

Khulna U-18 champions

SPORTS REPORTER
Habibullah Dewan hit 127 as Khulna became champions of the Young Tigers U-18 District Cricket Championship with a massive 128-run victory over Chittagong in the final at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.
Khulna rode on Habibullah's hundred to post 251 for nine in the stipulated 45 overs after deciding to bat first. Kamran Farhad was the other notable scorer with 41.
Tanmoy Patwary claimed three wickets for 31 runs while Sadaf Hossain picked up three for 38.
In reply, Chittagong were bundled out for 123 runs in 39.2 overs. Tanmoy Patwary scored team highest 32 not out while Omar Faruk added 20.
Mehedi Hasan Miraj captured three wickets conceding 26 runs and Kamran Farhad took three for 33 runs.
Habibullah Dewan was adjudged man of the final.

N'ganj clinch U-16 title

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Narayanganj emerged champions in the Young Tigers U16 District Cricket Championship when they handed a 13-run defeat to Rajshahi in the final at the Gulshan Youth Club ground yesterday.
Anisul Islam displayed a fine all-round performance as he scored 67 runs and later picked up two wickets for 50 runs to become man of the final.
Narayanganj thrived on two half-centuries from Anisul and Rayhan Rafsan to score 187 all out in 40.2 overs.
Monirul Islam claimed three wickets for 11 runs and Maruf Hossain picked up three for 29 runs.
In reply, Rajshahi were all out for 174 runs in 39.0 overs.
Monwar Hossain was the top-scorer with 67 runs.
Mahmudul Hasan grabbed three wickets conceding 19 runs and Amin Tapu took three for 38 runs.

Maria, Li

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third round.
The Russian world number two, whose Rome trophy was one of two she lifted in 2011, ended with 27 winners and 25 unforced errors, breaking four times. Kerber managed only nine winners but did put her opponent under pressure in each set before finally losing.
Sharapova already owns a clay title in 2012 after winning Stuttgart last month in her debut appearance over number one and main rival Victoria Azarenka.
The Russian has advanced into the Sunday title match without losing a set against the only player outside the top-10 to defeat her this season (Paris).

LOCAL SNIPPETS

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for 161 runs in 37.3 overs as Lal Mia, Jamil and Topu took two wickets each. Pritom scored highest 33 runs for the losing side.

Div-I basketball on

The Citycell First Division Basketball League started at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday. In the opening match, Flame Boys thrashed Josephites by 102-18 points. Sakib caged maximum 35 points while Manzil netted 18 points for Flame Boys. Jubaer scored 6 points for Josephites. The winners led the first half by 63-8 points.
Earlier, Dr. Mostofa Jalal Mohiuddin MP, president of Bangladesh Basketball Federation inaugurated the event as the chief guest. David Lee, chief operating officer of sponsors Citycell and other officials of the company and the federation were present at the inauguration ceremony.



England batsman Ian Bell sets up to pull during his knock of 61 in the first innings of the first Test against West Indies at Lord's yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Shiv, Marlon defy Eng

Cricket
AFP, London
Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Marlon Samuels launched a rearguard action as they battled to prevent the West Indies going down to defeat by England in the first Test at Lord's on Saturday.
West Indies, in dire straits after losing three wickets on 36, had recovered to 120 for four in their second innings at stumps on the third day.
That still left them 35 runs behind England's first innings 398.
Chanderpaul, officially the world's best Test batsman, dug in to be 34 not out in two-and-a-half hours of typical defiance.
Meanwhile, Samuels offered sound support in an unbroken fifth-wicket stand of 55 in 113 balls to be 26 not out at the close.
Shortly before stumps, England thought they had Chanderpaul lbw for 22.
First-change Tim Bresnan, from around the wicket, had his appeal rejected by South African umpire Marais Erasmus but England captain Andrew Strauss called for a review.
However, replays indicated the ball would have missed leg stump.
The West Indies, 155 behind on first innings, saw openers Adrian Barath and Kieran Powell put on 36 for the first wicket.
But in sight of getting through a tricky pre-tea session, Barath (24) was undone by Bresnan's fifth ball of the innings, an excellent leg-cutter he could only edge to wicket-keeper Matt Prior.
Powell was far more culpable in his dismissal for eight, languidly top-edging a pull off Stuart Broad to Ian Bell, running round from deep square leg.
And worse followed when Kirk Edwards was run out for nought.
Darren Bravo nudged the

ball and non-striker Edwards sprinted half-way down the pitch for a single that was never on.
England debutant Jonathan Bairstow, as Edwards turned back, threw down the stumps at the bowler's end from cover-point.
Chanderpaul, whose unbeaten 87 was the centrepiece of West Indies' first innings 243, might have gone for two when he tried to uppercut Bresnan and leaping third slip James Anderson failed to hold a tough left-handed chance.
West Indies kept England at bay with a fourth-wicket stand of 29 between Bravo and Chanderpaul.
But Bravo went for 21 when off-spinner Graeme Swann, from around the wicket, clean bowled the left-hander, who inexplicably played no stroke to leave the West Indies 65 for four.
Earlier, an improved West Indies bowling display saw four England wickets fall in the day's first session after the hosts resumed on 259 for three.
Strauss was then 121 not out, having ended his 18-month wait for a Test century on Friday.
But the opener added just one run before being caught behind off an inside-edge against Kemar Roach.
However, a ninth-wicket partnership of 55 in 47 balls after lunch between Bell, who was last out for 61, and Swann, whose exuberant 30 featured six fours, strengthened England's position.

SCOREBOARD
WEST INDIES: First innings 243 (Chanderpaul 87 not out; S Broad 7-72)
ENGLAND: First innings (overnight: 259-3)
Strauss c Raminin b Roach 122
Cook b Roach 26
Trott c Raminin b Sammy 58
Pietersen c Raminin b Samuels 32
Bell c Powell b Gabriel 61
Bairstow lbw b Roach 16
Prior b Gabriel 19
Bresnan c Raminin b Sammy 0
Broad b F Edwards 10

Swann b Gabriel	30
Anderson not out	0
Extras: (b9, lb3, n12)	24
Total: (all out in 113.3 overs)	398
Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-194, 3-244, 4-266, 5-292, 6-320, 7-323, 8-342, 9-397, 10-398.	
Bowler	O M R W
Edwards	25 1 88 1
Roach	25 3 108 3
Gabriel	21.3 2 60 3
Sammy	28 1 92 2
Samuels	14 3 38 1
WEST INDIES: Second innings	
Barath c Prior b Bresnan	24
Powell c Bell b Broad	8
Edwards run out (Bairstow)	0
Bravo b Swann	21
Chanderpaul not out	34
Samuels not out	26
Extras: (lb7)	7
Total: (4 wks, 50 overs, 216 mins)	120
Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-36, 3-36, 4-65	
Bowler	O M R W
Anderson	14 6 1 0

Pomersbach gets bail

AFP, New Delhi
Australia and Royal Challengers Bangalore cricketer Luke Pomersbach was granted bail Saturday by a New Delhi court following accusations he molested a woman and beat up her fiance, his lawyer told AFP. He faces up to two years in jail if found guilty. The cricketer has denied the charges against him.
His lawyer, Ajay Bhargava told AFP: "He has received bail, on condition that he surrenders his passport and pays a surety of 30,000 rupees [550 dollars] on each charge."
The alleged victim, a 27-year-old from the US, told Indian media Pomersbach had "tagged along" with her and her Mumbai-based fiance and said the cricketer grabbed her while they drank together in a hotel room on Thursday night.
When her fiance asked Pomersbach to leave her alone, Pomersbach "turned around and started hitting him", she alleged.

DD send Punjab packing

INTERNET, Dharamsala
In conditions that suited them quite nicely, the Delhi Daredevils came hard at a determined Kings XI Punjab at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala yesterday to knock Punjab out of the IPL with a six-wicket win.
After choosing to bowl, Delhi, who were without Virender Sehwag and Ross Taylor, set the tone early, with Umesh Yadav and Mornie Morkel reducing Kings XI to 20 for four.
Even a valiant fightback only allowed Adam Gilchrist's team to post 141 for eight.
Azhar Mahmood stitched together stands of 57 and 55 with Siddharth Chitnis and Gurkeerat Singh for the fifth and sixth wickets respectively. Mahmood brought his considerable experience into play, attacking only when the ball posed no danger to his wicket.
Gurkeerat Singh provided the impetus towards the end of the innings with 26 off 11 balls before Morkel returned to the attack to snuff out the fightback.
Morkel, who ended with four for 20, and Yadav, who returned three for 19, together

ensured that Andre Russell's four overs for 51 runs did not prove too costly.
When Delhi began their chase it was clear that Unmukt Chand and David Warner had no fears about what the pitch might do.
Attacking mercilessly, the two batsmen took on anything that was remotely short, and even when Warner was hit on the helmet by a Ryan Harris lifter there was no let up.
Parvinder Awana suffered the most, with Warner even hooking one so powerfully that it landed outside the stadium. By the time Kings XI broke through, the Daredevils already had 82 on the board, and the base was set for a comfortable victory.
Even when Warner fell on 79 Punjab could do little but delay the inevitable and their IPL 2012 campaign came to an end on a losing note.
SCORES IN BRIEF
KINGS XI PUNJAB: 141 for 8 (Chitnis 38, Mahmood 36, Gurkeerat 26; Morkel 4-20, Yadav 3-19)
DELHI DAREDEVILS: 145 for 4 (Warner 79, Rao 21 not out; Harris 2-19, Mahmood 2-23)
Result: Delhi Daredevils won by six wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Umesh Yadav.

Rubel's op successful

SPORTS REPORTER
Pacer Rubel Hossain's injured shoulder has been operated on in South Africa on Friday.
"The operation was completed successfully; it took three and a half hours. Rubel is still in the post-operative room as he has been suffering from acute pain. The surgeon will examine him again tomorrow (Sunday)," informed BCB physician Dr Debashish Chowdhury yesterday.
"It is all but confirmed that he will be out of action for at least the next five months but we are waiting for the South African surgeon's evaluation," he added.
The right-arm paceman went to South Africa on May 14 to avail the treatment on his injured shoulder. Rubel has been out of action since the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) due to his injury.

She asks Mallya to apologise

IANS, New Delhi
An American woman who was allegedly molested by Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) player Luke Pomersbach has issued notice to the team's owner Sidhartha Mallya seeking his apology for his tweets questioning her character.
Zohail Hameed has sought Mallya's unconditional apology; her advocate Jitender Garg said.
Garg told IANS: "A legal notice is issued to Sidhartha Mallya for his twitter comment. We will wait for his reply. And if he refuses to apologise, we will file a defamation case against him."

Sk Jamal win

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striker Kester Akun who slotted in the ball from inside the box after being provided with a minus from compatriot Joseph Asufi.
The two Nigerians combined once again to double the lead on the hour mark. This time, the roles were reversed as Kester became the provider with a cross from the wing which was headed in by Asufi.
The third goal came two minutes before the end of regulation time when Touthidul Alam Sobuz, who came back 10 minutes earlier as a substitute, received a through ball from Kester and dodged past the Feni goalkeeper before placing the ball at the back of the net.
Sheikh Jamal coach Yusuf Babu was satisfied with his charges but felt the margin of victory could have been bigger.
"We should have won the match by a bigger margin. But I am happy anyway as the team played well throughout the match. All the departments played well today and I am happy to see them bouncing back from a morale shattering defeat last week," said Babu, adding that his target is to consolidate the position in the points table now.

Rafa, Novak through to Rome final

Tennis
AFP, Rome
World number one and defending champion Novak Djokovic swept past Roger Federer on Saturday to set up a Rome Masters final rematch with five-time winner Rafael Nadal.
Top seed Djokovic ended Federer's brilliant run of recent clay form, defeating the world number two, and last week's Madrid champion, 6-2, 7-6 (7/4) while Nadal reached a seventh Rome final with a 7-6 (8/6), 6-0 win over compatriot David Ferrer.
Federer saved a match point for 5-5 in the second set as he broke Djokovic on a stinging forehand winner.
But Federer could not extend that battling instinct into the tiebreaker, with Djokovic taking victory on his second winning chance as the Swiss put a backhand long after an hour and 39 minutes on court.
After defeating Ferrer for the 12th consecutive time on clay, Nadal will face Djokovic for the 32nd time on Sunday, with the Spaniard going into the contest holding a 17-14 lead.
Nadal won their last meeting in April for the Monte Carlo title, snapping a run of seven consecutive losses to his rival in finals dating back to March 2011.
Djokovic controlled Federer in their first meeting since the US Open semis last autumn when Federer held two match points but lost. Since that disappointment he has won seven ATP titles.

Djokovic, appearing in his fifth straight semi-final in Rome, improved to 22-3 at the venue, one of the few where Federer does not own a trophy after losing 2003 and 2006 finals.
Federer had won 14 of 24 matches in their series coming in, including three of four on clay.
Nadal, winner of the Foro Italico trophy in five of seven appearances in the Italian capital, also won a 39th straight clay court semi-final and has not lost at the final-four stage on the surface since 2003.
Ferrer, a legendary scrambler on the dirt, was beaten by his countryman in Rome for the third time as Nadal polished his career record here to 35-2. He now stands 15-4 in the pair's series.
Play progressed at a glacial pace on Saturday, with the first four games taking 33 minutes which was longer than Federer's winning first set on Friday against Andreas Seppi.
The second game took up half of that time as Nadal fought off seven break points to finally hold for 2-1.
Ferrer double-faulted away a service game to trail 3-2 as his rival started to get a grip on the match.
Nadal won the 84-minute marathon in a tiebreaker and then began to sprint in the second set to take a 3-0 lead. Ferrer saved five break points in the fourth game before falling to defeat.
Nadal and Federer currently share the record for Masters titles won at 20 each.
Nadal has 15 wins on clay this season against one defeat, which came in Madrid against compatriot Fernando Verdasco last week.

A year sans Sadi

SPORTS REPORTER
Today, the 20th of May, marks the first death anniversary of eminent sports journalist and former general secretary of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Al Musabbir Sadi.
On his passing at the age of 44, he left behind his wife, two sons, his mother, a brother and a sister along with a legion of friends and well wishers to whom he was known simply as "Pommel".
A sports enthusiast throughout and a protagonist of the country's football, Sadi was also an avid reader. Born in the city's Hatkhola area, the younger son of Abdul Kuddus Sadi, who himself was a writer and a journalist, he chose the path of his father after a brief stint at medical school.
He started his career in journalism as a sports reporter for The Independent and quickly set himself apart as a football specialist with a keen understanding of the game. Such was his love for the beautiful game that he continued to cover the sport extensively even during the doldrums of the early 2000s.
Sadi moved to The Daily Star in 2004 and spent five years at the leading English daily. In this time he also became an author through his Bangla translation of Brian Lara's famous autobiography, "Beating the Field".
Sadi ended his journalism career and switched to the BFF to work under one of his idols, Kazi Salahuddin, a man whom he believed would be able to bring about change into a sport which he cared about deeply. His work with the BFF would sadly remain unfinished, as he was diagnosed with and later succumbed to cancer.
Sadi's passing left a gaping hole not just in the lives of his family but also in those people who knew him, to whom the loss of "Pommel" in body is "compensated" only by the spirit and strength he embodied.
To mark the occasion the BFF and the Bangladesh Sports Journalist Association have arranged milad at their respective organisations today.



Big wins for BKSP, Sk Jamal

SPORTS REPORTER
BKSP outclassed Dhaka Northern Women's Cricket Club by 200 runs in the 4th Women's Club Cricket League at BKSP yesterday.
Sharmin made 91 and Farzana contributed 80 runs as BKSP compiled 247 runs for 4 wickets in 40 overs.
Nuzhat added an unbeaten 34.
Sabina Khatun, Taaslima Akter, Halima Akter and Joty Rani took one wicket each.
In reply, Dhaka Northern Women's Cricket Club were bundled out for 47 runs in 27 overs.
Halima Akter was the only one to reach double figures with 20.
Dolly Rani claimed four wickets for seven runs while Tripti Mondol and Aka Mallik captured two wickets each.
In the day's other match, Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club also registered a comfortable eight-wicket victory over Indira Road Krira Chakra.
Sandamaly grabbed five wickets for 19 runs as Indira Road were bundled out for 59 runs in 13.1 overs.
In reply, Sheikh Jamal posted 62 for two wickets in 11.2 overs.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	36 Chicago team, for short	DOWN	21 Arthur Wynne creation
1 Sweater eater	37 Mimic	1 Spiked club	22 Author Fleming
5 Sinful	38 Off-spring	2 Not just mine	23 Sprite
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14 Picnic hamperer	46 Goalpost piece	6 Acknowledge	27 Journal
15 Medieval launcher	48 PC maker	7 Morning moisture	28 Schedule abbr.
17 "Beetle Bailey" dog	49 Clumsy sort	8 Rapid exchange of words	29 — Diego
18 Superlative suffix	50 Long sandwich	9 Inauguration	31 Irritate
19 Depressed	51 Lincoln in-law	10 Pocket bread	34 Heavy weight
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21 Upper limit	53 Watched	16 Do in	37 Soaring
22 Egos' counter-parts		20 Sharable file	38 Bed-frame piece
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SOME PEOPLE ARE TOTALLY CRAZY ABOUT A CERTAIN SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY. I CALL THEM BRAZIL NUTS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals I