

INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR TENNIS Jamil's run ends

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The impressive run of Jamil Bhuiyan in the Focal Point 26th Bangladesh International Junior Tennis Championship ended yesterday when he suffered a defeat to Juprang of Thailand in the quarterfinal of the boy's single to exit the championship at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna yesterday.
With a hope of reaching the last four, Jamil faced a tough challenge from Juprang, who easily handed a 6-2 and 6-1 defeat to the player of the hosts.
Apart from Juprang, Australian Fancutt, Lee Ho Jun of Chinese Taipei and Al Boaidly of Kuwait moved into the semifinals of the boy's singles beating Indian Rebello, Ashok and Miaou of Chinese Taipei respectively.
However, still there was something to cheer about as Bangladeshi Biplab Ram pairing with Australian Fancutt moved into the semifinals of the boy's doubles

event as they defeated Agarwal Richie and Savio Anthony pair by 6-4 and 6-2 in the quarterfinal.
In other quarterfinals, Naruka Digvijay Sing and Vellodi Keshav pair beat Ashoka and Rebello pair 6-2, 6-2, IM Seronggyu and Kang Minchul pair beat Gaware Sahil and Goveas Aryan pair 6-4, 6-4 while Juprang Atikan and Thongvinit pair beat Manneppalli Sai Nikhil and Tirdala Sandeep pair 7-5 and 7-6.
In the girl's singles quarterfinals, Ma Ka Man Carina beat ANG Geraldine 6-4, 6-1, Zhang Zixian beat WU Fang-Hsien 2-6, 6-4 and 6-2 while Hsu Ting Ya beat Vaidya Ria 6-3, 2-6 and 6-3 to complete the semifinal lineup.
In the girl's doubles event, Vidya Rai and Zhang Zixian pair beat Isabella Orteza and Katrina Orteza pair 6-3, 6-0 while Hsu Ting-Ya and Ma Ka Man Carina pair beat Agrawal Charoo and Titova Krishna pair, who retired from the game at one stage.

PREMIER DIV CHESS Some solace for big names

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Two International Masters and four FIDE Masters have finally been roped in by three clubs yesterday, just a few hours before the start of the Premier Division Chess League, which gets underway today at the auditorium of NSC tower.
However, it has only been possible due to the appearance of a new outfit, the Access Chess Club, who earned the right to play the top-level league after buying out a Premier Division Club -- Nebula Chess Club.

Access Chess Club confirmed IM Abu Sufian Shakil, FM Mehdi Hasan Parag, FM Debaraj Chatterjee and FM Khandoker Aminul Islam who all were uncertain to get a club after top teams Biman, Destiny2000 and Air Destiny decided to form mediocre sides following financial crisis.
"We confirmed five local players, who were uncertain for the league and agreed to pay what they demanded to us," said Access Chess Club president Mir Hossain Babu yesterday.
IM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar and FM Nasir Ahmed were also unsure to take part in the league but in the eleventh hour holders Mohammedan signed up IM Sagar apart from GM Niaz Murshed and GM Ziaur Rahman. Titas Chess Club roped in FM Nasir.

Meanwhile, Duranta Rajshahi, who also earned the right to play the league after buying a premier division club, signed up country's three GMs Reefat Bin Sattar, Abdullah Al Rakib and Enamul Hossain Razib and FM Taibur Rahman.

Bangladesh

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keep their winning run intact following their 1-0 home win over Arambagh KS while Brothers Union will be trying to secure a point after losing 3-0 at the hands of Mohammedan SC in their first match.
In their 10 previous professional league encounters, Muktiyoddha Sangsad won six matches, lost twice as well as drawing once against Brothers twice.

Patient WI

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workload, bowling 26 overs. Tamim Iqbal's injury scare however added more woe to the Bangladesh tent as the left-hander left the field with an injured knee which he suffered while attempting a sliding stop.

NCL fifth round from today

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The fifth round of the National Cricket League (NCL) is set to begin today. League leaders Khulna, who have won all their four games, will take on second-placed Sylhet at the Cricket Garden in Rangpur. Khulna currently have 24 points, whereas Sylhet have 18 from their four. Chittagong will finally get a home game when they square off against on Dhaka at the MA Aziz Stadium.
Meanwhile, domestic cricket will return to the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur as Dhaka Metro take on reigning champions Rajshahi in Mirpur. In a clash of the bottom-placed teams, Barisal will take on Rangpur at Rajshahi as both teams will look to get a move on after drawing one and suffering three defeats each in their first four matches. Tamim Iqbal with his three centuries in the first three innings is still the highest run-getter while Khulna's Abdur Razzak, with 38 wickets in four games, is the highest wicket-taker of the league so far.

LOCAL snippets

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Maasranga Television retained the title of the Walton-DRU Media Cricket tournament with a 44-run win over Shokaler Khabor in the final at Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.
After putting on a massive 121 runs for two in the stipulated six overs, Maasranga restricted their opponents to 77 for 4 to win the six-a-side media cricket title for the second time in a row.
Jubair of Maasranga was named the man of the final while Alamgir of Shokaler Khabor was adjudged the man of the tournament. Earlier, Maasranga beat Ittefaq by 55 runs while Shokaler Khabor defeated Baishakhi TV by 4 wickets to advance to the final.

Talent Hunt

FIFA coaching staff including former technical director Jean Michel is expected to arrive here on December 6 to conduct the final players' selection for the Bangladesh Football Federation Academy in Sylhet.
Michel along with FIFA development officer Vincent Subramanian will visit the BFF Academy the next day after his arrival and will conduct the final selection of U-14 and U-18 players from December 8 to 10 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. Some 60 budding booters will be picked from nearly 150 players.

Senior Div Football

Dhaka Wanderers Club defeated Sunrise SC 2-0 in the Popular Life Insurance Senior Division Football League at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium yesterday.
Alex Biswas and Shahadat Hossain struck one goal each.

Services Kabaddi

Bangladesh Jail finished fifth in the Walton Motorcycle Super Seven Services Kabaddi League with a 23-13 win over Bangladesh Air Force at the

Kirsten defends off days

Cricket
AFP, Sydney

South Africa coach Gary Kirsten Thursday defended giving his team time off before the second Adelaide Test as injuries struck down three key bowlers on the opening day of the match.

Australia, led by in-form skipper Michael Clarke's unbeaten 224, reached stumps at 482 for five on a day the world number one Proteas will want to forget.
The South Africans lost pacer Vernon Philander with a back problem before the start of play.
Their problems were then compounded by hamstring injuries to Jacques Kallis and Dale Steyn, leaving their bowling attack at the mercy of the rampant Australian batsmen.

Philander and Kallis went for scans, while pace spearhead Steyn returned to the field after treatment on a tight hamstring.
"Losing Jacques to a

type of injury he has never had in his career was a tough one," Kirsten said.
"He has gone for a scan so we don't really know, we will just have to wait for that. He was a little bit sore and I think he made a wise decision, as soon as he felt a twinge he got off the park quickly.

Rooftop

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Relatives and neighbours have come into all the four buildings which are owned by my in-laws," she said.
Most of the guests have been watching the Test Match from the roof top of the buildings, she added saying that she has been busy cooking for her guests.
Many cricket fans also watched the second day of the second Test Match from the big trees adjacent to the stadium.
Meanwhile, small traders set up mobile eatery shops and sold Bangladesh flags, coloured festoons, banners for cricket fans at the both sides of the road in front of the stadium.

Windies

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wickets to win the match.
"I would put my money on that, especially after the wickets started falling on the fourth and fifth day. On the fourth day you expect your spinners to come into play. But this wicket looks very hard. I don't think I see many bowler footholes," said Sammy when asked about the nature of the wicket.
When asked about Bangladesh's record ninth wicket partnership and the brilliant batting of Abul Hasan, the West Indies skipper said: "We were on the receiving end, so it wasn't good to see the opposition almost double the score from 8 for 193. I put myself in the situation when Tino (Best) scored 95 against England (Birmingham, June 2012), and how they felt bowling then. It was an innings where he was scoring really fast. This was his moment to shine, on debut. God must have been smiling on him and given him a good start to his international career. But still I think we are in a good position."

Praising Samuels and Bravo, Sammy also said that he has all faith on his star batsman Chris Gayle, who was yet to bat as per his reputation in the series.
Jurgensen
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like our batsmen to score more 100s. We needed to score more runs. We have got 20s, 30s, but there's got to be more effort to apply themselves.
The last two days, we have proven a few things to a few people. Eight batters got starts, I'm trying to look at it as positively as possible. The partnership in the end was fantastic. We would have liked to have scored over 400, but it didn't happen," he added.
But for today the Bangladesh coach would love to see his team bowl well to turn the tables.
"I want to see more of what I saw today. Once we get that early wicket, we can create more pressure. We need to bowl well as a team, I can't have one bowling well and the other guy leaking a couple of runs," he said.

Clarke pummels Proteas

Cricket
AFP, Adelaide

Michael Clarke posted a successive double century and David Warner and Michael Hussey unleashed whirlwind hundreds as Australia demoralised South Africa in the second Adelaide Test on Thursday.
Clarke backed up his unbeaten double century from last week's drawn Brisbane series-opener with another overpowering innings, becoming the first person in the history of Test cricket to post four 200s in a calendar year.
Warner and Hussey compounded the misery for the Proteas with quickfire tons as Australia romped to 482 for five on the opening day.

It was just the fifth time in all Tests that Australia have scored more than 400 runs in a day's play.
Unchallengeable Clarke has yet to be dismissed in this series and has amassed 483 runs. He is also this year's highest-scoring Test batsman with 1,265 runs at 140.55.

At the close he was unconquered on 224. Hussey was bowled by Dale Steyn in the final over for 103 after raising his 18th century with a six off spirited legspinner Imran Tahir.
South Africa looked far from the world's best team as their bowlers were hammered, after having the home side in trouble at 55 for three in the



Australia skipper Michael Clarke celebrates his 200 runs against South Africa on the first day of the second Test at the Adelaide Oval yesterday.

Most double hundreds in a calendar year

Batsman	Year	Mat (Inns)	Runs	200s	H/S	Average
Michael Clarke (Aus)	2012	8 (12)	1265	4	329*	140.55
Donald Bradman (Aus)	1930	6 (8)	978	3	334	122.25
Rahul Dravid (Ind)	2003	5 (10)	803	3	233	100.37
Ricky Ponting (Aus)	2003	11 (18)	1503	3	257	100.20

morning session.
Warner wrested back control with a belligerent 119 off 112 balls and Clarke and Hussey carried on the run plunder.

It was a thoroughly miserable day for the Proteas with three of their leading bowlers having injury concerns -- Vernon Philander withdrawing before the match with a back problem and Jacques Kallis and Dale Steyn leaving the ground during the day with hamstring trouble.
Clarke survived a referral on 73 and made the

Proteas pay dearly with another commanding knock. He is averaging over 70 with the bat since he became captain last year.

In one Morkel over the sublime Clarke hit five boundaries to raise his 150 and earn a standing ovation from the home crowd.
The home side seized control with a blistering 178 runs off just 26 overs in the middle session.

Warner was in belligerent mood after lunch, smashing spinners Tahir and Faf du Plessis and racing to his third Test

century off 93 balls. He reached his hundred with a six and a four off successive Tahir deliveries.

But Warner perished on 119 when he attempted to glide Morne Morkel through the slips, only to edge to Graeme Smith at first slip. He had crashed four sixes and 16 boundaries, putting on 155 runs with Clarke in 24.2 overs.

It was a rousing fightback by Australia after they lost three wickets in the morning session as South Africa suffered two injuries.

Ed Cowan was caught and bowled for 10 off Kallis's third ball, an attempted yorker which struck him on the boot and spooned up off the bat for a dolly return catch.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First innings

Warner c Smith b Morkel	119			
Cowan c & b Kallis	10			
Quincy c Smith b Morkel	0			
Ponting b Kallis	4			
Clarke not out	224			
M Hussey b Steyn	103			
Extras: (lb-10, w-11)	22			
Total: (For 5 wks in 86.5 overs)	482			
Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-44, 3-55, 4-210, 5-482.				
To bat: Wade, Siddle, Lyon, Pattinson, Hilfenhaus.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Steyn	17.1	1	62	1
Morkel	22	5	128	2
Kallis	3.3	1	19	2
Kleinveidt	16.1	2	70	0
Tahir	21	0	159	0
Du Plessis	7	0	34	0
SOUTH AFRICA: Smith (capt), Petersen, Amla, Kallis, De Villiers, Rudolph, Du Plessis, M Morkel, Steyn, Tahir, Kleinveidt.				
Toss: Australia				

India aim to keep form Second Test against England starts today

Cricket
PTI, Mumbai

Buoyed by the comprehensive nine-wicket win in the series opener, a confident India will look to maintain their stranglehold over England when the second Test begins on Friday in conditions which is expected to suit the home team spinners.

Already 1-0 up in what has been touted as the 'revenge series', another victory for Mahendra Singh Dhoni's men will ensure that England's quest for their first series win on Indian soil in 27 years will continue. It will also keep Indian on track for a whitewash and avenge the 4-0 defeat they suffered during their last tour to England.

The match at Wankhede Stadium on Friday would also be significant with Virender Sehwag set to become

the only ninth Indian player to feature in 100 Tests.

The form of the dashing opener, who hit a run-a-ball 117 in India's massive first innings, would be crucial again in the outcome of the second match and, in fact, in the whole series.

India, however, may miss the services of pacer Umesh Yadav who picked up a lower back injury while trying to get some extra pace and bounce on unresponsive Motera track during the first match. Yadav's injury has brought Ishant Sharma into the picture as a possible replacement.

Senior batsman Sachin Tendulkar, who was honoured on Wednesday by the cricket board for his incredible achievement of scoring a 100 international hundreds, strangely has hit only one Test ton at his home ground -- 148 as captain against Sri

Lanka in 1997. The 39-year-old cricketer, who is in the twilight of his glorious career, would be eager to score his second century here as this could well be his final chance to achieve the feat before he retires.

Meanwhile, the visitors would be handicapped by the absence of Ian Bell, though he was a flop in Ahmedabad. The middle order mainstay has flown home to be at the side of his wife who is expecting their child.

26-year-old left-handed batsman Eoin Morgan is talked about as Bell's replacement in the eleven.

Six foot-seven inch tall pacer Steven Finn, on whom the England team had pinned many hopes to get some extra bounce on slow Indian pitches, has aggravated his thigh injury which he picked up during their practice game before the series and is again unavailable.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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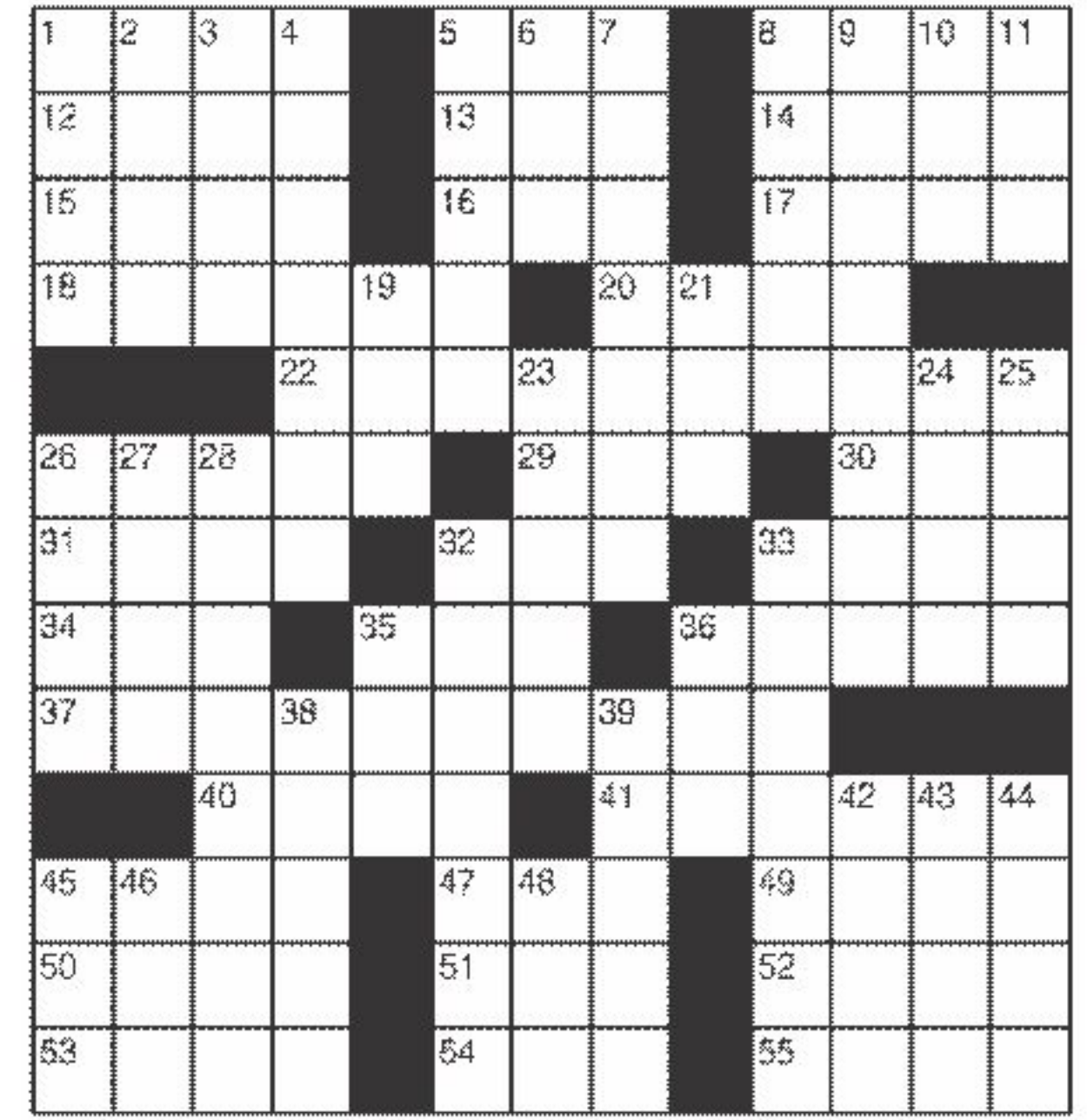
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