

## Nat'l rugby from today

SPORTS REPORTER

Kaler Kantha Second National Rugby Competition starts today at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur with 12 district teams taking part in the competition. These 12 teams will compete in four different groups and the semifinals and final will take place on December 12.

A press conference in this connection was arranged at the Bangladesh Association premise where the association's general secretary Mousum Ali gave a briefing on the competition. Sponsors Kaler Kantha will provide Tk 3 lakh out of the total budget of Tk 4.86 lakh for the tournament. The teams will be provided with TA/DA, kits and will also be undergoing through training by the association.



PHOTO: AFP

Australian paceman James Pattinson (L) celebrates dismissing New Zealand batsman Dean Brownlie on the first day of the second Test at the Bellerive Oval in Hobart yesterday. Pattinson finished with figures of 5-51.

## NZ routed but Hughes out

### Cricket

AFP, Hobart

Pressure mounted on Phil Hughes after he again failed with the bat as Australia chased New Zealand's modest 150 on an eventful opening day of the second Test at Bellerive Oval on Friday.

The third straight time in the series Hughes was caught by Martin Guptill off Martin's bowling, scoring just 21 runs in the process, heaping pressure on his Test place ahead of this month's series with India.

A total of 11 wickets tumbled in 50 overs on a bowler-friendly Bellerive wicket with Michael Clarke winning perhaps the most crucial toss of his eight Tests as Australian captain and sending the Black Caps into bat.

At the close, David Warner was on seven and Usman Khawaja, who had lived dangerously, was on one. Martin had 1-12 off 22.2 overs.

Kiwi skipper Ross Taylor set three slips and three gullys for Hughes, who now has been caught behind the wicket in 20 of his 30 Test dismissals, raising questions over his technique.

Pace newcomer James Pattinson earlier started with five wickets for the second consecutive innings as New Zealand were skittled out in 45.4 overs.

Pattinson followed up his man-of-the-match five for 27 in last weekend's nine-wicket win in the first Gabba Test to snare five for 51 and will be on a hat-trick with his first delivery in the Kiwis' second innings here.

Dean Brownlie was the only Black Cap batsman to offer resistance with 56 off 85 balls as the

SCOREBOARD				
<b>NEW ZEALAND:</b> First innings				
McCullum c Haddin b Pattinson	16			
Guptill c Haddin b Siddle	3			
Ryder lbw b Pattinson	0			
Taylor lbw b Siddle	6			
Williamson c Haddin b Starc	19			
Brownlie b Pattinson	56			
Young b Pattinson	0			
Bracewell c Clarke b Siddle	12			
Southee b Starc	18			
Boult not out	0			
Martin b Pattinson	0			
Extras: (b-2, lb-12, w-1, nb-5)20				
Total: (All out in 45.5 overs)150				
Fall of wkt: 1-10, 2-11, 3-25, 4-56, 5-60, 6-60, 7-105, 8-146, 9-150, 10-150.				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Pattinson	13.5	3	51	5
Siddle	13	3	42	3
Starc	11	4	30	2
Lyon	8	4	13	0
<b>AUSTRALIA:</b> First innings				
Warner not out	7			
Hughes c Guptill b Martin	4			
Khawaja not out	1			
Extras:	0			
Total: (For 1 wkt in 4.2 overs)12				
To bat: Ponting, Clarke, Hussey, Haddin, Siddle, Pattinson, Starc, Lyon.				
Fall of wkt: 1-7.				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>

## I can't really

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they want to draw some blood in the match which has already turned into a one-sided affair. The job is now on the hands of the bowlers who need to work hard to ensure that they capitalise on the half-chances.

### SCOREBOARD

BANGLADESH: First innings				
Tamim c Akmal b Cheema	9			
Nazimuddin c Hafeez b Gul	31			
Nafees Younis b Cheema	0			
Ashraf Akmal b Gul	1			
Mushfiqur lbw b Ajmal	4			
Shakib Hafeez b Rehman	8			
Mahmudullah lbw b Ajmal	18			
Nasir c Azhar b Rehman	41			
Sunny Younis b Ajmal	2			
Shahadat Rehman	8			
Rubel not out	3			
Extras: (lb-3, nb-1)	10			
Total: (All out in 51.2 overs)	135			
Fall of wkt: 1-17, 2-19, 3-20, 4-28, 5-47, 6-71, 7-81, 8-97, 9-118, 10-135.				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Hafeez	3	1	9	0
Gul	13	5	33	2
Cheema	11	4	35	2
Ajmal	18	5	40	3
Rehman	6.2	2	9	0
<b>PAKISTAN:</b> First innings				
Hafeez not out	74			
Umar not out	53			
Extras: (lb-3, nb-2)	5			
Total: (For no loss in 38 overs)	132			
To bat: Azhar, Younis, Misbah, Shafiq, Akmal, Rehman, Gul, Ajmal, Cheema.				

## Flair meets poise

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Napoli. Currently ranked 100th in the world, Maddaloni harbours the dream of a place in the 2012 London Olympics and more vividly of a gold in the current competition.

His counterpart though, the softspoken Indonesian will not be an easy opponent in the final. Unlike the journeyman Italian, the Indonesian has not played outside his country before and will be looking to make his mark on his maiden international appearance.

The 20-year old Dharma, second son of a Christian mother and a Buddhist father, and coached by his elder brother Adhie Guna Dharma, is all charged up for the final.

While his brother gave up the sport long ago and looking for a career in tourism, the younger brother has stuck to the game and dreams of making it to the bigger stages than this. Despite being hit with a slight fever and sore throat on the eve of the final, Dharma looked extremely composed and confident about the final, especially after dispatching Mohammad Reza of Iran 21-16, 21-18 in the semifinal. But there was no ecstatic celebration after his win, he just packed his kits and walked over to his elder brother and manager Adhie and after a brief interview by the reporters, left for the hotel.

## Different routes

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November 2011 to remember.

Dhiman Ghosh and Nazimuddin are just under Asif in the run-getter's list, the Rangpur wicketkeeper continuing his hot form from last year while the Chittagong captain has graduated to the national side. Among the bowlers though, the competition is stiff as Arafat Sunny is just a wicket below Enamul.

MOST RUNS						
Batsman	M	Runs	HS	Ave	SR	100s
Asif Ahmed (Dhaka Metro)	7	613	152	51.08	82.83	1
Dhiman Ghosh (Rangpur)	7	571	183	47.58	61.66	1
<b>MOST WICKETS</b>						
Bowler	M	W	BBI	Ave	SR	5s
Enamul Haque (Sylhet)	7	41	7/64	18.68	43.2	4
Arafat Sunny (Dhaka Metro)	7	40	7/49	15.12	35.5	4
<b>HIGH SCORES</b>						
Batsman	Runs	Mins	Opposition			
Farhad Hossain (Rajshahi)	216	535	Chittagong			
Dhiman Ghosh (Rangpur)	183	341	Chittagong			
<b>BEST BOWLING</b>						
Bowler	Figures		Opposition			
Abdur Razzak (Khulna)	8-123		Barisal			
Murad Khan (Khulna)	7-29		Rangpur			

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we kept quiet for the most part. Nepal pressed hard even in extra-time and perhaps paid the price for being too adventurous as the Afghans struck on the counter-attack. Sandjar Ahmed played an incisive back-heeled pass which freed the tall Arezo. The sharp-shooter beat the Nepalese defenders for pace before placing a deft left-foot effort past the Nepal goalkeeper Bikash Malla to send the players of the war-torn nation into raptures.

## Safin turns to politics

AFP, Moscow

Russian tennis icon Marat Safin has been elected into the lower house of the Russian Parliament - the State Duma - as a member of the ruling United Russia Party, local media reported.

The 31-year-old 2000 US Open and 2005 Australian Open champion won the parliamentary elections in the region of Nizhny Novgorod -- situated 500 kilometres from Moscow.

"I thought for a long time before deciding to go into politics," said the former world number one. "Of course I could pose in fashion commercials showing myself as a high society star but it's definitely not my lifestyle."

"Politics - it's a completely new life. It's a new way of thinking, new way of acting, which has no relation either to tennis or sports in general."

Reports said that US former tennis great Pete Sampras has already congratulated Russia's new lawmaker predicting he will be the country's future president.

"In 20 years Marat (Safin) will be Russia's president," the ABC online quoted Sampras as saying. "He's a clever guy, he speaks well and he's good with people - all these features are very important for a politician."

The win put Safin into an impressive list of former sports stars, who joined Vladimir Putin's New Russia Party and won a place in the parliament.

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For Assailants, the scorers were Samiha and Saeem scoring six points each while Sanchita scored the sole point for Galacticos.

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## Once in a lifetime

### Cricket

CRICINFO, Indore

Virender Sehwag has said that he was happy he took advantage of an 'opportunity of a lifetime' by scoring a double-century against West Indies in Indore. Sehwag had slammed 219 off 149 balls, a new record in one-day cricket, which set up India's win by 153 runs.

"I am happy to have broken my role model Sachin Tendulkar's record," Sehwag said. "It won't be easy for people to score double hundreds. Over the last so many years only two have done it. This opportunity will come only once in a lifetime and I am happy I have taken it. I dedicate this knock to my father who is no longer with us."

"It is one of my very best innings. Unlike in Test cricket when one can bat longer, in one-dayers you have to keep an eye on the run-rate. The wicket was very good for batting but the bowlers are also trying to get you out."

Sehwag said that he thought a big score was there for the taking at the Holkar Stadium. "While