

BD-PAK SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close on the fourth day of the second and final Test between Bangladesh and Pakistan in Mirpur on Tuesday.

BANGLADESH: First innings 338 (Shakib 144, Nafees 97)

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 292-3) Hafeez c Mushfiq b Nazmul 14 Umar c Nafees b Nazmul 130 Azhar c Mushfiq b Shakib 57 Younis c Mushfiq b Sunny 49 Misbah c Mahmudullah b Shakib 70 Shafiq lbw b Robuil 42 Akmal st Mushfiq b Shakib 53 Rehman c Mahmudullah b Shakib 24 Gul c Sunny b Shakib 11 Ajmal b Shakib 0 Cheema not out 1 Extras: (lb-3, nb-16) 19 Total: (All out in 154.5 overs) 470 Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-150, 3-245, 4-293, 5-359, 6-389, 7-430, 8-464, 9-465

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shahadat	16	1	82	0
Robuil	23	3	78	1
Nazmul	24	5	61	2
Mahmudullah	15	2	45	0
Shakib	40.5	7	82	6
Sunny	27	4	95	1
Nasir	9	0	24	0

BANGLADESH: Second innings Tamim c Misbah b Gul 21 Nazimuddin b Rehman 12 Nafees lbw b Gul 0 Mahmudullah c Rehman b Cheema 32 Nasir not out 30 Shakib c Azhar b Cheema 6 Mushfiq not out 7 Extras: (b-5, lb-1) 6 Total: (For five wickets in 35 overs) 114 To bat: Nazmul, Sunny, Shahadat, Robuil Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-24, 3-54, 4-76, 5-95

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gul	7	1	23	2
Cheema	10	1	41	2
Rehman	13	5	25	1
Ajmal	5	1	19	0



Abahani players celebrate with the UCB Victory Day Hockey Tournament trophy after defeating Bangladesh Army 4-2 in the final at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

V-Day title Abahani's



SPORTS REPORTER

National player-studded Abahani clinched the UCBL Victory Day Hockey Tournament title after coming from two goals down to beat Bangladesh Army 4-2 in the final at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Mamunur Rahman Chayan converted two penalty corners while Hasan Jubair Niloy and Rasel Mahmud Jimmy scored one goal each for Abahani after Milon Hossain and Rokonzaman Sohag gave Army a two-goal lead in the competitive final.

Returning to the Victory Day Hockey tournament for the first time in 20 years following their last triumph in 1991, Abahani hardly impressed a few hundred spectators as Bangladesh Army looked far superior side in the first half. Deservedly Army took the lead in the sixth minute with a fine combination among Kamal Hossain, Krishna Kumar and Milon, who found the back of the Abahani net with a reverse hit.

Army men, boosted with four players of the premier division teams, doubled the lead from a penalty corner through Sohag in the 23rd minute. However, Abahani pulled one goal back six minutes later with penalty corner specialist Chayan

finding the target with his scoop shot.

The Army men failed to maintain the tempo in the second half as Abahani regrouped to control the midfield and young striker Niloy hit the board with a reverse shot after being set up by Jimmy in the 41st minute.

Chayan made it 3-2 in the 44th minute from another penalty corner before man-of-the-match Jimmy sealed the fate of the game from a field goal availing a long ball from Sheikh Mohammad Nannu in the 51st minute.

"After trailing in the first half, we emphasised on the control of the ball in the second half and took the game in our favour," said Abahani coach Mahub Harun adding that Abahani took part in the tournament with only three days of training and the fitness of the players was very low.

However, Army coach Mahubul Haq Mitu blamed partial umpiring for the defeat.

"No doubt, Abahani are a better side and their players are technically sound compared to us. But we did not expect to lose in that way as umpire Selim Lucky spoiled the game awarding Abahani penalty corners where we were not awarded penalty corners in similar situations," said Mitu.

Fed Cup basketball

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Europa Youth registered a 100-66 point win over Dhumketu in the Citycell Federation Cup Basketball Championship at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

Europa dominated the first half taking a lead of 45-26 points. Mithun caged highest 46 points for Europa while Tareq scored 20 points for Dhumketu.

On Monday, Boarder Guard Bangladesh defeated Rangers 56-49 after leading the first half 28-22.

Nikola going

FROM PAGE 16 year agreement.

It was been learnt that BFF has already cleared the December salary of Iliovski, who had initially received a three-month salary in advance upon his arrival in June 2011.

Iliovski was blamed by the players for their failure in the regional football showpiece where Bangladesh were eliminated from the group stage after losing to Nepal and Maldives and drawing against Pakistan.

The 57-year coach also came under fire from the BFF high-ups and was seeking a one-month vacation beyond his contract as he has already enjoyed one month vacation in August.

Iliovski is the fourth coach in four years under the current NTMC which oversaw all four of them leave without completing their tenure.

Khulna in control

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Khulna climbed above Sylhet during their second phase National Cricket League game at the Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium yesterday.

Mohammad Mithun's unbeaten 80 was the glue in the Khulna second innings as they closed the third day on 242-8, an overall lead of 292 runs with two wickets in hand.

The right-hander, who struck a first innings century, struck six boundaries and a six in his 120-ball innings. He remained not out but found little support from elsewhere.

Left-arm spinner Enamul Haque Jr kept Sylhet in the fight with 4-82 though Sylhet's decision to declare 50 runs adrift when they added just eight to their overnight 243-8 was surprising.

Away at the Sylhet Divisional Stadium, Dhaka Metropolis remained a run away from reaching Rajshahi's 404-5 declared in the first innings.

The defending champions had both their centurions, Junaed Siddiqui and Jahurul Islam, fall to Arafat Sunny. Sabbir Rahman struck a breezy 33 not out with five boundaries.

Mohammad Ashraf and Mehrab Hossain Jr struck half-centuries in the second innings as Dhaka Metro ended the day on 202-4.

SCORES IN BRIEF

KHULNA: First innings 301-9 declared and second innings 242-8 in 71 overs (Mithun 80 not out, Sahagir 26; Enamul 4-82)

SYLHET: First innings 251-9 declared in 80.5 overs (Rajin 59, Mabud 56; Dollar 3-55, Al-Amin 3-52)

DHAKA METRO: First innings 201 and second innings 202-4 in 69 overs (Ashraf 69, Mehrab 64 not out; Forhad 2-45)

RAJSHAHI: First innings 404-5 in 137.5 overs (Jahurul 167, Junaed 161; Taskin 1-36, Sunny 3-86)

National kabaddi from tomorrow

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Meizan National Kabaddi Championship begins tomorrow with six districts hosting the qualifying round matches.

The venues are Barisal, Jessore, Tangail, Dinajpur, Moulvibazar and Dhaka though Dhaka will only host the matches of services teams from Sunday.

A total of 30 district sports associations and seven services teams, split into six groups, are taking part in the national championship. Top two finishers from each of six groups will advance to the 13-team final round where defending champions Boarder Guard Bangladesh will play directly.

The final round will begin in Dhaka from December 28.

Cowan reminds Aus selectors



AFP, Canberra

Ed Cowan staked a claim for selection as an opening batsman for Australia in next week's first Test against India with a century for the Chairman's XI against the tourists in Canberra on Tuesday.

Cowan compiled 109 off 154 balls while incumbent Test opener Phillip Hughes failed again with 20 after a wretched series against New Zealand.

At the close of the second day in the three-day game, the Chairman's XI were 215 for seven in reply to India's 269 heading into Wednesday's final day.

Tasmanian Cowan will present a strong case when the Australian squad is announced on Wednesday after two centuries in this season's domestic Sheffield Shield and one for Australia A against the touring New Zealanders.

Cowan hit 16 boundaries off India's bowlers and was out in the 47th over when he played back to off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin and edged behind to MS Dhoni.

Cowan was the only Test contender to press his claims after failures by Test batsmen David Warner (2), Usman Khawaja (25) and Hughes.

Warner's hot scoring form failed to carry over against India and he was out in the first over, bowled by paceman Abhimanyu Mithun.

Captain Warner was coming off consecutive hundreds, in the second Test against New Zealand in Hobart and the Big Bash League opener against Melbourne Stars.

Khawaja again failed to build on a start and was out when he pushed forward to Umesh Yadav and was snapped up low down by Dhoni in the 20th over.

Hughes's sorry season continued when he skied a slog sweep off spinner Ashwin and Dhoni took a running catch in the

29th over, leaving the Chairman's XI 115 for three.

But Cowan steadied the innings with a 69-run partnership with Tom Cooper (38) and at stumps the Chairman's XI trailed by 54 runs.

Ashwin has four for 52 from 14 overs.

Earlier, Virat Kohli consolidated his place at number six for India for the Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground starting on December 26 by converting his overnight half-century to 132, almost half of the tourists' first-innings total.

Kohli faced 171 balls and hit 18 fours and two sixes before he edged left-arm spinner Jon Holland to wicketkeeper Tim Ludeman.

Skipper Dhoni only lasted 12 balls before he chipped Holland straight to mid-on for three and overnight batsman Rohit Sharma (47) pulled paceman Peter George to fine leg where Jason Behrendorff took the catch.

Holland triggered a lower-order collapse and finished with six for 70.

SCORES IN BRIEF

INDIA: First innings 269 (Gambhir 24, Kohli 132, Sharma 47; Holland 6-70)

CHAIRMAN'S XI: First innings 215 for 7 (Cowan 109, Khawaja 25, Hughes 20, Cooper 38; Ashwin 4-52)

Swift dismayed

FROM PAGE 16 while Swift pointed out the lack of close-in fielders in this series.

"He's [Shahriar Nafees] possibly the best man at bat-pad. He's done pretty well there in this game. He could have reached that one if he'd been a little bit more athletic. We have lost Junaed [Siddiqui] and Imrul Kayes, good slipper in the last two months. We have to find somebody, a natural slipper. If we can't, we have to develop someone," said Swift.

But questionable concentration is often attached to poor fielding and it is no secret that these players are hardly used to fielding for long stretches this year.

'Indo-Pak series can't be one-way traffic'



PTI, Lahore

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Zaka Ashraf has vented his frustration at the non-responsive attitude of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and said that relations between the two boards would have to be built on reciprocal basis.

Ashraf made it clear that it could not be one-way traffic as far as Indo-Pak cricket relations were concerned.

"We want to play India and have bilateral ties. But I think from now on the relations will have to be based on reciprocity and exchanges. We want to go and play in India but they must also tour Pakistan," he said at a press conference at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore.

Ashraf's strong words on cricket relations with India came after he returned home from Singapore where he attended Asian Cricket Council meeting without getting any confirmation or indication from the BCCI delegation about when bilateral cricket ties between the two countries would be resumed.

Worse still, the PCB chief returned home disappointed that the Indians had agreed to give priority to the Asia Cup at the cost of the Pakistan tour to India next year in March and April under FTP.

"Unfortunately their president didn't

come to attend the ACC meeting. But I am hoping to meet him next month during the ICC meetings. Where I think we need to have a frank discussion on where Indo-Pak relations stand," Ashraf said.

The PCB chief also made it clear that he desperately wanted to see foreign teams start touring the country again and that is why he had invited the Bangladesh Board to send its team to Pakistan next year.

"It is a question of breaking the ice. Once Bangladesh send their team I am sure we can tell the rest of cricketing world that conditions in Pakistan have changed and it is safe now to host international sporting events," Ashraf said.

"I think we need one team to tour Pakistan to let everyone know that it is not the same situation as it was when Sri Lankan team had its incident in Lahore."

Ashraf said the Bangladesh Board would send a high level security delegation to Pakistan next month to inspect and study the security situation and arrangements based on which their team will tour Pakistan.

He said Pakistan expressed its interest in hosting the 2014 Asia Cup at the ACC meeting in Singapore.

"We have informed the ACC that we want to host the Asia Cup and we have got a positive response. So we are hopeful we can get this tournament in Pakistan as well," he said.

Hafeez looks

FROM PAGE 16 "The aim was very simple. We were looking forward to put up a very good total for the Bangladeshi batsmen to chase and the new ball was also doing a bit. We are in a position where we can put pressure on Bangladeshi batsmen and we are very much on track. Our bowlers have worked very hard and have taken five wickets today," said Hafeez.

The Test has been facing delays because of the fog in

Shakib's rare

FROM PAGE 16 smashed eleven boundaries to score 70 off 123 balls. Asad Shafiq (42) and Adnan Akmal (53) were the other notable scorers.

Pakistan might have surrendered quickly to Shakib on the fourth day but they are favourites to make a clean sweep of the two-match series unless something special comes from the two unbeaten batsmen -- Mushfiq (7) and the impressive Nasir (30) -- on the final day.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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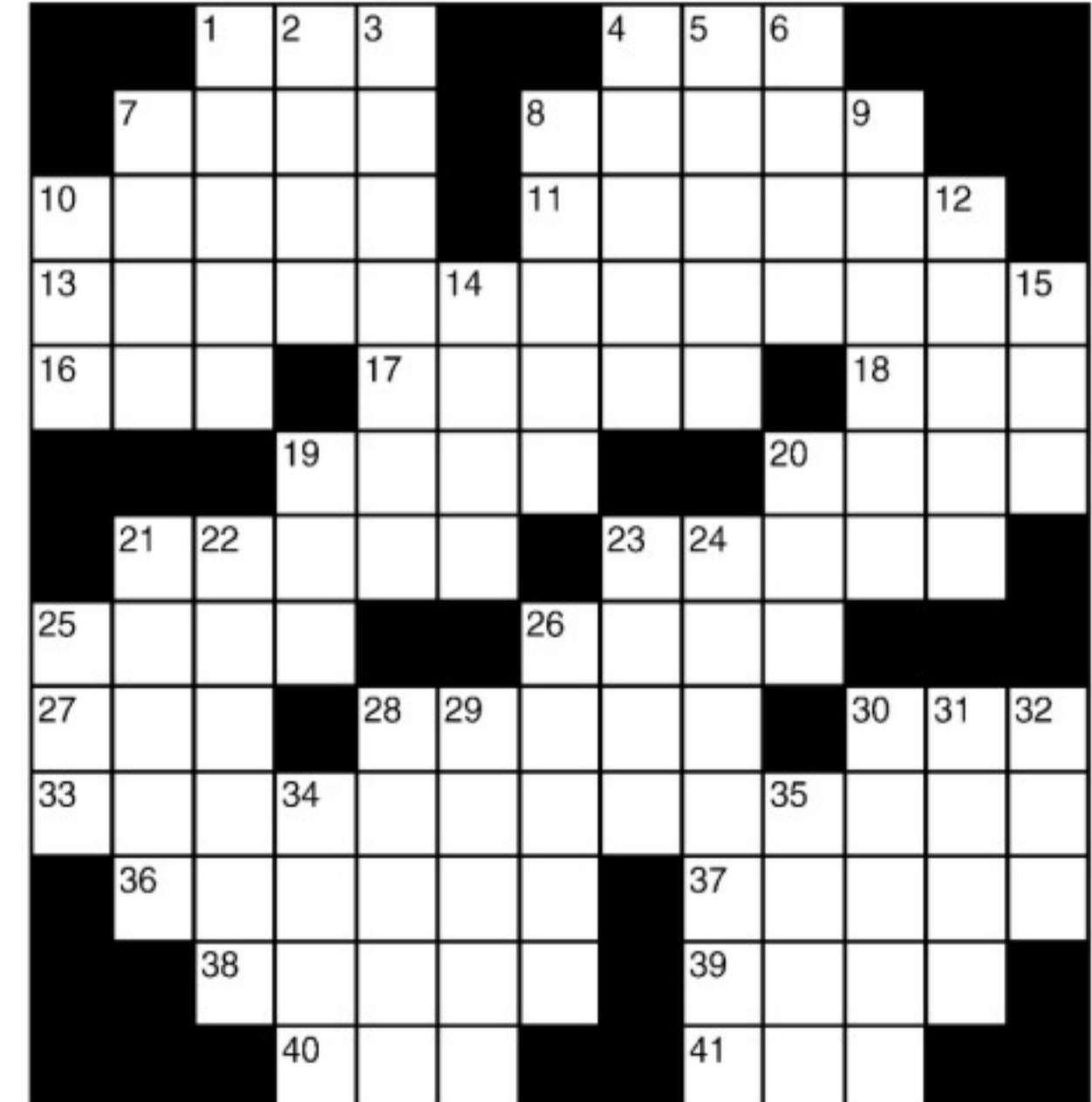
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Today's Cryptiquip Clue: K equals H