



State Minister for Liberation War Affairs capt (retd) AB Tajul Islam is seen along with the players and officials of Bangladesh Navy, who won the Citycell Independence Day basketball title defeating Bangladesh Army in a nail-biting final at the Dhanmondi Indoor Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

PHOTO: COURTESY

# Champs in, Federer out

**Tennis**  
AFP, Miami

Top seeds and defending champions Novak Djokovic and Victoria Azarenka advanced Monday while third seed Roger Federer crashed out of the ATP- WTA Miami Masters tournament. Djokovic defeated No. 27 seed Viktor Troicki 6-3, 6-4 in an all-Serb third round matchup on Monday. American Andy Roddick upset 16-time major winner Federer 7-6 (7/4), 1-6, 6-4, snapping the Swiss star's win streak at 16 matches. The world number one Djokovic, who won Miami titles in 2007 and 2011, saved seven of eight break point opportunities as he beat Troicki for the 11th consecutive time. "Generally I feel that I have been playing well," Djokovic said. "I did have some ups and downs, especially in today's match, but I'm confident that I can raise the level of my performance in every match." Djokovic finished with two aces, one double fault and won 73 per cent of his first-serve points in the 85 minute match. Djokovic next plays 17th seed Richard Gasquet of France. Azarenka survived a scare from 16th seeded Dominika Cibulkova, gutting out a 1-6, 7-6 (9/7), 7-5 victory in the fourth round Monday. Cibulkova made Azarenka, of Belarus,

work to protect her season long match win streak which now stands at 26. "It felt like she closed her eyes and just went for everything, and me, I couldn't really open my eyes," Azarenka said. "It was like I was blinded. "But my coach came to the court, kicked me a little bit that I have to at least try to change something. It was like a snowball. I kept rolling ... and I didn't really adjust. "In the end I tried to change something. But it was more about fighting in my heart today." World No. 1 Azarenka struggled in the first set then needed a tiebreaker in the second to get back into the marathon two hour, 47 minute match. She finished with two aces and seven double faults, compared to Cibulkova's 10 double faults. Azarenka advances to face France's Marion Bartoli, who easily defeated Maria Kirilenko 6-1, 6-2 earlier in the day. Roddick beat Federer for just the third time in 24 career meetings. "It was kind of a game of chess," Roddick said. "I stayed back on the returns, which is something I have not done with him often early on. He might have been a little bit surprised by it." Roddick hammered 12 aces and won 74 per cent of his first-serve points to outlast Federer in the two hour, one minute third round match. After losing the first set tie-break, Federer broke Roddick three times to

even the match at one-set all. Roddick saved four break points to hold serve in his first service game of the final set. "I had my chances," Federer said. "I could have been up a break early in the third, but he did well to fight off those break points. He served really well." Federer's 16-match win streak, included titles in Rotterdam, Dubai and Indian Wells. World No. 2 Maria Sharapova defeated fellow Russian Ekaterina Makarova 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) to set up a quarter-final clash with China's Li Na. Sharapova, the 2011 Miami runner-up, is chasing her first title at the event after finishing second three times. She lost in the final last year to Azarenka. "I felt like I was up a set and a break, and played a bit sloppy," Sharapova said. "Combination of her stepping up, and being much more aggressive. She had opportunities, served for the second set. "I just hung in there and stayed consistent. I played a much smarter tie-breaker, and I think that helped me." Sharapova saved break point 11 of 15 times and converted on five of eight of her break point opportunities to advance into a matchup against Li, who rallied to beat Sabine Lisicki 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. American 10th seed Serena Williams defeated Australian sixth seed Samantha Stosur 7-5, 6-3 in a rematch of the 2011 US Open final.

## Spin rules

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15-3 on the opening day.  
**SCOREBOARD**  
**SRI LANKA:** First innings (overnight 289-8)  
Thirimanne c Swann b Anderson 3  
Dilshan c Strauss b Broad 11  
Sangakkara c Prior b Anderson 0  
M Jayawardene c Prior b Anderson 180  
Samaraweera run out 20  
Chandimal c Bell b Patel 27  
P Jayawardene lbw b Anderson 23  
Randiv run out 12  
Herath lbw b Patel 5  
Welegedara lbw b Anderson 19  
Lakmal not out 0  
Extras: (lb-14, nb-4) 18  
Total: (All out in 96.3 overs) 318  
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-11, 3-15, 4-67, 5-128, 6-170, 7-191, 8-253, 9-307

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anderson	20.3	5	72	5
Broad	21	3	71	1
Panesar	23	11	42	0
Swann	23	3	92	0
Patel	9	1	27	2

**ENGLAND:** First innings  
Strauss lbw b Herath 26  
Cook lbw b Lakmal 0  
Trott st P Jayawardene b Herath 12  
Pietersen b Welegedara 3  
Bell b Herath 52  
Prior lbw b Herath 7  
Patel lbw b Herath 2  
Broad lbw b Herath 28  
Swann c Dilshan b Randiv 24  
Anderson not out 23  
Panesar lbw b Randiv 13  
Extras: (lb-2, w-1) 3  
Total: (All out in 46.4 overs) 193  
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-40, 3-43, 4-65, 5-72, 6-92, 7-122, 8-157, 9-157

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Welegedara	11	2	46	1
Lakmal	9	2	45	1
Herath	19	5	74	6
Randiv	7.4	0	26	2

**SRI LANKA:** Second innings  
Thirimanne b Swann 6  
Dilshan b Broad 0  
Sangakkara c Bell b Swann 14  
M Jayawardene c Anderson b Swann 5  
Samaraweera st Prior b Swann 36  
Chandimal not out 17  
Randiv not out 2  
Extras: (lb-1, lb-3) 4  
Total: (For 5 wks in 34 overs) 84  
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-8, 3-14, 4-41, 5-72

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anderson	5	0	18	0
Broad	5	2	8	1
Swann	12	2	28	4
Panesar	7	1	19	0
Patel	5	2	7	0

## LOCAL snippets

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Navy won their respective matches in the KFC Pizza Hut Independence Cup Kabaddi Tournament at the Kabaddi Court yesterday. Bangladesh Army defeated Border Guard Bangladesh by straight 3-0 sets while Bangladesh Navy also followed the footsteps of Army to record a straight 3-0 win over Bangladesh Air Force.

### Navy champs

Bangladesh Navy emerged champions in the Citycell Independence Cup Basketball Tournament with a 60-57 win over Bangladesh Army in the final at the Dhanmondi Wooden Floor Gymnasium in Dhanmondi yesterday.

Bangladesh Navy led the first half 28-23. Mithun Biswas was the top-scorer for Navy with 27 points followed by Mizan's 13 points. Mithun Sarker and Tofazzal scored 16 and 13 points respectively for Army. State minister for Liberation War Affairs captain (retd) ABM Tajul Islam witnessed the final and distributed prizes among the winners while federation president Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin MP and Citycell head of corporate communications and public relation affairs Taslim Ahmed were among those present.

### Div-II Football

Eastend Club and PWD Sporting Club played out a goalless draw in the Destiny Group 2nd Division Football League at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

### Women's School Football

The Aga Khan School emerged group E champions to qualify for the quarterfinals of Plan Metropolis Women's School Football Championship with a solitary goal win over Agargaon Adarsha Girls High School yesterday.

Samia Siddique struck the decisive goal at the Aga Khan School ground in Uttara. In the day's other matches, Heed International School beat Summer Field International School 1-0 with Tanisha Nasir scoring the all-important goal while BRAC School defeated Green Herald International School 1-0 with Nazma Khatun scoring the decisive goal at the Sultana Kamal Women's Complex ground.

### Independence Day Kabaddi

Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Police will lock horns today to decide the title of the Independence Cup Kabaddi tournament at the Kabaddi Stadium. The highest point achiever in the round-robin tournament will emerge champions. On Monday, Bangladesh Army beat Bangladesh Jail 70-15 with three 'Jonas' while Border Guard Bangladesh beat Bangladesh Police 45-25, said a press release yesterday.

## Star-studded

**FROM PAGE 16**  
rope in Jimmy and penalty corner specialist Chayan giving away record money of Tk 6.5 lakh each. Apart from the duo, they also signed up five more national players who are set to play the AHF Cup in April wearing the red and green jersey. "I am confident to present the title to the club. As a team we have been improving match by match and I hope we will carry our good form into the final and win the game against Usha," said Jimmy, who struck a double hat-trick against Bangladesh Police. The striker, however, doesn't want to feel complacent thinking of the previous results, rather he is more cautious about the opponents, Usha KC. "Usha KC are comprised of some experienced and young players, who are seemingly more fit than us and there is no room to take them lightly," warned Jimmy. Usha KC manager Rafiqul Islam Kamal also vowed to take the trophy home. "Mohammedan are a strong side but they have also some weaknesses and we are working on those points and if our boys can play accordingly, they will leave the turf with heads held high," said the former national striker.

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## Willes Little

**FROM PAGE 16**  
Enayetur Rahman 26; Asif Adnan 2-24, Mamun Kabir 2-45) **MIRPUR BANGLA HIGH SCHOOL:** 177 all out in 42.3 over (Tanmoy Hasan 45 not out, Rakibul Hasan 33, Salman Hasan 23, Kamrul Islam 20; Mahbub Morshed 2-22, Kazi Anik 2-18) **Result:** Willes Little Flower School & College won by 63 runs.

## Inter-dist

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The champion team will receive Tk 400,000 as prize money while runners-up team will get Tk 200,000. The man of the tournament will receive Tk 30,000 and man of the match in the final will get Tk 10,000.

# Great Kiwi escape

## South Africa take series 1-0

**Cricket**

AFP, Wellington

A heroic century by 21-year-old Kane Williamson trumped a hostile South Africa bowling attack and allowed New Zealand to hang on for a tenacious draw in the third Test Tuesday. South Africa secured the series 1-0 but were on the verge of a second victory before tea after a sensational bowling performance by Morne Morkel reduced New Zealand to 83-5.

In a dramatic final session, New Zealand lost only one further wicket as Williamson held firm in a defiant 80-run stand for the sixth wicket with Kruger van Wyk, following that with an unbeaten 37-run partnership with Doug Bracewell.

The South African fieldsmen grounded multiple chances helping New Zealand reach 200-6 at the close after South African captain Graeme Smith set an imposing 389-run target.

Morkel ripped out the New Zealand top-order to finish with career best figures of six for 23 which won him the man-of-the-match award over Williamson.

But Morkel and fellow quicks Dale Steyn, Vernon Philander and Marchant de Lange had reason to believe they could have cleaned out New Zealand had the fielding been sharper.

Williamson, batting at four in place of the injured skipper Ross Taylor, survived a painful strike in the groin and at least four edges behind the stumps includ-

ing a low catch claimed by Alviro Petersen at point.

Television replays showed the ball may have hit the ground first and the decision went in favour of the batsman who at that stage was on seven but went on to post his second century from 228 balls, spending 327 minutes at the crease.

When Morkel cleaned out Dean Brownlie (15) and Daniel Vettori with successive yorkers, van Wyk entered the fray and took several balls to the body as he made 39 in 100 minutes.

With his dismissal and 19 overs remaining, the writing looked on the wall for New Zealand with only tailenders Doug Bracewell, Mark Gillespie and Chris Martin to bat.

Bracewell had scored a duck in his previous three innings in the series but played confidently as he supported Williamson to be 20 not out after he was dropped by de Villiers on eight.

South Africa had resumed the day at 75 without loss and raced to 189-3 before declaring with de Villiers belting 68 and JP Duminy unbeaten on 33.

Morkel started his destructive campaign in New Zealand's second over when Daniel Flynn gloved a rising delivery through to wicketkeeper Mark Boucher to be gone without scoring.

Brendon McCullum also failed to get off the mark before Morkel trapped him lbw and Martin Guptill edged the strike bowler to Jacques Rudolph at gully

and was gone for 18.

Brownlie faced 18 balls without scoring before launching into de Lange and taking 14 off one over, including three boundaries, but he was to add only one more run before Morkel struck again.

Meanwhile, Taylor, who suffered a broken forearm when hit by Morkel on the fourth day, underwent surgery Tuesday and the New Zealand management said he would be sidelined for at least four weeks.

### SCOREBOARD

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 474-9 declared (Petersen 156, Duminy 103, Amla 63; Gillespie 6-113, Martin 2-95)

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 275 (Guptill 59, Flynn 45; Philander 6-81, Steyn 2-41)

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Second innings

Petersen run out (Bracewell/Van Wyk) 39  
Smith c Bracewell b Vettori 41  
de Villiers c Williamson b Bracewell 68  
Duminy not out 33  
Extras: (lb-3, w-3, nb-2) 8  
Total: (For 3 wks dec in 29.4 overs) 189  
Fall of wickets: 1-77, 2-106, 3-189

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Martin	10	0	44	0
Bracewell	6.4	0	47	1
Gillespie	6	0	55	0
Vettori	7	1	40	1

**NEW ZEALAND:** Second innings

Guptill c Rudolph b Morkel 18  
Flynn c Boucher b Morkel 0  
McCullum lbw Morkel 0  
Williamson not out 102  
Brownlie b Morkel 15  
Vettori b Morkel 0  
Van Wyk c and b Morkel 39  
Bracewell not out 20  
Extras: (lb-6) 6  
Total: (For 6 wks in 80.4 overs) 200  
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-1, 3-32, 4-83, 5-83, 6-163

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Morkel	16.4	7	23	6
Philander	18.4	6	29	0
de Lange	17.2	4	77	0
Steyn	15	9	14	0
Duminy	13	2	51	0

**Result:** Match drawn and South Africa win series 1-0.

**Man-of-the-match:** Morne Morkel.



PHOTO: AFP

New Zealand batsman Kane Williamson plays the ball off his pads during his match-saving century on the fifth day of the third and final Test against South Africa at the Basin Reserve in Wellington yesterday.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	36	Born earlier	19	Speck
1 Improvise musically	38	Charged bit	22	Snoop
5 Ram's mate	39	"Hail!"	23	Apply lightly
8 "Dracula" author	40	Beach-goer's mat	24	Blunder (Var.)
12 Eastern potentate	43	Bygone U.S. airline	3	Isinglass
13 Parcel of land	47	Boston-area university	3	shooter
14 Continental money	49	Spoken	4	Quickly
15 Puerto	50	Denomination	5	Arm joint
16 Limbs	51	Com-mo-tion	6	Sported
18 1980s TV exec	52	Take the bus	7	Greek H
20 Gumbo ingredi-ents	53	Jab	8	Summon
21 AAA assign-ment	54	Sawbuck	8	woman with a gesture
22 Expert	55	Being (Lat.)	9	German industrial district
23 Station			10	Neigh-borhood
26 Star of 1996 "Hamlet"			11	Rolling stone's lack
30 Exist			17	Mrs. Nick Charles
31 Week compo-nent				
32 Ruby or Sandra				
33 Missouri tourist mecca				

Solution time: 21 mins.

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### CRYPTOQUIP

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** TEAR-JERKING OLD SONG ABOUT A FAMOUS FONDA LOOKING BACK ON HER CHILDHOOD: "SENTIMENTAL JANIE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals Y