

CCDM gets a secretary Manu in Babu's shoes

Sports Reporter
The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) appears to have finally filled the hole left by executive committee member Ali Ahsan Babu's reluctance to function as secretary of the senior division league, but only after making a compromise by creating instead the post of member-secretary Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM).

After failing to coax Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad, BCB's former executive secretary, to put on Babu's shoes, Mahmud Ul Haque Manu, a joint secretary of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), was last night appointed member-secretary of the CCDM. Earlier, the (BCB) in its meeting on August 20 nominated its vice-president Tanveer Haider to the CCDM chair and three secretaries -- board member Ali Ahsan Babu as secretary senior division league, Hossain Mollah as secretary tournament and Enayet Kabir Chanchal as secretary junior division league.

But Babu, in a quick petition, requested the board to relieve him from the responsibility in view of his professional commitments.

Although, Manu has been selected as the replacement for Babu, the BCB general secretary Syed Ashraful Haque said last night that, as member-secretary CCDM, Manu will be supervising the function of both the secretary tournament and the secretary junior division.

Nat'l schools hockey MA Bari High trounce Ahmed Bawani Academy

Chudanga MA Bari High School trounced Dhaka Ahmed Bawani Academy 7-0 in the match of the 3rd BKSP National schools hockey tournament at the BKSP ground yesterday, reports BSS.

Earlier, in the morning, Ahmed Bawani Academy defeated Jessore Muslim Academy 3-2.

Shabad scored 2 and Kazi Hossain netted one for the winners while Imran scored 2 for the losers.

Earlier Chudanga MA Bari High got walkover against Comilla Debidwar High School.

Schools chess

Eight players were jointly leading the 13th Bata school chess championship with full four points after the fourth round matches at the NSC chess room yesterday, reports UNB.

They are Parag, Royal, Ratul, Sabbir, Rana, Sagar, Nazir and Farhad.

In the round, Parag beat Obaidul, Royal defeated Arifuzaman, Ratul beat Mohan, Sabbir beat Kabir, Rana defeated Shahadat, Sagar beat Ataur, Nazir beat Bari, and Farhad beat Russel.

Tanvir and Shahidul followed the leaders with three and a half points.

The fifth round will be held today at the same venue.

Flood football in Chittagong

Sports Reporter
The Harun-ur-Rashid led sports relief committee will organise a football tournament in the first week of September to raise fund for the flood-hit people.

The tournament involving three leading Chittagong clubs -- Mohammedan, Abahani & Regensea -- and a selection of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is likely to start at the Abdul Aziz Stadium in the port city from September 5.

BSS adds: The sportsmen of the country have joined the activities for the flood victims by forming a relief committee with State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader as its chief patron and youth and sports secretary as patron.

General Secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Harunur Rashid, MP, Secretary of the National Sports Council ASM Alam Kabir and general secretary of Bangladesh Volleyball Federation Munirul Haq have been made chairman, member-secretary and treasurer of the committee respectively.

The committee was formed at a meeting of the general secretaries of the national sports federations on Sunday with the State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs in the chair.

The committee decided that BFF would organise football tournaments with country's leading clubs at Chittagong and Rajshahi to raise fund for the flood victims.

Bangladesh Hockey Federation will try to organise a charity hockey match between India and Pakistan in Dhaka when they return home after taking part in the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur next month. Bangladesh Wrestling Federation will organise an international free-style wrestling competition.



SENSATIONAL! Sri Lanka's magical off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan about to let go yet another beauty during his outstanding bowling display in the one-off Test against England at The Oval yesterday. Muralitharan's match figures of 16 for 220 was the fifth best ever in Test history. — AFP photo

First match against Asian holders

Youths leave for Qatar
Sports Reporter
A 24-member Bangladesh youth (under-16) soccer team, inclusive of four officials, will leave for Qatar tonight to participate in the finals of the 8th Asian Youth Championship beginning in Doha from September 3.

Bangladesh will take on holders Oman in a group B match earmarked to inaugurate the tournament at Doha's Al-Sadd Stadium. Bahrain, Japan and South Korea are the other teams in the group. The other group comprises of hosts Qatar, Thailand, Iraq, North Korea and Iran.

Bangladesh, who qualified for the ten-team final round as group five champions in the first phase, is scheduled to play its second match against Bahrain at the same venue on September 5. The other two

matches against South Korea and Japan will be held on September 8 and 11 respectively.

Veteran sports organiser and a vice-president of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Zafar Imam will accompany the squad as team leader. The other three officials are Abdul Gaffar (manager), Sayeed Hasan Kanan (coach) and Dr. Golam Shawkat Hossain (physio).

The squad: Abu Sayeed, Rafiqul Islam, Babul Vaskar, F Mahmud Hossain Tito, M Sujon, Anwar Faisal Iqo, Mahmudul Hasan, Masud Alam Jahangir, Hanif Prodhan, Monwar Hossain, Rokonzaman Kanchan, Shahinur Rahman Rony, Obaidur Rahman, Kamal Hossain, Gool Mohammad, Tariqul Islam Dablu, Masud Khan Johnny, Chandan Sen, Rashidul Alam Dipu, Tanveer Chowdhury.

Susanthika for peace

COLOMBO, Aug 31: Sri Lanka's top sprinter and Asia's fastest woman Susanthika Jayasinghe Sunday called for peace with local officials whom she earlier accused of sexually harassing her and framing her on a doping charge, reports AFP.

Jayasinghe, 22, who last week had a suspension lifted after she was cleared of taking performance enhancing drugs, said she faced a bigger challenge now in ensuring reconciliation with sports ministry officials.

"I have absolutely no faith in the ministry officials or the two doctors in the ministry," Jayasinghe said. "But at the same time, I cannot continue my career without ending this stand off. They may try to stop me again."

She said she was financially crippled since the doping scandal broke out following a test carried out by the Amateur Athletic Association in March.

"They cut off my sponsor-

Hooper humbles Northants

LONDON, Aug 31: West Indies star Carl Hooper tormented Northamptonshire's bowlers for the second day in a row as Kent boosted their chances of finishing in the top half of the Sunday league table with a comfortable seven-wicket victory on Sunday, reports AFP.

Hooper followed his unbeaten 157 in the championship match on Saturday with 65 not out from 61 deliveries to steer the visitors past Northants' modest 168 for six with 20 deliveries to spare.

Essex's Sunday league title hopes took a nose-dive as they crashed to an eight-wicket defeat against Yorkshire.

After being skittled for 129 in 37.3 overs, the visitors were put to the sword by Matthew Wood and David Byas, who added an unbroken 83 in 12 overs for the third wicket to take Yorkshire to victory with 12.3 overs to spare.

The southwestern province of Sindh in China April because of the doping scandal.

"I missed about 5,000 dollars because of that and I need the money," she said.

She will face a timing test Wednesday to qualify for the Commonwealth Games but said she will not take part unless she is able to record a timing better than 22.5 seconds.

Jayasinghe's indefinite suspension slapped in April was lifted last week after a 2-1 vote cleared her of charges of taking performance enhancing steroids.

The lifting of the ban was subject to Jayasinghe undergoing urine tests every three months but her lawyer, Daya Perera said she would agree only if there was a qualified officer to take the test.

"Our position was that from the very beginning the authorities had not followed the correct procedure in taking a urine sample from her in March," lawyer Perera said.

Lanka's landmark win

LONDON, Aug 31: Off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan returned the seventh-best bowling figures in Test history as Sri Lanka crushed England by 10 wickets in the one-off Test at The Oval today, reports AFP.

Muttiah Muralitharan, who finished with 16 wickets in the match, claimed figures of 52.2-27-65-9 as England crashed to 181 all out.

Sri Lanka's openers Sanath Jayasuriya (24 not out) and Marvan Atapattu (nine not out) knocked off the 36 runs needed for victory in just five overs with more than half an hour to spare on the final day of the match.

It was Sri Lanka's first Test victory in England and came after the home side had amassed 445 in their first innings.

Muralitharan, whose action was questioned by England coach David Lloyd on Sunday night, finished with match figures of 16 for 220.

But while the Sri Lankan players were celebrating their historic victory, officials were involved in a row over Muralitharan's action.

Lloyd cast a cloud of suspicion over the world's best finger spinner on Sunday and revealed he would make his observations "known to the proper authorities."

The Sri Lankans responded angrily to the comments, claiming Lloyd was wrong to make his reservations public instead of going directly to the match referee.

England, resuming on 54 for two and 92 runs adrift of the tourists' massive first innings 591, struggled from the outset against Muralitharan.

England's hopes of winning three consecutive Test matches for the first time since 1981 had effectively disappeared over the weekend when the world one-day champions posted a massive 591 in their first innings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of the one-off Test between England and Sri Lanka at The Oval on Monday:
ENGLAND: First innings 445
SRI LANKA: First innings 591

ENGLAND: Second innings (Overnight 54 for two)
Butcher st Kaluwitharana b Muralitharan 15

James c Jayawardene b Muralitharan 25
Hak lbw b Muralitharan 0
Stewart run out 32

Rampakrish c Tillakaratne b Muralitharan 42
Crawley b Muralitharan 14
Hollooake lbw b Muralitharan 0
Cork c Kaluwitharana b Muralitharan 8
Salisbury lbw b Muralitharan 0
Gough b Muralitharan 15
Fraser not out 0

Extras: (b-7, lb-8, w-1, nb-14) 30
Total: (all out in 129.2 overs) 181
Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-25; 3-78; 4-93; 5-116; 6-116; 7-127; 8-127; 9-180; 10-181.

HIV-positive footballer fights ban

MELBOURNE, Aug 31 (AP): An amateur footballer who is HIV-positive has taken legal action after being banned by his state association because of his condition.

Matthew Hall, who plays Australian Rules football, is fighting a ban by the Victorian Amateur Football Association in an anti-discrimination tribunal.

An AIDS expert told the tribunal Monday that there was no justification for the ban.

Professor John Dwyer, who is the medical director of Prince Henry's Hospital in Sydney and head of medicine at the University of New South Wales, told the tribunal he would advise football coaches that the risk of an HIV-positive footballer infecting his teammates was infinitesimal.

"We're talking totally extraordinary odds," Dwyer told the tribunal. "I'm very comfortable with telling people who ask my opinion that people with HIV should be allowed to play their code of football."

Dwyer said the World Health Organisation had stated there was no scientifically verified case of HIV being transmitted in a sporting arena.

He said there was overwhelming evidence to show the vast majority of infections occurred through sexual contact and the sharing of needles.

Inter-club tennis postponed

Inter-club open Tennis competition, organised by Bangladesh Tennis Federation, was postponed yesterday due to the devastating flood in the country, reports UNB.

The competition was earlier scheduled to begin on September 4.

The fresh date of the competition will be announced later.

Bowler	O	M	R	W	Bowler	O	M	R	W
Wickramasinghe	4	0	16	0	Fraser	2	0	19	0
Perera	11	2	22	0	Cork	2	0	3	0
Muralitharan	54.2	27	65	9	Hollooake	1	0	11	0
Dharmasena	19.3	13	12	0	Result: Sri Lanka won by 10 wickets.				
Jayasuriya	28	14	30	0	Player-of-the-match: Muttiah Muralitharan.				
De Silva	10.3	3	16	0	Umpires: David Shepherd (England) and Eddie Nicholls (West Indies).				
Jayawardene	2	0	5	0	Match referee: Ahmed Ebrahim (Zimbabwe).				
SRI LANKA: Second innings									
Jayasuriya not out					24				
Atapattu not out					9				
Extras: (lb-4)					4				
Total: (for no loss in five overs)					37				

Murali joins greats

LONDON, Aug 31 (Reuters/Internet): Muttiah Muralitharan completed the fifth best match haul in Test cricket history of 16 for 220 at The Oval on Monday to spin Sri Lanka to their first Test triumph in England. Off-spinner Muralitharan added nine for 65 to his first innings seven for 155 as Sri Lanka won the one-off test by 10 wickets on the final day.

England, 146 behind on first innings, crumbled from the overnight 54 for two to 181 all out and Sri Lanka, needing 36 to win, romped home in five overs in the final session.

Muralitharan now has the seventh best performance for a single innings in a Test.

He also became the first bowler to take 16 wickets in a Test at The Oval.

HALL OF FAME

Most wicket-takers in a Test match:
19-90 J. Laker: England v Australia 1956
17-159 S. Barnes: England v South Africa 1913
16-136 N. Hirwani: India v West Indies 1987
16-137 R. Massie: Australia v England 1972
16-220 M. Muralitharan: Sri Lanka v England 1998

Most wicket-takers in one innings in a Test match:
10-53 J. Laker: England v Australia 1956
9-28 G. Lohmann: England v South Africa 1895
9-37 J. Laker: England v Australia 1956
9-52 R. Hadlee: New Zealand v Australia 1 985
9-56 Abdul Qadir: Pakistan v England 1977
9-57 D. Malcolm: England v South Africa 1944
9-65 M. Muralitharan: Sri Lanka v England 1998
9-69 J. Patel: India v Australia 1959
9-83 K. Dev: India v West Indies 1983
9-86 S. Nawaz: Pakistan v Australia 1978

Lloyd irks Lankans

LONDON, Aug 31: Sri Lanka reacted strongly to David Lloyd's remarks on off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan's action and demanded an explanation from the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Monday, reports AP.

Lloyd, the England coach cast cloud of suspicion over Sri Lanka's double-jointed bowler, as his side slumped closer to a defeat in the one-off Test.

Muralitharan, 26, was no-balled seven times by Australian umpire Darrell Hair during Sri Lanka's second Test against Australia at Melbourne on Boxing Day 1995.

But Muralitharan, who has over 200 Test wickets in 42 matches so far, has since been cleared after medical evidence confirmed a physical deformity on both his arms.

Muralitharan, bowls with a bent right arm that cannot be straightened.

"We don't want a repetition of what happened before," said an angry Thilanga Sumathipala, the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL).

"If there were any concerns he should have gone to the match referee, not the media," said Sumathipala.

"I will make my opinions known to the appropriate authorities," Lloyd said of Muralitharan. "I am not going any further than that. I am not prepared to make any more comment," Lloyd said after the fourth day's play.

"I have brought it to the attention of the ECB and I want to know what concerns he has, it was all highly uncalled for," Sumathipala said.

"It is also totally disappointing from the Sri Lankan public's point of view. This has been a successful tour up to now, everything was positive and it

David Lloyd

is disappointing for something like this to happen now."

Sri Lanka, the reigning one-day world champions, went into the Test following their triumph in the triangular series that included England and South Africa.

Match referee Ahmed Ebrahim confirmed he had studied Lloyd's comments but decided against a hearing.

"Claiming someone had an 'unorthodox' action did not contravene the ICC's code of conduct," Ahmed said.

Richard Peel, the ECB's Director of Corporate Affairs, said, Lloyd would be spoken to at the end of the Test.

Bharatiya Independence Cup Muktijoddha all set to take part

Sports Reporter
Premier Division football league and India's McDowell Cup champions Muktijoddha Sangsard Kirra Chakra will participate in the Bharatiya Independence Cup football tournament to be held in Naogaon, a district town in the north eastern Indian province of Assam, from September 16.

Although Jahangir Alam, manager of the all-reds could not provide any details of the tournament last night, he confirmed that they have already received the 'green signal' from the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) to join the meet, which will also involve five teams from different parts of India. The tournament has been organised by Naogaon Football Association to mark the country's 50 anniversary.

Muktijoddha Sangsard, who will begin practising at the Mirpur Stadium from this afternoon, will leave the capital for Calcutta on September 14.

Mohammedan Sporting Club has been invited to take part in the IFA Shield football tournament to be held in Calcutta from November 2.

A BFF official last night said no decision on the matter has as yet been taken.

Division II landmark T&T links up with Cameroon

Sports Reporter
A Cameroon football player-Andjock Zakari--will play for T&T Club in Dhaka's Second Division football league. The 16-team league will start at the Mirpur Stadium from September 11.

The tall African defender, the first foreign booter to play in the second division, completed his registration formalities at the Bangladesh Football Federation office yesterday.

It was also learnt that Sadharan Bima Kirra Sangstha will be registering a foreigner for their division two league campaign.

Mohsin prefers acting to cricket?

KARACHI, Aug 31 (The News/Internet): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) officials found themselves in an embarrassing situation on Sunday in Lahore, when the coach of the Commonwealth Games squad, Mohsin Hasan Khan, failed to turn up due to a film shooting commitment.

Mohsin was unable to witness the match between the Sahara XI and the Commonwealth Games XI at the Gaddafi Stadium as he had to report elsewhere for shooting of a film. The former Test opener, who turned to filmhood after retiring from international cricket in the mid-80s, was appointed coach with the Pakistan team last June after he expressed his willingness to once again associate himself with the game.

But, it seems, Mohsin has still not completely freed himself of his movie commitments, because on Sunday he showed up for the match only in the evening when it was nearly over.

Jhalakathi sports

JHALAKATHI, Aug 31: Local Government Boys' School emerged champions in football with Harendra Girls' School clinched the handball title of the Jhalakathi thana summer sports competition, reports UNB.



(L-R) Didier Deschamps, Laurent Blanc, Christophe Dugarry, Robert Pires and Zinedine Zidane, all members of the French World Cup winning squad and all present of former players of Olympique Marseille, parading through the streets of Marseille during a public reception on August 30. — AP/UNB photo