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4 How many Grand Slam titles has Steffi Graf won till now? 22 23 24

5 Who is ATP's top ranked player right now? Sampras Moya Agassi

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ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

SPORTS TALK



Patrick Rafter
(Australian tennis superstar)
"When you haven't got it, you really want it; when you have it, you really don't want it."
On the paradox of fame.

Women's handball
semis today,
tomorrow

Shamsun Nahar Hall of
Dhaka University meet Ispahani Girls School & College in the first semi of the 5th Delta Life Inter-College/Hall Women's Handball tournament today at 4 pm at the Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex, says UNB.

Vigarni Noon School and College will play the second semi-final with Mirpur Girls Ideal Laboratory Institute tomorrow at the same time and venue.

The final match will begin at 4 pm on Saturday while the third place-deciding match between the two losing semifinalists will be held on Friday.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader will be the chief guest at the final.

Discipline in sports stressed

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Youth and Sports yesterday stressed the need for maintaining disciplined environment in sports federations including Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation (BAAF), says BSS.

The committee, at a meeting at the Sangsab Bhaban with committee chairman Zainal Abedin Hazar in the chair, felt that it was essential to achieve the desired result in the coming South Asian Federation (SAF) Games in Kathmandu as well as to improve the standard of games and sports.

The meeting discussed different aspects of Bangladesh's preparations and participation in the Games.

The progress of modernisation, maintenance and repairing of different stadiums at district level was also discussed.

Committee members State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, AKM Shamsul Huq and Abdur Rashid Sarkar attended the meeting.



Action from yesterday's Premier Division football encounter between Fakirerpool and Rahmatganj.

—Star photo

Arambagh kick up dust

Sports Reporter

Arambagh Krira Sangha gave a sensational twist to an extended battle for the only vacant slot in the 'super four' when they recorded a 2-0 win over Farashganj Sporting in the Keaya Premier Football League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Ahead of their penultimate clash against Farashganj's Motijheel outfit, popularly known as traditional giant-slayers in domestic football, was hardly considered a challenger for the fourth place behind leaders Mohammmedan, holders Muktijoddha and Abahani.

Both Farashganj and Arambagh went into the match with nine points apiece from seven outings.

The prospects of Farashganj advancing into the elite four was bright since the old-town outfit plays relegation-threatened and relatively weaker Rahmatganj in the last match of the first phase.

On the other hand, Arambagh were left with a tough last-match against Brothers Union.

The old-town outfit needed a victory to almost make sure of their passage into the super four at the expense of the two other nearest rivals Brothers Union and Badda Jagorani, who have 10 and 11 points from eight matches.

But Arambagh, who had other ideas in mind, changed the complexion of the league when they scored one goal apiece in both halves to effectively evaporate Farashganj's chances of a place in the final four.

Ritu gave Arambagh a 41st minute lead, side-footing a spectacular low flag-kick from Mithu. It was his fourth goal in the League.

Asif then stepped up to convert a 12-yarder in the 62nd minute to seal the fate of the

match. Referee R Alam pointed to the dreaded spot after two Farashganj defenders pulled down a menacingly poised Titu in the forbidden zone.

It was Asif's fifth goal in the League, which also made him the leading scorer with Zahir of Abahani, Mizan of Brothers Union and Muktijoddha's Nigerian forward Efiyan.

Although Farashganj started the match on a positive note, creating a couple of chances early in the first half, they were in complete disarray once Ritu broke the evening's duck, very much against the run of play.

Besides, the absence of Farashganj's nimble forward Kanchan also cost them the match as their makeshift attackers miserably failed to capitalise on those early openings.

Farhad muffed up the first chance in the 14th minute when the shaven-headed forward shot straight to a hapless Arambagh custodian after doing all the spadework. Four minutes later Moni's successive attempts came off the Arambagh wall. Farashganj got their last scoring opportunity in the 20th minute when Moni came up with a neat placing shot, but was only to be denied by an ever-alert Arambagh defender Mithu.

Arambagh's Mithu and Abdul Akin were cautioned with yellow cards in the match.

TEAMS

ARAMBAGH KS: Abir, Titu, Choton, Mizan, Mithu, Shamim, Tajuddin, Manik (Abidul Akin), Asif (Yousuf), Ritu and Jhony.

FARASHGANJ SC: Anwar, Shafiq, Ashraful, Nazrul, Akoma, Chanchal, Bidyut, Polash, Azim (Apul), Moni and Farhad (Uttam).

Referee: R Alam.

NO JOY AT THE BOTTOM

In the first match of the day, Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society and Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club shared honours on a goalless draw.

The clash of the two relegation-threatened teams failed to break the deadlock when Rahmatganj's national forward Tipu alone missed as many as three sitters.

The otherwise dull and insipid encounter headed for an inevitable draw when Rahmatganj's custodian Hima made a spectacular save of an Avijit pile-driver midway through the second half.

With this draw Rahmatganj improved their tally to seven points from eight matches. For Fakirerpool, who are yet to win a match, it was their third draw from eight games.

STANDINGS

Team	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Mohammmedan	8	7	1	0	12	1	22
Muktijoddha	8	6	1	1	17	6	19
Abahani KC	8	5	2	1	13	5	17
Arambagh KS	8	3	3	2	12	11	12
Badda Jagorani	8	3	2	3	11	10	11
Brothers Union	8	3	1	4	11	9	10
Farashganj SC	8	3	0	5	7	10	9
Rahmatganj MFS	8	1	4	3	7	10	7
Fakirerpool YMC	8	0	3	5	2	13	3
Mirpur Chalantika	8	0	1	7	7	24	1

Pintoo Football Academy has a vision

German boost for 'tokais'

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation member Fazlur Rahman Babul were present at the press conference.

Pintoo said that the academy will begin its first residential camp at the Gazipur Stadium with 40 Tokais of 14 to 16 year age group. The duration of the camp will be of two months and German FIFA Coach Oberman, a familiar face in Bangladesh, who is now working with the Malaysian Football Federation, will spend at least 10 days to train the underprivileged boys.

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Details of the academy were revealed yesterday by its president Pintoo at a press conference at the National Council of Sports.

The Pintoo Football Academy (PFA), a private initiative jointly taken by former Swadheed Bangla football team captain Zakaria Pintoo and German coach Holger Oberman exclusively for the 'Tokais', street boys, will begin functioning in Gazipur from August 1.

Its aim is to provide talented underprivileged' booters the opportunity to play for the national team.

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Former German international Patzke, who played in the 1970 World Cup semifinal against Peru, and Oberman will arrive in the city on July 29 to attend the opening of the PFA.

Zimbabwe squad for Singapore

HARARE, July 27 (Internet report): The Zimbabwe Cricket Union has announced its squad for September's triangular tournament against India and the West Indies in Singapore today.

Heath Streak is still to recover from a knee operation following the World Cup.

David Houghton will coach the side, with Malcolm Jarvis as manager and Armand Machiachio the team physio.

SQUAD

Alistair Campbell (capt), Andrew Flower, Grant Flower, Murray Goodwin, Neil Johnson, Guy Whittall, Stuart Carlisle, Paul Strang, Andrew Whittall, Mpumelelo Mbawanga, Henry Olonga, Adam Huckle, Craig Burt, Craig Wishart.

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Imran blasts Pak bosses



KARACHI, July 27 (AFP): Cricket legend Imran Khan lashed out at the suspensions of three top cricketers here Tuesday and said the government had framed the star trio.

Imran blasted the suspensions of Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram and colleagues Salim Malik and Ijaz Ahmed as "premature", and said the long-running judicial match-fixing inquiry was to blame for the uproar.

"I am all at sea at what a mess they have created," Imran said.

The Accountability Bureau has framed charges on the players after unilateral allegations.

The government's Accountability Bureau levelled the match-fixing charges against the three last week.

The bureau's allegations followed the sacking of the Pakistan Cricket Board and its replacement by a two-strong ad-hoc committee by July 16.

The committee has said the three players would remain suspended until they are able to prove their innocence.

The decision to suspend the trio was taken on the basis of an interim report of PCB which implicated all three last year.

The government then appointed a one-man judicial commission to probe into the allegations.

But Imran was sharply criti-

cal of the committee's actions.

The present ad-hoc committee seems to have acted prematurely. They have made players guilty without giving them a

mit its findings in August.

What if players go to the court on suspension. It will take another year or so to resolve," Imran said.

To me Pakistan cricket has been an ultimate loser due to this saga,"

Imran backed Akram, whose early career he helped nurture, and said he was unaware of any evidence against the star all-rounder.

"What has happened to Wasim is worse than a sentence. I do not know about any evidence of Wasim's involvement in match-fixing and hope gets justice," he said.

"I will be disappointed if any player who played under me is proven guilty," Imran said. But he added: "If all somebody is found guilty, he deserves a life ban."

Imran said the previous ad-hoc body in 1994 had tried to sweep the matter under the carpet when it first surfaced. That was the biggest tragedy in Pakistan cricket."

Australian players Shane Warne, Tim May and Mark Waugh in 1994 alleged that former Pakistani captain Salim Malik offered them bribe to play poorly in a Test in Karachi in 1994.

"I went to the ad-hoc body and advised them to deal with the matter strictly but they did not."

The ad-hoc body whose chairman was Imran's cousin Javed Burki, initiated an inquiry against Malik and cleared him in 1995.

IMRAN KHAN

chance to clear their position," said Imran, who now heads his own Movement for Justice party.

The judicial inquiry is to be

blamed for the recent scenario. It should have been finished four months ago," Imran said.

The inquiry headed by Judge Malik Mohammad Qayyim which was initiated last September, is expected to sub-

their suspension.