

SPORTS TALK



Sachin Tendulkar

(Indian star cricketer)
"I would like to tell the Olympic squad that all Indians are behind them, just go and fight it out. We will be praying for their success and for medals. Not just cricketers but all countrymen wish you all the best."
On the eve of the Indian squad's departure for Sydney.

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Rajshahi soccer

From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Sept 22: Moon Sporting Club, Benji Sporting Club, Makhon Smriti Sangha and Ali Smriti Sangha won their respective matches of the Mayor Cup football tournament at the Rajshahi Collegiate School playground.

In the first match, Moon beat Sattara 3-2 in a tiebreaker. In the second match, Benji blanked Yeng Star 6-0.

In the third match, Makhon Smriti trounced A.S. Enterprise 4-0.

Not the way
he liked it
to end

SYDNEY, Sept 22: Canada's former 100 metres world recordholder Donovan Bailey saw the last of his individual crowns — the Olympic one — disappear here on Friday as he trailed in an also-ran in his second round heat, reports AFP.

The 32-year-old, who won the Olympic title in 1996 establishing the then world record of 9.84 seconds to add to his 1995 world title, said that although he had been sick with flu for four days prior to the heats on Friday he would not let it stop him from running.

"I have been sick for four days and have a lot of fluid in my lungs," he said.

"Normally I wouldn't have raced but this was my Olympic title and I have never been one to back down."

"I said to myself I can't lay down... I can't do that," he added.

Bailey, who had his bitter rivals and founders of the ABB club (Anyone But Bailey) At Bolden and the man who has taken his world title and world record from him Maurice Greene watching after they won their heats, said that despite his illness he was still a very hard pill to swallow.

"I am very upset," he said.

"I didn't want it (my Olympic title) to end this way because the Olympics are the ultimate," he added.

Bailey, who has found it tough going since he returned last year after rupturing his Achilles tendon playing basketball, didn't come out and announce his retirement though he added he was going to call his family.

One of Bailey's training partners Bajan Obadele Thompson, who breezed through his second round heat in 10.04 and was nominated by Greene as his toughest opponent, paid tribute to the Jamaican-born former marketing executive.

Muktijoddha upended

Sports Reporter



Title aspirants Muktijoddha Sangsad Krita Chakra suffered a big blow in the National Bank

Premier Division football league when they lost to promotees Dhammondi Club in a thrilling tie-breaker at the Bangabandhu National Stadium last night.

The score was level at 1-1 during the regulation 90 minutes of the day's second match. The tie-breaker reached a nerve-racking stage when each of twenty players from the two teams went on to score one goal apiece, forcing referee Maruf Sikder to invite both the custodians — Bijan Barua (Muktijoddha) and Nayan (Dhammondi), to break the tie. Much to the amusement of the spectators, none of the goalkeepers could emerge winner as their shots failed to find the net.

Muktijoddha skipper Rajani then stepped forward and sent the ball wide off the left-side post. Dhammondi forward Ashraf, in his turn, kept his cool under the high-pressure situation and beat Bijan fair and square to help his side earn two valuable points.

With this commendable win, Dhammondi have collected six points from as many matches.

On the other hand, Muktijoddha were pushed further down in the points table behind joint leaders — Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani.

Muktijoddha now have 15 points from six matches while Mohammedan and Abahani have 18 points each.

After a barren first half, Asif put Muktijoddha ahead heading home a Mintu cross from the right in the 52nd minute but Manju levelled only after 15 minutes. Interestingly, he sent in a perfect header on a Parvez flag-kick from the left.

Apart from the two goals, the match was a boring affair where Muktijoddha struggled throughout the match against their unheralded opponents, who have won only one match so far.

Earlier in the day's first match, Farashganj Sporting Club recorded their second win with a 2-1 victory over promotees Victoria Sporting Club.

The winners led the first half 1-0.

Alamgir shot Farashganj into the lead having been set up with a Mithu pass in the 37th minutes while substitute Jalal added the other in the 83rd minute.

On the other hand, Tulu scored pulled one goal back in the 82nd minute.

With yesterday's win, Farashganj moved to the fourth position having raised their tally to 8 points from six matches. On the other hand, the defeat kept Victoria at the bottom of the ten-team league race with only two points.



KARATE KID FARHAD! Dhammondi custodian Rafiqul Islam takes evasive action after being hit by a Farhad shot during their National Bank Premier Division Football League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Mohammedan SC	13	13	0	0	78	10	39
Abahani KC	12	9	2	1	36	11	29
Usha KC	12	9	1	2	68	21	28
Mariner YC	12	7	3	2	32	16	24
Farashganj SC	13	4	0	9	21	49	12
Ajax SC	13	3	1	9	25	59	10
Bangladesh SC	13	2	2	9	8	41	8
Sonali Bank	12	2	2	8	11	43	8
Azad SC	12	1	1	10	17	46	4

Hattricks: Shamim Reza (Mohammedan SC) against Usha KC, Farashganj SC and Ajax SC, Kamal (Usha KC) against Ajax SC and Bangladesh SC, Prince (Usha KC) against Azad SC, Aleem Raja (Ajax) against Usha, Alamgir (Abahani) against Farashganj.

Leading goalscorers: 23 goals — Shamim Reza (MSC); 18 goals — Kamal, 15 goals — Ramij (MSC), 14 goals — Shuvo (Usha); 12 goals — Tahir (MSC), 11 goals — Musa (Mariner).

Guy, Andy hold up Kiwis

HARARE, Sept 22: Zimbabwe middle-order batsmen Guy Whittall and Andy Flower put on 131 for the fifth wicket and forced New Zealand into an unexpected fifth day's play in the second Test here, reports AFP.

Requiring 299 to avoid an innings defeat, Zimbabwe were in trouble at 48 for four during the morning session when Flower and Whittall came together.

But the pair scored 105 not out and 65 respectively, to take the match into the final day against the odds.

Grant Flower and Alistair Campbell had both been run out in the pre-lunch session and the home side were in trouble.

But Andy Flower and Whittall went after the New Zealand seam attack with relish.

Flower reached his 3,000 runs in Test cricket, the first Zimbabwean to do so, when he reached 59. He was caught on 65 with Matthew Sinclair

diving to snatch a full-blooded square-cut.

Then Whittall took up the charge. He already has a double-century and another hundred in the record books. He sped to a third in 202 balls, hitting two sixes and 15 fours.

His second six off Nathan Astle was a full-blooded blow back over the bowler's head and it brought up his century in a way that symbolised Zimbabwe's new-found defiance.

Zimbabwe had responded weakly to New Zealand's first innings total of 465 with a meagre 166. And at lunch on Friday they appeared ready to surrender, having made just 66 for the loss of four wickets, two of them Grant Flower and Alistair Campbell who misjudged cheeky singles.

This left Zimbabwe an apparently hopeless task of getting another 233 to avoid an innings defeat.

But the Whittall-Flower pairing have brought Zimbabwe only 71 runs short of that target and it now seems possible.

against all the odds, that New Zealand will have to bat again Saturday to win the match and the series.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at close of play on the fourth day of second Test between Zimbabwe and New Zealand on Thursday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 166 (overnight 6-1)
G Flower run out
Rennie c Spearman b O'Connor 1
Carlisle c Fleming b Astle 20
Campbell run out 10
A Flower c Sinclair b O'Connor 65
Whittall not out 105
Streak not out 10
Extras: 7
Total: (For 5 wks in 104 overs) 228

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-27, 3-39, 4-48, 5-179

Bowler
O'Connor 26 12 36 2
Nash 17 8 27 0
McMillan 17 3 49 0
Astle 22 9 52 1
Cairns 16 4 34 0
Wiseman 6 2 23 0

India offered Cronje's bank details

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: South Africa has offered to hand over bank details of disgraced former

cricket skipper Hansie Cronje to Delhi police investigating a match-fixing scandal, officials said Friday, reports AFP.

Shamila Batooli, the chief prosecutor in the King Commission of inquiry probing the Cronje affair, has also agreed to send details of telephone calls made by Cronje to bookies in India and abroad, a top police Crime Branch detective said.

He said the offers came Thursday, the third day of Batooli's negotiations with the Crime Branch, which in April pressed bombshell corruption charges against Cronje and three of his teammates.

"Cronje's bank details will be of immense help to us as entries will show what money was deposited in the account, which we will use as corroborative evidence when the case goes to trial," the official told this news agency.

"The details will also show the origin of the dirty money," he said of police suspicions that a London-based Indian bookie, Sanjeev Chawla, made the clandestine transfers to the South African's account from Britain.

The Indian police had previously failed to obtain the details despite three separate requests made in the past five months to Interpol.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Batooli had also agreed to send the banking details of restaurateur Quasim Banjo.

South Africa-based Banjo not only figures in the Cronje match-fixing scandal, but also in a domestic Indian probe into corruption charges against former skippers Mohammad Azharuddin and Kapil Dev, as well as Nikhil Chopra, Ajay Jadeja and some other cricketers.

Batooli, who returns to South Africa later Friday, has asked the Delhi Police to authenticate transcripts of tapes containing purported conversations between Cronje and Chawla.

The police here declined her requests for the tapes, secretly recorded during South Africa's tour of India in March, saying they were the property of the court.

However, they agreed to hand over the transcripts.

"The full transcript is part of our FIR (First Information Report) which is a public document and Batooli can obtain that from anywhere," the Crime Branch official said.

An FIR is the first step in a police case against a lawbreaker in India.

The police say the South African authorities will have to appeal to the Indian judiciary for copies of the prized tapes.

But since Batooli and her deputy Geoff Edwards are scheduled to return home Friday it will not be possible for the pair to clear the legal procedures in time.

Players and officials of the BKSP basketball team which won the Tom McCarthy schools tournament at the Dhammondi gymnasium yesterday.

—Star photo

MSC booters suspended

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club defender Jahangir Pathway and goalkeeper Mohammad Ponir have been slapped with a two-match ban for their unbecoming behavior during a National Bank Premier Division football league match against Badda Jagrani Sangsad on September 20.

The decision was taken by the Disciplinary Committee of Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DFMLC) in a meeting on Thursday night.

Jahangir, the national defender, knocked down Badda Jagrani skipper Monwar Hosain as Badda were about to take a free kick inside Moham-

medan area. During the resultant skirmish, Ponir punched Badda booter Tanveer Chowdhury.

Referee Maruf Sikder, who was officiating the match, surprised all the neutral observers by showing only the yellow card to the offenders.

The two players will now miss their team's next two matches against Aramulbagh and Muktijoddha Sangsad.

18th Nat'l Age-Gr. Ath.
Yakub breaks national mark

Sports Reporter

Yakub Ali of Pabna set a new national record as the 18th National Age-Group Athletics Championships got underway at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

On the opening day of the three-day meet, where 316 boys and girls of different age groups are taking part, Yakub Ali crossed 1.74 metres in the under-16 high jump to set the new mark. The previous national record was of 1.64 metres.

Sadib Pathan of Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) and Arifuzzaman of Rangpur won silver and bronze in the event.

A total of ten events were held till our filing of this report last night and BKSP were leading the medals table with six golds. Pabna won two while Jessore and Noakhali bagged one gold each.

Free flying
Freeman

SYDNEY, Sept 22: Australia's Cathy Freeman raised the roof here on Friday when she raced into the semifinals of the 400m on her way to what is expected to be almost certain gold, reports AFP.

The nearly 100,000 people in the Stadium Australia, the glittering centre piece of the Sydney Games, roared their approval of the 27-year-old when she was introduced.

They roared again when Freeman, attempting to become the first Aboriginal to win Olympic gold in an individual event, hit the home straight well in front.

Cameras flashed all round the stadium as the mostly Australian crowd wanted to record the night they saw Freeman run in the Olympics.

The reigning world champion eased up 20 meters from the finish.

BKSP best in Tom
McCarthy b'ball

Sports Reporter

Favourites Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) emerged champions of the Tom McCarthy School Basketball tournament after defeating BAF Shaheen School and college 112-81 in the final at the Dhammondi Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday.

The boys from BKSP showed remarkable determination throughout the match and their victory was never in question once they took a 57-30 lead at the breather.

Under the able guidance of young coach Nahad Zahed Chowdhury, the cagers from the country's lone sports institute displayed their superiority in all the departments. Their attack was spearheaded by Shishir and Manik who penetrated the BAF Shaheen defence repeatedly.

BAF Shaheen tried their best to stay in the game but their efforts were not enough to counter the fast movements and accurate lay ups of BKSP.

For BKSP, Shishir and Shaheen scored in with 34 and 29 points respectively. Masud (24) and Anton (20) topscored for the vanquished.

The tournament was organised by Bangladesh Basketball Federation and title-sponsored by Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) promotion Ltd. chief executive Tom McCarthy.

Players and officials of the BKSP basketball team which won the Tom McCarthy schools tournament at the Dhammondi gymnasium yesterday.

—Star photo

Naimur points at pace



Having been elevated to the elite club of Test-playing nations, Bangladesh are going for their first assignment at the ICC Knockout tournament in Kenya as well as their subsequent tour of South Africa amid great expectation of cricket-crazy fans at home, reports UNB.

The national team leaves Sunday evening for Nairobi by Emirates flight for the eleven-day tour, dubbed Mini-World Cup cricket, beginning in the Kenyan capital from October 3.

Captain Naimur Rahman Durjoy, taking up the prestigious and challenging job for the first time, thinks that the tour will be tougher one for the new-born Test nation.

Talking to this news agency Friday, the 26-year-old all-rounder expressed the hope they would play against England for good results and players are now confident about winning the match.

Durjoy said he is proud of becoming the first man to lead Bangladesh in their Test-era and is focused at transforming Bangladesh to a good Test nation.

Bangladesh will play their first match of the ICC Knockout event against England on October 5.

Prior to their clash with England, they will play two practice matches against hosts Kenya and Sri Lanka on September 28 and October 1 respectively.

Bangladesh, who will play their maiden Test against India from November 10-14 in Dhaka, will open their South African tour with a four-day match against Grqualand West at Kimberly on October 12.

They will also play three limited-over matches against

South African A team on October 18, 21 and 22 at Bloemfontein, Pietermaritzburg and Durban respectively.

In absence of the talented opening batsmen Mehrab Hosain Opee and Shahriar Hosain Bidyut due to their injury, the national team is left with only one experienced opener, Javed Omar Belim.

Shahriar was recently replaced by uncapped Ehsanul Haq Sezan.

Coach Sarwar Inam said it was unfortunate to lose the youngsters to show their potentials against game's aristocrats.

Inam said the South African team would not be easy one for them because the South African A team, who are now playing brilliant cricket in West Indies, is a very strong side with some talented cricketers who could be called up in their national squad anytime.

Both the coach and the captain think they lack in pace attack. "I am confident in our batting but bowling is our main concern. But I think they are improving," Naimur said.

He observed, the fitness level is now good but they have failed to get adequate field practice in recently concluded month-long camp in BKSP. However, the national team for the first time underwent a weeklong conditioning camp on the beach at Cox's Bazar.

Durjoy and Inam expressed their optimism that the tour would help the national side play good cricket against India in the country's maiden Test match at home.

The team is carrying two left-arm spinners — Mohammed Rafique and Enamul Haq Moni — as the selectors think it would help the squad a lot to play in a bouncy wicket during the South African tour.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) general secretary Syed Ashraf Haq is accompanying the team as a manager while BCB joint secretary Mahmudul Haq Manu as the coordinator.

TEAM
Javed Omar Belim, Ehsanul Haq, Habibul Bashar, Akram Khan, Aminul Islam, Al-Shahriar, Naimur Rahman (captain), Khaled Masud (vice-captain), Enamul Haq Moni, Hasibul Hossain, Monjurul Islam, Mohammad Rafique, Mushfiqur Rahman and Bikash Ranjan Das.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter between Mohammedan and Ajax at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

—Star photo

Mohammedan just a win away

Unstoppable Shamim Reza

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club, boosted by a hat-trick from season's sensation Shamim Reza,

virtually confirmed their defence of the Green Delta Premier Division hockey league with a 9-1 drubbing of Azad Sporting Club in a return leg encounter at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Reza's second half treble was his third hat-trick in the league. With 23 goals, he is by far the leading marksman.

Shamim apart, Sheikh Ramij Ahmed (two), Mahbubul Ehsan Rana (two), Ishtiaq Ahmed Shipu and Sharafat Mia added to the Mohammedan spree.

Former Pakistani Olympian Aleem Raja scored the consolation goal for Ajax who suffered their ninth defeat against three wins and a draw (10 points).

With their 13th successive win Mohammedan (39 points) moved ten points clear of arch-rivals Abahani who have played one match less. A win from their remaining three matches (against Mariner, Usha and Abahani) will ensure the championship for the 'Black and Whites'.

Defender Shipu gave Mohammedan an early second minute lead converting his side's first penalty corner.

Aleem equalised ten minutes later from a goal mouth melee.

Ramij put Mohammedan back in front after being brilliantly fed by Rana at the stroke of the breather.

In the second half, Mohammedan ran all over Azad and blasted seven goals without reply.

Rana made it 3-1 from a Tito pass in the 39th minute. Shamim, who missed a couple

of easy chances in the first half, then took over. In a six minute spell (42nd to 48th) he had completed his hat-trick.

Ramij, Sharafat and Rana then further sunk the hapless Azad.

Earlier, in the day's first match, Mariner Youngs Club recorded a 2-0 win over Bangladesh Sporting Club.

After a barren first session, defender Isa Mia and Pakistani recruit Naved Iqbal scored for the winners.

It was Mariner's seventh win in 12 matches (24 points). On the other hand it was the ninth defeat for Bangladesh Sporting Club which kept them glued to eight points.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Farashganj SC v Sonali Bank (2:15 pm)
Usha KC v Azad SC (4 pm)
Venue: Maulana Bhasani Stadium.

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