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D'mondi blot for MSC

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Last season's treble winners Mohammedan Sporting Club's only hopes of winning a major title this year suffered another setback as punching-bags Dhanmondi Club held them to a 1-1 draw in yesterday's lone Western Union Premier Division Football League match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

Mohammedan led the first half 1-0 through a Farhad goal but were reduced to 10 men just prior to the lemon break when combative midfielder Bakhtiaruddin was sent off for his second bookable offence.

Bakhtiar got himself noted in referee Maruf Sikder's book early in the match. Even after receiving the caution, the diminutive player continued to commit infringements and finally paid the price when his reckless charge on Dhanmondi captain Maruf left Sikder with no option but to show the dreaded red.

Mohammedan never found the same composure following Bakhtiar's absence in the second half and tiny Dhanmondi, languishing in the bottom of the 10-

team league and fresh from a 7-3 spanking at the hands of Abahani in their last match, suddenly found the numerical superiority inspiring and equalised in the 59th minute.

The first 45 minutes of the game was all Mohammedan and they should be kicking themselves for not going at least 4-0 up.

Cameroon recruit Etigo, who scored a hat-trick in the previous match against Badda Jagarani, spoiled the first chance as his weak shot off a Farhad corner was brilliantly cleared by Dhanmondi defender Mishu from the line in the 9th minute.

Etigo's compatriot Afala then shot the ball wide of the near post from close range after a cross came from the left in the 16th minute. The ever-energetic Farhad then saw his goal bound volley headed out for a corner by Dhanmondi defender Sohel Rana with keeper Ratan Ali beaten.

The much awaited breakthrough came for Mohammedan in the 37th minute when Farhad took full advantage of a defensive lapse on the right side of the Dhanmondi box and then dodged past two defenders before sending the ball into the far post with a powerful left footer. But the joy was subdued by Bakhtiar's dismissal in

the first half injury time after he had flattened Maruf with an outrageous lunge from behind.

Dhanmondi were a changed side after the breather. They thought they had levelled the match in the 49th minute when Aminul found the net from a Kennedy pass from the left. But assistant referee Shahidul Islam Bachchu had already put his flag up for off-side against Aminul.

Aminul however was not to be denied ten minutes later. Ghanaian Kennedy again provided a teasing minus from the left touchline and the lanky striker saw the ball go inside touching his knee.

Mohammedan staged a late rally but couldn't open up the Dhan-rondi defence. Three minutes from time, Farhad connected his head to an Etigo lob from the left flank but the attempt flew over the crosspiece.

It was Mohammedan's fourth draw in six outings. They have 10 points and are a point behind joint leaders Abahani and Sheikh Russell KC. The Black and Whites however, have played a game more.

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Dhanmondi defender Azizi (R) clears the ball before Mohammedan striker Farhad could pose any threat during their Western Union Premier Division Football League match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

AFC supremo due on Jan 11

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is going to get the biggest opportunity to project its future aspiration when Asian Football Confederation (AFC) president Mohamed Bin Hammam arrives in the city on January 11.

The AFC chief will lead a strong 25-member delegation and attend a seminar titled "Vision Bangladesh" during his six-day visit.

AFC general secretary Dato' Peter Velappan, who is the director of Vision Asia project, will accompany his president along with other high officials of the game's governing body FIFA and AFC.

The large contingent of football high-ups will fly in from India, where they are now attending a same programme.

Vision Asia is a new pilot project of the AFC to assist the developing countries to improve their standards of the world's most popular game.

"It will be a good opportunity for us to explain the problems we are confronting to improve the game in our country," told BFF general secretary Anwarul Haq to The Daily Star Sport while confirming the visit of Hammam yesterday.

Haq however said that the delegation would provide technical support only after identifying our problems. But he ruled out the possibility of getting any financial support right at the moment.

U-19 C'wealth Cricket

Bangladeshi side in semis

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Development Foundation (BCDF) under-19 team will take on India in a semifinal of the Under-19 Commonwealth Cricket Championship at the Raja Nahar Singh Stadium in Faridabad, New Delhi today.

The BCDF team made it to the last four after winning their second robin league match against Sri Lanka by four wickets at the Tau Devi Lal Stadium yesterday.

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Saqlain leaves A team reeling

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Captain Tushar Imran hit a half century but Bangladesh A were still staring at yet another defeat in the Patron's Trophy competition in Pakistan yesterday.

The second string national side ended the third day on 134 for five in their second innings against Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and still require another 166 runs to make the local team bat again on the last day today. PIA had earlier declared their first innings at 502 for nine, a lead of 299 runs at

the Quaid-e-Azam Park in Karachi.

Pakistan's star off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq once again initiated the tourists' struggle as he captured three wickets for 45 runs in 18 overs to add to his six wickets in the first innings.

Mazharul Haque is the only specialist batsman remaining for the A team. The burly right-hander was batting on 22 while Jamal Uddin (11 not out) was keeping him.

Skipper Imran provided the only resistance and made a polished 61 off 103 balls. First innings centurion Rashedul Haque scored 30 off 44 balls.

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All of Dav's aides in town

SPORTS REPORTER

Dav Whatmore's fifth aide Anthony Stewart also arrived in the capital yesterday.

Australian sports psychologist Stewart will conduct his first session today with the Tigers.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has arranged an extensive programme for the national team to prepare for the upcoming Zimbabwe tour.

Former national coach Trevor Chappell has already come here on January 5 and started working with the team as an expert fielding coach while Sri Lankan born Australian Owen Mattau is also working with the team as batting coach.

Physio John Gloster and trainer Dean Woodford are the two other helping hands of the Bangladesh coach.

Sunny nightwatchman



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Elias Sunny scored an unbeaten half-century as Dhaka consolidated their position at the top of the Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League with a five-wicket win over holders Khulna at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Coming into bat as nightwatchman after Dhaka lost both their openers for 22 in fading lights on Tuesday, the young left-arm spinner more than justified his elevation with a solid 54 on the final day. His undefeated knock confirmed Dhaka's third straight win in the four-day competition.

Dhaka are now leading the six-

team table with 20 points at the end of the fourth round, four points clear from their nearest challengers Sylhet, who scored an impressive victory over Barisal in this round.

The defeat on the other hand left Khulna lying in the third position along with Chittagong, both having collected ten points each. Rajshahi and Barisal have bagged six points.

Although Khulna left-arm seamer Syed Russell gave the visitors a confident start removing Test discard Sanwar Hossain in the second ball of the day, Sunny stuck to his guns like a true batsman as Dhaka chased 117 runs for a win on the final day.

Resuming the day on nine, the 19-year-old hit eight boundaries in his 143-balls undefeated vigil. He shared 62 runs for the unbroken sixth wicket with his captain Naimur Rahman, who scored 32 off

73 balls that featured four boundaries.

Sunny was also involved in a vital fifth-wicket stand with another national discard Sajjad Ahmed, who chipped in with 34 off 65 balls with five hits to the fence.

Although Khulna returned empty-handed their left-arm pacer Russell won the man-of-the-match award for his match haul of 11 wickets. The 19-year-old from Jessore captured four wickets in the second innings conceding 54 runs in 19 overs.

The fifth round matches of the country's lone first-class competition will start tomorrow.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the four-day Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League match at Dhaka. m a t c h

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Pakistan restore parity

Cricket

AFP, Queenstown

Imran Farhat and Yousuf Youhana combined in a 143-run stand of classic elegance and control as Pakistan cruised to a convincing six-wicket win over New Zealand here Wednesday to level the one-day cricket series one-all.

New Zealand knew their 235-7 was going to be difficult to defend, and Pakistan picked it off with ease, posting 236-4 with three overs to spare.

Although Yasir Hameed and Saleem Elahi fell cheaply, and Pakistan were 52-2 after 14 overs, the result never looked in doubt when Youhana joined Farhat at the crease.

Farhat, curbing his natural attacking instincts at first, coolly accumulated runs as required through his favoured off-side and with some helpful offerings on the leg stump.

He faced 104 balls for his 87, which included eight fours and a six, and was out with the score at 195 and the result not in doubt.

Between them, Farhat and Youhana put on 143 runs in 25 overs after Youhana had also started slowly and waited 14 balls before getting off the mark by hitting Chris Cairns over the bowler's head for the first of his 10 boundaries.

Youhana was unbeaten on 88 using his command of wrist control to cut, pull and drive the New Zealand attack to all points of the boundary.

New Zealand's troublesome death bowling, which saw Pakistan slay 102 runs in the final 10 overs in the first one-dayer, was not to be tested this time.

Daryl Tuffey was again the pick of the bowlers with one for 28 off 10 while a disappointing Cairns went for 28 off four and Daniel Vettori couldn't contain in the middle as he took one for 58 off 10.

When Inzamamul Haq won the toss for Pakistan and elected to bowl, although without Shoaib Akhtar who remains sidelined with a groin injury, Mohammad Sami and Shabbir Ahmed vindicated their captain's decision.

Within 15 overs New Zealand had 53 runs on the board and three batsmen back in the pavilion.

"The bowlers contained the New Zealand batsmen very well... and the team has been doing very well chasing runs," Pakistan coach Javed Miandad said.

"In this country the first hour always helps the fast bowlers, the same thing in the last game, then later the wicket becomes better."

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming said the pitch was tricky early on but that wasn't an excuse for the batting woes.

"It certainly set us back, we didn't get key partnerships going and the scoreboard reflects it with a series of 20-run partnerships," he said.

"The pitch just held fractionally which made it hard work, but that aside we just lost wickets at key times."

When New Zealand were 112-6, with the top order all gone, a sub-150 score was on the cards until all-rounder Jacob Oram and Brendan McCullum added 91 runs for the seventh wicket to give the score some respectability.

They added 91 runs in 17 overs before Oram was bowled by Sami for 54 while McCullum remained

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ITF Jr. tennis Qtrs field finalised

SPORTS REPORTER

The quarterfinal line-ups of both boys' and girls' singles competition of the BKSP International Junior Tennis Championship were finalised yesterday.

Navdeep Singh and Rohan Gidde of India, Lee Hsin Han, Hui Gin and Chiachu of Chinese Taipei, Soo Ho Lee and Hyung Joon of South Korea, Faris Khatabi of England moved into the boys' singles quarterfinals.

In the girls' singles, Punam Reddy of India, Tssa Smrekar of Slovenia, Jung Youm Shin, Soon Min Sea and Hae Youm of South Korea, Saidhkodi Dilyara and Elina of Uzbekistan, You Ting Leen of Chinese Taipei confirmed their places.

Players from a total of 18 countries Canada, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Japan, South Korea, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Russia, South Africa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Slovenia, Thailand, England, Uzbekistan and hosts Bangladesh are taking part in the ITF Junior World Ranking Group 4 competition at BKSP tennis complex.



LET'S BECOME MONKEYS! Bangladesh's fielding coach Trevor Chappell (R) demonstrating a stance to four of his charges during a practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.



The Steve legacy

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Wearing his beloved Australian cap and allowing himself a rare smile, Steve Waugh left the Sydney Cricket Ground on Tuesday with an imperishable legacy to the international game he graced for 18 years.

Waugh's singular contribution was to blend both ancient and modern in an Australian team who at their peak could plausibly claim to be the best in history.

Ancient was one appropriate word for a cap threatening to fall apart when the Australian captain finally retired.

The battered, baggy green represented a conscious effort to connect the modern generation with their predecessors who had built and nurtured their nation's summer game.

Typically Waugh went even further in his efforts to instil a sense of tradition into teammates who were still small children when he made his international debut in

1986.

For the first Test of the new millennium against India in Sydney on January 2, 2000 the Australians donned replicas of the skull caps worn by Joe Darling's 1901-02 side.

Again, typically, Waugh was not content with mere symbolism. En route to yet another successful Ashes defence in England a year later, Waugh took his team to the Gallipoli peninsula.

There they re-enacted a 1915 photograph showing Australian soldiers playing cricket towards the end of their tragic eight-month campaign in which nearly 9,000 Australians perished.

"Even this morning I was in the shower and it started trickling," commented Waugh at the time.

"I was standing there thinking the damn shower is no good and then I thought these guys were freezing in the trenches and fighting for eight months so what have I got to complain about?"

Back in the modern world, Waugh also successfully challenged the cultural barriers which prevent so many teams from per-

forming at their best on the Indian sub-continent.

Instead of retreating to their air-conditioned hotel rooms or seeking refuge by the pool, Waugh urged his teammates to embrace the local culture and welcome rather than reject diversity.

Again there was substance behind the rhetoric. Waugh helps support an orphanage in India. He has also raised money for leper sufferers.

Golden ages by definition exist in the past with time and nostalgia softening their harsh contours. But well before Waugh had finally disappeared from sight on Tuesday, cricket fans around the world realised they had been privileged to live in an extraordinary era for Test cricket, possibly the most exciting ever.

Pushing back the boundaries in his sport as he had in his life, Waugh persuaded the Australian team to embrace a policy of all-out attack with astonishing results.

Three hundred runs a day was once thought an impossible dream. Waugh's Australians made it a norm.

In the series against India, Waugh's last, both teams often averaged four runs an over. An extraordinary 1,747 runs were scored in the final drawn Test and with 90 overs a day now guaranteed, 400 runs is the new target.

Brisk scoring rates are not new.

Attack was the watchword of the Edwardian age and Don Bradman scored fast as well as prolifically in the 1930s.

In the 1960s, largely a drab decade for cricket in contrast to the prevailing social and musical ferment, West Indies extended the boundaries of the possible with some exhilarating stroke play.

At the 1996 World Cup, Sri Lanka redefined one-day cricket by attacking from the start to take full advantage of fielding restrictions and batsman friendly pitches.

But it is the present Australia side containing Matthew Hayden, the new captain Ricky Ponting and Adam Gilchrist who have changed the game irrevocably with their relentless pursuit of quick runs.

Just as sub-four minutes miles became commonplace once the

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Bracken out of opening ODI

AFP, Melbourne

Australian pace bowler Nathan Bracken will miss Friday's opening triangular series cricket one-dayer against India due to a hip injury.

Bracken, 26, strained a muscle in his left hip while fielding during the drawn fourth Test against India which finished in Sydney on Tuesday.

West Australian paceman Brad Williams 12th man in the Sydney Test replaces Bracken in Australia's one-day squad and arrived here with teammates bleary-eyed from Steve Waugh's farewell bash and enjoying just a day's rest before preparing for the one-dayers.

Bracken joined Glenn McGrath, Jason Gillespie and Brett Lee as Australian pace bowlers missing matches through injury this summer, and vice-captain Adam Gilchrist said cricket authorities should look at giving the over-worked team some respite.

"It'd be great for everyone if there was an opportunity to get away, have a spell and really freshen up because you always feel like you're not getting that chance," Gilchrist said on Wednesday.