

BD-PAK SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first Test between Bangladesh and Pakistan at the Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong on Saturday:
 BANGLADESH: First innings 135 (Nasir 41, Nazimuddin 31, Rehman 3-9, Ajmal 3-40)
 PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 132-0)
Hafeez lbw b Sunny 143
Taufeeq lbw b Mahmudullah 61
Azhar c Rahim b Shahadat 26
Younis not out 96
Misbah lbw b Sunny 20
Shafiq not out 40
Extras: (lb-19, nb-9, w-1) 29
Total: (For 4 wkts in 128 overs) 415
Fall of wickets: 1-164, 2-220, 3-265, 4-311

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shahadat	18	3	71	1
Rubel	18	1	65	0
Mahmudullah	27	7	83	1
Shakib	29	6	85	0
Sunny	33	5	81	2

Premier cricket transfer on Dec 14-15

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The inter-club players' transfer for the 2011-12 Dhaka Premier Division League will take place over two days on December 14 and 15 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The transfers will run from 3:00pm to 7:00pm on both days.

Each team will be allowed three players from the national cricketers' pool while they can sign up to eight foreign players and field three players in one game.

The league will begin next month.

Abahani are the defending champions after they won the title for the 17th time in February this year.

Ilievski finds

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sack me without proper compensation I will go to FIFA."

Ilievski also claimed that he had practically been sacked a month ago.

BFF's vice-president and National Team Management Committee chairman Badal Roy however laughed off any such proposition and said it was "Ilievski's personal weakness" that made him say such things. Ilievski also blamed the players for not heeding to his instructions during the tournament.

"Sujon and Arif did not play according to my instructions. When the players don't pay heed to the coach, what's there for the coach to do?"

The coach also blamed the federation for not arranging enough practice matches and the lack of match practice due to the early conclusion of the league.

"The BFF spent millions on bringing Argentina, but they are meagre arranging international friendly matches for the national team," said the coach.

Rathnasir

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The men's doubles final was won by Indians Kona Tarun and Arun Vishnu who got the better of Vietnamese Bang Duc Bui and Manh Thang Dao in 21-11, 11-21, 21-16 sets.

Ha Anh Le and Thu Huyen Le pair from Vietnam won the mixed doubles title beating Hasihta Chanaka and Thilini Jayasinghe pair of Sri Lanka in 21-18, 21-15 sets.

You can only

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"Our confidence is low so we are waiting for one good performance to get back the confidence. If we can bat with a proper mindset in the second innings and emphasise on session-by-session, we will be able to take something from this match," admitted the all-rounder.

And he also said that they can take positives from the batting approach of the Pakistani batsmen who played sensibly to maintain their domination against the Tigers.

Spinners are their main strength but they could hardly become a threat for the Pakistani batsmen on the second day. "I think the wicket is still batting friendly and got some turn only in the morning session. My observation is that our bowling was not bad as we made sure that they could not bat freely," he explained.

Bangladesh was however still searching for a answer of their pathetic batting performance in the first innings. "Everything has been okay in the practice but we could not apply it in the middle. We were unsure about our shot selection. You can only have hope: Riyadction," said Riyad.



New Zealand paceman Chris Martin appeals for a leg-before decision against Australia captain Michael Clarke during the second Test at the Bellerive Oval in Hobart yesterday. Martin took three wickets on his birthday.

PHOTO: AFP

Aus collapse, NZ ahead



AFP, Hobart

New Zealand led Australia by 153 runs after Day Two of the fast-moving second Test on Saturday, aiming to build a decisive second innings lead after blasting the hosts out for just 136.

A total of 23 wickets have fallen in two days on a drying green-top wicket at Hobart's Bellerive Oval, with a result looking likely before Tuesday's scheduled last day.

The Black Caps, looking to redeem themselves after a nine-wicket surrender in last week's first Test in Brisbane, were 139 for three at the close after taking a 14-run first innings lead.

Towards stumps, runs were coming more easily for the Kiwis on an improving pitch, with skipper Ross Taylor on 42 and Kane Williamson not out 34 in an unbroken 66-run stand.

"I suppose 150 on that pitch on the first day has turned out to be a reasonable score for us and it's quite difficult to say how the rest of the Test match will go," Kiwi paceman Chris Martin said. "But 150 runs in front we're feeling pretty good."

The highest successful fourth innings run chase at Bellerive is Australia's 369 for six against Pakistan in 1999, and Aussie paceman Peter Siddle said the hosts still felt they could push for victory. "I think it's pretty even. The sun came out this afternoon and did up the wicket. The odd ball does keep low but other than that the wicket is playing pretty well now," Siddle said.

"It's a big session tomorrow morning. We have to come out strong and work hard to get a couple of early wickets and get them on the back foot and push on from there."

Three Kiwi wickets fell after tea, with openers Brendon McCullum snapped up by Phil Hughes off James Pattinson for 12 and Martin Gupthill caught behind off Siddle for 16.

Jesse Ryder carelessly fell to a leg-side stumping by Brad Haddin off part-timer Mike Hussey for 16.

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NEW ZEALAND: First innings 150 (Brownlie 56, Pattinson 5-51, Siddle 3-42)
AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 12-1)
Warner c Taylor b Martin 15
Hughes c Gupthill b Martin 4
Khawaja c Young b Martin 7
Ponting lbw b Southee 5
Clarke b Bracewell 22
Hussey c Young b Boult 8
Haddin c McCullum b Bracewell 5
Siddle c Gupthill b Bracewell 36
Pattinson c Williamson b Boult 17
Starc lbw b Boult 4
Lyon not out 1
Extras: (b-4, lb-8, w-5, nb-1) 12
Total: (All out in 51 overs) 136
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-24, 3-31, 4-35, 5-58, 6-69, 7-75, 8-131, 9-131

Bowler	O	M	W	R
Martin	16	1	46	3
Boult	13	4	29	3
Southee	12	2	32	1
Bracewell	10	3	20	3

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings
Gupthill c Haddin b Siddle 16
McCullum c Hughes b Pattinson 12
Ryder stp d Haddin b Hussey 16
Taylor not out 42
Williamson not out 34
Extras: (b-4, lb-9, w-5, nb-1) 19
Total: (For 3 wkts in 44 overs) 139

Bowler	O	M	W	R
Pattinson	12	2	37	1
Siddle	12	4	29	1
Starc	11	3	30	0
Hussey	5	0	15	1

innings 150 and at one stage were on track to record their lowest Test total against New Zealand, beating the 103 set in Auckland in 1986.

But Siddle (36) and Pattinson (17) saved their blushes with their partnership as the pitch began to play more easily after its first-day demons.

New Zealand's all-pace attack kept the Australians under the gun with Chris Martin (3-46), Trent Boult (3-29) and Doug Bracewell (3-20)

among the wickets.

Australia lost six wickets in the extended morning session after resuming at 12 for one, following Friday's loss of Hughes for four.

David Warner survived only 17 minutes of the second day before nicking Martin to slip for 15 and Ricky Ponting (5) walked before he was given out leg before wicket after playing Tim Southee across his pads.

It was the fifth time in his last six Test innings that the former Australia captain was out leg before, and he has now gone 30 innings since his last Test century.

Ponting's last big knock was 209 against Pakistan almost two years ago in Hobart.

Usman Khawaja's 51-ball vigil ended when he edged Martin behind for seven before Hussey bottom-edged a Boult lifter to the keeper for eight to leave Australia reeling at 58 for five.

Haddin found McCullum at mid-off for five, giving Bracewell his first wicket, then skipper Michael Clarke was surprised by low bounce to be bowled for 22.

But Siddle and Pattinson steadied the innings before Siddle was caught in the slips and Pattinson fell in the next over, brilliantly pocketed in the gully by Williamson off Boult.

Helal quits

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and I will submit my resignation letter tomorrow [Sunday]."

The meeting, chaired by NTMC chairman Badal Roy in presence of BFF president Kazi Salahuddin, interviewed coach Nikola Ilievski and captain Mohammad Sujon about the debacle. Badal Roy said they found some incongruence in the versions of the coach and the players as to why the team played so ruefully in Delhi and were knocked out in the first stage. Badal Roy also informed NTMC will take a decision whether the coach will stay or not after reviewing the reports from the coach, manager and players.

to making our people happy through winning the trophy," said Kargar through an interpreter. "I agree India have a good striking pair, but don't forget we also have good strikers in Arezo and Sanjar," said Kargar whose Afghanistan never beat India in the four matches they have played so far.

However, Kargar admitted that India have a solid backbone and that defender Syed Rahim Nabi, who has also scored two goals, will be tough for his strikers.

Like Kargar, Indian coach Medeira also praised Afghan defender Djelaludin Sharitary for his boldness in defying attacks.

It is not only the game of Chhetri, Jeje, Nabi, Arezo, Sanjar, Sharitary, there are also some players like Indian captain-cum-playmaker Clifford Miranda and Afghan playmaker Ata Mohammad Yamir Ali, who not only build the game from the midfield but also score in times of need, with two goals each a testament to their prowess.

Tourney for players

NCL second phase from today

SPORTS REPORTER



As the second phase of the National Cricket League begins today, the focus will remain on the players, which will follow the trend of the past twelve seasons.

League leaders Khulna face defending champions Rajshahi at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium while Sylhet take on Dhaka Metropolis in a home game. So far, these four teams have thrived on individual performances as has often been the case for the divisional sides that lack the team character present in club cricket.

Nowhere is this more in evidence than in the Dhaka Metro side which was formed this year. The collection of individual performers has formed the crux of the capital city's representation in the first-class tournament. Asif Ahmed, Mohammad Ashraful and Tasamul Haque are all among the top ten run-scorers in the first phase, though the team has crossed the 300-score mark just three times. It has been Arafat Salahuddin and Tariq Aziz with 19 scalps each.

Khulna too has depended heavily on wicketkeeper-batsman Anamul Haque, skipper Tushar Imran, all-rounder Soumya Sarkar but once again, given the need for 20 wickets in each game, it has been their in-form bowlers -- Al-Amin Hossain, Abdur Razzak and Murad Khan -- who have made the difference.

Rajshahi's Farhad Hossain and Saqlain Sajib are carrying the team through like they did last season, while Sylhet owe a huge debt of gratitude to left-arm spinner Enamul Haque Jr who has topped the bowlers' chart with 41 wickets.

Though individuals have had a large influence in cricket teams at all levels, sometimes even their excellent form isn't enough to pull the team out of the rut. Dhiman Ghosh just completed his second consecutive successful first-class campaign but Rangpur hasn't had a fruitful maiden season in the competition. Much the same has happened to Nazimuddin who has earned a recall to the national team after three years, but Chittagong failed to make it past the first phase.

Dhaka though has seen Mosharraf Hossain, Mahbubul Alam and skipper Mohammad Sharif perform quite well but that has come on the back of poor work by the batsmen, chiefly Mehrab

Hossain Jr, who has regressed.

Like the left-handed Mehrab, Shahin Hossain's poor form (after a good 2010-11 season) has contributed to Barisal's poor campaign.

Most of these players, however, can take inspiration from a group of cricketers who have progressed into the three national setups, Elias Sunny being the biggest achiever. The left-handed all-rounder who was high in the batting and bowling charts last season has broken through to the national team while Nazimuddin and Forhad Reza have staged comebacks.

Anamul Haque, Maishuquar Rahman, Sohag Gazi and Shaker Ahmed have all been inducted into this year's GP-BCB National Cricket Academy with Anamul and Sohag performing very well for their divisional sides while Nasiruddin Faruque has graduated to the Bangladesh A side after several years.

All this means that first-class cricket, though much maligned, is producing performers as Nazimuddin and Elias Sunny have done reasonably well in Tests while Nasir Hossain has also transferred his form from domestic to the international stage. Would it be possible for BCB to force the national players into more first-class games or can it continue to be the star-maker?

Prof's lesson

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dred against Bangladesh in 2003 and now hit his highest score against the same opponents. So the obvious question was whether Bangladesh is his favourite opponents. "I think a cricketer always wants to perform against every opponent. My first century was against them in 2003 and after that it was today. It's not that they are my favourite opponents, but the thing is every time you come out, you try to give hundred per cent," he said.

Hafeez however showed huge respect to the Tigers despite their poor showing in the series.

"Well I think they have done a great job in last 8-9 years. They have learnt many things within this time. We have seen some brilliant performances from them and they are a much better side in the ODI than the Tests. The more they play, they will learn out of it. As an opponent, we always respect Bangladesh," observed the experience cricketer.

Regarding his unfortunate dismissal where he was given out leg-before despite inside edging the Elias Sunny delivery, Hafeez said, "It's a part of the game. Sometimes you get the bad ones so I actually have no complain about it. I think all you can do is work hard and you score some big ones so it's a part of the game you have to go through some tough decisions."



Hockey

AFP, Auckland

Spain defeated the Netherlands 3-1 on Saturday to set up a hockey Champions Trophy final showdown with defending champions Australia, who downed hosts New Zealand 2-1.

In the bottom half of the eight-nation tournament, Germany crushed Pakistan 5-0 to leave the Green Shirts facing a wooden spoon play-off with South Korea, who were defeated 4-3 in a thriller against Great Britain.

Australia, chasing a record fourth straight title at men's hockey's last major tournament before the London Olympics, have won 11 times overall, while Spain's sole success came in 2004.

Spain, out to make amends after placing sixth at the European Championships, maintained the attacking game they have adopted at the Auckland tournament and never relinquished the lead after Eduard Tubau scored in the second minute.

Roc Oliva doubled their advantage on 25 minutes and, while Bob de Voogd pulled one back for Holland just before half time, Spain dominated the renowned Dutch



Officials of Building Technology and Ideas Limited (BTI) pose for a photo after signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bangladesh Golf Federation under which it will work closely with the BGF to develop the country's golfers.

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ACROSS

- Ballroom dance
- Lathers
- Grow
- "Unmentionables"
- Small pool
- Silencer of a sort
- Yoko of music
- Zingers
- Last letter
- Gumbo need
- Brooks or Blanc
- "Darn!"
- Disinfectant brand
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- City of India
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- Extinct bird
- Bar legally
- Lemieux milieu
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- Women of Germany
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- Shrill barks
- DOWN
- Full of mettle

2 Zealots' emotions

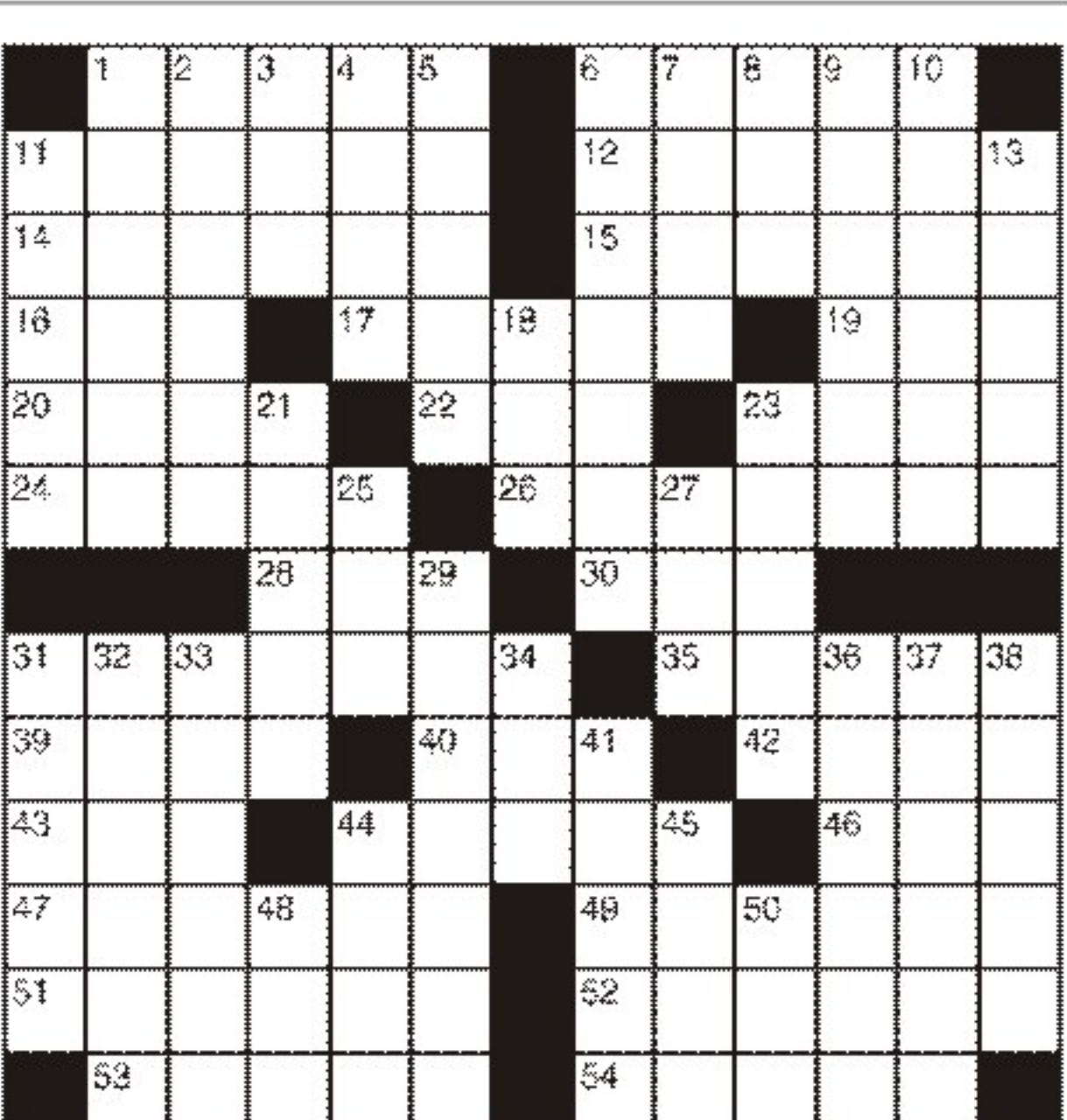
- Chic, to Austin Powers
- Eventual tulip
- First-stringers
- Dropped the ball
- Responsibility
- Wood-working tool
- Fore-and-aft sail
- Pick
- Reel
- Looks for
- Fun and games

21 Heart line?

- Bet both ways
- Bud's partner
- Long March leader
- Some hounds
- Florida city
- Rabbit-like rodent
- In a frenzy
- Torched
- Bed-ridden
- Bk. after Prov.
- Luster
- Snug and warm
- Hebrew month
- 100 percent
- Menagerie
- Mavericks' city, on scoreboards

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