

Jadeja sent to S Africa

MUMBAI, Nov 20: In a volte-face, the Indian Cricket Board has decided to send the injured middle-order batsman Ajay Jadeja to South Africa for treatment, according to its secretary Jaywant Lele, reports PTI.

Lele told the news agency from Baroda over phone that the board has decided to send Jadeja to South Africa for treatment on his right shoulder by specialist Mark Ferguson.

If Ferguson says the injury is not of serious nature then Jadeja will join the Indian team in Australia a week later and if his injury turns out to be serious then we will announce a replacement, he added.

The board has asked Jadeja to leave for treatment as early as possible and we might get a clear picture within a day or two. Now it is entirely his (Jadeja) decision to decide when to go, Lele said.

India A 179 for five

PORTE-OF-SPAIN, Nov 20: India A laboured all day Friday against steady home team bowling to post 179 for five on the opening day of the four-day A Team Test against West Indies A at Trinidad's Queen's Park Oval, reports AP.

Openers Gagan Khanda and Jagdish Arun Kumar built a solid platform in a stand of 58 after the tourists won the toss and opted to bat.

Khanda topscored with an even 50, while Arun Kumar scored 18.

But the middle order failed as the tourists slumped to 116 for five in the face of accurate West Indian bowling.

Toward the end of the day, 18-year-old Mohammad Kaif and wicketkeeper Samir Dighne revived the innings in an unbroken stand of 63 for the sixth wicket.

Kaif, a right-hander from Uttar Pradesh, was undefeated on 30 off 140 balls.

Only fours were struck all day across a well-grassed outfield made sluggish by torrential rain on Thursday afternoon.

Grenadian leg-spinner Rawl Lewis, with two for 62 off 26 overs, was the most successful bowler. Pacers Dwight Mias and Goldwyn Prince and off-spinner Chris Gayle each captured a wicket.

DRU cricket

Masud-Farhad pair emerged champions of the Dhaka Reporters Unity Bengal Marketing double wicket cricket tournament, beating Ajay-Ponmvel pair at the BUET ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Earlier, Masud-Farhad pair moved into the final beating Murshed-Lavlu pair while Ajay-Ponmvel reached the final beating Sabuj-Azim pair.

In all, 14 pairs took part in the two-day competition. They are: Rashed-Milky, Tawhid-Shahid, Abdullah-Azad, Zarkaria-Shahid, Uttam-Lebu, Badsha-Jasim, Zakir-Shaheen, Arif-Baduzzaman, Sabbir-Shahidul and Wali-Tapan.

Barisal Cadet College sports

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Nov 20: The three-day long inter-house athletic meet of Barisal Cadet College concluded today.

The meet was inaugurated by Prof Syed Abdul Khaque, Principal of the college on Nov 17.

141 participants from 3 houses took part in 43 events during the 3-day meet.

Sariatul Haque became champions scoring 35.83 points in different events throughout the year while Sher-e-Bangla House became runners-up with 34.50 points.

Among the participants Cadet Satyen of Class XII became champion from senior group while Cadet Sahanor of Class X and Cadet Arfaque of Class VIII became champions from intermediate and junior group respectively.

Chief of Bangladesh Air Force Air vice Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed was present as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

Biman regain solo lead

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Biman regained the solo lead at the end of the 5th round of the First Division Chess League when they defeated Leonine Chess Club quite convincingly at the National Sports Council yesterday.

The national airline outfit, who jointly shared the top slot with Titas Club at the end of the fourth round on Friday, shrugged off their challenger with a facile 3.5-0.5 points victory over Leonine.

IM Ziaur Rahman, IM Rezat-Bin-Satter and FM Rezat Haque of Biman beat Indian DK Sarma, Aminul Islam and Ahmed Hossain Majumder of Leonine respectively. The star-studded Biman conceded only half a point when IM Abdullah-Al Rakib drew with Moin Hossain.

With this win Biman improved their tally to 16.5 points, one point clear from Titas Club, who recorded a 2.5-1.5 point win over Farashganj in the fifth round.

Indian Sanjuk Roy and Syed Ruhul Kabir Sipu of Titas beat Mianur Rahman Labu and Taherul Islam of Farashganj.

While Indian Debashis Mukharjee of Farashganj beat Enamul Hossain Razib, the other game between Saifuddin Lovlu and Prosenjit Dutt ended in a draw.

Bangladesh Ansar holds the third position with 13.5. In this round Ansar beat Sonali Bank by 3-1 points.



American boxing legend Muhammad Ali (L) shows off his Martial Arts Sportsman trophy while mythical Pele of Brazil expressing his gratitude to God after being named the Sportsman of the Century at a gala in Vienna on November 19.

World Youth Cup USA overcome Mexico

AUCKLAND, Nov 20: The United States came from a goal down to beat Mexico 3-2 on Saturday and advance to the semi-finals of the under-17 World Soccer Championship for the first time, reports AP.

Ghana also reached the last four when Anthony Obodo got a golden goal winner on 103 minutes against Uruguay after the scores were level at 2-2 at the end of normal time.

The US will play the winner of Sunday's quarterfinal between Australia and Qatar while Ghana faces either Brazil and Paraguay, who also play

Sunday.

Ghana also went a goal down against Uruguay as Ruben Olivera scored on seven minutes. Ishmael Addo scored on 36 minutes and Benard Dong-Bortey put the Africa's 2-1 ahead just before halftime.

Alvarez Vico's 66th minute strike sent the match into extra time before Obodo's goal finished the game.

Other winners of the award included the following former champions:

Formula One driver Alain Prost of France, German tennis champion Steffi Graf; Michael Jordan, the American basketball legend; Romania's gymnastics star Nadia Comaneci; Carl Lewis, the nine-time Olympic gold medalist in track events from the United States; and the Austrian and French multiple alpine skiing champions Annemarie Moser-Proell and Jean-Claude Killy.

Fraser also commented after receiving her trophy: There are many great athletes here, tonight, and I am very proud to be one of them. I came from a working class family and I wanted to take up horse riding, but we couldn't afford it. All I needed for swimming was my swimming suit and a towel."

Winners were announced in the following disciplines: athletics, ball sports, soccer, contact sports, motor sports, water sports and winter sports.

"It was not just the sporting results that were important. There was also the question of leadership and influence of youth," said Gian Franco Kasper, a jury member and president of the International Ski Federation.

The idea of honouring "athletes of the century" was conceived by a team headed by Hubert Neuper, a former Austrian

ski jumper, who is now an entrepreneur and an airline pilot.

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