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- Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?
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SPORTS TALK



Dennis Lillee

(Australian fast bowling legend)
"If you look at all actions right through history, a lot of people may be shocked."
While saying that Brett Lee's bowling action was never suspect.

Sahara Cup called off

KARACHI, Aug 23: This year's Sahara Cup cricket series in Toronto, Canada has been cancelled, the organisers, International Management Group (IMG), announced Wednesday, reports AFP.

India pulled out of the series in which it was due to play Pakistan because of violence in the disputed territory of Kashmir, and efforts to find a replacement country failed, the organisers said.

The IMG tried to entice world champions Australia, South Africa, New Zealand or Sri Lanka into the series, but without success.

IMG representative Arshad Gillani told this news agency a statement would be released later to "describe why the series could not take place this year."

The five-match limited over series was scheduled to be held between September 9-17.

A Pakistan Cricket Board official expressed disappointment over the cancellation.

The series between arch-rivals Pakistan and India was initiated in 1996 and was due to run for five years.

India also refused to play Pakistan in 1999 following clashes in Kashmir, but the series was divided into two three-match events with India and Pakistan playing the West Indies separately.

Pakistan won the series in 1996 and 1998 while India won the event in 1997.

DRU sports

Sports Reporter

The annual sports competition of Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) will begin from August 28, says a press release.

A total of 11 events will be held during the two-month long competition which will include table tennis, football, cricket and water polo and will end with a mini-marathon.

The meet will be inaugurated at 10 at the DRU offices premises with indoor games.



Mohammedan striker Nakib (L) makes an abortive attempt to head the ball into the Muktiyoddha net during their Federation Cup encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Muktis beat Mohammedan

Abahani factor plays big role

Sports Reporter



Club by a solitary goal in the last round robin league match of the 16th Federation Cup yesterday.

At the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium, substitute Liton scored the all-important goal two minutes from the final whistle much to the disappointment of a strong band of black and white supporters.

Although Muktiyoddha won the prestige battle, the outcome turned out to be a blessing in disguise for Mohammedan as they could avoid a rather untimely clash against their arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra in the semifinal.

Mohammedan, who had earlier ensured their semifinal berth along with their last night's conquerors from Group B, will now take on Group A champions Arambagh Krira Sangha in the first semifinal on Friday.

Muktiyoddha, who topped Group B, will face holders Abahani in the second semifinal on Saturday.

Before the match, both Muktiyoddha and Mohammedan were however in a peculiar dilemma since there was more risk factor involved for the winners on the day. Avoiding Abahani in the semifinal became the goal for the two titans.

Understandably, Mohammedan preferred a draw so that they could finish second behind Muktiyoddha on inferior goal aggregate while for the all-reds it was a far more perplexing proposition of losing the match to avoid a meeting with Abahani, who became runners-up from Group A.

The mute expectation of Mohammedan was quite evident when they rested their inspirational captain Alfaz Ahmed and hard-working midfielder Jahangir from the game. Muktiyoddha on the other hand did not include their right-wing back Hasan Al Mamun in the line up.

As the game grew older, it looked like that the Mohammedan decision for a draw was going to be materialised, but Liton came from nowhere to

score the winning goal.

At the end of the match, Muktiyoddha manager Jahangir Alam over telephone last night.

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Bangladesh's first Test in November?

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Bangladesh is planning to play their maiden Test in coming November, according to Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Saber Hossain Chowdhury.

Talking to a group of reporters at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday, Saber expressed his disappointment for not being able to play the first Test against England. He said that England were invited to come and play a one-off Test against Bangladesh in January but that did not suit their schedule.

The BCB is now making contacts with some other Test playing nations including India to play the first Test but none of them have confirmed anything yet.

We are trying to hold our first Test in November but it is yet to be confirmed against whom we are going to play," Saber said.

When asked about the venue for the historic occasion, Saber said that it would be decided after confirmation of the date.

He however added that it would be unfortunate if the first Test was not held in Dhaka.

The BCB boss also disclosed that Bangladesh is likely to appear in two four-day and three limited overs matches when they tour South Africa after the ICC knock-out tournament in Kenya.

Vijayan due today

Sports Reporter

Veteran Indian striker IM Vijayan will arrive in the capital today to play in the ongoing 16th Federation Cup football tournament for Muktiyoddha Saangsad. This was confirmed by Muktiyoddha manager Jahangir Alam over telephone last night.

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Abahani lesson for Usha

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Usha, who started as favourites, made a dream start by taking the lead in the ninth minute of the match. But their joy lasted for hardly 20 minutes as a marauding Abahani blasted five goals - four in the

second half.

Abahani are now in second position in the nine-team league.

With their fifth win against a draw, Abahani raised their tally to 16 points, two points adrift of leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club who earned a solo lead for the first time. On the other hand, it was the first defeat for Usha, who had jointly topped the table with Mohammedan, after five successive wins. They are down to third with 15 points.

Abahani, spearheaded by three Pakistanis, Saleem Amir, Mohammad Khalid and Naveed Iqbal, made a brilliant start against the old towners earning two penalty corners in the first seven minutes. But they failed to capitalise on those.

After surviving the close calls, Usha took the lead in through their first penalty corner.

Mohammad Saqlain, one of the two Pakistanis playing for Usha, pushed the ball to and the lanky striker had little trouble in sending the ball with a gentle push.

After conceding the goal, Abahani put their acts together and came away with the equalizer at the stroke of the breather, thanks to defender Amir who blasted the ball from a penalty corner.

Inspired by the equalizer, Abahani tore apart the Usha defence after the lemon.

Midfielder Mirajul Hossain put Abahani ahead from a penalty stroke in the 38th minute after Usha defender Kamal illegally handled a goal bound Rubel push.

Amir netted his second in the 47th minute in conical circumstances when he flicked home a Rubel cross. Javed, the Usha custodian did not even move for the ball thinking it was hit from outside the danger area.

Moksed made it 4-1 after being nicely fed by Amir in the 51st minute while Rubel put the last nail in Usha's coffin placing home a Khalid cross in the 64th minute.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division
Azad SC v Bangladesh SC (4 pm)
First Division
Sadharan Bima v Dhaka Wanderers (2:15 pm)

Action from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League game between Usha and Abahani at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium. — Star photo

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Mohammedan SC	6	6	0	0	39	4	18
Abahani KC	6	5	1	0	20	1	16
Usha KC	6	5	0	1	32	9	15
Mariner YC	6	4	0	2	17	11	12
Farashganj SC	7	3	0	4	10	17	9
Bangladesh SC	6	1	1	4	2	19	4
Sonali Bank	6	1	1	4	5	23	4
Azad SC	6	0	1	5	10	22	3
Ajax SC	7	0	1	6	9	38	1

Leading goalscorers: 10 goals - Shamim Reza (MSC); 8 - Kamal (Usha), Ramij (MSC); 7 - Prince (Usha), 6 - Musa (Mariner); Tahir (MSC), Shuvo (Usha); 5 - Naved (Usha), Razzaq (Mariner), Moksed (AKC), Rubel (AKC), 4 - Bachchu (Azad), Aleem (Ajax), Shipu (MSC); 3 - Rana (MSC), Mukti, Nadeem, Jagnohan (F/G).

Razzaq rules over SA



Atiq and Azhar combined again eight overs later to send Kallis back to the pavilion for five and Kirsten, the top South African scorer with 54, was run out soon after.

Only Neil McKenzie with 41 and Potas provided any further resistance, putting on 63 runs for the sixth wicket but the rate the slow.

South Africa, needing to bat at seven an over for the last five overs instead saw their last five wickets fall in the space of seven runs.

Wicketkeeper Potas, on his one-day international debut, scored 24 to go with the three dismissals he had a hand in during Pakistan's innings.

For Pakistan, Mahmood and Razzaq took three wickets apiece.

The win confirmed Pakistan's place in Sunday's final of the tournament and they will play the winner of Friday's match between New Zealand and South Africa.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the one-day cricket international between Pakistan and South Africa at Kallang Stadium Wednesday:

PAKISTAN
Nazir runout (Kirsten) 36
Afridi c Kirsten b Telemachus 25
Younis c Potas b Kallis 1
Youshana c Potas b Kallis 7
Razzaq runout (Klusener) 47

Iljaz st Potas b Boje 56
Mahmood c Ntini b Boje 11
Atiq c Kirsten b Pollock 9
Waqar not out 4
Arshad runout (Pollock) 0
Kabar not out 3
Extras (b-4, lb-2, w-15, nb-7) 22
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs) 227

Fall of wickets: 1-56, 2-61, 3-74, 4-81, 5-185, 6-198, 7-210, 8-218, 9-218

Bowler O M R W
Pollock 9 0 32 1
Telemachus 9 0 53 1
Kallis 6 0 19 2
Ntini 6 0 27 0
Boje 10 0 37 2
Klusener 8 0 45 0
Hall 2 0 9 0

SOUTH AFRICA
Kirsten runout (Nazir) 54
Hall c Atiq b Mahmood 26
Kallis c Atiq b Mahmood 5
Cullinan c Younis b Kabir 12
Klusener b Razzaq 12
McKenzie b Razzaq 41
Potas c sub (Raza) b Mahmood 24
Pollock b Razzaq 0
Boje runout (Youshana) 1
Telemachus c Atiq b Waqar 1
Ntini not out 1
Extras (b-4, lb-5, w-1, nb-12) 22
Total: (All out in 48.4 overs) 199

Fall of wickets: 1-61, 2-90, 3-97, 4-123, 5-129, 6-192, 7-194, 8-195, 9-196, 10-199

Bowler O M R W
Waqar 9 1 39 1
Kabir 10 0 46 1
Mahmood 10 1 37 3
Arshad 10 0 29 0
Razzaq 9.4 0 39 3

Result: Pakistan won by 28 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Abdur Razzaq.

Next match: New Zealand vs South Africa, August 25.



Pakistan allrounder Abdur Razzaq sweeping South Africa's Nicky Boje during their Singapore Challenge match yesterday. — AFP photo

BTV coverage on Sydney Games

Bangladesh Television (BTV) will televise live the opening and closing ceremonies of the Sydney Olympics, a senior BTV official said here yesterday, reports BSS.

The world's biggest sports extravaganza will begin on September 15.

BTV will also televise two hours' highlights in two phases everyday during the Games, the official said.

Besides, BTV will televise live the finals of football, hockey and some other important events.

Bangladesh will take part in athletics, swimming and shooting.