

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 Kasprowicz, Glenn McGrath, Andy Bichel.

Div II h'ball

Banianagar Sports Club towed 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 17-1.

Jamal and Babul scored seven goals each, Likhan 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, Bangladesh Bank beat Mohammadi 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.

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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 high-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 semi-finals 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 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 Mona, 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 Mohammadian Sporting Club in the semi-finals 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 bothered 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.

Agrani Bank will now take on holders Abahani Krira Chakra in the first semi-final on November 5 while Mohammadian will meet Bangladesh Biman in the other semi-final on November 6. Bangladesh Betar will provide running commentary of the semi-finals 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 Shahid 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 Sharmin.

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 Harunur Rashid Liton, Jubair Mohammed Ishaq and hard-hitting former Pakistan international Monzoor Elahi.

The young tear-away first trapped Harunur Rashid Liton in front of the wicket for 25 and then went on to castle Jubair Mohammed Ishaq and a gem of an in-swinger. But the pendulum decisively swung in Agrani's way when Dofin had dangerman Monzoor Elahi bowled for only two, leaving Kalabagan tottering at 77 for

41 runs.

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GROUP Y STANDINGS

Team M W L Pts NRR
Biman 2 1 1 2 +0.62
Agrani Bank 2 1 1 2 -0.28
Kalabagan KC 2 1 1 2 -0.36

Result: Agrani Bank won by 41 runs.

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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 Dungarpur 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 Dynashewer Agashe and former Delhi player Sunil Dev.

The elections were previously scheduled for September 21 but called off after the annual general body meeting was adjourned over a technical hitch.

The rival factions, who are reportedly backed by leading politicians, traded accusations in the media, leading to a 4.2-million-dollar suit by Dalmiya against Dev for alleging underhand dealing while awarding TV rights for cricket matches.

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Sport

No disciplinary action against Aminul

Sports Reporter

The disciplinary committee of the CCDM yesterday summoned Mohammadian 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 Mohammadian, 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.

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