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DAY'S EVENT

Bangabandhu Bangladesh
Premier League
Second Qualifier

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Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National

Stadium, Dhaka
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'KING KAZU' RENEWS CONTRACT

Former Japan striker Kazuyoshi Miura, who turns 53 next month, has renewed his contract with Yokohama FC to extend his record as the world's oldest professional footballer. The veteran player, admirably nicknamed "King Kazu" for his spirited onfield style, will kick off his 35th career season this year, the club announced over the weekend. Miura, who has played for Yokohama FC since 2005, has said he won't hang up his boots until he turns 60. He played for the club three times last season but did not find the net. In a short statement, he said he was concentrating on enjoying his football and keeping the club in the top league. "I'll do my best to contribute to the team winning," he said. In 2017, Miura surpassed football's previous professional longevity record and became the oldest player to score a competitive goal in a professional match. Both records were previously held by English legend Stanley Matthews.



Australia opens David Warner (L) and Aaron Finch celebrate after reaching individual tons during the first ODI against India at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai yesterday. With the twin centuries, the visitors galloped to their 256-run target with 74 balls to spare. PHOTO: AFP

Warner, Finch pummel India

Opens David Warner and Aaron Finch struck dominant centuries in a record partnership to power Australia to a crushing 10-wicket win over India in the first one-day international on Tuesday.

Warner blasted 128 while captain Finch made 110 as Australia chased down their target of 256 in just 37.4 overs in Mumbai to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Paceman Mitchell Starc also played a key part with three wickets that helped bowl out India for 255 in 49.1 overs after the tourists elected to field first in their first 50-over outing since last year's World Cup.

But it was the left-right batting pair of Warner and Finch that put together the highest partnership of 258 for any wicket in ODIs against India.

Warner raised his 18th ODI hundred in 88 balls with a boundary off Indian quick Jasprit Bumrah as he jumped with joy and kissed his

helmet to celebrate the knock.

Finch completed his hundred in 108 balls but it was Warner who remained in total control as he finished off with two of 17 boundaries. He also hit three sixes.

For India, KL Rahul, who made 47 in the Indian innings, kept wickets after regular stumper Rishabh Pant suffered a concussion following a hit on the helmet while batting.

It was the second-wicket 121-run stand between Rahul and Dhawan that put India on course for a big score but they slipped from 134-1 to 164-5 in the space of 35 deliveries.

The left-handed Dhawan smashed nine fours and one six in his 91-ball knock and was well supported by Rahul who made 47 before falling to Ashton Agar's left-arm spin.

Pat Cummins was brought back from the other end to send Dhawan back to the pavilion after flicking the ball to cover where Agar took the catch.

Skipper Virat Kohli did not stay long, hitting

Zampa for a six but was caught and bowled with the next ball for 16.

Pant and Ravindra Jadeja, who hit 25, made 49 runs with an attacking partnership. But Kane Richardson claimed Jadeja and Cummins got Pant for 28.

A short ball from Cummins hurried onto Pant who went for a pull, got a top edge onto the helmet and the ball lobbed towards point.

Number 10 batsman Kuldeep Yadav made a useful 17 to take India's score past 250 before being run out by a direct throw from Steve Smith.

The second ODI is on Friday in Rajkot.

SCORES IN BRIEF
INDIA: 255 all out in 49.1 overs (Dhawan 74, Rahul 47, Pant 28, Jadeja 25; Starc 3-56, Cummins 2-44, Richardson 2-43)
AUSTRALIA: 258 for no loss in 37.4 overs (Warner 128 not out, Finch 110 not out)
Result: Australia won by 10 wickets.
Player-of-the-match: David Warner.

Barty survives Anastasia scare

AFP, Adelaide



World number one Ashleigh Barty survived a scare yesterday before battling through her opening match at the Adelaide International to beat Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in three

tough sets.

The top seed, who had a bye in the first round at Memorial Drive, faced a struggle to get past her experienced Russian opponent 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 and book a place in the quarter-finals.

The Australian was joined in the last eight by second seed Simona Halep, who made her 2020 competitive debut with a 6-4, 7-5 defeat of Ajla Tomljanovic.

Halep is back with Adelaide coach Darren Cahill after his family leave during 2019, and the Romanian said getting through the opening match of the season is an annual challenge.

"It was a tough match but I expected that, since I've played her twice before. I'm very happy to go through. Training cannot compare with actually playing."

"I got a bit tired in the second set and I'll have to keep up my level for the next match."

Barty said she got comfortable as she scored her first season win after losing her opening match last week in Brisbane.

The 23-year-old is looking for crucial court time before the Australian Open starts next Monday in Melbourne.

"I was able to play, my style and control a bit more in the third set," the Australian said.

"No matter what the score is, I try and hang around for the whole match every time."

Barty went up a double break of serve up in the deciding third set, but lost the edge as Pavlyuchenkova levelled at 5-all.

But the 31st-ranked Russian, who now stands 3-3 in their head-to-head, lost her own serve on a forehand wide as Barty took a 6-5 lead and closed out the win a game later after two hours, 10 minutes.



World No.1 Ashleigh Barty returns a serve during her opening Adelaide International match against Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova at Memorial Drive in Adelaide yesterday. Despite some early scares, Barty won the encounter 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. PHOTO: AFP

Setien replaces Valverde

AFP, Madrid

Quique Setien began his first session as Barcelona coach yesterday morning just as the sacked Ernesto Valverde drove out of the training ground for the last time.

Valverde had said goodbye to the players, collected his things and left, closing the page on a brutal few days that had finally seen him sacked on

Monday night.

After Barca's public pursuit of Xavi Hernandez ended in failure, they have turned to Setien, the 61-year-old who has dedicated his coaching career to a belief in exciting, possession-based football.

Barcelona confirmed Setien's appointment following a board meeting that lasted more than four hours at the Camp Nou on Monday afternoon. His contract, which runs

until June 2022, appears also to be a show of faith.

Valverde is the first coach to be sacked by Barca mid-season since Louis van Gaal in 2003 and if that points to chaos, Setien inherits a team in a healthy position too.

Barcelona sit top of La Liga, albeit level on points with Real Madrid, and face a winnable tie against Napoli next month in the last 16 of the Champions League.



Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu (L) and football director Eric Abidal (R) pose alongside the new head coach, Quique Setien, during his unveiling yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Barca, Real to face third-tier sides

REUTERS, Madrid

Barcelona will make a winter sojourn to the favourite holiday destination of some of their players after being drawn yesterday against lower league side Ibiza in the last 32 of the Copa del Rey.

The Catalans, who have won the Copa del Rey a record 30 times, will visit the island side, who play in Spain's fourth tier, on Jan. 22.

Barca captain Lionel Messi, fellow striker Luis Suarez and others from the team are regular visitors to the Spanish party island in the close season.

Real Madrid will travel to Unionistas de Salamanca, the fan-owned club formed from the ashes of UD Salamanca, which folded in 2013.

Holders Valencia will play away to Logrones while Atletico Madrid will play at Cultural Leonesa, with all four teams who played in last week's Super Cup automatically being paired with the lowest-ranked teams in the competition.

There will be added pressure on the bigger teams in this season's Copa since the Spanish soccer federation scrapped the previous format of two-legged ties in every round apart from the semi-finals.

SL pick 15 for Zim Tests

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka yesterday named a 15-member squad for a two-match Test series in Zimbabwe, the first in the African nation since the ICC lifted its suspension. Both Tests will be held in Harare, the first from Sunday and the second starting on January 27th, Sri Lanka's cricket board said.

Squad: Dimuth Karunaratne (C), Oshada Fernando, Kusal Mendis, Angelo Mathews, Dinesh Chandimal, Lahiru Thirimanne, Dhananjaya de Silva, Niroshan Dickwell, Dilruwan Perera, Lasith Embuldeniya, Lahiru Kumara, Vishwa Fernando, Kasun Rajitha, Lakshan Sandakan and Suranga Lakmal.

MCC in favour of 5-day Test

AFP, London

The influential Marylebone Cricket Club has thrown its weight behind five-day Test cricket as debate swirls over the future of the longest form of the game.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) will in the coming months discuss a proposal to reduce Tests to four days as part of structuring the global calendar beyond 2023.

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