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| 1 | Who won the Asian Test Championship title? |
| India | Sri Lanka |
| 2 | Kevin Keegan is the manager of England |
| 3 | Warne is a leg-spinner |
| 4 | Who is the first Bangladeshi batsman to score an ODI century? |
| Mehrab | Shahriar |
| 5 | How many half-centuries has Akram Khan scored? |
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SPORTS TALK



Michael Atherton

(Former England captain)
"I think there could have been a more understanding approach from the England Cricket Board, delaying the fitness assessments, giving me an extra two weeks of more gentle rehabilitation in Cape Town with Lancashire."

After being dropped from the England WC squad last week on fitness ground.

Faridpur beat Chandpur

Faridpur earned an impressive 53-run victory over Chandpur in the final round of the 19th national youth cricket championship at the Sathkhira Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Faridpur will take on BKSP in their next match on April 9-10 at the same venue.

On the last day of the two-day match, with overnight score of 34 for four in 17 overs, Chandpur were all out for 175 in 68.5 overs while chasing 250.

Bisu made highest 44 while Jamil and Nitul scored 25 and 22.

Monzur and Sohan picked up two wickets each.

Gold Flake Open results

MADRAS, Apr 6: Fifth seed Andrew Ilie of Australia and former champion Mikael Tillstrom of Sweden survived scares to win their first round matches Monday, the opening day of the Gold Flake Open, reports AP.

Ilie was stretched to three sets by Dutch player Dennis Van Scheppingen in his 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 victory. Tillstrom, who won the tournament in 1997 and was runner-up last year, came back strongly after being 2-4 down in the first set against Orlin Stanoytchev of Bulgaria to win the match 6-4, 6-4.

Other winners included John Van Lottum of the Netherlands, who defeated Germany's Jens Knippschild 6-3, 6-4, and wild card entry Jonathan Stark of the United States, who shrugged off a second set tie-breaker loss to overcome Frenchman Mannicolas Escude 6-2, 6-7 (7-2), 6-2.

Carlos Moya, briefly exposed to the glory of being No 1, has a chance to surpass Pete Sampras and regain the top spot in tennis during the tournament.

Moya, the only Spaniard ever to lead the ATP rankings, had just two weeks at the top last month before Sampras returned to his familiar slot. But Moya only needs to reach the final of the hard-court tournament in southern India to again dump Sampras, who has no tournament play this week.

Karachi President's Cup BCB beat strong Pak Customs

Sports Reporter

Al-Shahriar slammed a brilliant half-century to remind the selectors at home and medium-pacer Aminul Islam Jr. returned with four wickets to design a thrilling seven-run win for BCB Eleven against Pakistan Customs in their second match of the President's Cup One-day Championship at the Karachi National Stadium yesterday.

The attacking right-hander scored 85 off 110 balls as BCB, sent in to bat by Customs, amassed a fighting 185 before being all out in 47.1 overs.

In reply, Customs were bundled out for 178 in 48 overs. Dubiously dropped from the England-bound 15-man Bangladesh squad, Al-Shahriar proved his worth as a match-winner when he fought a lone battle despite wickets falling at regular intervals at the other end.

Coming in to bat at number five with BCB reeling at 21 for three, the talented batsman shared 56 runs for the fourth wicket with Faruque, the former national captain preferred by the national selectors ahead of Al-Shahriar in the World Cup squad.

But Faruque, reduced to mediocrity as a player, who scored only ten in the first match, once again offered a middling performance before being bowled by Shafiq for 21, leaving his young partner to carry the most demanding task of taking the tourists to a fighting total.

Al-Shahriar, considered as the most exciting batsman, however, was not ready to resign without a fight. The man-of-the-match was eventually out in the 42nd over, but not before the second-string national side reached 175 on a difficult wicket.

The visitors, smarting from a 50-run defeat in the inaugural match against Karachi Cricket Association on Monday, not only turned the table on strong Customs but also rekindled

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AL-SHAHRIAR ... 85

splendid job in defence of a not-so-impressive total.

Medium-pacer Aminul Islam took four wickets for 37 runs in his spell of 10 economic overs. The right-arm seamer was also responsible for igniting an on-field celebration when he heralded the fall of Customs' number eleven batsmen Nawab, who offered a straight-forward catch to the waiting hands of Faruque.

Aminul, who made the early inroads into the Custom innings by removing Azhar for a duck in the very first over, was also supported by all-rounder Mashfiqul Rahman, who with his gentle medium-pace captured three wickets for 32 runs in his 10 overs. Besides, off-spinner Fahim Muntasir chipped in with two for 30.

For Customs, Hasan Raja, the youngest player ever to play a Test cricket match, scored a quick-fire 49 before being bowled by Fahim. Azam Khan made 30 off 53 balls.

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Jessore book final berth

Biman baffle Mymensingh

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Biman pulled off a sensational six-wicket win over Mymensingh yesterday to set up the 25th National Cricket Championship.

In a dramatic twist to the happenings, the national airline outfit, set to score 183 runs for an outright victory on the final day of the three-day semi-final at the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium, raced on to score 184 for six with Ziaur Rashid hammering an unbeaten 53.

The experienced right-hander, coming in to bat at number seven with Biman tottering at 229 for six, put on 55 runs for the undefeated seventh wicket with Saleh Ahmed to clinch an unlikely Biman victory. Saleh scored a priceless 21 not out.

The match, appeared to be going in favour of Mymensingh on the second day, experienced an exciting turnaround when Biman shot Mymensingh out for 107 in the second innings.

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In reply, Sylhet, who made 197 in their first innings, tried to accelerate things in a desperate attempt to compel Jessore to bat again. But they eventually ended up scoring only 93 runs for eight before the umpires called it all over.

The final between Biman and Jessore will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow.

Nat'l youth v'ball from

Apr 16

The final round of the national youth volleyball championship, organised by Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, will begin on April 16 at the court adjacent to the Moulana Bhasani Stadium, reports DINAJ.

A total of 11 teams — Defending champions Comilla, Gazipur, Rajbari, Sylhet, Chittagong, Jhenidah, Barisal, Narail, Khulna, Rangpur and Rajshahi — will participate in.

Participating teams have been asked to report at the Mirpur Krira Palli by 6 pm on April 15, said a Federation press release yesterday.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Apr 6: Willow Krira Chakra defeated Raninagar Sporting Club by six wickets in the lone match of the First Division cricket league today at the Divisional Stadium.

Action from the national cricket championship. Fixture between Sylhet DSA and Jessore DSA at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Mohammedan isolated, protest

Sports Reporter

Seven of the eight clubs involved in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League will start playing the return-leg matches from today even if joint-leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club, who refused to play their opening return-leg clash against Azad Sporting last Monday, do not take part, according to the League Committee secretary Habibur Rahaman Yousuf.

The first match between Mohammedan and Azad Sporting is scheduled to start at 2:15 pm today, while the second match of the day between Usha Krira Chakra and Farashganj Sporting will commence at 4 pm.

This was decided by the League Committee in a meeting on Monday night.

"We have to continue with the league for the greater interest of the clubs, who are spending a lot everyday and they can not wait anymore because of a certain team," said Yousuf yesterday.

"We have also overruled the umpires' report on Monday's two games and forwarded the

case along with other matters of

the day to the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) executive committee," revealed Yousuf.

In a turnabout Yousuf, however, claimed in a rejoinder to The Daily Star yesterday that he did not say Mohammedan refused to play because of the non-availability of four foreign players.

When asked what did he say to this reporter, Yousuf said that everybody knew about this (four foreign players) but as the League Committee secretary he should not have been quoted as having said that.

Meanwhile, Mohammedan

hockey secretary and former player Sajed Adel yesterday

condemned the League Committee secretary for his comment on Mohammedan Club.

"This is highly objectionable. He can not say Mohammedan did not play for not having their four Pakistani players. Even if this is an open secret, as League Committee secretary he should not have commented in that way," said a visibly angry Sajed yesterday.

When asked whether his team would play in the league today, Sajed informed that they were to hold a meeting at the club last night and decide the matter by this morning.

Meanwhile, an emergency meeting of the BHF executive body has been called tomorrow at 5 pm to discuss the whole issue.

According to the BHF general secretary Shamsul Bari, the meeting is likely to take disciplinary action against the six umpires who submitted false reports on Monday stating that the ground was unplayable.

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