed the 40-mark.

"One of the four batsmen needs to make a big score. I think then we'll have a really close match," said Siddons while speaking to reporters yesterday.

"Four batsmen making thirties yet everyone contributes which is probably something we need to do again. But someone needs to get a hundred or make a big score," he added.

Siddons pointed out that rival captain Daniel Vettori is the "danger man". "Vettori is our No 1 threat. His wicket in the first game for 24 was crucial. We need to take 35-40 runs off him for maybe one wicket," he said, adding, "He is obviously a danger man in batting or bowling."

The 46-year-old Australian also hinted that they could pick a three-man left-arm spin attack, by picking Suhrawardi Shuvo.

When asked for a change in the third one-day, Siddons said, "Maybe [Suhrawardi] Shuvo for Naem [Islam]."

But when Siddons talked about the top-order batsmen, it obviously means that some of that responsibility to score a big one falls on opener Imrul Kayes, who made just 16 in the first game.

The left-hander admitted that he failed in his plan in last Tuesday's game but has an eye on making amends.

"I have some confidence against New Zealand because I scored my only (ODI) ton against them. But the main thing is

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## Sachin fells another milestone

Cricket

AGENCIES, Bangalore

India's Sachin Tendulkar became the first man to score 14,000 runs in Test cricket during the second Test against Australia on Sunday.

The 37-year-old right-hander went into his 171st Test needing 27 runs to reach the landmark and he cut off spinner Nathan Hauritz for four in the final session on the second day to get to the milestone.

### LEADING TEST SCORERS

Player	Country	Matches	Runs	100s
Sachin Tendulkar	India	171*	14,017	48
Ricky Ponting	Australia	148*	12,178	39
Brian Lara	West Indies	131	11,953	34
Rahul Dravid	India	144*	11,581	29
Allan Border	Australia	156	11,174	27
Jacques Kallis	South Africa	140	11,126	35
Steve Waugh	Australia	168	10,927	32
Sunil Gavaskar	India	125	10,122	34
Mahela Jayawardene	Sri Lanka	113	9,408	28

Note: Tendulkar, Ponting and Dravid are currently playing in the second Test in Bangalore. Kallis and Jayawardene are the only other active Test players in the list.



India's cricket genius Sachin Tendulkar (C) poses with physically challenged people after he became the first batsman to reach the milestone of 14,000 Test runs during the second day of the second Test against Australia at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Australia ahead

Cricket

AFP, Bangalore

Australia's bowlers built on a century by Marcus North as the tourists seized control of the second and final Test against India on Sunday.

Australia rode on left-hander North's 128 to reach 478 in their first innings before they were all out at the stroke of tea on the second day at the Chinnaswamy Stadium.

The tourists then silenced the estimated 22,000 home fans by removing Virender Sehwag and Rahul Dravid in the space of a run, before India recovered to end the day on 128-2.

Sehwag smashed a typically robust 30 off 28 balls, including a six over third-man off Mitchell Johnson, before he was caught at deep square-leg off Ben Hilfenhaus.

Dravid edged a catch off Johnson to

reduce India to 38-2, but Sachin Tendulkar and Murali Vijay retrieved the situation by adding 90 for the unbroken third wicket.

Tendulkar was unbeaten on a fluent 44, having extended his world record tally to 14,017 runs. Vijay kept him company on 42.

Earlier, North and wicketkeeper Tim Paine (59) added 149 for the sixth wicket to boost the total as the tourists chase a series-levelling win after losing the dramatic Mohali Test by one wicket.

Left-handed North, battling to save his place in the team after averaging just seven runs in his last six Tests, returned to timely form with his fifth Test century.

"I knew I was under pressure going into this game, not just outside influences but also the standards I set myself," the 31-year-old said.

"I've had a couple of disappointing Test matches, so I thought it was an opportunity to go in on a pretty good batting surface and get a score.

"It is a satisfying hundred without a doubt because I was under a lot of pressure, the last Test before the Ashes."

North hit 17 boundaries and a six before he was caught in the deep off Harbhajan Singh, who finished as India's most successful bowler with 4-148.

Left-arm spinner Pragyan Ojha took 3-120, but fast bowler Shanthakumaran Sreesanth disappointed on his return to the Indian team with 0-79 from 21 overs.

North and Paine batted through the morning session to take the overnight score of 285-5 to 384 without further loss by lunch.

The duo hammered the Indian pace attack of Zaheer Khan and Sreesanth to keep the scoreboard moving briskly in the first hour.

When Harbhajan came on after the drinks interval, North welcomed him with a boundary to mid-wicket that carried the Australian total past the 350 mark.

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## Ratna, Sadia fail once more Singapore and Malaysia take the medals

ANISUR RAHMAN from New Delhi



Bangladesh's hopes of winning a XIX Commonwealth Games gold medal evaporated when the country's two prospective women shooters -- Sharmin Akhter Ratna and Sadia Sultana -- finished at a low in the individual 10m air rifle event finals at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range here yesterday.

Ratna, who had all the focus on her after successes in the SA Games and Commonwealth Shooting Championships early this year, finished seventh in the eight-shooter field with a score of 494.7,

seven point less than Singaporean gold medalist Xiang Wei Jasmine, who rewrote the Games record with a score of 398 out of 400. She then hit 103.7 in the shoot-off to finish on top with a total score of 501.7.

However, teenage Bangladeshi shooter Sadia overpowered her more illustrious compatriot and partner Ratna for the first time to finish sixth through tie-break after the class nine student jointly finished fifth with famous Indian shooter Kavitha Yadav.

Sadia, who was Ratna's partner when they won the SA Games and Commonwealth Shooting gold medals, made highest 104.1 in the shoot-off to recover from her poor score of 391 in the

qualification. The girl from Chittagong also entered the finals through tie-break after finishing on top among three.

After a frustrating result in the pair event on Friday, everybody hoped that Ratna would bring back another moment of celebration like the 2002 Commonwealth Games when Asif Hossain Khan won a gold medal. But the expectations failed to realise in the qualification round when she hit 98, 98, 100 and 98 to finish fifth.

With Wei Jasmine scoring highest 398 followed by Malaysians Nur Ayuni (396) and Taibi Nur Suryani (395), there was little chance for Ratna to win the gold, but she stood a good chance of winning the

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## Rajasthan, Punjab kicked out of IPL

Cricket

AFP, Bangalore

Rajasthan Royals and Kings XI Punjab have been thrown out of the Indian Premier League over ownership issues, tournament organisers said on Sunday.

The governing council of the cash-rich Twenty20 event, owned by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), also issued notices to the new Kochi franchise to resolve their ownership disputes.

"The governing council of the IPL met today to discuss and decide on the breaches committed by three of the franchisees, Punjab, Rajasthan and Kochi," the BCCI said in a statement.

"It was unanimously decided that franchise agreements with Punjab and Rajasthan be terminated forthwith based on legal opinions obtained by the BCCI in the matters.

"It was further unanimously decided to issue a notice to Kochi calling upon them to resolve all their disputes and form a joint venture company which will hold the IPL Franchise rights."

The BCCI did not specify the alleged breaches committed by the franchise owners.

Kings XI Punjab was bought for 76 million dollars in 2008 by a consortium of businessmen including Ness Wadia, Mohit Burman, Karan Paul, Aditya Khanna and Bollywood actress Preity Zinta.

Rajasthan Royals was bought for 67 million dollars by businessmen Manoj Badale and

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### DELHI DIARY

SPORTS REPORTER from New Delhi

Around 50 doctors with a support staff of 250 are taking care of all health problems the athletes are facing at the Games Village. The doctors at the polyclinic, which looks nothing less than a multi-specialty hospital, have been kept busy 24 hours attending to sportsmen coming in with complaints of minor injuries and fever.

The polyclinic has almost all the departments a top-notch hospital in a big city would have. It boasts of X-ray, ultrasound, a dental clinic, gynaecology centre, ICU, life support ambulances and many more ancillary facilities to solve almost all problems at the clinic itself. It was reported that some 30 to 40 patients are coming to the clinic daily.

**HUNTERS IN REAL LIFE**  
Canadian shooters Jason Caswell and Richard McBride, who are men's skeet event contenders, are both licensed hunters in real life as hunting birds is their passion.

Caswell, who hails from the Alberta province, is regarded as one of the finest hunters in the world. Caswell, is now a qualified referee in shooting, was first introduced to hunting by his father at the age of 10. Among the waterfowls, he hunts for ducks, geese, grouse and pheasants. He also goes for deer, moose, elk and bighorn sheep.

McBride, hails from Saskatchewan province, is also an accomplished hunter. According to Caswell, there are nearly 20,000 licensed waterfowl hunters in Canada. He informed about half of their 14-member shooting contingent have got a hunting background.

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Australia's Marcus North raises his bat after scoring a fantastic century during the second day of the second Test against India in Bangalore yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

**SPORTS POLL**  
Can Bangladesh take a 2-0 lead in the 3rd ODI?  
Yes 56.7%  
No 43.3%

**TOTAL VOTES: 727**

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**BTV**  
Bangladesh v New Zealand  
Third ODI  
Live from 9:00am  
**NEO Cricket**  
India v Australia  
Second Test, Day 3  
Live from 10:00am

**DAY'S EVENT**

Micromax ODI Series  
Bangladesh v New Zealand  
Third ODI  
Time: 9:00am  
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur  
GP Federation Cup  
Ctg Mohamedan v Victoria Sporting  
Time: 3:30pm  
Venue: Kamalapur Stadium