

Tahmid received Michael Clarke Scholarship for 2012-13 **Achievement of two Bangladeshi Young Cricketers in Sydney Grade Cricket**

Tahmid Islam Rahman, a rising cricket star of Western Suburbs District Cricket Club (WSDCC) was awarded Michael Clarke Scholarship 2012-13 for his remarkable achievements in Sydney grade cricket for season 2011-12. Tahmid also received The Best Improved Player of the Year 2012 (Bernie O'Neil Award) for his outstanding achievements during that season along with few other awards in different categories.

The Michael Clarke Scholarship is awarded every year by the WSDCC to promising young cricketer/s of the club who require either direct financial assistance or cricketing assistance during their developmental years at WSDCC. The Scholarship includes \$2000 in cash and an appreciation certificate.

On 1st of June in a gala presentation night at Sydney's Wests Ashfield Leagues club Australian cricket captain Michael Clarke presented the scholarship and awards to Tahmid. It was one of the happiest moments for Tahmid and his family when his name was declared as one of the recipients of Scholarship by the announcer as there was no clue about who would be receiving that for this year. This year total three promising cricketers of WSDCC have received the scholarships.

Here I would like to mention that Western Suburbs District Cricket Club is home club of Australian cricket captain Michael Clarke. Michael joined this club when he was 13 and still actively involved with this club. Mr Clarke is now one of the biggest supporters of the club and sponsor of the scholarship program.

Tahmid was awarded for a record partnership with John Di Bartolo (316 run) and his best century (116 run) against University of New South Wales (UNSW) in Sydney grade cricket during 2011-12 season. It is worth mentioning that last year Tahmid received The Wally Brown Award for the Best Debut of the season by an under 21 player in 2010-11.

Tahmid's other brother Mafid Islam Rahman has done very well as a first timer in Sydney Grade Cricket. Mafid received The Bill Russell Award 2012 for the outstanding fielding performance during the last season. Bill Russell award is given to a young cricketer every year who gets highest number of votes for best fielding by his fellow cricketers. Mafid also received a club record partnership with Ben Rashleigh.

Tahmid and Mafid live in Lakemba and both students of Canterbury Boys High School. Tahmid is a year 12 student while Mafid is in year 10.

Bangladesh Community in Sydney is very happy and proud of Tahmid and Mafid's remarkable success in cricket along with their parents, friends and relatives. Both brothers are determined to be professional cricketers and putting their best efforts. Tahmid and Mafid seeking your blessings so that they can be great cricketers one day.

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