

Parreira signs for S Arabia

RIYADH, Dec 11: Saudi Arabia hired Brazilian coach Carlos Alberto Parreira to lead the national team during next year's World Cup in France.

The Riyadh Daily reported Thursday that Parreira, who guided Brazil to their record fourth World Cup victory in 1994, signed a one-year contract and will take charge of the team on January 1.

V-Day v'ball

The Top Five volleyball tournament, organised by Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF) to mark the Victory Day, will begin at the court near Dhaka Stadium from December 16.

Five leading teams of the country - Bangladesh Rifles, Titus Club and the three Armed Forces' sides, will take part in the tournament.

Bangladesh thrashed again

National cricketers winded up their disastrous tour of New Zealand with yet another humiliating defeat, this time against Bill Academy on the final day of a three-day affair at Lincoln Green yesterday.

In a same old shameful fashion the second innings of the visitors, who were trailing behind a huge first innings lead of the home side, caved in without any resistance, conceding an innings and 115-run defeat eventually.

Resuming the day at 13 for one, Bangladesh, who were left with an improbable task of scoring 318 runs to make the Bill Academy bat again, lasted for only 54.3 overs before being bundled out for 203.

Opener Mehrab Hossain, who fought a lone battle with a defiant 81, was the last batsman out in Bangladesh innings when Barton had the young right-hander caught by Tuffey.

With wickets tumbling like nine pins at the other end, young Mehrab, who was forced to retire after getting hurt with a snooter on the second day, showed plenty of conviction, albeit in vain, while trying to build a partnership yesterday.

Sports Reporter

Dismissed for a paltry 130 in their first innings on the opening day, the brittle Bangladesh batting line-up once again showed its true standard when they were reduced to 61 for five.

But after that terrible start, wicketkeeper Khaled Masud and Mehrab offered some sort of resilience when they put on 75 runs for the sixth wicket before Masud fell for a gritty 26.

Masud was adjudged leg before off Bill Academy's new-ball bowler Sewell, who captured four wickets in the second innings to finish with a nine-wicket match haul.

Mehrab then featured in some useful stands with the tail-enders, but there was no one around to stay on the wicket for a long time.

Hasibul made a quickfire 22 off 13 balls, his new-ball partner Shafuddin scored 18 off 29 balls, but when young left-arm seamer Monjurul fell for only three, Mehrab could add only six runs with number eleven batsman Saifullah before Barton ended his 181-ball vigil, which included seven hits across the rope and a couple of sixes.

The national team, which lost all of their first-class matches in their month-long tour to New Zealand, are expected to fly back home on December 15. They were also thrashed in a one-day exhibition match against the Bill Academy.

They have been asked to report at the BCB office at 5 pm today.

Result: Bill Academy won the match by an innings and 115 runs.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns: BANGLADESH: First innings 130 all out (Akram 39, Shaifuddin 25; Sewell 5/34, Tuffey 3/57); BILL ACADEMY: First innings 448 for seven declared (Parlane 190, Gaffaney 112); BANGLADESH: Second innings (overnight 13 for one); Bowling: Mehraab c Tuffey b Barton 81, Sanwar c Parlane b Tuffey 6, Hasanuzzaman c Oran b Sewell 21, Akram c Oran b Walker 10, Al-Shahriar lbw b Walker 0, K Masud lbw b Sewell 26, Hasibul c Oran b Sewell 22, Shafuddin lbw b Walker 18, Monjurul b Walker 3, Saifullah not out 0, Extras (b-2; lb-1; nb-12) 15, Total (all out in 61.3 overs) 203, Fall of wkts: 1/8; 2/24; 3/42; 4/61; 5/61; 6/136; 7/164; 8/193; 9/197.

World Youth Cup 20 called up for selection camp

Twenty cricketers were called up yesterday to join the selection trail of the team which will participate in the fourth World Youth Cup, scheduled to begin in South Africa from January next year.

Six new faces got the nod of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) along with 14 members of the victorious Bangladesh squad, which won the recently-concluded Asian Youth championship in Hong Kong.

The new entrants are national middle-order bat Al-Shahriar Rokon, left-arm seamer Monjurul Islam, Nahid, off-spinner Sumit, Rubaiyet Jamil and Brothers' young right-arm seamer Shanewaz Kabir.

They have been asked to report at the BCB office at 5 pm today.

Dulali's double delight

Dulali of Pabna earned a double in the Bijoy Dibash age-group badminton tournament winning both under-16 girls singles and doubles titles at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

Dulali won the singles final against Tuhin of Dhaka 11-8, 11-1 and then partnered Nahid to bag the doubles trophy defeating Akhi and Nilufa of Dhaka 15-12, 18-15 and 15-5.

Maruf Alam of Dhaka emerged boy's singles champion with a 15-9, 15-5 victory over Hamid of Sylhet while Osmani and Hamid of Dhaka won the boys' doubles final against Parash and Masrafi of Bogra 15-12, 15-4.

Besides, Parash and Rais lifted the under-14 boys doubles title defeating Masum and Sabir.

ITF U-14 circuit Russell, Kabir reach qtrs

Russell, who eliminated D Maradune of Sri Lanka in the first round in the morning, booked the last eight berth with a 6-4, 4-6 and 6-3 victory over Kazakhstan's Diasdoske Arey while Kabir registered a 6-2, 6-4 win over another Kazakh Vadim Ivchenko.

Russell and Kabir apart, P Vissal and Aar Gazar of India, Mohammad Nadim and Shahid Khan Niazi of Pakistan, Atur Zavarab of Uzbekistan and D Ranawera of Sri Lanka also won their respective second round matches to reach the quarterfinals which will be held tomorrow.

In the boys' doubles second round, Babulal and Alamgir of Bangladesh thrashed All Shifoo and A R Rashid of Maldives 6-1, 6-0 while Wasim Cheema of Pakistan and his Lankan partner Maradune beat Nepalese pair G Larma and N R Jhajhi 6-7, 6-1, 7-3.

Besides, eight singles and four doubles first round matches in the girls' section were also decided on the day.

Invitational pair bridge

Bangladesh Bridge Federation organised a day-long invitational pair bridge tournament at the NSC conference room yesterday to honour the visiting world famous bridge player Zia Mahmood.

A total of 18 points took part in the tournament. The 50-year-old Mahmood a New York-based Pakistani who has been playing for the US national team for the last two years, partnered Bangladesh national player Sajid Isphahani in the tournament.

The proceedings were going on till filing of this report last night.

England pull off a thriller

England won the opening match of the Akai-Singer Champions' Trophy defeating India by seven runs in Sharjah yesterday.

Set to score 251 runs for a win in 50 overs, the Indians were all out for 243 in 49.3 overs. Skipper Sachin Tendulkar hit 91 while Ajay Jadhav contributed with a 50.

Earlier AFP added: India bowled out England's new-look one-day team for 250 despite a brilliant 116 off 111 balls by Alec Stewart.

Stewart hit nine boundaries and a six to provide England the perfect start after India won the toss and elected to field in the day-night match.

Stewart and Alistair Brown put on 42 for the first wicket by the eighth over, before Brown was caught at mid-on off Abey Kuruvilla for 18.

Stewart then added 89 for the second wicket with Nick Knight (42), and 78 for the third with Graeme Hick (32) as England moved to a commanding 209 for two by the 40th over.

But a dramatic collapse saw the young Englishmen lose their last eight wickets for the addition of just 41 runs and were bowled out with one delivery still remaining in their stipulated 50 overs.

Kuruvilla led India's fight-back by bowling both Hick and skipper Adam Hoolioake in his second spell.

Stewart drove a slower ball from Anil Kumble to Mohammad Azharuddin in the covers and Graham Thorpe was run out for three.

When Javagal Srinath had Matthew Fleming caught behind for nine in the 45th over, England were reeling at 232 for seven.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns: ENGLAND: A Brown c Ganguly b Kuruvilla 116, Stewart c Ashar b Kumble 42, Knight c Kumble b Chauhan 42, Hick b Kuruvilla 32, Hoolioake b Kuruvilla 9, Edalham run out 3, Thorpe run out 3, Fleming c Karim b Srinath 9, D Brown c Tendulkar b Srinath 6, Croft c Kuruvilla b Srinath 6, Headley not out 1, Extras (b-3; w-1) 4, Total (all out in 49.5 overs) 250, Fall of wkts: 1-42; 2-131; 3-209; 4-211; 5-215; 6-218; 7-232; 8-237; 9-248; 10-250. Bowling: Srinath 8.5 0 37 3, Kuruvilla 10 0 50 3, Kumble 10 0 53 1, R Singh 6 0 34 0, Ganguly 2 0 14 0, Chauhan 9 0 35 1, Tendulkar 4 0 24 0.

Power nat'l volleyball

Madaripur and Jessore moved into the final of the Power national youth women's volleyball championship.

Madaripur posted an easy 24-11 victory over Rangpur in one of the two semifinals played at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

The winners lead the first half 10-4. Dalia scored highest eleven goals for Madaripur while Selina and Kabita added seven and four goals respectively.

In the other semifinal, Jessore beat Dhaka by 18-7 goals. Taslima and Farhana scored six and five goals respectively for the winners.



America-based renowned Pakistani bridge player Zia Mahmood (2nd from left) and his partner Sajid Isphahani of Bangladesh (R) pondering their next move against a local pair during a bridge tournament at the NSC conference room yesterday.



PREPARING FOR THE BIG EVENT: With the Independence Cup drawing nearer, grounds-man at the Dhaka Stadium are seen busy with installing the pipeline down the pitch to accommodate the stumpvision camera for the WorldTel. The famous electronic media who will cover the three-nation tourney involving India, Pakistan and hosts Bangladesh.

BCB Eleven win opener

BRIEF SCORES

BCB ELEVEN: 118 for eight in 20 overs (Biswajit 30, Golam Mustafa 30 n.o., Sharful 15, Arafat 13, Subhankar 3/26, Utshab 2/17). UDAYAN CRICKET ACADEMY: 102 for eight in 20 overs (Amit 52, Dipak 10, Biswajit 2/26). Result: BCB Eleven won by 16 runs.

A brilliant all-round performance by Biswajit Roy guided Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Eleven to an impressive 16-run victory over Udayan Cricket Academy of Allpurdur in their opening group match of the All Bengal sub-junior cricket tournament at the Dada Bhai ground in Shilguri, West Bengal yesterday.

Biswajit scored 30 runs to help Bangladesh collect a fighting total of 118 for eight in the stipulated 20 overs and then took two wickets and was involved in three run-outs to restrict Udayan Academy to 102 for eight.

Biswajit, who was later adjudged man-of-the-match, was ably helped by Tuhid, Golam Mustafa and Ibrahim who captured one wicket each.

One down Amit Nania of Udayan Academy fought the lone battle with 52 while middle-order Dipak Roy (10) was the other batsman to reach double figures.

Earlier, Bangladesh's commanding total was built around two useful knocks from opener Biswajit and middle-order batsman Golam Mustafa who also scored 30.

Apart from the two, Shariful and Arafat contributed 15 and 13 respectively.

Subhankar Saha was the most successful Udayan bowler who finished with 3 for 26.

Bangladesh, the lone foreign participants in the eight-team tourney, will take on BJA CCC 'B' in their second Group X match at the same venue today.

Kabadi league

Dilkusha Sporting Club, Bangladesh Bank Club, Sonali Bank and Azad Sporting Club moved into the semifinals of Dhaka Kabadi league after winning their respective quarter-final matches played at the court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Women's WC cricket

Sri Lanka outclassed West Indies by six wickets in the Women's Cricket World Cup on Thursday reports AP.

A fine spell of bowling by spinner Thilaka Gunarantne and excellent fielding sent a shock down the spines of the Caribbean.

Sri Lanka won the toss and Captain Vanessa Bowen asked Caribbean to bat. The West Indies were bundled out for a mere 79 runs in 29.4 overs. In reply, Sri Lanka overhauled the target, scoring 81 for 4 off 30.3 overs, taking a leaf out of the style of their male counterparts - the world cup champions.

Khulna soccer

Victoria Sporting Club defeated Mousumi Club 2-1 in the Senior Division football league at the local stadium today.

Mousumi led the first half 1-0 scored by Dablu. Hafizur of Victoria scored both goals in the 68th and 75th minute.

Jamal of Victoria and Waliar of Mousumi were shown yellow card.

Tomorrow's match: Dighalla YMA Club vs Newprint Mills Club.

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