

CCL players' bourse today

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The three-day players' transfer for this season's Corporate Cricket League (CCL) begins at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

Players can start transfers and registration between 4pm to 6pm for the 12-team season opener.

The teams in Group A are Beximco, Syfang Fan, Channel F2 Advertising, Chittagong Port Authority, Star Tel and Acme, while Epyllion, Asia Pacific Blossom Hotel, MM Isphahani, Raju Fish Culture Ltd., Biman Bangladesh and Partex Group are slated in Group B.

The national cricketers will be missing from this year's tournament as they will be in India participating in the ICC Champions' Trophy next month.

The CCL is scheduled to begin on October 1 at three venues -- Fatullah Cricket Stadium, BKSP ground and Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Defending champions Beximco will play against Chittagong Port Authority in the opening match.

Shishu Kishore, Victoria win

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Shishu Kishore Sangha and Victoria Sporting Club won their respective matches in the Green Delta First Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Goals by Niloy and Ajit either side of the break helped Shishu Kishore blank Combined Sporting Club 2-0 while Yusuf's 20-minute field goal saw Victoria edge Bachelors Sporting Club 1-0.

Sachin back

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Lumpur on Thursday:

INDIA					
Dravid lbw b Smith	26				
Tendulkar not out	141				
Pathan b Gayle	64				
Sehwag b Taylor	9				
Dhoni b Taylor	2				
Raina c Smith b Taylor	34				
Kaif not out	1				
Extras: (lb-18, w-9, nb-5)	32				
Total: (For 5 wkts in 50 overs)	309				
Fall of wickets: 1-75, 2-200, 3-223, 4-227, 5-295					
Did not bat: Agarkar, Patel, Rudra Pratap, Harbhajan					
Bowler	O	M	R	W	
Bradshaw	10	0	44	0	
Gayle	10	0	46	1	
Edwards	6	0	37	0	
Smith	7	0	43	1	
Bravo	7	0	54	0	

WEST INDIES
Chanderpaul c Patel b Rudra Pratap, Harbhajan 6
Gayle c Dhoni b Patel 45
Sarwan not out 37
Lara not out 27
Extras: (lb-8, w-14, nb-4) 26
Total: (For 2 wkts in 20 overs) 141
Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-98
Did not bat: Bravo, Hinds, Smith, Baugh, Bradshaw, Taylor, Edwards
Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
Pathan 2 0 22 0
Agarkar 5 0 24 0
Rudra Pratap 4 0 39 1
Patel 5 0 18 1
Harbhajan 4 0 30 0
Result: West Indies won by 29 runs on Duckworth-Lewis method.
Man-of-the-match: Sachin Tendulkar.
Toss: India.
Umpires: Mark Benson and Asad Rauf.

Saha shrugs

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Strachan's team, scoring his well-taken free-kick shortly before half-time, but he admitted that the better team emerged with the victory.

Nakamura said: "At half-time, we thought we could do it but in the end our own mistakes caused the problems and we inevitably lost the game from it.

"I thought that United had specialists playing in every area as a unit, thus they were superior.

"I was happy with my goal. Because the pitch and ball were wet, I didn't put that much spin on the ball and I was very pleased about it when it went in.

"But at the end of the day, when your team loses a big and important game, you cannot celebrate an individual performance."

Gourcuff gift

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gourcuff doubled Milan's advantage four minutes from half-time.

Kaka broke down the right and whipped in a superb cross for the Frenchman whose meaty header gave Sorrentino no chance.

AEK came close to pulling a goal back almost immediately, but Julio Cesar's rasping drive was beaten away by Nelson Dida.
The tall Brazilian's palms were stung again shortly after half time by Nikos Liberopoulos' long-range shot, and at the other end Kaka's scissor kick was punched over the bar by Sorrentino.

Vladimir Ivic fluffed an easy header in the 73rd minute that would have reopened the tie, before Evangelos Moras brought down Inzaghi in the box to give away the spot-kick which Kaka slammed home.



PHOTO: STAR
Action from the opening match of the 14th NZ Textile Mills school kabaddi competition between Bir Shreshtha Noor Mohammad Rifles School and Nawabpur High School at the Kabaddi Stadium yesterday.

First ODI today

Zimbabwe zapped in SA warm-up



AFP, Kimberley

South African coach Mickey Arthur saw nothing to worry his team when he watched Zimbabwe crumble to a nine-wicket defeat in a 20-overs match against the Eagles franchise team here Wednesday.

It was an unimpressive warm-up for the Zimbabweans ahead of a three-match one-day international series against South Africa starting in Bloemfontein on Friday.
Arthur was diplomatic, pointing out it was the first time Zimbabwe had played in a 20-overs match.
"They have come off a good win against Bangladesh in the 50-overs version of the game and they are obviously more used to playing the longer form of cricket. I expect them to put up a better performance on Friday," he said.

The Zimbabweans made a promising start against the South African domestic 20-overs champions, reaching 79 for one before left-hander Terry Duffin was out in the 12th over for a hard-hit 40 off 38 balls.
It was the start of a collapse in which they lost nine wickets for 24 runs in 7.1 overs.

The batsmen betrayed their

inexperience in 20-overs cricket, with a succession of players going for big shots as soon as they arrived at the crease.

Seamers Roger Telemachus and Victor Mpsang and off-spinner Thandi Tshabalala took three wickets each. Telemachus was one of four players in the Eagles side who are in an 18-man South African squad for the one-day internationals.

Opening batsman Loots Bosman, who is expected to make his one-day international debut Friday in the absence of Graeme Smith, who is recovering from an ankle injury, slammed 27 off 14 balls to get the Eagles off to a fast start.

Opening partner Davy Jacobs hit an unbeaten 53 off 38 balls as he and Jacques Rudolph (22 not out) took the Eagles to victory with 8.2 overs to spare.

South Africa have not played a one-day game since making a then-world record total of 438 for nine in beating Australia in Johannesburg in March.

A scheduled triangular series in Sri Lanka against India and the host nation was cancelled last month after the South Africans withdrew following a bomb blast near their hotel in Colombo.

Arthur said the objective in the Zimbabwe series would be to get his

team tuned up for the ICC Champions Trophy tournament in India next month.

He said South Africa would be seeking to build on their policy of "brave cricket" in which they are targeting the middle overs of innings to increase their scoring rate. Jacques Kallis will captain the side in the absence of Smith.

Zimbabwe, currently not playing in Test cricket following the loss of most of their leading players because of disputes with the country's board, beat Bangladesh 3-2 in a one-day series in Zimbabwe last month.

Coach Kevin Curran said it was a young team who would be seeking to learn as much as possible against South Africa, who are second in the ICC one-day international rankings behind Australia.

BRIEF SCORES
ZIMBABWE: 103 all out in 18.5 overs (T Duffin 40; Telemachus 3-16, Tshabalala 3-15, Mpsang 3-19)
EAGLES: 104-1 off 11.4 overs (D Jacobs 53)
Result: Eagles won by nine wickets.

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BKF wish fulfilled

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The opening ceremony of the NZ Textile school kabaddi tournament yesterday turned out to be an auspicious event for Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation (BKF), which finally got the assurance of laying a synthetic mat for the national sport.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman, who declared the meet open as chief guest, handed over a cheque of Tk 11 lakh to federation president Abdul Quayum to buy the mat.

With all the neighbouring countries using mat for the popular sports, it was a long demand of the federation to adopt modern technology.

In the day's matches, Nawabpur Government High School crushed Bir Shreshtha Noor Mohammed Rifles School 74-25 while Mirpur Girls Ideal Laboratory Institute beat Agargaon Adarsha High School 40-25.

ATF U-14 TENNIS Koreans steal the show

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South Koreans dominated both the boys and girls competition in the Sagufta ATF Under-14 Tennis Series at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday.

Korean Noh Sang-woo reached the boys' singles final with an absorbing 6-2, 3-6, 6-0 win over India's Munshaw Vaidik in the semifinal, setting up a title clash against Thailand's Nutton Tanchainant who beat Chee Marcus of Malaysia 6-4, 6-2.

The girls' singles final, meanwhile, will be an all-Korean affair. Lee Se-won shocked top seed Rana Shweta of India 7-5, 7-5 in the first semifinal while Han Na-lae ousted the other Indian, Agarwal Aishwarya, 6-1, 7-5 from the last four.

Both the finals will be held today.

WOMEN'S SOCCER Rajshahi mau Narayanganj

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Rajshahi got off to a flying start in the inaugural Intern-district women's football tournament with a thrashing 4-1 victory against Narayanganj yesterday.

Hashi, who scored twice, put Rajshahi ahead in the very first minute at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex but the Narayanganj eves, whose male counterparts are the reigning national champions, equalised six minutes later through Sukhi.

Rajshahi took control and goals by Shila and Hashi inside two minutes consolidated their position by the 16th minute. Chameli sealed the victory eight minutes into the second half.

Hashi was adjudged player of the match.

Sunnydale win twice in a day

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Sunnydale did the impossible as they won two games in a single day in the Sunnydale-Bexi Fabrics fourth boys' mini handball tournament at the Women's Sports Complex in Dhanmondi yesterday.

They first trounced Green Herald 6-2 early in the morning and then rounded off a perfect day when they sunk Aga Khan School 11-1 in the evening.

In other matches, Ansar VDP High School and BAF Shaheen School also won two matches on the day while Bishreshtha Munshi Abdur Rouf School, Dhanmondi Tutorial, Aga Khan School and Rahmatullah Model School were also victorious on the day.

Lyon lesson

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scored Lyon's second a minute later, sliding in to sidefoot a delicate Govou chip past a despairing Casillas.

Casillas was under the cosh almost immediately after, managing to punch away a long Juninho free-kick but only just tipping the follow-up shot by Malouda behind.

The goalkeeper then produced a fine reflex save to palm away a shot by Anthony Revelliere after a good inside pass by Fred.

With five minutes of the half left, Govou should have done better in a one-on-one with Casillas while Malouda's follow-up shot hit the bar and went over.

On the stroke of half-time Casillas was left in all sorts of trouble after an attempted clearance by Cannavaro -- the Italian World Cup winning captain having a disastrous game on his 33rd birthday -- sliced into the path of an onrushing Govou.

And it wasn't all over for the embattled Spanish keeper, leaping acrobatically to his left to snaffle another long-range free-kick by Juninho.

Sergio Ramos and Ruud van Nistelrooy summed up Real's attacking options when the duo, unopposed, conspired to fluff a cross into the Lyon box that had Coupet beaten.

WC semifinals today



AFP, Monchengladbach

Spain, Germany and South Korea all booked their berths in the semifinals of the men's field hockey World Cup championship here Wednesday.

Spain were first up with a 4-2 defeat of Japan inspired by a Santiago Freixa hatrick.

Germany and South Korea played out a scoreless draw to progress from Pool B at the expense of the Netherlands.

Kenichi Katayama opened the scoring for the Japan side, who failed to convert nine penalty corners, with a deflection after 15 minutes.

Spain hit back eight minutes later, Pol Amat tapping in a drive from Freixa, who scored his first goal early in the second-half with a spectacular backstick flick into the top of the net.

Katayama pulled the scores level

at 2-2 with his second, deflected from a free hit outside the circle.

Freixa completed his hatrick with deflections at the right post in the 58th and 66th minutes to break the deadlock and leave Spain unbeaten in the round-robin pool games, with three wins and two draws to its credit.

In Germany's scoreless draw with South Korea, neither team conceded a penalty corner and played conservatively in order to avoid defeat.

The final 10 minutes saw both teams hit the ball around the backfield when they were in possession to the boos and whistles from the Dutch in the crowd as they played out the draw.

The result left Germany and South Korea on 11 points and the Dutch out of the podium fight, one point adrift.

Germany coach Bernhard Peters denied that the draw had been a fixed match.

"We tried to win and went out to

win," Peters said. "Only in the last 10 minutes did we play a defensive style with five players at the back."

German player Justus Scharowsky supported Peters. "We tried to attack in the first-half and it was the Koreans who did not attack us," he said.

But he added: "If you ask the Dutch guys they would have done the same as us."

England beat South Africa 3-1 in the last Pool B match to put England in the playoff for fifth to eighth place.

Ian Symons got South Africa off to a bright start, converting its first penalty corner in the 10th minute and England came back with a deflection goal to James Tindall 11 minutes later.

Richard Mantell's two penalty corner conversions in the second half lifted England to the win.

The first looped inside the left post to hit the backboards and the second flew into the right of the net.



PHOTO: AFP
Australia's Bevan George (C) is being congratulated by teammates Brent Livermore (L) and Luke Doerner after he scored the third goal against Pakistan during their Group B hockey World Cup match in Moenchengladbach on Wednesday.

Typical of Warne



REUTERS, London

Almost inevitably Shane Warne was never going to experience a mundane 37th birthday.

The colourful Australian, rated the best spin bowler of all time, started Wednesday on a high after receiving an honorary doctorate from Southampton and Solent University.

He finished the day in hospital after he was struck above the right eye when he mistimed a hook off compatriot Matt Mason while leading Hampshire against Worcestershire in a limited-overs match.

Warne, sporting bandages on his eyebrow, shrugged off the injury on Thursday as he began a day of promotions for his latest book.

"I have obviously been better," he told a news conference in London's Canary Wharf, "As soon as it happened I went to hospital. It was a bit hard to see last night, I was a bit drowsy."

"Yesterday started pretty good, I became a doctor and I was going to treat myself."

Warne has had an incalculable impact on the game over the past 15

years. He is the world record holder for Test wickets with 685 but, more importantly, inspired a revival in the bewitching art of wrist spin bowling at a time when the fast bowler was king.

His impact was recognised by the annual Wisden almanac which named him as one of the five cricketers of the 20th century in the 2000 edition.

Last year he scaled new heights, taking 40 wickets in the Ashes series as well as scoring useful runs, and appearing at times to be playing England on his own.

Over the calendar year he took 96 wickets to beat compatriot Dennis Lillee's previous mark.

For all his efforts, Warne still finished on the losing side in the Ashes, a rare setback for the world's top side and one they are determined to rectify on home soil this year.

"The expectation and anticipation is going to be like last year," Warne said. "We are going to have to buckle our seat belts."

"I think it will be a hard, tough, close series. We are tough to beat in our own conditions."

Warne certainly does not share the pessimism expressed by England supporters over the team's long and daunting injury list since the Ashes.

A good night for Brits

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to watch his counterpart on the Real bench, Fabio Capello, also praised the French side.

"Lyon were technically and physically stronger than us," said Capello, who has radically revamped the squad since taking over in the summer.

"We have to work hard but I've got confidence in my players. We aren't very satisfied but you have to stay positive and look ahead.

"We're going to try to reconstruct. Lyon are far more advanced than us. The mood in the dressing room afterwards was very low."

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE TABLE															
TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Group A								Group E							
Barcelona	1	1	0	0	5	0	3	S Bucharest	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Chelsea	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	Lyon	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
W Bremen	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	Real Madrid	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Levski Sofia	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	D Kiev	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Group B								Group F							
B Munich	1	1	0	0	4	0	3	M United	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
S Lisbon	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	Benfica	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Inter Milan	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	FC Chagen	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
S Moscow	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	Celtic	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Group C								Group G							
Bordeaux	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	Arsenal	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Galatasaray	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	CSKA Moscow	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Liverpool	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	FC Porto	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
PSV Eindhoven	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	Hamburg	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Group D								Group H							
Roma	1	1	0	0	4	0	3	AC Milan	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Valencia	1	1	0	0	4	2	3	Anderlecht	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Olympiakos	1	0	1	2	4	0	0	Lille	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
S Donetsk	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	AEK Athens	1	0	1	0	3	0	0



PHOTO: STAR
Shamima Akhtar Liza (L) ponders her next move against Sharmin Akhtar Shirin in the Begum Laila Alam Women Fedey Rating chess tournament at the chess federation yesterday.