

Cricketers' camp in Cox's Bazar

Sports Reporter

The conditioning camp for the national cricket team shifted to Cox's Bazar from Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishan (BKSP) yesterday. Bangladesh will take part in the 10-team ICC Knock-out Tournament in Kenya in October.

A report from Cox's Bazar quoted new Bangladeshi skipper Naimur Rahman as saying, "That practice here will help us to improve fitness."

On the first day the players spent an hour playing handball and then relaxed by having a swim.

The camp in which 24 out of 26 players are taking part, began at the BKSP on August 16.

Former skipper Aminul Islam, now in England and left-arm seamer Monjurul Islam who is sitting for his exams, are absent.

Coaches Dipu Rai Chowdhury, Sarwar Imran and physio Gavin Benjafeld also accompanied the team.

It was understood the intensive physical workouts, will last seven hours a day, at the longest beach in the world.

They are expected to return to the capital on August 27.

Australia, SA

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AUSTRALIA					
McKenzie	b	Ntini	63		
Waugh	b	Pollock	1		
Ponting	c	Ntini	b	Pollock	5
Bevan	run out		33		
S Waugh	c	Pollock	b	Klusener	17
Martyn	b	Telmachus	31		
Warne	c	Kursten	b	Boje	7
S Lee	c	McKenzie	b	Boje	12
Gillespie	c	Kirsten	c	Kallis	10
B Lee	not out				6
McGrath	not out				0
Extras (lb-9; w-1; nb-3)					13
Total (For 9 wkt in 48 overs)					198
Fall of wkt:	1-21, 2-31, 3-75, 4-114, 5-131, 6-143, 7-171, 8-176, 9-195				
Bowler	O	M	R	W	
Pollock	8	0	36	2	
Telemachus	10	2	36	1	
Kallis	8	0	37	1	
Ntini	6	0	19	1	
Klusener	5	0	27	1	
Boje	10	0	29	2	
Hall	1	0	5	0	

Result: South Africa won by 8 runs and the series tied one-all.

Man-of-the-match and man-of-the-series: Nicky Boje.

Arambagh

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could take their seats when he came up with a free yet effective header off a Gabinda cross from the right. The ball took a wicked deflection of a unsuspecting Abahani defender Nazrul into the net.

Although there was a fair degree of luck involved in first Arambagh goal, the second scored by Nayan in the 30th minute was an example of clinical finishing. Gavinda took a quick free kick from the edge of the left-hand post and pushed the ball to an unmarked Nayan, who unleashed a scorching right footer into the corner of the net.

Abahani's only moment of joy in the game came when their fresh recruit Kanchan fired home a powerful left-footer from just outside the box eleven minutes into the second half. But an Arambagh victory was never in doubt after Khokon punched the killer blow in the 72nd minute from a quick counter attack.

The fleet-footed forward, after receiving a defense slicing square pass from medio Ritu, let loose a guided missile past a bemused Abahani custodian Biplob.

The outcome left the race wide open for the available two semifinal slots from the group. It was Arambagh's first win after their 1-2 defeat against Badda in the opening match. They are now sharing the second slot with Abahani. Badda top the group with two successive wins.

Arambagh however has a better chance to advance into the last four provided they win against the Santanagar, the weakest team in the group, by a convincing margin on Tuesday.

TEAMS

ARAMBAGH KS: Pannu, Gobinda, Choton (Nira), Rezaul, Barat, Kamal, Bakhtiar (Apu), Nayan, Taju, Ritu and Khokon.

ABAHANI KC: Biplob, Titu, Dulal, Nazrul, Partha (Mizan), Zakir, Iqbal, Arman (Pavel), Senu, Kanchan and Don.

Referee: Tajul Islam

Roberto Carlos, Dida axed

Romario returns to Brazil fold



RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug 20: Romario was recalled to the Brazilian squad to face Bolivia on September 3 in South American World Cup qualifying, coach Wanderley Luxemburgo announced on Friday, reports AFP.

Romario, whose peak was in the early 90s when playing for Barcelona and helping Brazil to the 1994 World Cup, returns in a saviour role with Brazilian strikers having scored only one goal in their last eight matches.

It's been an up-and-down

couple of days for Romario. On Thursday he found out, Luxembourg was not selecting any player over 23 for the Sydney Olympics.

"My Olympic dream is in tatters," the 31-year-old Vasco da Gama striker had said.

Romario, who made his name alongside Bebeto in their World Cup win, this time is set to have youngster Ronaldinho Gaucho as his strike partner.

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