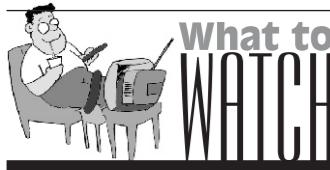




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AB Bank TT
UNB, Dhaka

Nine matches of the AB Bank Metropolis First Division Table Tennis League were decided on the second day at the Wooden Floor gymnasium yesterday.

Results of the day's matches: Mohammadpur Boys beat Mansur Sporting Club 3-0, Management Net defeated Ghoph KC 3-0, Purbachal Parishad outplayed Jagaroni TT Club 3-0, New Colony beat Khelaghara 3-1, North South University beat Sporting World 3-0, Dhaka TT Club defeated Reazul Smriti Sangha 3-1, Pegasus beat Khajra Printing 3-2, Barna TT Club beat Angela Club 3-0 and Swamibagh Boys defeated ORCA 3-0.

Bari waiting for the call

Admits fault but won't resign

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) general secretary Shamsul Bari refused to step down after the national team's disastrous performance in the 6th Asia Cup tournament.

Bari returned home on Sunday night with nothing to show from Kuala Lumpur, where Bangladesh finished at the bottom of the eight-team competition. It was the worst-ever showing by the stick wielders in an international event.

"Since I'm the chief executive I should take the blame for the debacle. But I don't think my resignation will solve anything at this moment," said Bari who was also the team leader for the biggest hockey carnival in Asia.

Bangladesh lost all their five

matches in the competition and more importantly conceded a staggering 35 goals including an embarrassing 8-0 thrashing against China and a 5-0 drubbing at the hands of the hosts Malaysia.

To make matters worse Bangladesh, who failed to score a single goal in their first four matches, suffered their first-ever defeat against lowly Hong Kong, who won 4-3.

But despite the shameful exhibition by the unimaginative boys of coach Abdul Razzaq Sona Mir the long-serving general secretary of the BHF felt that there was still some hockey left in him.

"It is understandable that defeats against India and Pakistan were always on the cards since they are world-beaters. But I can't accept losing to China, Malaysia and Hong Kong. We never lost to Hong Kong before," said Bari who has been occupying the hot seat for the last

two decades.

Bangladesh started their dismal campaign with an 8-0 whitewash by



SHAMSUL BARI

losing finalist Pakistan and then gulped 10 goals against eventual champions India.

Bari, who has developed a high tolerance level when it comes to facing the wrath after every debacle, however came up with some lame excuses about the latest Kuala Lumpur fiasco.

Bari said that he was really disappointed with his captain Musa Mia for reportedly hiding a hamstring injury before the team had left for the Malaysian capital.

"He (Musa) submitted a false medical certificate which verified that he would be alright after two days. But the Malaysian doctors confirmed that would take the player more than two weeks to recover. I don't know whether Musa did that deliberately," said Bari.

While Bari tried to shift the blame on others team manager Abdur Rashid Shikder clearly pointed his finger at the policy makers for not keeping enough players on the reserve bench.

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Nat'l cricket deferred

SPORTS REPORTER

The Emirates 27th National Cricket Championship was deferred by five days due to unplayable ground condition.

The championship will now begin on October 6 at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium with Bangladesh Railway taking on American International University in the opening match.

"We could not prepare the grounds in the city due to rain for the last few days," said member-

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Philips tennis

SPORTS REPORTER

Ranjan Ram moved into the boys' (under-16) singles semifinals of the Philips National Tennis Tournament with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over Rabbi at the National Tennis Complex yesterday.

In the boys under-13 group, Nafis, Protov, Zakir, Omar and Rabiu won their respective matches.

Tigers on spin-hunt

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh cricket team's think-tank is planning to strengthen the Tigers' spin attack against England for the coming home series.

The selectors have already called-up off-spinner Fahim Muntasir and leg-break bowler Mosaddeq Hossain in the 20-member preliminary squad that was announced on Sunday as they look to provide some much-needed support to lone-ranger Mohammad Rafique.

"We have one established spinner (left-arm Mohammed Rafique) but we are looking for another good slow bowler to give more bite to our attack, because the Englishmen are known to be a bit susceptible against spin," said chief selector Faruque Ahmed while talking to the Daily Star Sport yesterday.

Faruque however stressed that the newcomers have to prove their worth in practice before they can

entertain the thought of being picked. "Everything will be depend on their performance in the nets," said the former national skipper.

Bangladesh had to depend on all-rounder Sanwar Hossain's off spin in the recent past but poor form has cost him his place and with the disillusioned Naimur Rahman sending the wrong message, the selectors have their work cut out in finding a specialist tweaker.

Faruque explained the reasons behind retaining right-arm quicks Alamgir Kabir, Anwar Hossain Munir and Tarek Aziz Khan while omitting left-arm pacer Monjurul Islam.

"We have adopted a policy of giving people we call up ample time to prove themselves at the highest level. But at some stage you have to draw the line and leave certain players out," said Faruque adding that the fast bowlers who are in the camp have the potential to make their presence felt in the squad.

"They are fighting cricketers and chances are that they will deliver if persisted with."

Regarding Bangladesh's inconsistent batting line-up, Faruque said

that focus will be on finding the right opening combination for the one-dayers and some solid middle order batsmen as Mohammad Ashraful and Sanwar is out of the equation for the moment.

Openers Hannan Sarker and Javed Omar Belim are doing a reasonable job in the Test matches but we want an opening pair with more one-day characteristics for the limited overs games," said Faruque.

About the prospect of last season's highest run scorer in domestic cricket Mohammad Moniruzzaman pushing for a place, Faruque said it depended on the need of the hour.

"Although he is an opening batsman, we might take a more flexible approach with him and think of fitting him in the middle order. That philosophy is also applicable for other top order batsmen in the preliminary squad."

Faruque informed that the final squad will be announced sometime during the second three-day practice match between Bangladesh A and England from October 16-18 in Dhaka.

Johnson in for Anderson

Cricket

APP, London

Somerset's Richard Johnson will replace injured Lancashire pace-man James Anderson for England's Test series in Bangladesh, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced here Monday.

Johnson, already in the one-day squad for Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, replaces the 21-year-old Anderson after the rising star of English cricket was ruled out last week of the first leg of the winter tour programme with a knee injury.

But Anderson could return in time for the subsequent three-Test series in Sri Lanka.

Former Middlesex seamer Johnson, 28, whose own career has been blighted by injuries, including a groin problem that saw him miss the home series against South Africa, took six for 33 on his Test debut against Zimbabwe at Durham's Riverside ground in June.

England's chairman of selectors, David Graveney, explaining the decision to call up Johnson, said:

"Richard produced an outstanding performance against Zimbabwe at



RICHARD JOHNSON

Durham in his first Test match and deserves an opportunity to press for a place in the Test side again.

"James Kirtley was our nominated stand-by bowler for the Test squad, but we have decided not to call on him at this stage in order to give him more time to recover from a shin injury ahead of the one-day series in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka."

TEST SQUAD
Michael Vaughan (captain), James Anderson, Gareth Batty, Mark Butcher, Rikki Clarke, Paul Collingwood, Andrew Flintoff, Ashley Giles, Stephen Harmison, Richard Johnson, Nasser Hussain, Matthew Hoggard, Geraint Jones (wicketkeeper), Chris Read (wicketkeeper), Marcus Trescothick, Graham Thorpe.

Pakistan beat India

Cricket

CRICINFO, Colombo

The Indian Emerging XI batsmen put in their second limp batting performance in two days, sliding to a 37-run defeat against the Pakistan Emerging XI.

Set a modest target of 138 for victory, the Indians failed to counter Pakistan's three-pronged medium-pace attack and were bundled out for just 100 at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo.

This made it two successive losses for the Indian team.

As in the first match against hosts Sri Lanka the previous day, there was just enough in the pitch to make the ball seam and swing, causing discomfort to the batsmen of both sides. While Pakistan lasted just 38.4 overs after being put in to bat, India managed 22.5 overs when it was their turn.

Pakistan collected a bonus point along with their win and now jointly head the standings with Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka won the opening match by four wickets and also picked up a bonus point along the way.

Baber Naeem, the opener for the Pakistan Emerging XI, top-scored with 34. He faced 75 balls and hit one boundary and his innings told the story of how difficult conditions were for the batsmen.

At one stage Pakistan were well placed at 67 for 1 in the 20th over, following a 46-run second-wicket partnership off eight overs between Naeem and Shahid Younas (19).

But Irfan Pathan broke that stand and took two wickets off successive balls in his fifth over as Pakistan lost their last nine wickets for 70 runs.

Pathan ended up taking 4 for 22 in a spell of nine overs. Aavishkar Salvi picked up 3 for 27 from seven overs.

India began poorly, losing two wickets off successive balls in the third over.

Their batting was dismantled first by Fahad Masood, the eventual man-of-the-match, who took the first four wickets for 30 runs in six overs. Yasir Arafat and Junaid Zia destroyed the rest of the batting sharing six wickets between them.

Naveed Anjum, the Pakistan coach, said that he hoped for a better pitch for the remaining matches in the tournament.

"It was not a good one-day track. In the first 20-25 overs it is a real struggle for the batsmen. In the end it was an easy win. We were quite confident of defending a total of 137 because the pitch was seaming a lot," he said.

Meanwhile, Lalchand Rajput, the Indian coach, said that the batting had let the side down.

"I am really disappointed with our batting. The batsmen must apply themselves and show more determination. We should have got those 137 runs."

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Proteas leave for Pakistan

Cricket

CRICINFO, Johannesburg

There's no turning back now for South Africa, as they finally flew to begin their delayed tour of Pakistan.

They were meant to have left a week ago, but a bomb blast in Karachi temporarily derailed the tour a day before the squad's scheduled departure.

The Pakistanis hastily offered a revised itinerary from which the perceived hotspots of Karachi and Peshawar had been removed. The three originally scheduled Test matches became two, and three one-day internationals became five.

The United Cricket Board (UCB)

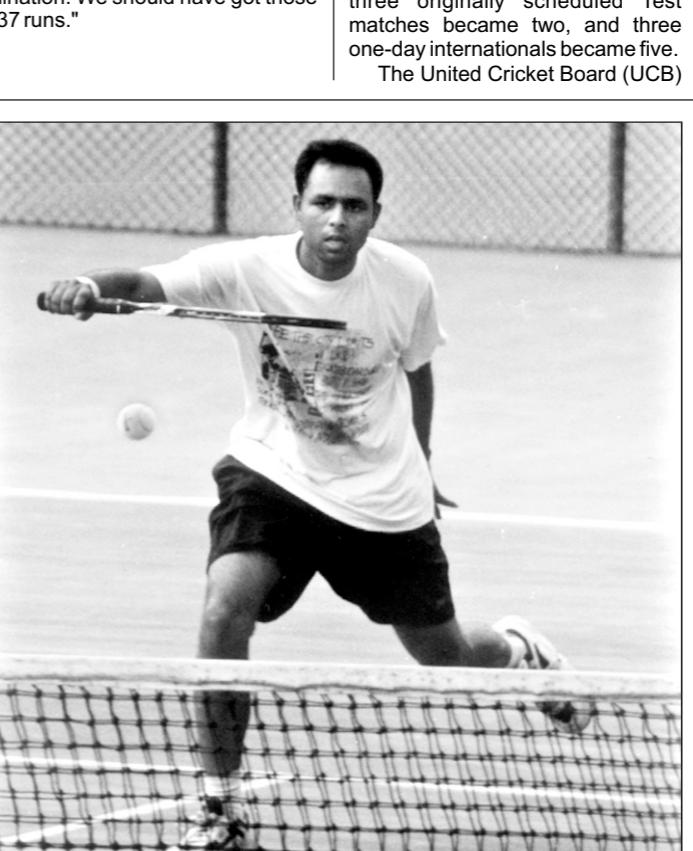
of South Africa accepted the revised plan, and the tour was back on, only for the alarm bells to be set ringing once more on Saturday in the wake of a bomb that exploded aboard a Karachi bus and wounded 13 people.

But the squad assembled in Johannesburg on Sunday morning, and jetted out at 12.15pm (GMT).

Crucial to their departure, it seems, is the presence in Pakistan of UCB commercial director Ian Smith and police security expert Ben van Deventer, who were members of the delegation that visited the country two weeks ago to assess safety.

"We've contacted our security people in Lahore, and reassurances have been given for our safety," Gerald de Kock, the UCB's media

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Paradorn in love!
AFP, Bangkok
Thai tennis star Paradorn Srichaphan has caused a sensation in his home country after being linked with another homegrown superstar, glamorous singer and actress Tata Young.
Photographs of the pair, probably the two most famous celebrities in the country, were splashed in the tabloid press Monday as they sat in the stands at the finals of the Thailand Open Sunday.
Ignoring the gaze of more than 10,000 tennis fans at the stadium, they chatted, flirted and linked arms in an open display of affection.
Tata, whose father is American, fed Paradorn ice cream from a spoon while world-number-one Juan Carlos Ferrero and hard-serving US player Taylor Dent slugged it out on court.
Last week Tata was also pictured on the sidelines of the court during Paradorn's matches before he was bundled out of the tournament in the quarterfinals.
However, the local press said Tata has some competition. A well-known model was also seen in the stands supporting Paradorn during the tournament, the first ATP event to be held in Thailand.

SAARC Carrom ends India again dominate

Cricket

APP, Lahore

India maintained their supremacy in the SAARC Countries Carrom Championship as the seventh version of the regional meet