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Pakistan Sri Lanka India

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South Africa West Indies England

4 Who won the NatWest tri-series?

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SPORTS TALK



Aravinda de Silva

(Sri Lankan ace batsman)
 "I'll wait for an opportunity to get in again and make some runs. Now it is up to the selectors."

Before the third and final Test against South Africa

Premier League soccer in Sept

Sports Reporter

The forthcoming Premier Division Football League will not start before the first week of September, according to Bangladesh Football Federation assistant general secretary Badal Roy yesterday.

Although the Dhaka Mahanagar Football League Committee (DMFLC) announced late last month that the elite league would not kick off before August 25, but Badal said it would not be possible since the Federation Cup, scheduled for a August 12 start, would not finish before August 28.

"We initially thought that the Federation Cup would end by August 24. But after studying a draft fixture we noticed that it will take up to 28th to finish the tournament. That is why the league has to begin in the first week of September," said the BFF official.

Asked how would BFF complete the league at the Bangabandhu National Stadium which is allotted to football up to October 30, Badal hinted that a few of the latter matches might be played at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur.

Expatriates' Open Chess

Sports Reporter

Khanbazar Aminul Islam of Leonine Chess Club earned a solo lead in the Expatriates' Open Chess Tournament with an upset win over International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib in the sixth round played at the NSC chess room yesterday.

It was Aminul's fifth win in six matches against a draw which raised his tally to five-and-a-half points, which is half a point more than International Master Ziaur Rahman, Rezaul Haque, Saifuddin Lovlu, Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Imon, Mizanur Rahman Lovlu and Giasuddin Mithu at the end of the round.

On the other hand, the defeat pulled Rakib down from top to third position with his previous earning of 4.5 points. He was joined by Shakunt Hossain Pallab, Abu Sufian Shakil, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, Ruhul Islam Bobby, Monir Hossain, Firoz Ahmed and Kutubuddin.

The seventh round will start today at 3 pm.

MSC go to London tonight

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club leave for England tonight to mark the first ever tour of a Bangladeshi team.

The black and whites are taking an 18-member strong team that includes 12 players and four officials in a promotional trip designed to entertain the expatriate Bangladeshis in Britain.

Mohammedan will however gain the full strength when their four key booters — Alfaz Ahmed, Nizam Majumder, Abu Faisal and Motur Munna — join the team in East London, where the popular Motijheel club are to play three friendly matches. The quartet, who toured with the national team last month, stayed back in London along with coach Hasanuzzaman.

During their nine-day visit Mohammedan are likely to experience a real English treat when they encounter the Under-21 selection of Premier League side West Ham United on August 15.

Besides, the Dhaka football giants will play two more matches against Sporting Bengal United FC and a selection of Rhyne League on August 10 and August 12 respectively. All the three matches will be held at the East London Stadium.

The Mohammedan tour, organised by the Bangladesh Football Association (BFC) in UK and sponsored by Canary Wharf, has already created enormous enthusiasm among the strong Bangladeshi community in East London.

"We are delighted to have the honour of playing on European soil. It's a privilege for us and we are hopeful about displaying our football there," said Mohammedan general secretary Lokman Hossain Bhuyan at a press briefing yesterday.

"Our aim is to entertain the keen followers of the club in London as well as to uphold the

title last year, has been retained as captain for the tour. Mohammedan will appoint a new captain for the upcoming season.

Although Mohammedan offered them an ideal opportunity to warm up for the hectic domestic season, the technical manager of the team, Imtiaz Sultan Johnny, expressed his guarded optimism about the tour.

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Although Mohammedan looked focused on the England tour, they are equally concerned at getting back home before their first match of the Federation Cup scheduled for August 19.

"We have requested the BFC to hold our last match a day before the schedule so that we can return home on time. We are keen not to upset the Federation Cup fixture," said Moh-

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