

SPORTS TALK

Referees remain at risk

Premier League resumes today

Sports Reporter

The National Bank Premier Football League resumes today after a two days break with a sense of serious insecurity among referees.

League leaders Mukti Jodha will take on Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society in the opening match of the Super Four while Dharmodi face Victoria Sporting Club in the Relegation affair at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Holders Mohammediand, who finished second at the end of the first phase, will meet their arch-rivals Abahani on October 10. Abahani finished third with 19 points, five points behind Mukti Jodha and four short of Mohammediand.

But the organisers Dhaka Mohanagar Football League Committee (DMFLC), who run the most attractive event in the domestic football, are very concerned about the successful completion of the League.

Their cause for concern was the safety of referees, who have become the chief target of unruly supporters and officials. The helpless referees found it invariably very hard to officiate matches after being verbally abused and assaulted during the first phase of the League.

The local referees threatened to boycott the League after Golam Mostafa, who officiated the Mohammediand-Abahani match, was mercilessly beaten up by an Abahani supporter after the final whistle on Friday.

Refereeing is considered as a demanding job elsewhere in the world, but in Bangladesh it is like stepping on to a minefield. Unlike other countries, the security and the authority of men in blacks have never been

guaranteed in Dhaka football.

"To be in trouble, you necessarily don't have to make a bad call. Any ruling, be it a bad or good, that goes against any team might invite you the trouble. Any one can get away with any type of offences in Dhaka football in these days," lamented a referee, preferring not to be named.

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