

ITF JUNIOR TENNIS  
Dual crown  
for Arina,  
Fancutt

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Top seeds Thomas Fancutt of Australia and Ma Ka Man Carina of Hong Kong lived up to their billing by claiming double crowns in the Focal Point 26th Bangladesh ITF Junior Tennis Championships which concluded at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna yesterday. Biplob Ram of Bangladesh was the saving grace for the hosts as he won the boys' doubles crown pairing with Fancutt. Biplob, the top-ranked Bangladeshi player, had earlier made it to the third round in the boys' singles. Jamil Bhuiyan was the best performer for Bangladesh, reaching the quarterfinals. The top two female participants had seen their run end in the second round of the championships.

Fancutt defeated number two seed Al Obaidly of Kuwait 6-2, 6-3 in the singles final in the morning before he paired up with Biplob to take the doubles crown by beating Naruka Digvijay Singh of India and Vellodi Keshav of USA 6-4, 6-4 in the doubles final in the afternoon.

Girls' top seed Carina defeated Hsieh Yu-Ting of Taipei 6-2, 6-3 in the final in the morning. She had earlier won the doubles title on the previous day, beating Vidya Ria of Singapore and Zhang Zixian of China 6-7, 6-3.

**Div I football**

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Young Men's Club of Fakirerpul defeated T&T Club of Motijheel 2-1 in their Popular Life Insurance Senior Division Football League match at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalpur yesterday.

Mohammad Tutul gave Fakirerpul the lead in the 18th minute. Mohammad Sohel equalised for T&T in the 79th minute. However, Tutul Junior restored the lead in the next minute, which confirmed all three points for the Fakirerpul club. Dhaka Wanders Club take on Jatrabari Krira Chakra in today's match at the same venue.

**BGF eyes  
Olympics**

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Bangladesh Golf Federation (BGF) is hoping to send their golfers to the 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil where golf has been one of the events, expressed organisers of golf in a meet the press event at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday. Bangladesh won both the individual and team event gold in the South Asian Games in 2010, which inspired the organisers to think of sending the team, provided the players qualify or get wild card.

BGF general secretary Brigadier General (retd) Kamrul Islam, tournament secretary Brigadier General Abed were present among others at the press conference. Kamrul Islam said that it is not an unachievable target for Bangladesh to get in the Olympic golf event which will be held again after 108 years. The BGF officials also briefed on the upcoming events that are going to take place at the Kurmitola Golf Club this season.

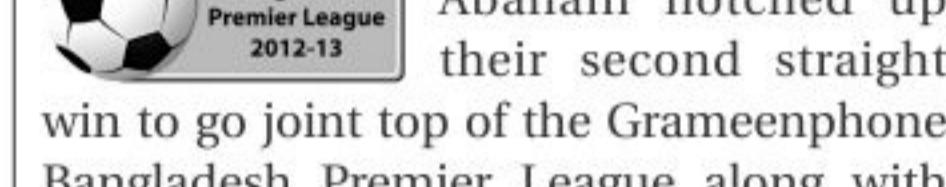


Abahani's Cameroonian forward Yoko Samnick (C) is the toast of his teammates after his decisive goal in a Bangladesh Premier League match against Arambagh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

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## Abahani's 2nd in a row

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Defending champions Abahani notched up their second straight

win to go joint top of the Grameenphone Bangladesh Premier League along with Muktijodha Sangsad when they handed a 2-1 defeat on Arambagh Krira Sangha at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. A 19th minute own goal from Arambagh defender Moniruzzaman Mamun gave Abahani the lead before Cameroonian forward Yoko Samnick made it 2-0 in the 24th minute with an acrobatic side volley. Idris Kasirye, the Ghanaian veteran of Arambagh, reduced the margin from the spot in the 29th minute to make the rest of the encounter an interesting one.

Abahani, who won their opening game 3-0 against Feni Soccer Club, played with Samnick and Brazilian Generoso da Silva at the front instead of regular striker Twum Frank and dominated the early exchanges. The team in yellow sky jerseys were off the blocks early and applied heavy pressure on Arambagh who were back defending the early onslaught. And that pressure paid off.

Arambagh goalkeeper Mitul Hasan missed the flight of a cross from Waly Faisal and defender Mamun, who while trying to clear the ball, put it back into his own net. The goal somewhat created more panic in the Arambagh ranks and they were down 2-

It was Arambagh's two defeats in as many games.

## Nadif, Dhiman hit hundreds

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second innings began during the last session of the day and they scored 67 runs for the loss of one wicket.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

CHITTAGONG: First innings 138 all out in 55.1 overs and second innings 35 for no loss in 11 overs (Karim 26, Nafees 9)

DHAKA: First innings 401 all out in 109.2 overs (Nadif 114, Milon 77; Yasir 3-66, Kamrul 2-77)

BARISAL: First innings 245 all out in 79.5 overs

RANGPUR: First innings 360 for 7 in 92 overs (Dhiman 142 not out; Shuvo 82; Rasel 3-38, KIslam 2-77)

SYLHET: First innings 244 all out in 88.1 overs

KHULNA: First innings 356 for 7 in 91 overs (Tushar 145 not out, Kayes 62; Enamul 3-142m, Imtiaz 2-30)

RAJSHAHI: First innings 256 all out in 99.4 overs (Myshukur 91, Junaid 41; Sharif 3-41, Hydar 3-62) and second innings 67 for 1 in 19 overs (Myshukur 27 not out, Jaharul 19 not out; Suleman 1-15)

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## Tigers face defeat

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Three top order batsmen in Tamim, Nafees and Naeem Islam surrendered to half-fit pace bowler Tino Best, who left the field after the tenth over of the first day's play due to a hamstring injury and returned to action only yesterday when Bangladesh began their second innings.

Nazimuddin once again showed that the selectors had unnecessarily kept faith on him based on one good knock eleven months ago, but much more alarming was that Tamim inexplicably tried the reverse-sweep very early in his innings while Nafees was pathetic against the short bowling and proved that just luck was not enough for success. The left-hander survived once because of a no-ball from Fidel Edwards before fending a bouncer from the Best to the hands of Darren Sammy at slip. Naeem saw his off stump bail flying away as he foolishly left the ball from Best which cut in a big way.

And last but not least, if the captain himself can play such a bad shot then what can he expect from others. Mushfiqur looked like he was chasing a target in twenty overs in the way he went down the track against Permaul only to see his stumps splayed.

One may argue that the batters were tired after spending long sessions in the field but Shakib proved that tiredness was not an issue; the problem lies in their application and approach towards the longer version of the game.

## Premier chess

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Mohammedan SC, Duronto Rajshahi and Access Group Chess Club shared the lead of the Ultra Milk Premier Division Chess League after the second round held at the NSC Auditorium yesterday.

Defending champions Mohammedan beat Bangladesh Biman by 4-0 points, Duronto Rajshahi beat Narayanganj Pritam-Priom Chess Club by 2.5-1.5 points while Access Group beat Titas Club by 2.5-1.5 points. Faith Chess Club defeated Destiny 2000 Limited by 3-1 points while Air Destiny Limited drew with Farashganj Sporting Club 2-2 in the other match.

## Bangabandhu Kabaddi in Kolkata

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The Bangladesh national women's kabaddi team, under the banner of Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation XI, will participate in a six-team kabaddi competition titled Bangabandhu Invitational Women's Kabaddi Tournament which starts in Kolkata on November 28.

The tournament, which features six teams -- West Bengal, Murshidabad, Orissa, Jharkhand, Bidya Sagar Kabaddi Club and Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation XI -- is being organised to commemorate Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's stay in West Bengal during his student days.

The competition will continue till December 3 in different venues of Kolkata.

## Tino fit

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fourth day with two quick strikes. One was a bouncer that Shahriar Nafees uncontrollably lobbed in the air and the second was an inswinging delivery that deceived the in-form Naeem Islam and uprooted his off-stump.

"I think that leave alone [Naeem's wicket] was my best. I bowled really well at him in the last three innings. I knew I was going to beat him for pace but the ball just swung back fantastically. I just got him on a little tired legs, got him bowled," said Best in the post-day press conference at the Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium.

Best, who had to leave the field during Bangladesh's first innings due to an injury, was delighted to have made an immediate impact in the second. "It is an injury that I have had since 2010 when I played county cricket. It came back on me from the Dhaka Test where I really pushed my body," said Best. "I was sure I could bowl, when I knew what sort of injury I had and I informed the coaching staff," he added.

He also believed that the fall of Shakib Al Hasan, at the end of the fourth day, shifted the momentum towards the visitors. "I think breaking this partnership in the evening was the turning point in the game. Shakib played fantastic, just [wrong] shot selection again, I think he's young and will improve," he said.

Swing bowler Kleinveldt

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## England solid in reply

Cricket  
PTI, Mumbai

Skipper Alastair Cook

continued to torment India with yet another gritty batting display while Kevin Pietersen returned to form with an unbeaten half-century to give England a slight advantage in the second Test here Saturday.

After dismissing India for 327 in the first innings, England moved to a comfortable 178 for two in 65 overs before the stumps were drawn on the second day, with the visitors trailing by 149 runs.

At close, the left-handed Cook, who had scored a big century in the first Test, was unbeaten on 87. The more aggressive Pietersen was batting on 62 after a stay of 127 minutes during which he faced 85 balls and hit nine fours.

Cook again showed monumental patience to lead his side's reply.

Pietersen, who looked in a hurry in the opening game, adopted a slightly different approach.

In the morning, England finally dismissed Pujara for the first time in three innings as India were all out 22 minutes before lunch.

Pujara was the ninth man out at 316, after batting for almost the entire day Friday and with

just half an hour left for lunch on Saturday.

### SCOREBOARD

INDIA: First innings (Overnight 266-6)

Gambhir lbw b Anderson	4
Sehwag b Panesar	30
Pujara st. Prior b Swann	135
Tendulkar b Panesar	8
Kohli Compton b Panesar	19
Yuvraj b Swann	0
Dhoni b Panesar	29
Ashwin b Panesar	68
Harbhajan b Swann	21
Zaheer Bairstow b Swann	11
Ojha not out	0
Extras: (lb-7, nb-1)	2
Total: (All out in 115.1 overs)	327
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-52, 3-60, 4-118, 5-119, 6-169, 7-280, 8-315, 9-316	

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Anderson	18	3	61	1
Broad	12	1	60	0
Panesar	47	12	129	4
Swann	34.1	7	70	4
Patel	4	1	6	0

ENGLAND: First innings

Cook not out	87
Compton c Sehwag b Ojha	29
Trott lbw b Ojha	0
Pietersen not out	62
Extras: 0	0
Total: (For 2 wkt in 65 overs)	178
To bat: Bairstow, Patel, Prior, Broad, Swann, Panesar, Anderson	
Fall of wickets: 1-66, 2-68	