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Column One

SPORTS TALK



Inderjit Singh Bindra

(Former Indian cricket board president)

"It gives an impression that we have whitewashed the past."

While referring to the decision on match-fixing, taken by the ICC at its special meeting at Lord's on May 3.

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1 Who replaced David Lloyd as England cricket coach? Fletcher, Wadner, Richardson

2 Which country will host the Euro 2004 Championship? Portugal, Germany, Spain

3 Which Kiwi batsman hit 214 on his Test debut against West Indies?

Sinclair, Fleming, Crowe

4 Which country won the four-nation football tourney in Maldives?

Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India

5 Who won the national chess title this year?

Reefat, Zia, Tipu

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You are not on the elite list'

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, May 17: The organisers of the Sher-e-Bangla National Football Championship denied entry passes to the journalists of the three leading English dailies including The Daily Star correspondent.

The Moulvibazar District Sports Association, hosts of one of the nine zonal preliminary round matches, refused the journalists on pretext that their names were "not on their elite list".

The journalists decided to boycott the tournament after finding the Moulvibazar DC in uncompromising mood.

Meanwhile, the general secretary of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Harunur-Rashid, MP, expressed his surprise after being informed of the incident.

"If this is happening then it is very sad," said Harun.

Un-friendly friendly

NEW YORK, May 21: Italy's Roma and Benfica, of Portugal, played to a 1-1 draw in a not-so-friendly football match at Giants Stadium on Saturday, reports the News of the World.

Roma defender Alessandro Rinaldi was shown the red card at the 78th minute as the both teams played aggressively before a crowd of 29,521 on a cool spring night.

A total of eight yellow cards were meted out during the contest, which was played after the New York MetroStars beat the Tampa Bay Mutiny 3-2 in extra time of their Major League Soccer match.

Roma scored first through forward Vincenzo Montella at the 20-minute mark, when he headed the ball by goalkeeper Francesco Antonini and into the net from point-blank range just inside the penalty spot.

Six minutes later Benfica converted a penalty.

Ctg, Bhola progress



Chittagong and Bhola reached the zonal finals of the 21st Sher-e-Bangla Cup National Football Championship, eliminating their respective rivals at different zonal venues.

A brilliant hat-trick by Farhad guided the Chittagongians to the final with a massive 7-0 victory over their neighbours Bandarban at the Noakhali Stadium.

Farhad scored in the 15th, 19th, 63rd, 65th and 68th minutes while Tinku netted two more in the 13th and 55th minutes.

Chittagong will play the zonal final with Laxmipur on Tuesday to decide which team will earn the right to play in the 12th team round.

In Barguna, Bhola booked a berth for zonal final beating Pirojpur by a solitary goal. Gopal scored the match-winner in the 19th minute.

Bhola will take on Barisal in the zonal final on Tuesday.

In other zonal matches, Narayanganj, Rangpur, Pabna, Jessore, Faridpur and Sathkhira

defeated Sharlapur 4-1.

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won their respective matches at different zonal venues.

In Narsindhi, a fine hat-trick by Liton enabled Narayanganj to earn a massive 11-0 victory over Manikganj in their first appearance in the meet.

Liton scored four times in the 24th, 60th, 70th and 77th minutes. Ritu netted three in the 35th, 52nd and 72nd minutes. Riaz scored twice in the 17th and 23rd minutes while Biddut and Rinku contributed one each in the 64th and 89th minute respectively.

In Dinajpur, Rangpur outplayed Thakurgaon 4-0 in the day's first match while Pabna outclassed Kurigram 5-1 in the day's other match.

Zakir put the winners ahead in the 20th minute. Belal doubled the margin in the 44th minute. Islam netted the third goal in the 48th minute and Haq completed the tally in the 77th minute.

Zakir scored the only goal for Magura in the 50th minute.

Besides, Sylhet played out a 2-2 draw with Sunamganj at Moulibazar Stadium.

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Rezaul netted the consolation goal for Kurigram in the 60th minute.

In Naogaon, the day's both

matches were abandoned due to heavy downpour.

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