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DRU badminton

Azad Hossain Sumon of Aker Kagoj and Badruddin Alam Khokon of Dainik Prabhat moved into the singles semifinals of the Dhaka Reporters Unity badminton competition from Group B eliminating their respective rivals at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

Khokon defeated Mohiuddin Palash of Banglajabar Patrika and Mujtaba Danish of Muktabantha by 2-0 sets each.

Sumon outplayed Mohsinul Karim Lebu of Muktabantha, Abdul Baki of Dinkal and Quamruzzaman Hiro of Sangram by 2-0 sets each on way to the semifinals.

Besides, Zakaria Hossain of Banglajabar Patrika, Abdulla Al Faruk of Jugantor, Aktheruzzaman Lavlu of BNS and M Kaisar of Manabzamin moved into the singles quarterfinals from Group A.

Zakaria beat Mahmudur Rahman Khokon of Abash and Shahidul Islam of Prothom Alo by 2-0 sets.

Lavlu defeated Ujjal of Banglajabar Patrika 2-1, Kaisar beat Mustafa Hossain Chowdhury of Aker Kagoj and Moazzam Hossain Chanchal of Jugantor by 2-0 sets each.

The singles semifinals and the final match will be held today.

Parore props Black Caps

MATARE, Zimbabwe, Sept 2 (Internet report): Adam Parore rescued New Zealand with an undefeated century on the opening day of their three-day match against Zimbabwe's President's XI on Friday, reports Reuters.

The President's XI were 20 for one at the close in reply to New Zealand's 339 for nine declared.

Parore came to New Zealand's rescue after they had been reduced to 193 for seven.

The wicketkeeper-batsman was at the crease for 185 minutes and hit 16 fours and two sixes in his unblemished innings of 103 not out.

His most sturdy support came from Daniel Vettori, who scored 43 in an eighth-wicket partnership of 99.

Paceman Milne Nkala obtained movement off the seam throughout his 18 overs to take four for 71.

New Zealand won the toss and elected to bat on what proved to be an easy-paced pitch with consistent bounce.

Mixed day for Saber BCB to go professional

Al-Amin from Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 2: Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is about to enter the professional era as its councillors have unanimously given a thumbs-up to the much-publicised reconstitution of the Board.

It became a landmark decision in the history of country's sports when 99 out of the 126 BCB councillors attended the first ever annual general meeting (AGM) here to vote for a professional set-up in the Board.

It was mixed day for Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury, who won the councillors' vote of confidence to run the BCB professionally but failed to trim down the size of the Board.

The councillors have agreed to have a professional management. I think it's a historic decision," Saber told the reporters after the AGM in the afternoon.

The AGM ended in a peaceful manner and the councillors

heaved a sigh of relief since they successfully prevented Saber from slicing off the Board to a 22-member representation from the 32-member one.

The witty president however replied diplomatically, "We were 32. Now it is 31 without mentioning the name of the odd person in the Board." The unfortunate 32nd member is former national captain Roquibul Hasan, who was nominated by the National Sports Council as its representative.

As the last obstacle is removed in the BCB's build-up to go professional, the Board gets out of the conventional set-up of general secretary, joint-secretaries and treasurer.

There will be Board of Directors instead of Executive Committee. We have agreed to elect a 31-man committee, sixteen from Dhaka-based clubs, 12 from districts, one each from educational institutions and Bangladesh Cricket Development Foundation will fill the posts of directors, said Saber, who presided over the day-long

AGM.

Since it would require an amendment to the constitution for an elected chairman, Saber said that the councillors have left the option open. It can be either a government appointed chairman or an elected chairman from the Board of Directors.

Saber termed himself a relieved person as he would now be dealing with a professional set-up, which includes a general manager and six standing committees -- administration, management, cricket committee, planning, development, finance and marketing. Only professional guys (managers) will head the standing committees.

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Azhar left in the cold

MADRAS, Sept 2 (AFP): India's cricket chiefs on Saturday bowed to the wishes of the sports ministry by dropping three players who are being investigated for match-fixing charges.

Former captain Mohammad Azharuddin, Ajay Jadeja and Nikhil Chopra, whose homes were raided by tax officials last month, have been kept off a preliminary squad of 23 for the ICC Knockout tournament in Kenya next month.

However, chairman of selectors Chandu Borde said there was no pressure on him to axe the players and they were dropped for the sake of introducing youngsters in the squad.

No decision, however, taken on the future of national coach Kapil Dev, another tainted star who put his job on the line recently by saying the match-fixing charges against him had dimmed his enthusiasm for the game.

Jayawant Lele, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, told reporters after the selection committee meeting in the southern Indian city of Madras that Kapil's fate will be known later this month.

The BCCI president, A.C. Muthiah, will take a decision on Kapil before the training camp for the probables starts on September 14," Lele said.

All 10 Test-playing nations, including rookies Bangladesh, will take part in the International Cricket Council's tournament.

The omission of Azharuddin, Jadeja and Chopra was expected after sports minister Sukhdev Dhindsa's pleas to the BCCI that the players being investigated should be dropped till they are proved innocent.

The Central Bureau of Investigation and federal tax officials, who are inquiring into the matter, are expected to submit preliminary findings by the end of September.

Borde, explaining his decision to leave the trio out, said: "I was not told to drop any one. But the selectors decided to

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