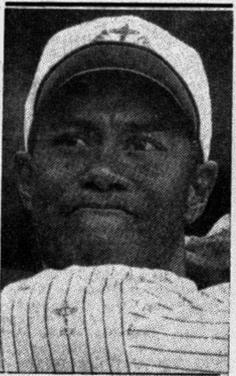


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Compulsory Test series

NEW DELHI, Oct 13: The International Cricket Council has initiated a plan to have a mandatory two Test series between all the nine Test playing nations in a cycle of 10 years, reports PTI.

Each Test playing nation will play against other at least twice — once at home and once away — in a 10-year cycle, said ICC President Jagmohan Dalmiya while announcing the wide-ranging decisions taken by executive board of the cricket's world governing body in Dubai recently.

Dalmiya said ICC will be soon preparing a plan to give more weightage to weak countries to have a chance of playing Tests against stronger ones.

It will also popularise Test cricket, said Dalmiya referring to the longer version of the game losing its sheen against now-popular one-day cricket.

Dalmiya said ICC was still hanging in balance, said he hoped to revive it and put it in place though there was some opposition from member countries.

About the mandatory Test series between all the Test playing nations affecting traditional contests such as Ashes (England-Australia), Frank Worrell Trophy (Australia-West Indies), Dalmiya said ICC was aware of the importance of such series and they should continue, but these bigger countries must play matches against smaller ones too.

Special chess

Mohamed Shamsul Islam took solo lead with full six points in the first special national chess tournament for the disabled people yesterday, reports UNB.

Shamsul Islam beat Sharif Ahmed in the fifth round while Swapan in the sixth round at the NSC chess room.

Two players — Mohammed Asgar Ali and Al Amin — followed the leader with five points.

The last round matches will be held at 2:30 pm today at the same venue.

Preps begin for England A visit

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh cricket team, led by Aminul Islam, began its preparation at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday afternoon for the forthcoming home series against England A.

Of the sixteen selected for the national team before the West Indies tour—Al-Shahriar and Mehraj Hossain—were not at the nets as they arrived late.

Coach Eddie Barlow supervised yesterday's nets, which will resume this morning at the same venue.

The 15-member England A team will arrive in the city on October 18.

The England second stringers will play a practice match at the BKSP against the under-19 team on October 22.

The tourists will play their first limited-over match against Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) XI at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on the following day. England A and BCB XI will then meet in a three-day match at the Chittagong Stadium from October 25.

On their return to Dhaka, the visitors will take on Bangladesh in a one-day match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on October 29.

Worcestershire's Alamgir Sheriyyar is the fourth cricketer of Indian origin in the team along with Habib, Irani and Vikram Solanki.

Former England captain and selector Mike Gatting is the tour manager, Yorkshire coach Martyn Moxon the coach.

He will be well supported by the two discarded Test cricketers, Aftab Habib and Ronnie Irani. Somerset wicketkeeper Rob Turner, who is also the vice-captain of the tour, Durham fast bowler Stephen Harmison and Yorkshire's Chris Silverwood, who played for England in the Will's International Cup in Dhaka last year, and Vikram Solanki are the other notable members of the team.

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Nepal strike-force for Mohammedan

Sports Reporter

The Nepalese striking-duo of Hari Khadka and Naresh Joshi arrived in the city yesterday to play for Mohammedan Sporting in the Keya Premier Football League.

Khadka, who scored four goals in the recently-concluded SAF Games, and Naresh are likely to don the famous black-and-white shirt when league leaders Mohammedan Sporting face Arambagh in the final leg of the Super-4 match on September 22.

The Mohammedan-Arambagh match will also mark the resumption of the Premier League after a long lay-off due to the Bangladesh Cup and the SAF Games.

Mohammedan, who are leading the table with 33 points, signed the Nepalese pair to sharpen their frontline in a bid to retain the coveted league title, which they had surrendered to Mukti-Juddha when the League was last held a couple of years back.

Mohammedan's archrivals Abahani hold the second position with 31 points in a three-way heady battle for title race. Defending champions Mukti-Juddha closely follow the sky-blues with 30 points.

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Mahub-Kafi 100m showdown today

BJMC, Army call the shots

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) won six golds yesterday on the second day of the Meghna Life 6 Summer National Athletic Championships at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

The half-a-dozen BJMC golds on the day came from the women's events.

While the BJMC girls ruled the track, Bangladesh Army established their supremacy in the men's section, winning five of the six golds decided on the day.

The army men were denied of a clean sweep when Biplob Uddin Bhuyian won the 400m for the lone gold of Bangladesh Rifles.

Bangladesh Navy, who won three golds on the opening day, had to be content with a couple of silvers yesterday.

Although BJMC and Bangladesh Army, the two overwhelming favourites in the local athletic circuit, looked well on course to underline their domination, extending their gold tally to ten and nine respectively, not a single national record was bettered after two days of sweating.

Nilufar Yasmin won the first gold for BJMC on the day when she captured the Long Jump event, covering 5.75 metres. The seasoned Nilufar also featured in BJMC's 4x100m gold-winning effort.

Nazmunahar Beauty was the other BJMC athlete to return with a delightful double on the day. She won the 400m sprint, clocking 58.30 seconds. Beauty also shared the glory with Nilufar in the relay.

Akhirunnisa won the javelin gold with a 36.78m throw, while Jyostna Afroze won the discus. Kaniz Farhana Shammai captured the other gold for BJMC in the 100m hurdles. She clocked 14.60 seconds.

The day's first gold, however, went to Bangladesh Army when Golam Mostafa won the men's marathon with a timing of 2 hours 39 minutes and 06 seconds.

Solaiman Mojumder of Army won the 110m hurdles, clocking 14.90 seconds. Mojumder also won the 4x100m relay along with Noor-e Alam, Shahidul Islam and Azhar.

Azharul Islam won the discus, while Monwar Hossain clinched the 3000m-steplechase gold for Army.

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