



Spotlight on Shakib even in the dark

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The brightest of stars do not always need a clear skies to draw attention and make their presence known to the world. Such can be said about Shakib Al Hasan, undoubtedly the brightest star of Bangladesh cricket, as the premier all-rounder also does not always necessarily need to be involved in a cricketering activity to hog the spotlight.

The 33-year-old all-rounder always seems to find his way into buzzing topics. While often it is his blistering centuries, a magnificent five-wicket haul or an incredible effort while fielding that catches everyone's eye, it is also not rare to see him make headlines for off-the-field misdemeanours.

Be it reacting too strongly to the Mirpur crowd's booing by making an inappropriate gesture in a big as a World Cup game (after the group stage match against West Indies in the 2011 edition) or venting his anger towards the camera which had zoomed on him more than once while he was in the dressing room, Shakib has often grabbed attention for his off-the-field activities.

The sporting world has come to a standstill for the past two months due to the coronavirus pandemic. Even during this period, with almost no outdoor activities going on around the globe, it was Shakib whose name came up in the news and headlines more than any other Bangladeshi athlete in the past few days.

Shakib, who has been banned -- a two-year sentence imposed by the ICC with one of those suspended -- since October last year, made the headlines when he announced himself to be in self-isolation at a hotel in the United States through a video on social media on March 21. The premier all-rounder travelled to the US to be with his family but not before imposing a 14-day isolation period on himself as advised in order to fight the coronavirus pandemic currently sweeping the globe.

One would be wrong to think that the all-rounder will not make the news at least during that 14-day period of self-isolation as Shakib's trait as an all-rounder once again came to the fore. This time for an off-the-field noble initiative, as The Shakib Al Hasan Foundation joined forces with The Daily Star, Sheba.xyz and Samakal in their joint initiative named 'Mission Save Bangladesh' on March 28 --

when Shakib was on his eighth day of self-isolation. The joint initiative was aimed at providing needy families with groceries and also carrying out community based services like disinfecting public places.

Not long after that, on April 3, Shakib was once again in the news -- again for a good reason. This time the Shakib Al Hasan Foundation announced their collaboration with Bangladesh's leading manufacturing engineering company, Confidence Group, to provide Taka 20 lakh worth of coronavirus testing kits to recognised hospitals and medical institutions across the country.

However, the next time Shakib made the headlines, it was for a negative reason. Around 200 workers of an aquaculture farm in Satkhira, co-owned by the star all-rounder, had gathered for a movement

demanding their due salaries on April 20. All those workers, who had blocked the Munshiganj-Nildumur road, claimed they were owed four months' wages -- from January to April 18 -- before Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) dispersed the gathering outside Shakib Al Hasan Agro Farm Limited.

The next day, on April 21, Shakib had instructed the authorities of his aquaculture farm to clear all the due salaries of the employees who had demonstrated a movement. It was the same day when Shakib's partner in the farm Sahagir Hossain Pavel also informed The Daily Star that the movement was a shocking one as they had requested the employees for time till April 30 to pay their dues. Sahagir, who mentioned that Shakib was not personally involved with the matter and had no prior clue

regarding it, also informed that he was instructed by the premier all-rounder to clear all the salaries of employees after he had contacted Shakib over phone.

The next day, however, Shakib made headlines on two occasions. The premier all-rounder had announced through a long Facebook post that he resolved the



Shakib Al Hasan rarely fails to hog the spotlight, the premier all-rounder often making headlines for impressive performances on the field while sometimes even being the topic of discussion for some of his off the field antics too.

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Spectators enjoy in Vanuatu, where a women's final was played yesterday.

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Vanuatu offers live action

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Vanuatu is very likely to be the only venue in the world to have hosted a competitive cricket final this weekend as most international sport remains shut around the globe.

The women's final was preceded by a men's exhibition match and streamed live from the capital Port Vila on the Vanuatu Cricket Twitter feed and Facebook page.

Vanuatu Cricket Association chief executive Shane Deitz, the former South Australia left-hander, had invited anyone missing live action to tune in to a live stream from the tropical island in the South Pacific.

"It's one of the only live sports around the world at the moment. We can showcase a bit of cricket for everyone who is in lockdown," Deitz told the Associated Press.

He also said that they were surprised by the huge response from the viewers so far.

Bored sports fans, he added, "can see something a bit different. We can offer some entertainment - that's what we're trying to do".

Vanuatu went into lock down late last month as a precaution during the coronavirus pandemic, and was then hit by a destructive cyclone on April 6.

The country, some 2,000 kilometres off the east coast of Australia, has a population of 300,000 but has not yet recorded a single case of COVID-19.

"We're lucky here in Vanuatu and life is returning to normal so we thought it was our duty to provide the world with some live sport," Deitz said in a video posted on Twitter ahead of the final. "We really hope that everyone around the world can tune in and watch some fantastic cricket coming from Vanuatu and break up the boredom you must be suffering stuck in your living rooms."

While they're celebrating a reopening, there's work to be done in parts of the island archipelago that are rebuilding after Cyclone Harold.

Cricket is a serious sport in Vanuatu, which has roughly 80 islands and a population of nearly 300,000. In the past, Deitz said stars including former Australia captain Steve Waugh and fast bowler Merv Hughes visited Port Vila.

After a decade of playing first-class cricket for South Australia, Deitz moved into coaching in New Zealand, then in Bangladesh and has lived for five years in Vanuatu, where he made his international debut as a player in 2018.

His aim is to keep developing the game and facilities, hoping to make Vanuatu a destination for club teams and national junior teams to practice and play.

No winners as Dutch league called off

AFP, The Hague



The Dutch football federation (KNVB) called an end to the 2019-20 season on Friday, as the Eredivisie became the first top European league called off due to the coronavirus pandemic.

No team will be declared champions after Ajax and AZ Alkmaar were left level on points at the top of the table with nine games still to play.

"Unfortunately, given the measures taken by the government, it became impossible to finish the 2019-2020 season," the KNVB said in a statement. "Public health always comes first. This is not just a football problem given what the coronavirus

is doing to society. Nonetheless, the professional football committee is aware that the decisions today are going to cause great disappointment for some," it added.

Leaders Ajax, above AZ on goal difference, will qualify for next season's Champions League group stage, which will await a definitive verdict from UEFA on May 25. AZ will likely enter the qualifying rounds, with Feyenoord, PSV Eindhoven and Willem II set to compete in the Europa League based on the final standings.

"There will be no relegation, nor promotion," said the KNVB, which is expected to face legal action from SC Cambuur and De Graafschap -- the top two clubs in the second division.



Brazil superstar Marcelo was lounging at home with his dogs as the coronavirus pandemic continued to force people to stay indoors and practice social distancing.

PHOTO: INSTAGRAM

BPL fate in the balance

SPORTS REPORTER

A meeting of the professional football league committee of Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday heard suggestions from the representing clubs of the Bangladesh Premier League regarding the league's fate in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

The league was suspended after March 15, with only six rounds of matches having taken place. The meeting took place online, with representatives of the 13 clubs communicating through a videoconference.

BFF general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag said that they received a few suggestions from the club representatives, including the most prominent of scrapping the league altogether. However, he said any decision regarding the league will not be taken before the last week of next month.

"There have been quite a few suggestions made during the meeting. The clubs are in financial crisis and since nothing is certain at this point of time, the majority consensus from the clubs is scrapping the league. There have been other suggestions such as removing relegation, helping the clubs through AFC/FIFA funds, and in case the league is held how it could be held without foreign players. We will discuss these issues at the executive committee and might come to a decision towards the end of next month, if situation allows," Shohag told The Daily Star.

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৫. অর্ডার টেন্ড	৫. সাধারণ রাজস্ব বরাদ্দ (গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার)।	
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