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Young Boys Club emerge champs

KHULNA, May 8: Young Boys Club clinched the First Division volleyball league championship 1997-98 defeating Dargahpur Jana Kalyan Samity 15-06, 15-11, 15-12 in the last match on Thursday, reports BSS.

Quddus in Athens

Gulam Quddus Chowdhury, secretary general of Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA), left for Athens on Thursday evening to attend a meeting of the Olympic Academy, reports BSS.

Goal shy Jamaica

MANCHESTER, England, May 8: World Cup finalists Jamaica finished their mini-tour of Britain in disappointing style with a 0-0 draw against relegated English First Division side Manchester City at Maine Road on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

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F'pur, D'pur in zonal final

Faridpur and Dinajpur moved into the zonal final of the 24th national cricket championship winning their respective two-day semifinals at different venues across the country yesterday. Mofizul Islam Biplab hammered the third ton of the qualifying round to help Faridpur post a comprehensive 121-run win over Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) in Satkhira. Biplab scored 135 as Faridpur, after electing to bat on Thursday, went on to make a mammoth total of 333 before being all out in 70 overs. In his 164-ball innings, Biplab struck a huge sixer and 16 boundaries. He was ably helped by Biplab junior who chipped in with 75 of 113 balls inclusive of eleven fours. In reply, BUET were bundled out for 212 in 65 overs yesterday with Kaiser notching highest 46. Faridpur's Rahat, the man behind BUET's debacle, captured three wickets for 46 runs while Nasim and Arif evenly shared four wickets. In the three-day final scheduled to start tomorrow at the same venue, Faridpur will take on Khulna. Away in Thakurgaon, Dinajpur eliminated neighbouring Rangpur by 50 runs to book their berth in the May 10, 11, 12 final against Rajshahi at the same venue. In a low-scoring affair, Dinajpur were booked for 192 in 72 overs after they had elected to bat on Thursday. Sumi scored highest 71 followed by Raju who added 45. Rangpur, in their chase, were shot out for 142 in 53.1 overs yesterday in the face of some inspirational bowling by Shimul who finished with 26. He was ably supported by Pappu who took two wickets for 31 runs. Meanwhile, Comilla and Gazipur reached the Dhaka zonal semifinals winning their respective quarterfinals at different city venues yesterday. At the Dhaka Stadium, Comilla registered a five-wicket win over Jessore. Sumon Barua scored highest 37 as Comilla, chasing a paltry Jessore total of 98 in a reduced 25-overs-a-side match, reached 99 for five with only two balls to spare. Among others, Shipon scored 29 while Rana was unbeaten on 16. Earlier, batting first, Jessore could muster 98 for nine with Ashique contributing highest 26. In the two-day semifinal scheduled to start at the same venue tomorrow, Comilla will meet Gazipur who beat Brahmanbaria by 76 runs at the Diamond Cricket stadium. Besides Nawabganj moved into the Bogra zonal semifinal with a two-wicket win over Nilphamari at the Bogra Stadium on Thursday. The winners will face Satkhira in the semifinal.

Akram propels Lancashire

LONDON, May 8: Pakistan all-rounder Wasim Akram thrashed 89 not out from just 43 balls to help Lancashire to a winning total of 298 for five in their Benson and Hedges Cup match against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge on Thursday, reports Reuters. Notts were all out for 240 in reply. After a sedate 81 from 115 balls by John Crawley, Akram, the former Pakistan captain, set the innings alight with eight fours and six sixes. He and Warren Hegg (36) shared an unbroken 123-run stand for the sixth wicket. Lancashire's win left them level with Warwickshire and Leicestershire on six points from four games in Group A. In Group B Durham earned a third successive victory in a roller-coaster of a match against Worcestershire. They dismissed their visitors for 161 after they had recovered from 113 for nine. At 112 for eight Durham were struggling but Melyvn Betts and Neil Killeen steadied the ship with an unbeaten stand of 50 to win the game. Kent moved level with Somerset in second place in Group C with a 125-run win over Hampshire. Alan Wells made 111 not out, his highest score in the competition, as Kent made 246 for six. Hampshire were never in the hunt after collapsing to 33 for five. Middlesex overtook Essex at the top of Group D after beating them by four wickets at Chelmsford. Nasser Hussain made 10 in an Essex total of 233 for nine but Middlesex paced their play well, winning with seven balls to spare. Meanwhile, Akram wants to stay with Lancashire for the rest of his cricket career. The Pakistan all-rounder is currently enjoying his testimonial season, and his first as captain, after 10 years service and hopes to be part of Lancashire's re-building programme into the next century. "I feel I have two or three years left at the top and I want to stay at Lancashire if I can," he said. "I realise it's too far ahead to say what will happen with any certainty, but they are the only club for me. I wouldn't dream of playing for anyone else." Wasim recently won back his Pakistan place after allegations of bribery and match-fixing against him prompted his omission from the original squad for their tour of South Africa. He was subsequently restored to the Pakistan team, and that could prove a stumbling block to his dream of an extended career at Lancashire. With the World Cup being held in England next year, Lancashire might want to seek another overseas import and would face a tough decision on whether to invite Wasim, 31, back towards the end of his career. "You never know, I might not get picked for the World Cup," Wasim said. "If I am the part of it, I certainly don't want the captain's job, but I would love to be able to come back to Old Trafford after that. We have got a good chance of mounting a serious challenge for the county championship this season, and even if we don't succeed now, I would like to finish the job, it would be one of the greatest achievements of my life if I could guide Lancashire to the title."

Shane suffers major blow

SYDNEY, May 8: Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne said Friday he would do everything in his power to overcome a shoulder injury in time to play his fourth Ashes series against England later this year, reports AP. Warne underwent surgery on his right shoulder on Thursday and admitted the injury — a torn rotator cuff and torn ligaments — was worse than expected. While doctors say the world's most prolific spinner will be sidelined for up to a year, Warne has set a return for the home Ashes series as his goal. "Obviously you're always confident you can come back from major surgery and I'm going to do everything in my power to make sure I'll be back in around six months or as close as I can," Warne said Friday. "By the same token it does take up to 12 months and I'll be doing everything possible to make sure it's right." Warne said he was aware of the risks involved in rushing back. "It's no use coming back if it's only half right or it's not quite right," Warne said. "I was told by a couple of guys that if I'd kept going my shoulder could have been in serious trouble and I mightn't have been able to bowl again." Warne, 28, has been dogged by injury for several seasons, and before the shoulder injury flared he was troubled by persistent pain in his spinning fingers. He became the greatest spin bowling wicket-taker of all time during the recent tour of India and his 313 Test wickets are the major reason for Australia's status as the leading contemporary team. Warne has played in three previous Ashes contests, taking 85 wickets at 23.57, and claimed a stunning wicket with his first ball of Australia-England clashes to remove Mike Gatting. Warne will miss Australia's participation in the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur in September and the following tour of Pakistan. "There are some things I have to do to make sure it's 100 per cent right and being able to come back and do my best," Warne said. "I suppose at this stage Pakistan is out because that's only four months away. If something miraculous happens over the winter and it does come up right and I can go to Pakistan, then I'll go, but at this stage it's not 120 per cent right I won't be playing any cricket." Warne admitted he was surprised by the extent of the damage to his shoulder. "It's been sore for a while and I don't think that's any hidden secret," Warne said. "Just to the extent of what was actually wrong, you never really know until you actually go inside and have a look. Everybody has an opinion on what was wrong, but we weren't quite sure until we went in there." Warne said his patience would be tested during the recovery process.

BCB picks two more reserves

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Cricket Board yesterday added two more names on the reserves' list of the national team. According to Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad, Towhid Hasan Shyamol and Tanveer Islam Khan are the two players who have been included in the previously ten-man reserves' list which was announced on April 27 along with the 14-man national side for the triangular one-day series in India, scheduled to begin on May 14. The duo will join the following ten reserves: Faruque Ahmed, Zakir Hasan, Atiar Rahman, Rizwan Hasan, Saiful Islam, Javed Omar, Shaifuddin Ahmed, Azam Iqbal, Al-Shahriar and Fahim Muntasir.

School cricket Loreto reach next round

Sports Reporter An all-round performance by Farhan Haider guided Loreto into the second phase of the 16th national school cricket Dhaka zonal qualifying round when they defeated Radiant International School by four wickets in the Group Two final at the Mahakhali T&T ground yesterday. Farhan took two wickets for 35 runs to help his side book the Radiants for 182 in 34.3 overs and then went on to score 37 runs as Loreto in reply, reached 185 in 32 overs with four wickets in hand. Farhan apart, Fahmid hammered highest 47 while Tanjee added 16 runs to the winners' credit. In the day's other two matches, Pre-Cadet School defeated Oxford International by 23 runs at the Uttara Friend's Club ground to confirm their berth in the Group Nine final while Syed Nazimuddin Pre-Cadet made their way into the Group Seven final trouncing Government Laboratory by five wickets at the Mirpur Outer Stadium. Shibuya Dilip in final Sports Reporter Shibuya Lala and Dilip Pasia moved into the men's doubles final of the national tennis circuits masters' leg with a hard-fought 2-1 win against Rohan and Laxman at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna yesterday. In a see-saw encounter, the winners clinched the first set 6-0 and then lost 4-6 before winning the final set through a tie-breaker (7-5). In today's final, the duo will meet Avi and Rumi who won the day's other semifinal against Upal and Rahat 6-4, 6-4. In the women's doubles, Baishakhi and Anku reached the final with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Mithun and Avi. Besides, Baishakhi, Avi and Shaoni made it to the last four in women's singles. In the quarterfinals, Baishakhi had an easy 6-0, 6-1 sail over her partner Anku. Avi outplayed Mithun 6-0, 6-2 while Shaoni ousted China 6-0, 6-1. Eight men — Dilip Pasia, Rumi, Collins, Avi, Selim, Laxman, Rohan and Shibuya Lal, moved into the men's singles quarterfinals winning their respective matches yesterday. SSS win Star youth cricket title CHITTAGONG, May 8: Shaheed Sahajahan Sangha (SSS) won the championship of the Star youth cricket tournament beating holders Mohammedan Blues by 51 runs at the Railway Polo ground here today, reports BSS. SSS, batting first, scored 230 for eight wickets in the stipulated 40 overs. In reply, Blues scored 179 for nine in 40 overs. Mithu of SSS top scored with 63 runs, followed by Babu 43. Blues captain Khurshid made 42 and his partner Liton scored 44. Mithu of SSS was adjudged the player-of-the-match.

Sanath marries Sumudu

COLOMBO, May 8: (PTI/AP) Sri Lanka's hard-hitting opening batsman, Sanath Jayasuriya today married a former Air Lanka ground hostess, Sumudu Karunanayake at a simple but colourful wedding ceremony here. Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga and a host of politicians and top cricketers from the island attended Jayasuriya's marriage which was solemnised under traditional Buddhist ceremony at a five star hotel. Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin and batting genius Sachin Tendulkar and former Miss World Aishwarya Rai were invited to attend the wedding. But they were not present expressing inability due to their pre-occupations, a family friend of Jayasuriya said. Karunanayake, worked in the national carrier's first class lounge at the international airport. It was not clear whether the two met at the airport while Jayasuriya was on the way to an international match. Jayasuriya said the marriage was arranged by the couples' parents, as is the case with many unions in the region. — AP/UNB photo

Selectors recall Rahul

MUMBAI, May 8: Indian run machine Sachin Tendulkar and leg-spinner Anil Kumble have been rested while middle-order batsman Rahul Dravid and wicketkeeper M S K Prasad of Andhra included for the three-nation one-day cricket tournament slated from May 14 to 31, reports PTI. The chairman of the selection committee Kushen Rungta told reporters here today after the committee meeting that Mohammad Azharuddin will lead the team in the first match and then proceed to England for the International Cricket Council's (ICC) captain's meeting to be held at Lords on May 18. Ajay Jadeja will be the acting skipper for the second and third match, Rungta said. All-rounder Robin Singh of Tamil Nadu, who was sidelined due to injuries and could not make it to Sharjah, finds a place along with Nikhil Haldipur of Bengal, opening batsman Gagan Khoda of Rajasthan and leg-spinner Sairaj Bahutule. Bangladesh and Kenya are the other teams participating in the tournament. Dravid, the prolific run-getter in Tests, last played a one-day match at Sharjah against the West Indies last year. Dravid has scored 1426 ODI runs in 51 matches (45 innings played) for an average of 34.78 and a strike rate of 65.13 including a hundred and eleven fifties. Rungta said, "With the World Cup in mind we will be trying youngster along with two wicketkeepers. Saurav Ganguly will open the innings with either Gagan Khoda or Nikhil Haldipur, Haldipur and Prasad get the nod as they played very well during the India-A tour of Pakistan. "We don't want to field a weak team and that is why we are rotating the experienced players. After the first two league matches we will rest Ganguly, Robin Singh and bring back Tendulkar, Anil Kumble and Prasad into the 14 member squad," he added. India have so far won 14 tournaments involving three or more nations. Their first win was in the 1983 World Cup under Kapil Dev's captaincy. The captains, who have won tournaments for India are Azharuddin (7), Dev (2), Gavaskar (2), Shastri (1), Vengsarkar (1) and Tendulkar (1). SQUAD Mohammad Azharuddin (capt), Saurav Ganguly, Gagan Khoda, Ajay Jadeja, Rahul Dravid, Rishikesh Kanitkar, N S K Prasad (wicketkeeper), Robin Singh, Sairaj Bahutule, Ajit Agarkar, Debashis Mohanty, Rahul Sanghvi, Nikhil Haldipur and Harvinder Singh. Coach: Anshuman Gaekwad.

Klinsmann ill at ease?

LONDON, May 8: 1996 European champion, said Thursday he was still hobbling from his fifth knee operation and wasn't fit for the World Cup. Olaf Thon, his replacement, is recovering slowly from an ankle injury and is doubtful. That leaves the 37-year-old Matthias, who was dropped from the Euro '96 team by manager Berti Vogts and has had an icy relationship with Klinsmann since their days together at Bayern Munich. Klinsmann, who scored four goals last weekend for Tottenham to save the club from relegation, said he talked with Vogts about Matthias. "We had a talk about it last week and I said clearly it was his decision," Klinsmann said. "First of all, we still hope that Olaf Thon will be part of the team. "If it's not working out and Olaf doesn't make it, and Berti Vogts decides to take Lothar, well ok. "At the moment I got the message and they said Olaf should be ok after two or two and half weeks, then I couldn't imagine that he would take Lothar Matthias." Asked when he last talked with Matthias, Klinsmann paused to think. "When I was at Bayern Munich," he replied. "There is just no relationship at all." Vogts is expected to name Germany's team next week. "In such a big tournament like the World Cup, you should play to win the World Cup and if the manager decides to take Lothar that's how it is." Matthias has played a record 122 times for Germany and captained its 1990 World Cup-winning team. Klinsmann, who moved to Tottenham in January from Italy's Sampdoria, said he would not return to the English club and had no idea where he'd play next season. "I don't know what comes up after the World Cup," said Klinsmann, who will play his final match this weekend against Southampton.

ADIDAS ALL STARS: (L-R) Soccer stars Paul Gascoigne (England), Juergen Klinsmann (Germany), Marc Overmars (Holland), Graeme le Saux (England) and Paul Ince (England) getting aboard a Eurostar train at the Waterloo station in London on May 7. The players are on a mission to promote the latest Adidas boots. — AP/UNB photo

The Daily Star TV Guide. A comprehensive grid listing TV programs for various channels (BBC, STAR MOVIES, STAR PLUS, ZEE INDIA TV, MUSIC ASIA, DD 7, SONY ET, ZEE TV, TNT CARTOONS) across different time slots (3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00).