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Dalmiya sings Dhaka's praises

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CONDITIONS OF PLAY

The day and night match between the Asian Eleven and Rest of the World will be held today at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from 2-15 pm (BST), reports BSS.

Following are the conditions of play released by the International Cricket Council:

"In cases of delayed start or one or more interruptions in play, the umpires may allow extra time if they consider that the match can be finished on the scheduled day. If the umpires feel that a result cannot be obtained on the scheduled day, the play will be stopped at 11 pm.

If the match cannot be started at all on the scheduled day, the entire match will be played on the reserve day (April 9). If, however, the play on the scheduled day is interrupted, the unfinished match will be played on the reserve day, at least 11 hours after the close of play on the scheduled day. The unfinished match must be started on the reserve day by 11 am.

If the umpires feel that the match can be completed on the scheduled day, then the play can be dragged by one hour to close at 11 pm instead of 10 pm. There will be no cut in the number of overs unless time lost in play exceeds one hour.

Each team must bat for a minimum of 25 overs to make it a match. If that is not possible by 11 pm, the umpires will be allowed to extend that scheduled closing time by 15 minutes more to allow the team batting second to complete its 25 overs.

They love cricket!

Sports Reporter

On the penultimate day of ICC Cricket Week an art competition for children was held at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday.

Nearly 300 youngsters from many English and Bengali medium educational institutions in the capital took part.

The three-hour competition which began at 9 in the morning was divided into three age-groups - under-6, under-10 and under-14 respectively. The theme of the event was "I love cricket."

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Members of the Asian XI team Sanath Jayasuriya and Chaminda Vaas of Sri Lanka as well as former Indian captain Ravi Shastri also turned up to inspire the participants.

Chief of UNICEF in Dhaka Shahida Azfar and marketing director of GrameenPhone Mehbub Chowdhury distributed the prizes among the winners.

Co-ordinator for the Cricket Week celebration programmes Raquibul Hassan and chairman of the painting competition Khandekar Anwarul Islam Mithu supervised.

Renowned artist Rafiqunnabi, Mahbubul Amin, Abul R Alvee, Hossa-e-Mahammad Faruk, Mahbuba Karim Mini assisted.

THE WINNERS

Under-6: Mohammad Rafee Hassan Rahman Shourtha (First)

Farhan Ferdous Rhythm (Second)

Noshin Nihar Prabha (Third)



Pakistan's Wasim Akram, captain of the Asia Eleven, is greeted with flowers on his arrival at the Sheraton Hotel yesterday morning. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman.

Cricket Week Crackers

Rabeed Imam

West Indies fast bowler Franklyn Rose must have been tipped off by some of his compatriots about Dhaka's vast casual-wear collection. Over the last four years, the Caribbeans have toured Bangladesh on a number of occasions and the players found the quality and most importantly, the price of garments to their immense liking.

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