

30 shuttlers selected for camp

Thirty players have been selected for badminton training camp at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium to be held May 5-19, reports UNB.

The players are: Palash, Shitnul, Neamul and Siju (Jessor), Adam, Yasin, Shampa and Samira (Dinajpur), Elahi, Kabir and Tareq (Rajshahi), Tareq (Sylhet), Babu and Yasmin (Chittagong), Yousuf, Rashedul, Fahmida and Susmita (Bogra), Anik, Wasik, Rais and Rujinlar (Dhaka), Mofizul and Khalid (Kushtia), Moniruzzaman, Nanda, Mamun and Dufali (Fazlpur), Saifuddin (Biman) and Tuhin (Panchagarh).

The selected players have been requested to report at the federation office on May 4 at 5 pm.

Div II soccer

Motijheel T&T Club beat Kasturi Samaj Kalyan Parishad 2-0 in the Metropolis Second Division Football League at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday, reports UNB.

In the day's other match, Gandoma Fainous beat Avijatrik Malibagh by a solitary goal at the same venue.

Antigua advance

HAMILTON, Bermuda, April 24: Antigua ousted Bermuda from qualifying the World Cup as a late equaliser from Derrick Edwards resulted in a 1-1 draw Sunday, reports AP.

The team's previous match a week before ended in a 0-0 draw, but Antigua will advance in the series because it scored its goal on Bermuda's home turf.

That goal came courtesy of a cross by substitute Gayson Gregory. In the 74th minute, Bermuda scored in the 60th minute from a penalty shot from Shannon Burgess after striker Steve Astwood was fouled by Antigua defender Ranji Christian.

Bermuda lacked its England-based professionals, Shaun Goater of Manchester City and Kyle Lightbourne of Stoke City, but still managed to make most of the scoring attempts.

Wingback Tokia Russell of Bermuda hit the bar with a kick from the right wing two minutes before halftime. Midfielder Paul Cann struck the bar with a chip in the first half, then hit the inside of the post with a fierce shot after being sent clear by Astwood in the 64th minute. Antigua's only serious attempt of the first half was a dipping 25-yard (23-metre) drive by Quentin Clarke, tipped over acrobatically by Bermuda goalkeeper Dwayne Adams in the 16th minute.

Primary selection

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leaved 167 runs and 14 wickets while Mushtaq Rahim has 198 runs and only three wickets.

Four medium pacers - Hasibul Hossain, Monjurul Islam, Shafiqur Ahmed, Aminul Islam junior and Bikash Ranjan have been included in the primary squad.

Hasibul, until the notorious Zahoar Elahi bat-throwing incident, which put him out of action for six matches in the first round with a severe leg injury, captured 14 wickets for Abahani in six games, while left-arm seamer Monjurul Islam has taken only nine in 12 matches. Aminul Islam junior took highest 17 wickets. Shafiqur and Bikash have collected 11 and nine respectively.

Besides, there are two off-spinners have been pencilled in. They are Fahim Muntasir and Sabir Khan. Fahim took 11 wickets while Sabir took eight wickets.

SQUAD

Javed Omar, Shahriar Hossain, Mehrab Hossain, Aminul Islam, Akram Khan, Habibul Bashar, Khaled Mahmud, Khaled Masood, Mizanur Rahman, Mukhtar Siddique. Mushtaq Rahim, Al-Shahri, Natiur Rahman, Enamul Hoque, Mohammad Rafiq, Sabir Khan, Hasibul Hossain, Monjurul Islam, Bikash Ranjan Das, Shafiqur Ahmed, Rajin Saleh Imran, Aminul Islam junior, Nasirul Alam, Fahim Muntasir and Haim Shah.

The selected cricketers have been asked to report BCB's Director Development Eddie Barlow at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow at 5 pm.

Soccercide

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rarely challenged the stronger African champions, who dominated offensively throughout and advanced on a 6-0 aggregate.

At Bamako, Mali beat Libya 3-1 but failed to advance, after losing the first game in Tripoli 0-3. Libya advanced on a 4-3 aggregate.

Zimbabwe beat the Central African Republic 3-1 in Harare to go through. The visitors had two players sent off, one for charging at the referee.

The second round draw will be made in Zurich on Friday. The 25 winners will be divided into five groups of five, to be contested on a league basis. Each group winners qualify for the 2002 finals.

Senegal defeated visitor Benin 1-0 and with the win, they scraped into next round following a 1-1 tie earlier this month in Benin.



Borussia Dortmund's Miroslav Stevic (L) and Fredi Bobic (R) and Bayern Munich's Patrik Anderson are locked in battle for possession during their Bundesliga fixture on April 23. —AFP photo

Bundesliga

Bayern hot on Bayer's heels



BERLIN, April 24: A goal after half an hour from Bosnian striker Hasan Salihamidzic enabled titleholders Bayern

Munich to close the gap on German Bundesliga leaders Bayer Leverkusen to three points on Sunday, clinching a 1-0 win at Borussia Dortmund, reports AFP.

Leverkusen had underlined their stranglehold on the title race in a match brought forward to Thursday, winning 3-1 at Werder Bremen.

But Bayern, fresh from snatching a place in the Champions League semifinals at the expense of Porto, doggedly held onto their one-goal lead to eke out a win which puts them right back in the hunt.

In contrast, Dortmund are in freefall and now place fourth bottom, a single point clear of Ulm, less than three years after winning the European Cup.

Premiership

Gunners gain at Leeds' cost



LONDON, April 24: Arsenal boosted their chances of competing in next season's Champions League after English Premiership's bottom club Watford 3-2 on Sunday, reports AFP.

French international Thierry Henry scored twice and Ray Parlour added another before Heidar Helguson and Micah Hyde replied for the home side.

Arsenal remain third on 63 points, three less than second-placed Liverpool and two more than Leeds in fourth, who drew 2-2 with Newcastle at St James's Park.

Watford look doomed on 20 points, seven behind second-bottom Bradford and 12 away from safety.

Leeds stormed into a two-goal lead through Michael Bridges and Jason Wilcox before England international striker Alan Shearer scored twice to level the scores.

ARSENAL-WATFORD

As the rain pelted down the Gunners only just survived a second-half onslaught by Watford to keep their Champions League chances firmly on track.

Henry may have taken time to find his feet in the Premiership, especially in adapting to a central striking role, but he has now scored 23 times.

The Frenchman has scored in each of his last seven starts, clipping home the 18th-minute opener at Vicarage Road with considerable finesse and then embarking on a memorable solo run before curling home the third.

ENGLISH ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Team	1924	Huddersfield	1965	Manchester United
1889	Preston North End	1925	Huddersfield	1966	Liverpool
1890	Preston North End	1926	Huddersfield	1967	Manchester United
1891	Everton	1927	Newcastle United	1968	Manchester City
1892	Sunderland	1928	Everton	1969	Leeds
1893	Sunderland	1929	Sheffield Wednesday	1970	Everton
1894	Aston Villa	1930	Sheffield Wednesday	1971	Arsenal
1895	Sunderland	1931	Arsenal	1972	Derby County
1896	Aston Villa	1932	Everton	1973	Liverpool
1897	Aston Villa	1933	Arsenal	1974	Leeds
1898	Sheffield United	1934	Arsenal	1975	Derby County
1899	Aston Villa	1935	Arsenal	1976	Liverpool
1900	Aston Villa	1936	Sunderland	1977	Liverpool
1901	Liverpool	1937	Manchester City	1978	Nottingham Forest
1902	Sunderland	1938	Arsenal	1979	Liverpool
1903	The Wednesday	1939	Everton	1980	Liverpool
1904	The Wednesday	1940	Liverpool	1981	Aston Villa
1905	Newcastle United	1941	Liverpool	1982	Liverpool
1906	Liverpool	1942	Arsenal	1983	Liverpool
1907	Newcastle United	1943	Portsmouth	1984	Liverpool
1908	Manchester United	1944	Tottenham Hotspur	1985	Everton
1909	Newcastle United	1945	Manchester United	1986	Liverpool
1910	Aston Villa	1946	Wolverhampton	1987	Everton
1911	Manchester United	1947	Wanderers	1988	Liverpool
1912	Blackburn Rovers	1948	Portsmouth	1989	Arsenal
1913	Sunderland	1949	Portsmouth	1990	Liverpool
1914	Blackburn Rovers	1950	Wanderers	1991	Arsenal
1915	Everton	1951	Wanderers	1992	Leeds
1920	West Bromwich Albion	1952	Wanderers	1993	Manchester United
1921	Burnley	1953	Wanderers	1994	Manchester United
1922	Liverpool	1954	Wanderers	1995	Blackburn Rovers
1923	Liverpool	1955	Wanderers	1996	Manchester United
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		1957	Tottenham Hotspur	1998	Arsenal
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1962 Ipswich Town
1963 Everton
1964 Liverpool

Source: Internet

Barcelona withdraw threat

BARCELONA, April 24: Barcelona, who threatened to pull out of the Spanish Cup if their semi-final, second-leg home match against Atletico Madrid was not rescheduled from Monday April 24 have finally conceded and programmed the game for 1900GMT, the club confirmed Sunday. reports AFP.

The Catalan side - who have suffered several recent wobbles as they try to lift the crown and stave off opposition from title-holders Barcelona, thanked first-half goals from Dutchman Roy Makaay and Cesar Martin for their win.

And they had been on a collision course with the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) after the governing body changed the date of the match from April 26 to facilitate the club's international players.

Barca argued that this changed nothing as their international players had to travel back to their home countries before Monday night.

The club risked forfeiting their place in this season's competition, leaving Atletico to take on Real Madrid or Espanyol in the final, and could have been eliminated from next year's Cup if they had refused to play on Monday.

Barca's Dutch coach Louis Van Gaal had demanded that the game be adjourned until May 16 and originally had not called up any of his players for Monday's game giving them the day off.

Van Gaal claimed he did not have enough players as only 11, including the two goalkeepers, were available.

The problem arose from the RFEF's decision to schedule the Cup semifinals on a week when Spain have no international matches but many other countries in Europe and South America do.

Thugs worry Beckenbauer

BERLIN, April 24: Bayern Munich, fourth at the start of the day, could only draw 1-1 at home to VFB Stuttgart to drop to fifth a point behind Berlin.

MSV Duisburg were relegated following a 3-1 loss Saturday at Hansa Rostock, who are clinging on in the bottom five.

Chamberlain to slot the ball just inside the far post.

With just seconds to go before the interval, Henry went on a sublime run himself as he jinked his way around four defenders before striking a wonderful curling effort inside the upright.

Arsenal's pace continued to cause Watford problems, with Marc Overmars shooting against the post but Watford's spirit could never be faulted and they pulled themselves back into the game in an amazing two-minute spell.

LEEDS-NEWCASTLE

Shearer chose St George's Day to return to the goal trail and rescue a point for Newcastle.

Shearer collected his 27th of the season with a powerful 23rd-minute header and then added a second with a close-range finish just after half-time to drag his side back into a game which was rapidly slipping away from them.

Former Sunderland striker Bridges had put Leeds in front with a 13th-minute drive and Wilcox added a second four minutes later as the Magpies wiggled for some dreadful defending.

But Shearer, who also scored twice in the 3-2 defeat at Elland Road earlier in this season, inspired his side's fightback despite the close attention of Michael Duberry.

He was unfortunate to be beaten by an offside trap in the 20th minute but still managed to score a goal.

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