

Second win for U-17s

BONEWS, Dhaka

Bangladesh registered their second victory in the Golden Hope International Under-17 Cricket Challenge competition when they handed a massive eight-wicket defeat to hosts Malaysia in the third match yesterday.

Malaysia scored 91 runs for nine in 44 overs which Bangladesh overhauled in just 10 overs losing two wickets.

Earlier, Bangladesh youth team lost their second match in the tournament to Sri Lanka by 34 runs after making a flying start with a massive 140-run victory over Singapore.

PFL transfer delayed

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Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) postponed the July 15-August 15 players' transfer for the first-ever Professional Football League (PFL).

The inter-club booters' transfer has been deferred as BFF has yet to get the confirmation about possession of the Bangabandhu National Stadium, the venue of the 12-team Pro-League.

BFF's executive committee will take a decision about new dates in its July 19 meeting.

Azzurri celebrate

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The Italian heroes are to be decorated with one of the state's highest honours, the Order of Merit of the Republic, by President Giorgio Napolitano in recognition of their victory.

With banner headlines like "Champions" and "The World Belongs to Us", the triumphant Italian press hailed the team as legends, saying their victory over France in Sunday's final had deservedly delivered the nation and themselves proper acclaim.

"We are champions because we are Italian," Corriere della Sera, Italy's biggest-selling newspaper, said in an editorial.

From now on "everywhere on Planet Earth, the white, red and green passport of Italy will be stamped with admiration."

Zidane the winner

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most populous Muslim nation where millions, including President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, followed the televised matches despite the time difference.

"What happened to Zidane?" asked daily Pikiran Rakyat while Rakyat Merdeka likened him to a charging bull.

Meanwhile, the strongest sign of a rereading of the master's dramatic final act on a football field was to be found in Russia.

Daily Noye Izvestia suggested the Italians connived to have Zidane banned from the arena while Sovietski Sport deemed that "Materazzi's provocation" had tainted his country's victory.

"If anyone had any doubts about the fact that Zidane was one of the best players in the history of football, they wouldn't after the final," said popular daily Komsomolskaya Pravda.

"Only an epic hero, a Titan, a Hercules could leave like that."



Did U Know?

Despite going through the first round group phase unbeaten and claiming a 2-1 win over West Germany, Algeria were eliminated on goal difference from the 1982 World Cup.



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