

## U-17 booters lose again

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The visiting Bangladesh Under-17 football team suffered another heavy defeat in Thailand when they went down 4-2 against Phanichayakarn Rattamnoen College Under-17 team in their third practice match at the Jang Bauer Football Academy ground near Bangkok yesterday.

It was the third consecutive defeat for Shahidur Rahman Shantoo's boys, who are playing some practice matches as part of their preparation for the upcoming AFC Under-17 Football Championship to be held in Japan next September.

The Bangladeshi teenagers, who have been preparing under the supervision of Shantoo since last October, lost their first match 5-2 and second 4-0 against the Thailand Under-17 side.

In the third match, the visitors, however, enjoyed the first half when Rubel struck twice in the space of three minutes.

But the locals came from 2-0 down and turned the table in their favour in the second half as Vutipong netted two goals and Supachai and Anekscored netted one each.

## Open TT postponed

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The second Global Insurance Open Table Tennis competition was postponed yesterday due to devastating flood the country has been experienced for last couple of days.

The competition was scheduled to start from August 2.



## Did U Know?

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S A A Masrur (C), acting chief executive director of Standard Chartered, addresses the media in connection with the Standard Chartered Bank school chess tournament at the NSC conference room yesterday.

## England beat WI easily

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mark, fast bowler Stephen Harmison knocking over his off-stump to leave West Indies 200 for seven.

And eight balls later Tino Best (three) charged down the pitch against left-arm spinner Giles and was easily stumped by wicketkeeper Geraint Jones.

Left-hander Chandepaul then reached a gutsy fifty off 91 balls with eight fours as rain closed in.

Chandepaul, on 69, then missed an intended pull off fast bowler Simon Jones and collapsed after the ball hit him on the inside of his right knee.

Pedro Collins hung around gamely for nearly an hour, before he was stumped by Jones for two to give Giles his fifth wicket.

And with Chandepaul in sight of a century, last man Fidel Edwards was caught behind off all-rounder Andrew Flintoff.

Chandepaul batted for 230 minutes facing 152 balls with 18 fours.

In Monday's first session, Giles struck twice, the prize dismissal of Lara his 100th Test wicket, to spark a spell that saw the tourists lose three wickets for 23 runs.

Giles bowled his former Warwickshire team-mate Lara for 44 with a superb delivery that spun sharply out of the rough to give the 33-year-old bowler his 100th Test wicket in his 37th match.

The skipper's exit left West Indies 172 for four.

None of left-hander Lara's 26 Test hundreds had been made at Lord's and at the age of 35 he was unlikely to get another chance.

Giles then dismissed Test debutant Dwayne Bravo (10) after the 20-year-old chipped back a simple return catch as the bowler followed up his first innings return of four for 129, which also included Lara, in

style.

## SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fifth and last day of the first Test between England and West Indies at Lord's on Monday:

ENGLAND: First innings 568 (Key: 221, Strauss 137, Vaughan 103; Collins 4-113, Bravo 3-74)

WEST INDIES: First innings 416 (Chandepaul 128, Gayle 66; Giles 4-129, Flintoff 3-25)

ENGLAND: Second innings 325-5 declared (Vaughan 101 not out, Flintoff 58; Collins 3-62)

WEST INDIES: Second innings (overnight 114-3)

Gayle b Harmison 81  
Smith lbw b Giles 6  
Sarwan lbw b Hoggard 4

Lara b Giles 44  
Chandepaul not out 97  
Bravo c and b Giles 10

Jacobs c Thorpe b Hoggard 1  
Banks b Harmison 0  
Best c Geraint b Giles 3

Collins c Geraint b Giles 2  
Edwards c Simon b Flintoff 2

Extras: (b-5, lb-9, nb-3) 17

Total: (All out in 79.3 overs) 267

Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-35, 3-102, 4-172, 5-194, 6-195, 7-200, 8-203, 9-247

Bowler O M R W  
Hoggard 14 2 65 2  
Harmison 21 2 78 2  
Giles 35 9 81 5  
Simon 8 3 29 0  
Flintoff 1.3 1 0 1

Result: England won by 210 runs and go 1-nil up in the four-Test series.

Man-of-the-match: Ashley Giles.

Toss: West Indies.

Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (South Africa) and Daryl Harper (Australia).

## We went for bonus

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tournament," said Ganguly. "We gave (away) 300 runs which was too much on this wicket and we did not bat well. But at least we have a chance to redeem ourselves on Tuesday.

"(It) was not just a bad day, it was poor cricket. We are not looking the side we were three months ago."

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Asia Cup super league match between India and Pakistan at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Sunday:

PAKISTAN: 300 for 9 (Malik 143, Inzamam 34, Hameed 31; Tendulkar 3-28, Pathan 3-52)

INDIA

Schwag c Moin b Shabbir 1

Tendulkar c Nazir b Malik 78

Ganguly b Sami 39

Dravid lbw b Razzaq 5

Yuvraj c and b Malik 28

Kaif run out 3

Pathan c Nazir b Akhtar 38

Harbhajan c Younis b Shabbir 2

Balaji not out 5

Kumble not out 4

Extras: (b-2, lb-13, nb-13, w-10) 38

Total: (For 8 wks in 50 overs) 241

Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-79, 3-94, 4-139, 5-151, 6-214, 7-223, 8-233

Bowler O M R W

Akhtar 10 0 51 1

Shabbir 10 0 38 2

Sami 10 0 57 1

Razzaq 10 2 38 1

Malik 10 0 42 2

Result: Pakistan won by 59 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Shoaib Malik.

Toss: Pakistan.

Umpires: Billy Bowden and Billy Doctrove.

## StanChart chess

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could take part.

Some 170 players, including nine from Indian cities of Chennai, New Delhi and Kolkata, are taking part in the nine-round Swiss League meet.

There are three categories in the competition -- Baby Class-Class V (30 participants), Class VI-X (110 players) and girls' group (30 competitors).

The event also offers cash prize of Taka 59,000 among the top players of three groups.

It is the sixth successive year Standard Chartered bank is sponsoring the juvenile chess meet. The global bank has provided Tk three lakh for holding the meet this year.

Acting chief executive officer SAA Masrur and head of the external affairs Badrul Ahsan of the sponsors also spoke on the occasion.

Ten rated players -- four from Bangladesh and five from India -- are participating in the meet that was the launching pad for country's second Grand Master Ziaur Rahman and Abdullah Al Rakib, who is just one away from becoming Bangladesh's next Grand Master.

The ten rated players are: Mahfuzur Rahman Shaheen (2130), Minhajuddin Sagar (2113), sub-junior champion Imran Ali Elun (2111) and Arifa Khatoun Moni (1825) of Bangladesh, Sumon Bose (2051), Sk Shahid Ahmed (2046), Antipr Roy (1927) and Payel Guha (1847) of Kolkata, and Sankal Midwal of Delhi.

## U-19s cruise

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medium and bringing the ball back into the right handers which is always dangerous. When the ball gets old he bowls his finger spin or if conditions or the wicket allows, he may bowl more medium pace. At the moment, he is not quick as yet but has the potential with more work and to become fast medium," explained Bangladesh Under-19 coach Richard McInnes when he was requested to clarify the young bowler's presentation.

SCORES IN BRIEF

ECB XI: First innings 337 all out in 94 overs.

BD U-19: First innings 338-8 in 90 overs dec.

ECB XI: Second innings 224-4 dec.

BD U-19: Second innings 224-1 (Nafees Ahmed 99, Shamsur 88 not out, Nazimuddin 29 not out).

Result: Bangladesh Under-19 won by nine wickets.

Ratan was the leading scorer with nine goals while Shipu netted five and Foyez two for the winners. Sajal scored the lone consolation goal for the losers.

In the day's other match, Surjadyo Club overwhelmed Prime SC 30-17. The match was locked 9-9 in the first half.

Farid led the winners attack by 10 goals while Rana and Badsha joined him scoring eight and six respectively for the winners.

Pappu was the highest scorer for the losers with seven goals while Rakib scored five.

Worryingly, Bangladesh's only one genuine pacer in the side in Tapash Baisya has failed to take a single wicket in the tournament so far. Veteran Khaled Mahmud did not look at all effective as a new ball bowler against the Lankans. All-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman has missed two games while paceman Tareq Aziz was not only costly in his lone match, he was also punished heavily in the first warm-up game.

When asked about the Pakistan match, Whatmore said: "From our point of view, we have to make an effort, push the opposition hard. We have had not done that in the last two matches. In the second phase, other teams had easy victories against us, so our confidence level is a little worrying."

Bob finds

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Woolmer, watching in horror as India played safe to ensure an extra point, said he was unhappy with the rules, which discouraged India from trying to win.

"It shows a flaw in the bonus-point system," said Woolmer on his first assignment with the Pakistani team.

"If you had no bonus point then I think India would have tried to go the whole way. I think the bonus point should be closer to the main target. I don't think 60 runs difference is right -- 20 or 25 runs would be closer to what we want."

## Nat'l hockey Army enter super league

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Bangladesh Army became the first team to move into the super league of the ANAS Group 25th National Hockey Championship when they blanked Patuakhali 4-0 at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 3-0. Yasin Ali struck twice while Abu Saeed Alo and Maksudul Haq Siddique netted one goal apiece.

It was Army's third success victory.

Bangladesh Railway also brightened their chances of a super league berth after beating Mymensingh 2-0. It was their second win in three outings.

Sanjid Kumar Das scored for the winners in the first half.

Meanwhile, BKSP made a flying start in the other group when they crushed Bangladesh Police 8-0 at the in day's first match.

Captain Ataur Rahman sounded the board three times while Tariqul Islam struck twice and Zahurul Islam, Shishir Kumar and Kamal Uddin netted one goal each for the sports academy students.

In the other match, Rajshahi thrashed Narayanganj 3-0 after leading the first half 2-0. National forward Ashraful Islam Shishu scored two twice while Hosne Mobarak Sumon added the other.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

Rajshahi v Bangladesh Police (2:30pm)

BKSP v Narayanganj (4:00pm).

## Pioneer football

UNB, Dhaka

The super league of the Shinepukur Ceramics 21st Pioneer Football League will begin on August 1 at the Shaheed Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamapur with Dhaka Gazipur Ekadosh taking on Nawabpur KC in the opening match.

Ten teams, split into two groups, will take part in the super league phase. Top two teams from each group will play the semifinals. Finally, three teams - champions, runners-up and third finishers will gain promotion to the Dhaka Metropolis 3rd Division Football League from next season.

Group A - Gazipur Ekadosh, Dhaka Junior SC, Islampur Uttarun KC, Jirabo SC and Nawabpur KC.

Group B - Great Wall SC, Mahanagar KC, Friends Social Welfare Organization, RND KC and Dipta Tarunya KC.

Earlier, 63 teams split into five zones took part in the first phase matches and two teams from each zone qualified for the 10-team super league.

## Tibet handball

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Satirtha Club trounced Jatrabari Sports Academy 21-1 in the Tibet 13th First Division Handball League at the Outer Stadium handball ground yesterday.

The winners dominated the first half 10-1.

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## Do-or-die

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his quadriceps muscle problem, and could play, unless the team management is hesitant to go in with an all-left-arm-pace attack.

Ganguly defended Lakshmi-pathy Balaji, who has struggled to find any sort of rhythm here, saying, "Bala had one bad game, but because it was against Pakistan, much has been made of it. This is a guy who has won you games in the recent past. Anyone can have a bad day, it happens to the best on these flat pitches."

He did hint though that Balaji would make way for Zahner -- "It will be hard on him if he's left out, but it's just one game" -- with Harbhajan Singh likely to be left out in order to accommodate Patel.

Ganguly, more than anyone, will be aware of how his team's one-day form has fallen away since the World Cup, with 15 wins and 14 defeats from 31 subsequent games.

Both teams had relaxed training sessions in typically muggy Colombo weather. And though Sri Lanka have been the class act of this tournament, by a considerable distance, you sensed that India's desperation would tilt the scales in their favour on Tuesday, especially with Murali away in Kandy mourning his grandfather's passing.



THE ARMSTRONG YEARS: A file photo showing American Lance Armstrong's six record-breaking years in the Tour de France from 1999-2004.

## Awesome Armstrong

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was also quick to hail Armstrong's achievements, saying his feat would never be matched.

"To win six Tours in a row is truly incredible -- I don't think anyone will do it again," said Hamilton.

Armstrong netted his historic sixth victory by more than six minutes from second-placed rider Andreas Kloden.

Tour de France director Jean-Marie Leblanc also paid homage to Armstrong, but said he was not unbeatable.

"He's the only one to have won it six times," said Leblanc.

"He won stages of all kinds, time trials, mountain stages -- he's an accomplished champion but he's not invincible."

King of the Mountains winner Richard Virenque, who once finished second to Armstrong overall, admitted he had changed his tactics because of the American.

Virenque seals mountain record

"When I saw the way Lance started winning the Tour, I knew it was useless going for overall victory," he said.

"I went back to chasing the King of the Mountains jersey -- and I'm glad I did."

Third-placed finisher Ivan Basso paid his own tribute to Armstrong but vowed to win the event one day.

"Armstrong was impressive. He won every stage he could in the mountains and the time trials, showing yet again he is the best rider in the world," the Italian said.

"But one of the reasons I'm happy with my Tour was that I was the only rider to stay with him in the first two weeks and was even a little bit stronger than him in the Pyrenees."

"I have seven or eight Tours de France ahead of me. I know I will win it one day."

In a country where cycling is a sport rarely noticed, the Texan's record-breaking victory made front page news across the United States.

The coverage, and front-page photographs of the triumphant American in his yellow jersey, came as a welcome respite to such weighty issues as terror threats, Iraq, and the September 11 commission report, not to mention the Democratic National Convention that opens in Boston Monday.

"Tour de Lance: At the Arc de Triomphe, it's Divide and Conquer," crowed the Washington Post.

"Makes Ride Into Record Books Look Easy," said The New York Times.

Armstrong "broke one of the most revered records in cycling on Sunday," noted the Times. "That it was also his sixth successive victory

was the icing on the cake."

The Los Angeles Times marvelled that on the final ride through Paris "the applause was genuine, warm and honest. Fans with American flags were hugged by Frenchmen, or clapped on the back or even kissed on the cheeks."

As Armstrong rode into Paris Sunday "on a perfect warm and sunny day, with the Arc de Triomphe as the background and a glass of champagne as a prop, history was made."

## Premier kabadi

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Army moved into the super four of the Premier Division Kabadi League beating their respective rivals at the outer stadium kabadi court yesterday.

Holders Bangladesh Rifles brushed aside Bangladesh Police 52-17. They dominated the first half 28-11.

Bangladesh Army beat Jurain Janata Club 77-20 after leading the first half 40-7 points.

Despite the day's defeat, Bangladesh Police booked a seat in the super four.

## Copa dances to samba

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top players for the tournament.

"It's clear that if the aim of the game is to decide which of the two teams was best, the final position obtained was contradictory to what each of the teams did," said Argentina coach Marcelo Bielsa, apparently meaning his side was unlucky to lose.

Argentina were left waiting for their first Copa America since 1993 despite dominating the game.

They quickly took a stranglehold and deservedly went ahead when Cristian Gonzalez sent Julio Cesar chances. The best ended with Mauro Rosales's shot being blocked after

he was fouled by Luisao in the 20th minute.

Julio Cesar prevented another goal shortly afterwards as he turned away Luis Gonzalez's low drive after the Argentine midfielder, enjoying another excellent game, burst through the middle.

But Brazil equalised out of the blue in first-half stoppage time when Luisao glanced in a free kick taken by midfielder Alex, who had barely touched the ball in the half.

Argentina regrouped after the break and continued to sweep forward, missing several good chances. The best ended with Mauro Rosales's shot being blocked after

Carlos Tevez, excellent throughout the match, brilliantly worked an opening.

The game came alive in the 87th minute when Delgado scored from a rebound after the Brazil defence had failed to clear a cross.

But in the third minute of injury time, Adriano scored in fantastic fashion. A looping ball was delivered into the Argentine box from the right flank and amidst the scramble, it fell