

Change in BCCB plans

Sports Reporter

Khulna's last-minute decision to back out forced the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) to make some adjustment to the schedule of the exhibition matches involving local selections and visitors Kenya, the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) and Hong Kong.

The two matches — HCA vs Bangladesh and Hong Kong U-19 — originally planned to be held at Khulna, will now be held at Mymensingh and Comilla on January 30 and February 4 respectively.

RU in semis

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Rajshahi University recorded a massive 190-run win over lowly Agricultural University in the inter-university cricket championship at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) ground yesterday.

The win earned Rajshahi and Dhaka University the passage to the semifinals from Group A while Agricultural University, the other member of the group in the six-team meet, were left to nurse their wounds.

Rajshahi University compiled a huge 269 runs for seven in their quota of 40 overs and then bundled out the unfancied Agri University for a paltry 79 in 33.2 overs.

The Rajshahi innings was built around two half-centuries from middle-order batsmen Mahmud and Mustafiqur, who put on 114 runs for the fourth wicket.

Mahmud hammered seven fours and two sixes in his 83-ball 68 while his more aggressive partner Mustafiqur's 51 came off 49 balls which included four boundaries and a sixer.

Opener Omar Sharif (37), skipper Jagat Jyoti Roy (36) were the other notable scorers for the eventual winners.

Div II football

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Police Athletic Club went five points clear at the top of the Second Division football league with a resounding 4-1 victory over Mirpur Chalanika at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Police, who have 26 points from eleven matches, got the goals from Fazul Haq, Tara Miah, Saiful Islam and Bulbul while Shahzad pulled one back for the Mirpur outfit.

In the other match of the day, Lalbagh Sporting Club and Jurain Janata split points in a 2-2 draw.

After Mujibur Rahman's double strike gave Jurain Janata a comfortable 2-0 lead, Alamgir and Obaidul levelled the score in the span of six minutes.

Div III football

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Purbachal, Parishad and Gandaria Famous registered solitary goal victories over Rahmatganj Sporting Club and Dipali Jubo Sangha respectively in the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Taposh Obaidur for Purbachal while Obaidur Rahman made it for Gandaria Famous.

Nat'l bridge semis on

The semifinal matches of the Orion Group national team bridge championship 1995 began here at the Officers' Club yesterday, reports BSS.

Bridge Blues are taking on Bangladesh Bank Club Red in one semifinal and Barnali Sangsad are taking on Air Com (ret'd) Qudus and Partners in the other semifinal.

The matches will be played over 48 boards in three sessions of 16 boards each. Earlier on Monday the robin league stage of the tournament concluded and the above four teams qualified for the last four.

Bridge Blues and Air Com (ret'd) Qudus and Partners secured 53 and 51 points respectively in Group X and Barnali Sangsad and Bangladesh Bank Club Red secured 62 and 4 points respectively in Group Y.

ETTA ban on glue goes

LONDON, Jan 24: A ban on using liquid glue to stick rubbers to table tennis bats was lifted by the sport's English officials on Monday, reports Reuter.

The English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) national council voted 24-14 in favour of ending the ban that has been in force since January 1993.

The ban was imposed in England because of fears that inhaling fumes from the glue, which is often applied by players immediately before matches to speed up serves, was a danger to health.



Rahat Kamal, who clinched the under-14 boys title, through with a serve during his final against Salahuddin at the Engineers' Club court yesterday. — Star photo

Jabbar memorial tennis

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Rahat Kamal clinched the under-14 years age group title of the Jabbar memorial tennis championships when he came from behind to beat Salahuddin in the final at the Engineers' Club court yesterday.

Rahat after losing the first set in a tie-break, wrapped up the match winning 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Meanwhile, Waiullah Jhijan warded off a stiff resistance from Tofazzal on his way to the final.

In the marathon three-setter men's singles semifinal Waiullah won by 6-2, 6-7, (5-7), 7-6 (14-12).

Hudson recalled

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 24: South Africa on Monday recalled opener Andrew Hudson for the forthcoming tour of New Zealand, reports Reuter.

Hudson has not played for South Africa since being dropped for the final Test against England last year. He replaces John Commins who sustained a severe groin strain in the 324-run win in the Test against Pakistan which ended on Monday.

South Africa are due to arrive in New Zealand on February 10 and will play a one-off Test and an international quadrangular one-day tournament which also includes Australia and India.

SQUAD

Hansie Cronje (captain), Gary Kirsten, Andrew Hudson, Rudi Steyn, Daryll Cullinan, Mike Rindel, Jonny Rhodes, Dave Callaghan, Brian Mc Millan, Dave Richardson, Pat Symcox, Craig Matthews, Eric Simons, Clive Eksteen, Fanie de Villiers, Allan Donald.

England call up Lewis



ADELAIDE, Jan 24: England summoned all-rounder Chris Lewis on Tuesday to join their ailing Test squad after Neil Fairbrother was ruled out with a shoulder injury and top batsman Graeme Hick visited a back specialist, reports Reuter.

England, who have already failed in their bid to regain the Ashes, are struggling to find enough batsmen to play in the fourth Test against Australia, starting on Thursday.

Hick visited the specialist on Tuesday after stiffness in his back forced him to sit out most of the tour match against Victoria earlier this week. England are unlikely to know whether he will be fit to play until the morning of the Test.

Fairbrother, who joined the tour less than a month ago after injuries to Craig White and Alex Stewart, had already been ruled out, Stewart is unavailable after against damaging a finger.

Lewis, who is currently playing club cricket in Melbourne, stepped in to plug a gap in the England side during a World Series Cup match in Sydney earlier this month.

England team manager Keith Fletcher said he had left a message for Lewis to rejoin the tour party. "We just hope he is fit and able to play."

Lewis is seen as short-term

solution for the fourth Test and further action will be taken by tour management if the injured trio's problems persist.

"If the news on Graeme is bad then we will definitely send for a batsman from the A team who are in India," Atherton said. Mark Ramprakash, enjoying success in India, is the top candidate.

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England A warm up well



NEW DELHI, Jan 24: England A warmed up for this week's second Test against India's second string with a massive 439-run win over a Universities XI here Tuesday, reports AFP.

England A on their first-ever tour of India, dominated the four-day practice match at the Kotia from start to finish, before ending the no-contest five minutes after lunch on the final day.

Centuries from in-form vice-captain Mark Ramprakash and Jason Gallian saw England A pile up 553 in their first innings. The tourists then shot out the universities side for 165 to gain a huge 388-run lead.

Skipper Allan Wells chose not to enforce the follow-on and the English batsmen responded with 214 for five in their second knock with Michael Vaughan scoring 87 and Minal Patel slamming a brisk 56 off 58 balls.

Set an improbable victory target of 603, the university lads folded for 163 with left-arm spinner Patel finishing

with six for 35. "The match gave us a chance to experiment with our reserves and they came out tops," said a delighted Wells. "It is a healthy sign that everyone is on their feet."

The win added to the tourists' morale ahead of Friday's second five-day Test against India A at the Eden Gardens in Calcutta. England A lead 1-0 in the three-Test series, having won the first match in Bangalore last week by four wickets.

India's cricket selectors, meanwhile, quashed speculation.

Nirman schools cricket

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Blackburn Rovers Alan Shearer attempts an overhead volley during the English Premier League encounter against reigning champions Manchester United at Old Trafford. United won a keenly contested match by a solitary goal from French international Eric Cantona to keep up the pressure on Rovers. — AFP photo

On Her Majesty's secret service

CANBERRA, Jan 24: As England's humiliated cricketers try in the fourth Ashes Test this week to regain some lost Pommie pride, Britain's minister for sport arrived here today to try to discover the secret of Aussie sporting superiority, reports AFP.

Apart from cricket, Minister Ian Sprouat admitted, to being unhappy about the performance of British teams in a range of other sports, including soccer in which no British side reached the World Cup finals.

He might also have mentioned Commonwealth Games track and field, swimming, bowls and cycling, rugby and motor-cycling.

"We didn't have a single team from the United Kingdom in the World Cup soccer last year and as we invented the game of soccer and popularised it we don't like that," Sprouat said as he began an inspection of Australian facilities to find out how Britain could do better.

"We've lost the first two Test matches in Australia and we don't like that either."

"Clearly just like you were 15 or 20 years ago where you were in a position that you weren't happy about, we are not happy about our situation."

"The boys must realise there are no short cuts to success at the international level. They have to work hard and prove themselves," said Vishwanath, one of India's former batting greats.

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Mexican Angelica Gavaldon waves to the crowd after shaking hands with a disappointed Jana Novotna after their match at the Australian Open on Jan 23. Gavaldon had a relatively easy time dispatching her Czech opponent 7-5, 6-0. — AFP photo

Lara's injury WI's worry



WELLINGTON, Jan 24: Ace batsman Brian Lara injured his right ankle during a training session Tuesday, sending a scare through the West Indies cricket team, reports AP.

Lara was treated for several minutes after rolling over on his ankle and needed to be helped up by teammates. Team officials said he hoped to be fit for Wednesday's second limited overs international against New Zealand at the Basin Reserve.

Captain Courtney Walsh said Lara is the key man in the West Indies team.

"Lara is our best batsman. He's now coming into some form and once he gets going the rest of the team gets in behind him," Walsh said.

"When he's in top form it could be dangerous for the New Zealand bowlers."

New Zealand will field a new-look, clean-cut team for the first time in Wellington.

New coach John Reid has outlasted stubble, back-to-front baseball caps and sloppy clothes in a bid to lift team morale.

Captain Ken Rutherford said the claim down on sloppiness was good for the team.

"The guys realize they have an image to uphold and at

times in the past we've let it slip and got a little slovenly," he said.

Rutherford has told his team to focus on taking early wickets, especially those of the three form players. Lara and opens Sherwin Campbell and Stuart Williams.

"In the first 10 overs we'll

aries for the sake of having an extra catcher," Rutherford said.

Apart from those three, the tourists' batting lineup lacks match practice and could be susceptible to New Zealand's steady attack.

New Zealand have not ruled out using a slower bowler like Dipak Patel early in the innings.

"All tactics are being considered," Rutherford said. "In one-day cricket you have to be very open-minded about the way you play."

Rutherford hinted that the only change to the New Zealand team will be the introduction of Mark Douglas at the top of the batting order at the expense of a bowler. The New Zealand team for the first match — won by the West Indies on an adjusted run-rate — included an extra bowler.

SCEMRB sports on Jan 27

The annual sports competition of the Dhaka metropolitan branch of the Society for the Care and Education of the Mentally Retarded Bangladesh (SCEMRB) will be held at the Dhanmohi Women's Sports Complex at 8:00 am on January 27, reports BSS.

BRIAN LARA
be using Simon Doull and Danny Morrison as strike bowlers and were prepared give away a couple of bound-

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The following tenders are invited by the Department of Supply & Inspection. All the registered firms of this Department in the relevant group and other well established firm (with prior approval from this Department) are eligible to participate in the tender.

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