

NBL v'ball

Brothers Union Club earned a straight 25-15, 25-15, 25-12 victory over East End Club in the National Bank Metropolis First Division League at the Volleyball court yesterday, reports UNB.

In the day's other match, Fire Service beat East End Boys 25-19, 23-25, 25-23, 25-17 at the same venue.

The Premier Division League match between Wari Club and Azad Sporting Club was in progress till filing this report.

Aldridge let off the hook

LONDON, Feb 28: Leicestershire have decided not to press for Football Association action to be taken against Tranmere manager John Aldridge over his alleged attack on their substitute Theo Zagorakis during the League Cup final, reports AFP.

Aldridge is reported to have confronted Zagorakis on the bench after the Greek captain allegedly applauded when Tranmere defender Clint Hill was red-carded in the second period.

The Tranmere chief is alleged to have slapped Zagorakis and then became involved in a verbal bust-up.

Samir

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the BKSP," said BFF joint-secretary Badal Roy yesterday.

BKSP however said that they were not informed by the BFF. Badal on the other hand refuted the BKSP claim.

"I got the tele five days back and assigned someone to relay the message to the BKSP. I think, he has informed the joint-secretary without disclosing the identity of the person."

Badal was however quite critical about the unpredictable nature of Samir Shakir.

"We had an intention of retaining him as the national coach. We could have convinced the AFC (Asian Football Confederation) to appoint him as our coach. But we are now totally fed up with his indisciplined nature," said a frustrated Badal.

The AFC would sponsor two coaches for Bangladesh - one for the senior team and the other for the youth development programme.

"Samir is no longer fits in our plan. We are thinking otherwise. We want to appoint Mark Harrison as the coach of the senior team. We are considering other candidates for the youth. But, it's for sure that Samir is not in our list," Badal said.

Nothing much

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will turn things around for us," he said. "We have not played good cricket for three months now, but the team as an entity is a good one."

Ganguly's appointment was hailed by both coach Kapil Dev and his predecessor Tendulkar.

"Saurav is conscious of the responsibility and would do a decent job," Tendulkar said, but refused to offer any advice.

"He has captained India before and know what needs to be done. I am not surprised he was made captain. I did not expect anyone else to get the job."

Kapil said Ganguly was a "thinking cricketer who will settle down well in the job."

Ganguly immediately sought more powers in picking the playing eleven, rather than leaving it to the selectors.

Once the 14-member team is selected, it should be left to the captain and coach to choose the eleven," Ganguly said.

He brushed aside queries on the return of former captain Mohammad Azharuddin to the team for the first time after the World Cup in England last June.

"That's the past. He's back in the team and let's put the past behind," Ganguly said about the reported resistance by Tendulkar and Kapil Dev to Azharuddin's comeback.

"Azhar has a job to do, he is a good wristy batsman and fielder," the captain-designate said about the 37-year-old.

Anwar gives

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PAKISTAN: First innings 182 (Inzamam-44; P. Wickremasinghe 43; M. Muralitharan 45).

SRI LANKA: First innings 290 for eight.

Atapatu c Wasith b Wagar 8
Jaysuriya c Moin b Wagar 17
Arnold c Moin b Wagar 26
De Silva lbw b Saqlain 112
Jayawardene run out 42
Ranatunga b Razzaq 49
Kalutharana lbw b Razzaq 0
Vaas not out 53
Wickremasinghe c sub (Afridi) b Saqlain 0
Zoya c Yousof b Wagar 26
Muralitharan c Moin b Sohail 7
Extras (0-4, lb-8, nb-3) 13
Total: (All out in 23.2 overs) 353.

Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-38; 3-69; 4-117; 5-246; 6-246; 7-280; 8-280; 9-331; 10-353.

Bowler: O M R W
Akram 2.1 0 8 0
Wagar 30 3 103 4
Razzaq 32.5 7 99 2
Saqlain 34 9 78 2
Sohail 23.2 5 55 19
Wasith 1 1 0 0

PAKISTAN: Second innings 84
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Wasti c Wickremasinghe b Zoya 1
Sohail c Jayawardene 24
Inzamam c sub (Chandana) b Vaas 20
Youthana not out 6
Wagar not out 0
Extras (0-4, lb-3, nb-12) 19
Total: (For 4 wickets in 68 overs) 154

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