

Did U Know?

Pakistan's Salim Malik was the first fielder to hold four catches in a one-day international. He achieved this feat against New Zealand at Sialkot on December 2, 1984.

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"We are going through a rebuilding process which will take some time."

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1. Who will lead the Australia team? Bangladesh cricket team?	Mashud Aminul	Mahmud
2. How many ODI centuries has Brian Lara scored?	21	31
3. Who clinched the French Open men's title?	Hewitt	Agassi
4. Who became Dev Cup hockey champions?	Rangamati	Comilla Dhaka
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Media Cup Rabeed revels for Jugantor

SPORTS REPORTER

The Daily Star is not appearing in the Pepsi Media Cup cricket tournament. But still the presence of the English daily was strongly felt at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Rabeed Imam, appearing for Dainik Jugantor as a guest player, produced an all-round show to propel the Bengali daily to an exciting eight-run victory over the Dainik Manabjama.

Rabeed, the jack of all trades, got the maximum 30 runs off 14 in Jugantor's impressive total of 81 in the six-over-a-side match.

If that was not enough he produced a fantastic over that yielded only seven runs where others conceded nearly 12 runs an overs.

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Big three gear up

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

With the second round of the Nitol-Tata third National Football League knocking at the door, the three leading clubs of the country Mohammedan Sporting Club, Abahani Krira Chakra and Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra are seriously preparing for the first major tournament of the season.

The ten-team second round begins from July 11 with the three Dhaka-based giants and Arambagh Krira Chakra having direct entry along with six qualifying teams.

The 'big three' began their training programmes a month ago in the city. Mohammedan, the popular Motijheel based club, are getting ready at the Rajabagh Police Lines ground under the supervision of coach Abul Hossain.

The Premier Division League champions, who captured all three major club competitions last year, are determined to retain them.

The determined black and whites have bolstered their squad by flying in Nigerian booters Bode Baba Lola and Ladi Baba Lola yesterday. The tall African pair are no strangers to local football as they appeared for Mohammedan a couple of seasons ago.

In attack Mohammedan have national forwards Rokonzaman Kanchan and Ariful Kabir Farhad and veteran Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib. The trio's lethal finishing was instrumental in helping the team lift all the titles.

Former Bangladesh captain Jewel Rana, Masood Rana, Riad, Hasan and Firoz Mahmud Hossain Titu will man the Mohammedan wall while Monwar and Faisal create havoc in the midfield.

Abahani practised at their club ground in Dhanmondi under the supervision of coach Amalesh Sen and manager Monem Munna.

The popular outfit is however the weakest side on paper.

Their regular goalkeeper Rakib Mehboob is now in London and it is uncertain whether he will return before the second phase starts.

If that happens, Abahani will have to play with their substitute custodian Himu.

They will also miss the services of their most dependable defender Ghansha and the Ghanaian joined Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra last week.

It was learnt from a reliable source that the all-reds are also likely to bring Colly Barnes who also played for Abahani last year.

All is not lost for Abahani who will welcome back midfielder Zakir Hossain. Last season he lost his place in the squad due to a bout of poor form.

Muktiyoddha, who surprisingly failed to win a single domestic honour despite having an all-star team, boast the most formidable defence in the country with Hasan Al-Mamun, Rajani Kanta Barman and Mohammed Sujon.

They will look to ace midfielders Arman Mia and Matjur Rahman Munna for the inspiration to help Alfaz and Moni score the goals.

3 more teams in second round

SPORTS REPORTER

Three more teams qualified for the second round of the Nitol-Tata third National Football League winning their respective zonal finals at different venues yesterday.

Mohammedan Sporting Club of Chittagong advanced after a 2-0 win over Rising Star Club of Noakhali.

But Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) failed to provide details of the match till.

Away in Sirajganj, local side Mohammedan Sporting Club beat Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Memorial Club of Bogra 3-0 in the zonal final. Mantri scored twice in the first half while Golap added one in the second half.

In the other final of the day, Jagarani Club of Jamalpur beat Padma Krira Chakra (3-1) in the tiebreaker after their regulation 90 minutes encounter failed to produce any goal at the Jamalpur Stadium.

In total five teams have reached the next round so far. Bangladesh Army and Wanderers Club of Moulvibazar are the other two teams.

The remaining zonal final will be played between Mohammedan SC of Jhenidah and Khulna Abahani at the Jhenidah Stadium tomorrow.

Bangladesh lose tour tie

Whatmore terms this as 'an eye-opener'

Cricket

AGENCIES, Brisbane

Bangladesh suffered a 29-run loss to a Queensland Academy of Sport invitational side on Sunday in the opening match of their Australia tour.

Set 175 runs for victory, Bangladesh were skittled for 145 after tea on the third and final day of the tour game at Allan Border Field.

The Academy started the third day's play on 153 for seven and were dismissed for 176 after opener Daniel Payne made 52 and Lee Carseldine followed up his first innings knock of 92 with an unbeaten 31 as the Academy's last three wickets added 23 to their overnight total.

Bangladesh were in trouble right from the start, with Javed Omar completing a pair by giving a return catch to James Hopes. Habibul Bashar joined Hannan Sarker and saw the score through to 42 before



DAV WHATMORE

Bashar was caught by Nathan Hauritz to give MacKenzie his first wicket of three.

Hannan offered much more resistance, spending 155 minutes at the crease before he was the fifth wicket of three.

The nervous Bangladeshis in their bid for success as singles went a begging.

Alok Kapali had added 45 runs with Hannan for the fifth wicket, but no sooner was the latter out than Kapali followed him to the pavilion for 27. It was left to Khaled Mashud, who had earlier taken six catches in the Queensland innings, to try and stem the inevitable.

Mashud battled for 85 minutes while scoring his 24 runs, but once he was out, it was all but over. Hopes took 2 for 25 from his 15 overs while Chris Simpson polished off the lower-order with 2 for 15 from his 7.5 overs.

Meanwhile, a loss inside three days to a near second-string state team in their opening tour match raised more questions about Bangladesh's ability to be competitive against Australia in their upcoming Test cricket series.

The invitational side included five players without first-class

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Another Kallis ton

Cricket

AFP, Canterbury

Jacques Kallis' second hundred in two days was the cornerstone of South Africa's 272 for five against Zimbabwe in the NatWest triangular series one-day international here on Sunday.

Kallis' career-best 125 not out, his 10th one-day international hundred, came just 24 hours after his 107 in South Africa's six wicket defeat by England at The Oval on Saturday, the Proteas' first game of the tournament.

Fast bowler Douglas Hondo, in for Gary Brent after missing Zimbabwe's four-wicket series opening win against England on Thursday with a knee injury, led the attack with two for 29.

Andrew Hall (56) partnered Kallis in a fourth-wicket stand of 91 in 88 balls.

The innings ended in controversy when, in the last over, Zimbabwe pace bowler Andy Blignaut was ordered out of the attack by the umpires, with one-ball remaining, for bowling his second full toss above waste height.

Hondo, who curiously was not given his full quota of overs, bowled the last ball.

Kallis faced 147 balls including one six and 14 fours but did have five escapes.

He would have been run out on 16 or 35 if either of Zimbabwe cap-

Rakib clinches Rating chess

Cricket

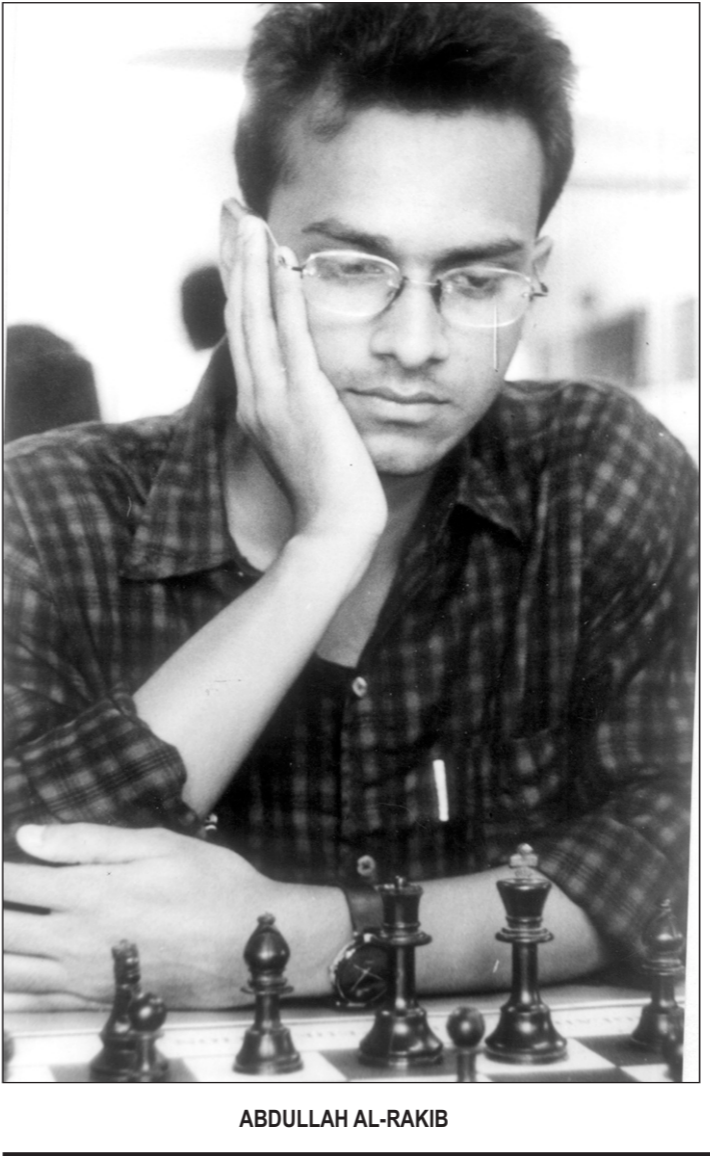
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International Master (IM) Abdullah Al-Rakib clinched the Open Fide Rating Chess tournament title with a draw against Shawkat Hossain Pallab in the final round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

With the draw, Rakib raised his tally to eight points from nine matches and won the trophy with a half-point lead over Grand Master Ziaur Rahman, IM Enamul Hossain Rajib and Pallab who finished with 7.5 points each.

Mohammad Alamgir and Nazrul Islam Delu earned seven points apiece while Grand Master Niaz Murshed, Abu Sufian Shakil, Mehdi Hasan Parag, Mohammad Javed, Aminul Islam, Chanchal Kumer Ghosh, Sk Nasir Ahmed, Saifuddin Lovelu and Mahtabuddin Ahmed Robin finished with 6.5 points each.

The prize-giving ceremony of the nine-round Swiss League competition will be held today.



ABDULLAH AL-RAKIB

BCB sets Aliul free

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday accepted the resignation letter of chief selector Aliul Islam.

The Board endorsed the decision of Aliul in a meeting at its management office in Gulshan. Aliul decided to step down on June 13, a day after the announcement of the Bangladesh squad for the tour of Australia.

But Aliul had to wait for a decision over his fate as BCB president Ali Asghar was abroad attending the annual meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC) at Lords.

Although Asghar and his 11-member advisors council accepted Aliul's resignation, they did not announce a new selection committee.

"We will announce a new committee in our next meeting," said BCB advisor Riazuddin al-Mamun later.

Mamun, who is also the media committee chairman, also revealed that the announcement of a new pay structure for the national cricketers would be delayed.

"We want to take our time before finalising a fresh list of cricketers who will be on the Board's payroll. We want to wait until the Australia tour is over so that we can get the feedback of national coach Dav Whatmore regarding the eligibility of the candidates," said Mamun.

Mamun confirmed that former national captain Roquibul Hassan has been appointed as event director of the World Youth (Under-19) Cricket Championship to be held in Bangladesh in February next year.

Roquibul had earlier worked as co-ordinator prior to the official agreement signing between Bangladesh and the ICC earlier this month.

In another development, it was announced that the Bangladesh Under-19 team would take part in a tournament also involving Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka.

The four-nation meet will be held in Pakistani in August-September. The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) has launched the event as part of its efforts to bring the senior teams of India and Pakistan on the cricket field.

Ball rules bat on Day 2

Cricket

AFP, Kingston

West Indies fast bowlers Corey Collymore and Jerome Taylor shared four wickets to throw the second and final Test against Sri Lanka wide open on a dramatic second day here on Saturday.

Collymore finished with 2-26 and Taylor 2-38 as Sri Lanka struggled to reach 129-5 at stumps in their second innings for an overall lead of 146. Kumar Dharmasena was batting on nine with skipper Hashan Tillakaratne (2).

SL make 194

STAR SPORT MONITOR

Sri Lanka made 194, a lead of 211, in their second innings one hour into the morning session on the third day of the second and final Test against West Indies at Kingston yesterday.

The pace duo did not allow Sri Lanka to capitalise on fast bowler Prabath Nissanka's maiden five-wicket haul as they struck in the closing session at Sabina Park where 15 wickets fell on a day of fluctuating fortunes.

The hosts, resuming at four for no loss, were shot out for 191 in reply to Sri Lanka's first innings total of 208 after a rare Brian Lara failure. They lost their last seven wickets for just 84.

Little-known Nissanka, 22, triggered the West Indies collapse to finish with 5-64 in only his fourth Test.

Sri Lanka were soon at the receiving end as they were rocked by Collymore, who trapped Sanath Jayasuriya (13) leg-before and then



Sri Lanka pacesetter Prabath Nissanka is ecstatic after taking the wicket of Corey Collymore to claim his maiden five-wicket haul on the second day of the second and final Test against West Indies on June 28.

Bangladesh take football gold too

Cricket

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh clinched the football gold of the Special Olympic Games as they outclassed Belarus 4-0 in the final at Dublin, Ireland on Saturday.

On way to becoming champions, Bangladesh beat Ireland 2-0, England 4-2, Zimbabwe 4-0 and the United States 4-0. They lost only to South Korea in a preliminary round match 2-1.

Besides, Bangladesh also lifted two more gold medals in athletics on Saturday. Ali Asghar grabbed the 100m gold, while Shobal Khan captured the other in the 200m.

In Badminton, Bangladesh collected a silver and one bronze.

Kazi Ehsan Haque and Rumana got silver in mixed doubles beating their Danish opponents. Tariqul Islam and Ehsan won the bronze in men's doubles.

Turks find solace

Cricket

AFP, St. Etienne

Turkey striker Okan Yilmaz, who missed a crucial penalty in Thursday's semi-final loss to France, made amends here with a late goal to earn his country third place in the Confederations Cup.

Okan's superb 87th minute strike on top of Tuncay Sanli's third minute effort gave Turkey a 2-1 win over Colombia, the South Americans' second half score coming from Giovanni Hernandez.

Turkey coach Senol Gunes said afterwards: "This match showed a high standard of football and we were happy with the result and the whole of the tournament."

"After our first goal, the Colombians did well to equalise but we did well to control the situation and eventually get the winner."

Turkey got off to an electric start with Tuncay's storming left footer which had Colombia keeper Oscar Cordoba grappling for thin air.

This was the Fenerbahce striker's third goal since his international debut against the United States nine days ago and it evoked memories of Hakan Sukur's first minute score in their 3-2 win over South Korea in the play-off for third place at last summer's World Cup.

Galatasaray midfielder Volkan Arslan conjured up a nifty lob which sailed over the Colombian defence in the 20th minute but this time Cordoba was too quick for Tuncay.

Hernandez, who got the winner

Colombians find solace



Colombian goalkeeper Oscar Cordoba (C) catching the ball over his teammate Victor Aristizabal while Turkish forward Tuncay Sanli (2ndR) and teammate Gokdeniz Karadeniz look on at the Geoffroy Guichard Stadium in Saint-Etienne on June 28.