

## Nat'l rugby from today

SPORTS REPORTER

Kaler Kantho 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 Kantho 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 under-fire opener lasted just five balls before he was again caught in the slips off Chris Martin for four, as Australia reached 12 for one before rain ended play early.

For 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 2.2 overs.

Kiwi skipper Ross Taylor set three slips and three gulls 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 starred 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 wkts: 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:				
Total: (For 1 wkt in 4.2 overs) 12				
To bat: Ponting, Clarke, Hussey, Haddin, Siddle, Pattinson, Starc, Lyon.				
Fall of wkts: 1-7.				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>

Kiwis rolled over for 150, the same score they posted in the second innings in Brisbane.

It was Brownlie's second half-century of the series following his unbeaten 77 at the Gabba.

Peter Siddle played a strong supporting role to Pattinson with three for 42 off 13 overs while Mitchell Starc claimed two for 30.

The Kiwis, who lost influential allrounder Daniel Vettori on the morning of the match with hamstring trouble for Trent Boult to make his Test debut, were 83 for six at lunch.

The wicket was always going to test the first side out to bat and New Zealand duly laboured. Guptill survived just three balls before he edged Siddle to wicketkeeper Brad Haddin for three in the day's second over.

Jesse Ryder, promoted to number three, was out for a six-ball duck after Pattinson called for a review after English umpire Nigel Llong turned down his lbw appeal.

Skipper Ross Taylor was out for six not offering a shot to a Siddle in-swing and was also confirmed lbw after a review.

Kane Williamson was caught glancing Starc down the leg-side for 19 and Brendon McCullum was out to a great ball from Pattinson, giving Haddin his third catch of the innings for 16.

Wicketkeeper Reece Young followed for a duck, chopping the ball on to his stumps for Pattinson's third wicket, while Doug Bracewell was caught at slip by Clarke off Siddle for 12 and Tim Southee was bowled playing on to Starc for 18.

Once Brownlie fell, playing on to his stumps to Pattinson, the end was nigh and Martin was bowled middle stump next ball by Pattinson to end the innings.

Australia have not lost any of the nine Tests played at Hobart's Bellerive Oval, while the Kiwis have not won in Australia since 1985.

## Vinay replaces Varun

Cricket

CricketInfo, Delhi

Vinay Kumar, the Karnataka fast bowler, has been picked as a replacement for the injured Varun Aaron in India's Test squad to Australia. Aaron's injury was detected on Thursday evening, making him India's second first-choice fast bowler to pull out of the squad due to injury. Praveen Kumar had been ruled of the Australia tour late last month after suffering a rib injury.

Vinay, 27, has been on the fringes of the India's limited-overs sides for the past year and a half, but has not had a chance in Tests so far. Though he wasn't a part of the squad for the World Cup, Vinay was the most experienced of the quick bowlers in the side for the current home series against West Indies, until Irfan Pathan was included for the final two one-dayers.

He has been a consistent performer in first-class cricket for several seasons. He was the second highest wicket-taker in the Ranji Trophy as far back as 2007-08, a feat he repeated two years later when he spear-headed Karnataka's attack during their run to the finals.

It was only two days ago that Vinay had restated his desire to be a part of the Test set-up, a stage where several younger competitors - Abhimanyu Mithun, Umesh Yadav, Aaron - had already got the chance to show off their talent.

## Amal's double

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Amal Roy and Ranjan Ram emerged champion in the men's doubles event of the 16th MA Jabbar Memorial Tennis Competition beating Anwar and Hossain Dipu Lal 6-2, 6-4 in the final at the ERC Tennis ground yesterday.

Amal also maintained his supremacy in the men's singles beating Ranjan Ram in the final.

Sharmin Alam Sarda clinched the women's singles title defeating Kibria Aida Zaman Bhavna 6-0, 6-0 in the final.

In the boy's singles 14-year group, Rubel Hossain emerged champion winning over mate Kawsar Ali 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 in the final.

## BRAC University basketball

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Sacred Assaults, a women's sports team of BRAC University, won 14-1 over the Galacticos yesterday at Baridhara DOHS basketball court.

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

The event is being organized by BRACU Perecons, the women's sports club of BRAC University.

# Once in a lifetime

Cricket

CricketInfo, 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 opening the innings, I told Gautam Gambhir that if we can show some patience on this track, we will be in for a big one. The outfield is fantastic and the distance of the boundary is only 50 yards."

He needed just 140 balls to get his double-century and his 219 broke Sachin Tendulkar's record for the highest individual score in an ODI. It included 142 runs in boundaries - Sehwag smashed seven sixes and 25 fours. "It was a true batting wicket. Whenever I hit the ball into the gaps, it would go for four. Whenever I decided to hit a six, I would hit with a straight bat and it would go for six."

The first time the double-century crossed his mind, he said, was during the batting Powerplay between the 35th and 40th overs. "I never expected to score a double hundred. It was only after the batting Powerplay

# Panesar recalled

Cricket

AFP, London

England recalled spinner Monty Panesar when they named a 16-man squad on Friday for their upcoming Test series against Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates.

The series, being played in the UAE because of ongoing security concerns in Pakistan, will be England's first since they went to number one in the world Test rankings during a 4-0 home thrashing of India earlier this year.

Left-arm spinner Panesar has been in the international wilderness since playing the last of his 39 Tests two years ago, when his tailend resistance with the bat helped England cling on for a draw in the 2009 Ashes opener against Australia in Cardiff.

But with pitches in the UAE expected to take turn, Panesar -- whose 126 Test wickets have come at an average of just under 35 apiece -- has been selected as the second spinner behind off-break bowler Graeme Swann in a 16-man squad.

Panesar has been playing club cricket in Australia and England national selector Geoff Miller, announcing the squad, said: "Monty Panesar, who has been playing cricket in Sydney recently, has been selected as the second spin option along with Graeme Swann."

"Monty's selection comes off the back of a strong domestic season with Sussex and with the potentially spin-friendly conditions of Dubai and Abu Dhabi in mind," former England off-spinner Miller added.

England captain Andrew Strauss will lead a tour party featuring several players returning from injury in batsman Eoin Morgan (shoulder) and fast bowlers Chris Tremlett (back) and Stuart Broad (shoulder).

Morgan has been unavailable since the first match of England's one-day international series at home to India in September and had to undergo shoulder surgery while Broad also injured his shoulder in the same

started, I felt that I could reach double hundred. Also when Sammy dropped me [on 170], I knew that God was with me."

The record-breaking innings ended a string of underwhelming performances in spectacular fashion, as Sehwag and Gambhir - who returned to the opening slot with Parthiv Patel dropping down the order - gave India the fine start they had been looking for in the series. "In the last match I said our top order was not contributing and it was my job and the other guys' [in the top order] job to give a good start to the team," Sehwag said. "The moment you give this kind of start, you end up with 400."

"We [the openers] said to one another that if we can play together for 15 to 20 overs we could put up a good stand and give the middle-order the chance to build on it. But the wicket was so good, we decided we can bat till the 30-35 overs. I am sorry Gautam was run out [for 67]. I was very upset."

Sehwag did not take the field during the chase. Having batted for 46.3 overs, Sehwag said the innings had taken a toll on his body. "I'm very tired because I'm 33-year-old. I'm an old man and my back and glutes are tight."

Previously in the series, India had bowled first on all three occasions after winning the toss, with mixed results. India had initially planned on bowling in Indore as well, Sehwag said, but changed their plan at the last minute. "We had decided to field first but we were told by players who had played in the Challenger Trophy [a domestic one-day tournament] on this ground that the wicket had deteriorated in the second innings. That's why, I changed my mind."

Leg-spinner Rahul Sharma was very effective on debut, claiming three wickets off the last ball of each of his first three overs, to derail the chase. India went on to complete a comfortable victory to seal the series 3-1. Rahul's performance was very satisfactory, Sehwag said. "I was very impressed with his bowling. It was his debut. He has a very good future."

series and missed the return -- a 5-0 thrashing in India.

Tremlett was sidelined prior to the one-dayers, having suffered back trouble before the Trent Bridge Test against India while paceman Tim Bresnan, who has not missed any representative cricket through injury, has been passed fit following a recent elbow operation.

"This is an important series given it is our first Test series since hosting India in August this year and we expect a stern challenge against a Pakistan side that will be accustomed to playing in the UAE," said Miller.

"We believe we've selected a very strong squad with a number of key players looking to return from injury including the likes of Stuart Broad, Eoin Morgan and Chris Tremlett."

"To have three world-class players of their calibre returning to the squad is an enormous boost for the Test team."

England will name their squads for the one-day and Twenty20 legs of the tour at a later date.

## SQUAD

Andrew Strauss (captain), Alastair Cook, Jonathan Trott, Kevin Pietersen, Ian Bell, Eoin Morgan, Matt Prior, Stuart Broad, Graeme Swann, Tim Bresnan, Chris Tremlett, James Anderson, Steven Finn, Steven Davies (wkt), Monty Panesar, Ravi Bopara.

## Walking over

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The other point of hope for the hosts was shattered as Dulali and Lal Chand pair lost to Ha Anh Le and Thu Huyen Le pair of Vietnam by 21-13, 21-17 points in the mixed doubles semifinal. The Vietnamese pair will take on Sri Lanka's Hasitha Chanaka and Thilini Jayasinghe pair.

Meanwhile, the main attraction of the competition, the men's singles will be fought between Italy's Rosario Maddaloni and Indonesia's Alrie Guna Dharma while the women's singles final will be between Thu Huyen Le of Vietnam and Achininimeshika Rathnasir of Sri Lanka.

## 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

<b>BANGLADESH:</b> First innings				
Tamim c Akmal b Cheema	9			
Nazimuddin c Hafeez b Gul	31			
Nafees c Younis b Cheema	0			
Ashraful c Akmal b Gul	1			
Mushfiqur lbw b Ajmal	4			
Shakib c Hafeez b Rehman	8			
Mahmudullah lbw b Ajmal	18			
Nasir c Azhar b Rehman	41			
Sunny c Younis b Ajmal	2			
Shahadat b Rehman	8			
Rubel not out	3			
Extras: (lb-3, nb-1)	10			
Total: (All out in 51.2 overs)				
Fall of wkts: 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	3
<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)				
To bat: Azhar, Younis, Misbah, Shafiq, Akmal, Rehman, Gul, Ajmal, Cheema.				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Shahadat	4	1	21	0
Rubel	6	0	25	0
Mahmudullah	12	3	46	0
Shakib	6	2	19	0

## India

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were 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 Ahmadi played an incisive back-heeled pass which freed the tall Arezo. The sharpshooter 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-ridden 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 United Russia Party and won a place in the parliament.



Belgian tennis player Kim Clijsters speaks at a press conference while Danish Caroline Wozniacki (L) looks on ahead of the Diamond Games tennis event in Antwerp Sportpaleis on Thursday.

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