

Sport

Taylor stays in the saddle

SYDNEY, Nov 3 Mark Taylor kept his job as Australia Test captain today as selectors opted for experience in the first cricket Test against New Zealand, starting on Friday, reports Reuters.

Taylor, who lost the captaincy of Australia's limited overs side to all-rounder Steve Waugh last month, will lead a settled side at Brisbane's Gabba.

Selectors relied entirely on players who took part in Australia's successful Ashes tour to England during the northern hemisphere summer.

Paceman Andy Bichel, who was forced home early in the tour because of a back injury, was recalled in a 12-man squad.

AUSTRALIA (from): Mark Taylor (captain), Matthew Elliott, Greg Blewett, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Ricky Ponting, Ian Healy, Paul Reiffel, Shane Warne, Michael Kasparowicz, Glenn McGrath, Andy Bichel.

Div II h'ball

Bantanager Sports Club toyed with Surjo Sena Sports Club beating them by a massive 31-1 goals in the Ashraf Real Estate Second Division league at the handball court near Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners led the first half 7-1. Jamal and Babul scored seven goals each, Likhon six and Jewel five for the winners while Shaheen netted the lone goal for the losers.

AB Bank TT

Brothers Union Club earned a straight 3-0 sets victory over Inter Sports Club in the AB Bank Senior Division table tennis super league at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

In the First Division league, Bangladesh Bank beat Mohammadpur Boys by 3-1 sets while Young Pegasus defeated Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) 3-2.

In the women's First Division league, Biman Red beat Armanitola Juniors by straight 3-0 sets.

Agrani clinch semifinal berth

Complacency costs Kalabagan

Sports Reporter



When none dared to doubt about Kalabagan's chances for clinching a semifinal berth in the 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament, Agrani Bank had other ideas on their mind as the last year's runners-up pipped the new leviathans in domestic cricket at the post with a sensational 41-run victory in the last group league match of the season's curtain-raiser at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Pitting against heavy odds Agrani Bank, who were almost written off from the title race after conceding a huge 69-run defeat at the hands of Bangladesh Biman in their inaugural group league match on Thursday, let with a daunting proposition of defeating a highly-flying Kalabagan by a flattering margin.

But the Bankers, who were out to prove the old proverb stating fortune favours the brave, did it in style when, defending a commanding total of 202 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs, went on to shot Kalabagan out for 161 with six balls to spare.

In a gripping finish, Kalabagan, who had earlier defeated the star-studded Bangladesh Biman by six wickets, required 18 runs from the last 12 balls to ensure a passage into the semifinals on a better run-rate. But they could only manage eight runs before their eleventh batsman Zakir Hossain ran himself out while chasing a non-existing single in the second ball of the last over.

Agrani's left-arm spinner Suja, who was invited to do the most unenviable job of bowling the last over, conceded two runs from his first delivery. But then forced Jewel Hossain, the young off-spinner who had been selected for the New Zealand tour of the national team, to play a defensive shot at short mid-wicket from where Shaheen Malik hurled an accurate throw at the bowler's end to effect a simple run out by Suja.

With Suja rearranging the balls his teammates rushed to the middle to celebrate yet another stunning victory after their famous act against Mohammedan Sporting Club in the semifinals of the previous edition of the meet.

On the other hand Kalabagan, who were only to be blamed for taking a passage into the last four as granted, paid the penalty for being self-assured. They did not even bother to go through a mathematical analysis after Agrani Bank compiled an imposing total. Not only that, when it was all over for Kalabagan, wisdom dawned on some of their officials belatedly as they started asking about the exact figure of their safe score, which was 171.

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Bangladesh Betar will provide running commentary of the semifinals and final.

The day, however, certainly belonged to a spirited Agrani Bank who outplayed their strong opponents in every department of the game.

Skipper Nasirul won a good toss in the morning and his decision to throw a challenging target was vindicated by the top and middle-order batsmen. Pakistani Shahed Iqbal top-scored with 43 while his compatriot Shaheen Malik, who later did one better with the cherry, scored 35 followed by a patient 20 from opener Hannan Shikar.

But it was Agrani's young seamer Shamsul Arefin Dofin who designed the plot of a sensational victory by claiming three vital Kalabagan wickets.

The 24-year-old medium pacer, who came as the first change with Kalabagan cruising along scoring 50 for no loss in 12 overs, destroyed the top and middle-order capturing the prize scalps of opener Hannan Rashid Liton, Jubair Mohammed Ishtiaque and hard-hitting former Pakistani international Monzoor Elahi.

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Agrani Bank middle-order bat Sumit is bowled by Kalabagan seamer Saiful Islam during yesterday's 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament clash at the Dhaka Stadium.

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five. The undisputed man-of-the-match who gave away only 22 runs in his ten overs, however, was deprived of his fourth wicket when Sumit dropped former national left-arm spinner Enamul Haq Moni at point.

After the good work of Dofin, left-arm bowler Suja, who also captured three wickets for only 33 runs, virtually pinned down Kalabagan batsmen with his spin.

Meradia Maitri Sangha, Fighters Krira Chakra, Prantik KC and Rayerbazar Mitali won their respective Lotus-Kamal Third Division cricket league qualifying matches at different venues in the capital yesterday.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Meradia Maitri recorded a thumping 80-run victory over Bangladesh Police.

Opting to bat first, Meradia piled up a huge 199 before being all out in the last ball of their quota of 35 overs with extras contributing highest 41 to the winners' total followed by a rapid-fire 36 runs from middle-order bat Kamrul.

In reply, Police were bundled out for a meagre 111 runs in 31 overs on account of some excellent fielding from the Meradia boys, who had four run outs.

At the Uttara Friends Club ground, Fighters KC handed Prantik Sangha a humiliating nine-wicket defeat.

In a low-scoring affair, Fighters, aided by a four-wicket haul from Towhid, shot Progati out for a paltry 105, and then went on to rattle up 106 for the loss of one wicket in 28.1 overs.

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At the Mohammedpur Elidga ground, Siddiki created some sort of a record when he captured four wickets without conceding single run in his nine deliveries as Prantik KC ran away with a seven-wicket win over Kulutola.

At the Mohakhal T&T Ground, Rayerbazar Mitali defeated Kallayanpur Housing by 43 runs.

No matches will be held today.

No disciplinary action against Aminul

Sports Reporter

The disciplinary committee of the CDDM yesterday summoned Mohammedan skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul to explain his position about Saturday's crowd violence at the Dhaka Stadium.

The dapper all-rounder, whose unwanted protest against a leg before decision eventually switched on a crowd violence on Saturday during the Damal Smriti match between Abahani and Mohammedans, looked a bit depressed a while before he appeared in front of a six-man disciplinary committee.

But when he came out, his boyish face was glinting with an amused smile. The reason behind his secret smile was not only that the verdict went in favour of him, but also the fact that he had to face a person among the jurors who has a controversial record. The jurors which surprisingly included Alam Chowdhury did not impose any disciplinary sanction on Bulbul.

Alam, the BCB joint secretary who is also a Kalabagan official, hogged the headlines by abusing the BCB secretary Tanjib Ahsan Saad following a declaration of the man-of-the-match award made by the latter.

Div III cricket qualifiers

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

MERADIA MAITRI SANGHA: 191 all out in 35 overs (Extras 41, Kamrul 36, Mizanur 27, Salim 4/29)
BANGLADESH POLICE: 111 all out in 31 overs (Extras 30, Totall 14; Zahir 2/14)

PROGATI: 105 all out in 29 overs (Mahmud 24; Towhid 4/11)
FIGHTER KC: 106 for one in 28.1 overs (Lipon 43 not out, Babul 30 not out)

KULUTOLA KC: 100 all out in 26.3 overs (Extras 24, Labu 15; Siddiki 1/0)
PRANTIK KC: 103 for 3 in 12.3 overs (Biplob 51, Mostafa 1/27)

RAYERBAZAR MITALI: 182 for 8 in 35 overs (Ibrahim 54, Sumon 36, Extras 46; Forhad 3/23)
KALLAYANPUR HOUSING: 139 all out in 34.2 overs (Eni 60; Moazzem 3/24, Nepal 2/8)

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Muktis stick the course

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Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra crossed a major hurdle in their chase for a maiden league trophy when they recorded a solitary goal victory over Brothers Union in a crucial Premier Division football league encounter at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

In a see-saw affair, the Nigerian midfielder of the all-reds Aliyu Rahman scored the all-important goal 11 minutes into

in on a Nakib header at the top of the opponent box slipped past side Minto cross was brilliantly fisted away for a corner by Muktijoddha custodian Aminul, and two minutes later substitute Ripon lost his cool when he got the ball unguarded from a goal-mouth melee.

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Action from yesterday's Premier Division football league encounter between Muktijoddha Sangsad KC and Brothers Union at the Mirpur Stadium. Muktis won the match 1-0.

— Star photo

the first half. But Muktijoddha, who appeared without their two regular players Rakib and Hasan-al-Mamun, lived dangerously in the face of a late rally from the Gopibagh outfit before running away with the slender lead.

With this win, their fifth from as many matches, the Mohanagari Cup champions maintained their solo lead with a maximum 15 points, two points clear from holders Mohammedan Sporting Club.

Aliyu, the lone foreign recruit of Muktijoddha, cashing

margin by at least two more goals had not Makib spoiled two close chances set by Aliyu. But the tall national forward failed to rise on both occasions sending the ball wide off the near post.

After surviving those scares, Brothers, backed by a few hundred vociferous at the gallery, went all-out against the star-studded side and produced a quartet of good chances in the last 20 minutes to level the margin. But lady luck along with their goal-blind forwards turned back on the Gopibagh men.

In the 70th minute, Shamim's header from a left side Minto cross was brilliantly fisted away for a corner by Muktijoddha custodian Aminul, and two minutes later substitute Ripon lost his cool when he got the ball unguarded from a goal-mouth melee.

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TEAMS

MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD: Aminul, Poritosh, Jewel Rana, Moon, Tito, Masood Rana, Iqbal, Swapan, Aliyu (Tuhin), Reaz (Gaus/Rupu) and Nakib.
BROTHERS UNION: Saidur, Govinda, Swapan, Mizan, Imadul, Yousuf, Shamim, Asad (Mintu), Amer Khan, Bakhtiar and Jamal (Ripon).
Referee: R Alam.

FIRST WIN FOR CHALANTIKA

In their match of the day, Mirpur Chalantika registered their first win in the First Division with an identical margin 1-0 victory over Badda Jagarani Sangsad.

Forward Hanif struck the all-important goal with a placing shot in the 88th minute.

The win raised Mirpur Chalantika's points tally to five from as many matches while the defeat left Badda with eight points.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division
Farshangji SC vs Victoria SC (4:30 pm)
First Division
Shantinagar Club vs Dhanmondi Club (2:30 pm).

Hooper's hundred goes awry



LAHORE, Nov 3 (AFP, AP): A match-winning 94 by captain Hansie Cronje and an undefeated 53 by Jonty Rhodes paved a five-wicket win for South Africa over West Indies in the quadrangular cricket tournament here today.

South Africa passed West Indies' imposing total of 293 for eight with some calculated batting by Cronje, Rhodes and Gary

start of the 19th over with West Indies 87 for two and hammered eight fours and a six of Pat Symcox before holing out in the deep to Daryll Cullinan in the 47th over.

West Indian master batsman Brian Lara completed his 5,000 one-day international runs when he was on 38 to become the fifth Caribbean after Desmond Haynes, Gordon Greenidge, Vivian Richards and Richie Richardson to achieve the landmark.

Lara fell midway into the innings to the brilliance of Rhodes, who hit the stumps directly with Lara knew he was short of the crease before the decision came from the TV umpire Salim Badar.

Hosts Pakistan will take on Sri Lanka in a must-win match on Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecards of the third match of the quadrangular tournament between West Indies and South Africa at Gaddafi Stadium today:

WEST INDIES

S Williams run out 26
Campbell c Cullinan b Pollock 0
Lara run out 68
Hooper c Cullinan b Donald 105
Chanderpaul c De Villiers 47
Cronje 47
Simmons not out 18
Lewis c De Villiers b Donald 7
Ambrose b De Villiers 6
D Williams b De Villiers 0
Extras: (b-1, lb-10, nb-1, w-4) 16
Total: (eight wickets in 50 overs) 293

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-87, 3-131, 4-214, 5-270, 6-283, 7-293, 8-293.

Bowling: O M R W
Pollock 9 0 52 1
De Villiers 10 1 40 2

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Airborne vampire
4 Touch
8 One of the Three Bears
12 Actress
13 Asia's mistress
14 Something to shake or break
15 Voting favorably
16 Fruit
18 Bilbo Baggins' nephew
20 Clinton's instrument
21 Claire and Belle
24 Suggestive older styles
28 Fruit
32 Industrial arts
33 Motorists' org.
34 "West Side Story" song
36 Crew member
37 Fool's
39 Fruit
41 Whines

DOWN
1 Fan
2 Cupid's forte
3 Poi base
4 Left to right?
5 Feathery accessory
6 Grecian vessel
7 Labels
8 Zany movie sibs
9 Actress
10 Lavatory sign
11 The time of your life
17 Listening device
19 Conk out
22 First person
23 Antithoxin
25 Thunder god
26 Thunder-clap
27 Nashville entertainer
28 Paddocked fastener
29 Honolulu's island
30 Apprehend
31 Stratagem
38 Nonattendance
39 One
40 H-deux-O?
42 "How...love thee?"
43 Khaki or Sheri
47 Tibetan monk
48 Beatty
50 Butter serving
51 Head sweeper
52 Brazilian resort site
53 Roman, 1,051
54 Brit. ref. bk.



CRYPTOQUIP

S Z T Q M M A H Q M D A

K B M E T O T T I T E K R Y I D H

D R O T K S M B F D D Z R Y K T D A

F S T T S M S F D T E

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE MONTH SOLDIERS HATE MOST IS CERTAINLY MARCH.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals F

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Office of the Executive Engineer Grid Division (North) DESA, Dhaka

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When friend turns foe

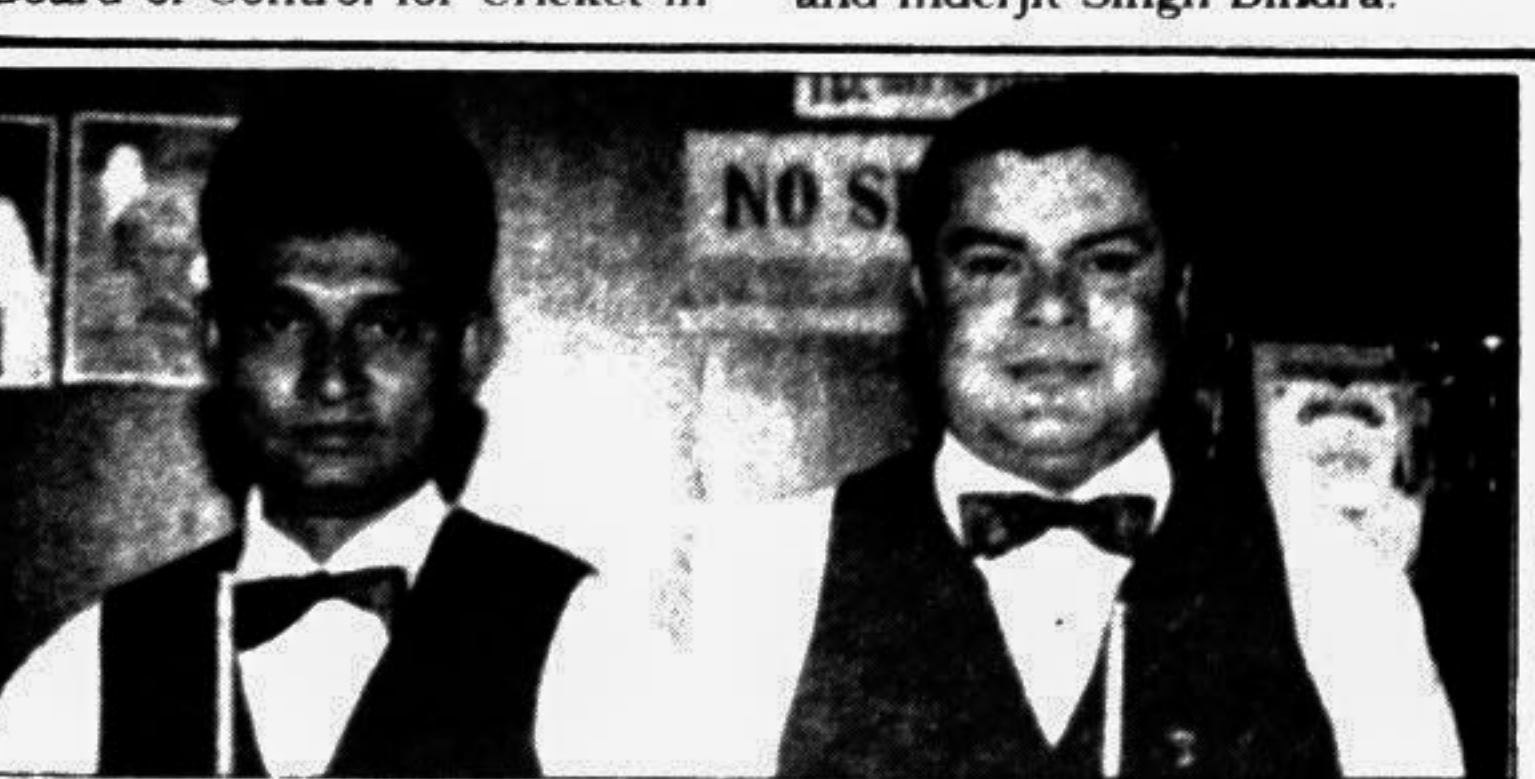


NEW DELHI, Nov 3 (AFP): Sachin Tendulkar's future as Indian captain hangs in the balance as a bitter power struggle among the country's cricket chiefs heats up this week.

The most fiercely-contested elections in the history of the Board of Control for Cricket in

India (BCCI), due in the southern city of Madras on Thursday, will also decide the fate of national coach Madan Lal.

Tendulkar and Lal are pawns in a high-profile boardroom battle between two leading Indian cricket administrators, Jagmohan Dalmiya, who is also president of the International Cricket Council (ICC), and Inderjit Singh Bindra.



Mizanur Rahman (L) and Faizuddin Ahmed, champion and runner-up in the Narayanangji Club snooker championship respectively, pose for photographs after the final on Saturday. Mizan won by 7 to 4 frames. 28 players took part in the two-week long competition.

— Star photo

Dalmiya and Bindra, who ran Indian cricket for a decade and jointly organised the 1987 and 1996 World Cups, fell out in June amid accusations of corruption, murky deals and broken promises.

Dalmiya, who still attends BCCI meetings as head of the Cricket Association of Bengal, is backing the current set of officials led by President Raj Singh Durgapur and secretary Jayant Lele.

Bindra, a senior government official who headed the BCCI until last year, has thrown his weight behind a rival group including sugar magnate Dynashawer Agashe and former Delhi player Sunil Dev.