

No Serie A before June 14: FIGC

AFP, Milan

The Italian Football Federation (FIGC) announced on Monday that all competitions will be suspended until June 14.

The Serie A had hoped for a return on June 13 but the FIGC has pushed back the date in line with a government decree that all competitions be suspended until next month.

The FIGC said the choice was made "pending any further... decision by the authorities", suggesting the possibility of a restart on June 13 might still exist.

The Italian season has been on hold since March 9 but Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte on Saturday said he needed "more guarantees" before the green light could be given for football to resume.

ICC suggests ban on saliva

REUTERS

The age-old trick of using saliva to shine a cricket ball could be a thing of the past when cricket resumes, with the ICC on Monday recommending a change to the sport's laws.

"We are living through extraordinary times and the recommendations the committee have made today are interim measures to enable us to safely resume cricket in a way that preserves the essence of our game," Anil Kumble, who chaired the meeting, said.

The ICC added that it would be presented to its Chief Executives' Committee for approval in June.

Kohli bares his secrets

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India's batting maestro Virat Kohli is known for his steady resolve and endurance in the most difficult of chases.

During a live Facebook chat with Bangladesh ODI captain Tamim Iqbal, he talked about that 'pure intent' from childhood which helped him build his vast reserve of mental stamina and gave a glimpse of many of his secrets.

While Tamim had meant for the talk between the two to be an entertaining one, with people across the country in lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic, it turned out to be an educational one for any



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VIRAT KOHLI
INDIA CAPTAIN

serious cricketer out there.

If Kohli's resolve is stone-cold, his mindset is more versatile and adaptable than what most would anticipate. He does not focus on one true formula in order to improve his game. Many established cricketers define and confine themselves to a certain way. Kohli understood early

that what works for one person does not necessarily work for another.

But he is the most successful run-getter of modern era and thus he must be doing something right. So, the Bangladesh cricketers had their questions lined up for the Indian maestro. "They want to know some things about you and they are all cricket related," Tamim began.

Like any other batsman, functionality was in Kohli's mind but he admitted that natural talent is not what everyone can rely upon.

Asked about how he started shuffling in the crease after having stayed still during the beginning of his career, Kohli revealed an innate desire to remain ahead of the game.

"I felt I needed to play all over the ground and the static position somehow made my options limited. It didn't work for me but for many it does. Sachin Tendulkar used to remain static and he never had a problem as his hand-eye coordination and technique was much superior.

"I had to bring changes little by little during different points in time. I don't understand until I try and if you ever feel that you need to try something then you should do it. You do it in practice but more importantly try and do them in one or two matches. If you execute in matches then your confidence goes up. You have to keep

Leverkusen thrash Bremen

REUTERS, Bremen



Bayer Leverkusen stayed in the hunt for a top-four finish in the Bundesliga after two goals by striker Kai Havertz as well as one each by Mitchell Weiser and Kerem Demirbay helped them to a 4-1 win at struggling Werder Bremen on Monday.

The result left Bayer fifth on 50 points from 26 games, one behind fourth-placed Leipzig and eight adrift of leaders Bayern Munich. Werder, who suffered a record-extending seventh straight home defeat, stayed 17th on 18 points from 25 matches.

With no spectators present in the stadium, the game descended into a lull before a frantic five-minute spell produced three goals midway through the first half.

Havertz fired Leverkusen ahead in the 28th minute when he rose above his marker at the far post and headed past

keeper Jiri Pavlenka after a darting run and cross by Moussa Diaby.

Theodor Gebre Selassie levelled two minutes later with a cheeky back-heel from six metres after Leonardo Bittencourt swung in a corner, but more slack defending by Bremen allowed the visitors to nose ahead again in the 33rd minute.

Havertz was left completely unmarked to head home from eight metres after Kerem Demirbay floated in an inch-perfect free kick and Bremen fell apart in the second half as the visitors carved them open almost at will.

Defender Weiser made it 3-1 in the 61st minute when he powered in a close-range header after another fine assist by the lively Diaby and Leverkusen missed several chances before Demirbay sealed the rout.

Substitute Karim Bellarabi waltzed his way through a static home defence before he released Demirbay with a clever pass which left the latter with a simple task of beating Pavlenka with a dinked finish.



Leverkusen's Kai Havertz (C) scores the opening goal during his side's Bundesliga clash against Werder Bremen on Monday. The German midfielder scored twice as Leverkusen ran out 4-1 winners.

PHOTO: REUTERS



Cristiano Ronaldo rejoined Juventus for training yesterday after an absence of 72 days, including the past two weeks in quarantine, prompting fans to turn up for a glimpse.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Babar wants to emulate Imran as captain

ICC



Having been recently handed the reins of the ODI side in addition to T20I leadership, which he took over in later 2019, Babar Azam has already set himself targets. Top on his priority list is to help Pakistan scale back up the ODI charts after they slipped to No.6 in the team Rankings.

"I've captained the U19 as well as the T20I team in the past," Azam reflected during a media interaction. "When I look at our rankings in the formats, it is not acceptable for me and my task is to bring that up to the top three. PCB thought I was ready and they gave it to me. I'm ready."

Azam said that he wants to evolve into an attacking captain in the mould of Imran Khan, who led Pakistan to World Cup glory in 1992. "When you are captaining, you need to have a bit of a cool mind, you've to carry your team along, you've to be methodical with your plans against the opposition to get them out," he said.

"You have to be a little controlled, inside you may feel angry but you have to be in control. I learnt this in U19. In the ground,



you may have to tone down the aggression and give the players confidence. If you back your players 110%, they'll do that well. I want to be an attacking captain. I want to adopt the Imran Khan style."

Azam is confident the added responsibility of captaincy will not have an effect on his batting.

"I'm a fan of challenges. Captaincy and batting are a little different. When you are batting, you are just focussing on batting and not thinking about captaincy. It's only when you are done with batting that you start thinking about team performance. My aim is to continue performing the same way even as captain."

Tigers, India delay call on SL tour

REUTERS, New Delhi

India's cricket board (BCCI) will wait for more clarity on international travel restrictions before making a call on the tour of Sri Lanka in July, an official told Reuters.

"Nothing has been decided as yet, because we are not sure what would be the travel restrictions then," BCCI treasurer Arun Singh Dhumal said. "There is no clarity. So we'll wait for that and accordingly take a call."

Bangladesh are being similarly cautious for their three-test series in Sri Lanka in July and August.

"We have to look at travelling restrictions in Bangladesh, and the quarantine protocols in both countries," Bangladesh Cricket Board chief executive Nizamuddin Chowdhury told ESPNcricinfo. "We have to be mindful of the players' readiness."

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Request for Expression of Interest (Re-REOI) for Individual Consultant

1	Ministry/Division	Statistics and Informatics Division.	
2	Agency	Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics	
3	Name of procuring entity	Project Director, National Household Database (NHD) Project.	
4	Title of service	Selection of Database Management Specialist (DMS) (National).	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Individual Consultant (Time Based).	
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9	Procurement sub-method	Selection of Individual Consultants (SIC).	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10	Budget and source of funds	Development, Aid Grant/Credit.	
11	Development partners (if applicable)	IDA.	
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12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	1631-5013 (Credit No. 5281-BD & 6137-BD).	
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	National Household Database (NHD) Project.	
14	EOI closing date & time	Date: 04 June 2020. Re-EOI shall be submitted in sealed envelope marked with "Expression of Interest for Database Management Specialist".	Time: 03:00pm
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT			
15	Brief description of the assignment	The DMS will be responsible for the overall database development and management activities of the project, develop and document an MIS development plan based on the project objectives, develop a concrete action plan to roll out the system taking into consideration of data entry strategy, data collection and training, plan the data migration mechanism from BBS to Department of Disaster Management (DDM) and other organizations, ministries, etc., closely work as a member of joint technical pool (BBS and DDM) to supervise and monitor the overall MIS development activities and progress, support storage and analysis of data collected during surveys using automated tools like Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) and Computer Assisted Telephone interviewing (CATI) techniques, identify training and capacity building needs for BBS staffs and relevant users at central and local levels to ensure long-term system sustainability.	
16	Qualification and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Should have at least Bachelor degree in ICT/CSE/CST/EEE/ECE or related discipline (Master degree in relevant field preferred).Advanced academic/professional qualifications in relevant field from recognized institutes will be added advantage.Minimum 05 (five) years' work experience in the related field in any government/semi-government/autonomous organization/reputed private sector enterprise.Skills in programming in PHP, HTML and RDBMS as backend.Sound understanding on data management, analysis and migration using MS Access, Oracle, VB, net framework, SPSS, Stata, open sources like MySQL and other related software.Experience in the area of design and implementation of MIS.Strong communication skills in presenting, discussing and resolving difficult issues.Excellent spoken and written skills in Bangla and English.	
17	Other details	Duration of the consultancy is initially for one year. Interested applicants may obtain the Terms of Reference (ToR) downloading from the website: www.sid.gov.bd or www.bbs.gov.bd .	
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