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## On top of Everest

He failed in his first attempt, but former New Zealand cricketer Adam Parore was successful the second time around as he reached the summit of Mount Everest despite running out of oxygen and "freaking out" several times on his way up. "I spent about 20 minutes to half an hour up there. I took a few photos but I wanted to come back. It is very exposed and a long way down," Parore was quoted as saying by Sunday News in Wellington.

—PTI



Sheikh Jamal striker Stephan Bouga is swept off his feet by a tackle from a Farashganj defender in their Bangladesh League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Sk Jamal hot on Muktis' heels

Pip Farashganj 2-1

SPORTS REPORTER

**Grameenphone Bangladesh League 2010** Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club moved to within a point of leaders Muktijodha Sangsad with a 2-1 win over Farashganj Sporting Club in the Bangladesh League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The star cast of Dhanmondi moved to 37 points from 16 matches, one behind Muktijodha and two ahead of Abahani. It was the 1-0 reversal for the All Reds the previous day against Sheikh Russel that blew the title race wide open with six rounds of matches to go, and Sheikh Jamal pounced on the opportunity to cut the lead by winning this crucial encounter.

These two sides had met three times this season with Sheikh Jamal winning two of those encounters, but Farashganj won the most important one -- the semifinal of the Independence Cup in their last meeting. So

Sheikh Jamal, who were looking for a measure of revenge, came strongly out of the blocks and found the back of the net early in the ninth minute.

Winger Shakil Ahmed, who has arguably been the most eye-catching and consistent performer for the Dhanmondi club this season, scored the opener with a simple tap in from six yards after collecting a cross from Nasirul Islam from the left flank. This was Shakil's third goal against the Old Town club this season and interestingly all those three goals have come in three winning cause.

Farashganj, who have been a bit of a disappointment despite their heroic Independence Cup triumph, upped the ante and came within whiskers of an equaliser soon. Indeed, it was some brilliant goalkeeping from national goalkeeper Aminul Haque and some ill fortune that kept Farashganj at bay.

Aminul came out with a dual save in the

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## WI falter too

Cricket

REUTERS, Basseterre

Tanvir Ahmed scored a maiden 50 and then took a wicket in his first over as Pakistan wrested back the initiative from West Indies on the second day of the second Test on Saturday.

Resuming on their overnight first innings total of 180 for six, Pakistan were eventually bowled out for 272 with tail-ender Tanvir hammering 10 fours in a 96-ball 57.

The 32-year-old then struck with the second delivery of the West Indies reply when Lendl Simmons, on the drive, was caught at second slip by Taufeeq Umar for no score.

Although Marlon Samuels, batting at number five, compiled a patient 57, the home side lost wickets at regular intervals before ending the day at 184-8, still 88 runs behind.

**LATEST**  
PAKISTAN: First innings 272 & Second innings 101-1  
WEST INDIES: First innings 223

West Indies, who lead Pakistan 1-0 in the two-match series, were in control overnight and tightened their grip before lunch as they reduced the visitors to 194-9.

However, Tanvir and Saeed Ajmal (23) shared in a dogged 10th-wicket stand of 78 to guide Pakistan beyond the 250-mark before Tanvir was trapped in front by leg-spinner Devendra Bishoo for a Test best of 57.

After the early dismissal of Simmons, teenage Test debutant Kraigg Brathwaite (15), Darren Bravo (24) and Ramnaresh Sarwan (20) each established themselves at the crease for West Indies without going on to register a big score.

Samuels was the only batsman to provide sustained resistance before he was removed in the 56th over.

After hitting two sixes and seven fours in 123 balls, Samuels attempted another huge blow over the boundary

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## Huge win for MSC

SPORTS REPORTER

Salma's unbeaten half-century paved Mohammedan Sporting Club's way to a seven-wicket win over BKSP in the second phase of the 3rd Women's Club Cup cricket tournament at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

Batting first, BKSP made 149-5 in 40 overs with Farzana making an unbeaten 77 off 112 balls with the help of six boundaries. For the Motijheel giants, skipper Salma took 2-13 from six overs.

In reply, Mohammedan took 36.3 overs to knock off the target with Salma hammering 65 off 78 balls, an innings that had nine boundaries.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club (196-8 in 40 overs) beat Gulshan Youth Club (124-8 in 40 overs) by 72 runs. Soheli struck an important 64 for the Dhanmondi outfit.

In the day's other match, Abahani (77-7 in 33.1 overs) beat Azad Sporting Club (75 all out in 37 overs) by three wickets in BKSP.

## Gayle puts RCB atop

AFP, Bangalore



Chris Gayle smashed an unbeaten 75 as Royal Challengers Bangalore topped the points table with an eight-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League on Sunday.

The West Indies opener hit six sixes in his 50-ball knock as Bangalore surpassed Chennai's total of 128-8 with two overs to spare in their last league match of the Twenty20 tournament.

Gayle, who added 80 for the second wicket with Virat Kohli (31), finished the match when he hit spinner Suresh Raina for 11 runs off the last three balls of the 18th over.

Bangalore (19 points), Chennai (18), Kolkata (16) and Mumbai (16) have already qualified for the play-offs. They are followed by Punjab (14), Rajasthan (13), Deccan (12), Kochi (12), Pune (nine) and Delhi (nine).

Chennai skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni hit six sixes in his explosive 40-ball 70 not out but received little support from the other end, the highest stand of the innings being 42 for the fifth wicket.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**CHENNAI SUPER KINGS:** 128-8 in 20 overs (Dhoni 70 not out, Saha 22; Vettori 2-15, Zaheer 2-19, Aravind 2-20)

**ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE:** 129-2 in 18 overs (Gayle 75 not out, Kohli 31)

**Result:** Royal Challengers Bangalore won by eight wickets. **Man-of-the-match:** Chris Gayle.



A focused Chris Gayle has his eyes fixed on the ball as he helped Royal Challengers Bangalore finish top of the league by beating Chennai Super Kings in their IPL match at Bangalore yesterday.

PHOTO: INTERNET

## Shakib to join Worcs after IPL

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

There will be no respite for Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan, who will be joining his English county side early next month.

After his stint with Kolkata Knight Riders in the Indian Premier League (IPL) ends later this month, he will fly off to join Worcestershire, possibly in time for their Friends Life Twenty20 competition.

Shakib is most likely to be available for the Royals in the Twenty20 tournament which begins on June 1. Worcestershire open their campaign from June 3 with an away match against Lancashire.

The first round ends on July 15.

A source at the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) said that Shakib has sought the British visa from Kolkata. If he gets it from India, he'll be off immediately after Kolkata's campaign is over.

The source also confirmed that if Shakib doesn't get the visa from India, he will return to Bangladesh and leave for the Midlands club immediately.

The county stint would mean Shakib hasn't taken a noteworthy break from cricket since October last year.

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