



## Did U Know?

The youngest player to have played in Wimbledon Championships to date was Mita Klima of Austria. She participated in the ladies' singles competition of the 1907 edition at the age of 13 years.



## Ranjan Madugalle

(ICC match referee)

"Cricket is a non-contact sport and any deviation from that fact is completely unacceptable."

## What to WATCH

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## LOCAL SNIPS

### SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh conceded a 25-20, 17-25, 18-25, 21-25 defeat to Sri Lanka in a keenly contested match of the Commonwealth Volleyball Championship in Kolkata yesterday.

Earlier on Tuesday, Bangladesh earned a straight sets (30-28, 25-26, 25-23) victory over Nigeria at the same venue.

### WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Twenty-two players were called as the visiting Orissa women's football team will play against the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) XI on August 21.

The players have been asked to report to Kamrun Nahar Dara at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex on August 3 at 5pm.

The players are: Dalia, Nila, Aysa, Kraching, Trishna, Bulu, Chingbai, Sini, Farhana, Mainu, Maksuma, Champa, Nubaing, Kemi, Rina, Kobina, Angmaching, Rupali, Shurovi, Khadija, Sheela and Rita.

### AGE-GROUP SWIMMING

Keya Cosmetics 23rd National Age Group Swimming Championship will be held at the National Swimming Complex in Mirpur today.

607 swimmers and 88 officials from 26 affiliated districts and 33 swimming clubs have registered to participate in the meet. 446 swimmers participated in last year's meet that featured 23 national records.

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## Freddie likely for ODIs

APP, London

England chairman of selectors David Graveney believes Andrew Flintoff will be fit in time to feature in the one-day series against India later this month.

Flintoff, also known as Freddie, stepped up his return from ankle surgery by playing in Lancashire's County Championship clash against Sussex this week and Graveney expects to see him in action against the Indians.

The all-rounder missed the entire Test and one-day series against the West Indies after his third operation to clear up the recurring ankle problem, but is on course to play in the first match against India on August 21 at the Rose Bowl.

"It's great that he's back playing," Graveney told BBC Radio Four on Wednesday.

"He's started to bowl in nets and there's nothing that I've heard to the contrary that would prevent him from playing in the one-dayers."

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## BCB's standing committees formed

### SPORTS REPORTER

In its first meeting the ad-hoc committee of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has taken some important decisions like forming the standing committees and naming the tour management team for next month's Twenty20 World Championship.

Syed Fahim Munaim has been named chairman of the working committee where Lt Col M Abdul Latif Khan (ret'd) is the vice-chairman and Shafiqur Rahman, Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, Mirza Salman Ispahani and Ahmed Sajjadul Alam Bobby are the members.

Former Bangladesh captain Lipu was named chairman of the most important committee, cricket operations, with Shafiqur Rahman as vice-chairman and Bobby member.

The new ad-hoc committee has also decided to retain national game development manager Shaun Williams as the interim coach for the Twenty20 meet in South Africa, but replaced Ali Asif Khan as the team operations

manager with Tanjib Ahsan Saad.

The new BCB body sat for more than four hours to form the committees and then was a one-and-a-half hours' scheduled press conference where new media committee chairman Bobby disclosed the decisions of the meeting.

Bobby informed that they only focused on the pressing issues, which required immediate solution and that was why issues like reform and roadmap for the new committees' activities were not discussed in the meeting.

However what was noticeable was the absence of two members of the ad-hoc committee. And Bobby even had to face questions from the reporters that there were whispers that one of the two members, who holds the post of chairman in two different committees, was absconding.

"First I want to apologise for the delay. Nine members attended the meeting today out of 11. What I can inform you is that one member is likely to return home

by August 10, but I don't know about the other member's plan. Also I am not in a position to reply your question about the whisperings," Bobby explained.

"We only discussed the pressing issues and believe that other issues like reforms or everything else would be discussed in due course of time," he added.

The press was eagerly waiting to hear something from the new president, Bangladesh Army's Chief of General Staff Major General Sirajul Jamali who presided over the emergency meeting, and Bobby ensured that he would convey the message to the president and try to arrange a meeting as soon as possible.

Another burning issue that came up in the meeting was the appointment of a new national coach, but the committee decided to re-evaluate the whole process.

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President of Bangladesh Cricket Board's ad-hoc committee Maj Gen Sirajul Jamali chairs the emergency meeting of the board at its Gulshan office yesterday. Committee members (L-R) Ahmed Sajjadul Alam, Shafiqur Rahman and Syed Fahim Munaim are also seen.

PHOTO: STAR

## B.League ends

### SPORTS REPORTER

The curtain fell on the country's inaugural professional football league yesterday with both matches resulting in identical 1-1 draws in Dhaka and Chittagong.

The results, however, made no impact on the points table of the 11-team B.League.

Playing with ten men for the last 15 minutes, runners-up Mohammedan trimmed the gap with league champions Abahani to seven points after Mohammed Rony cancelled the opener by Arambagh forward Nicodemus in the Dhaka derby.

Sheikh Russel made the trip to the port city with a hope to win and overtake Mukti Joddha for a third-place finish.

But the visitors had to remain satisfied with one point, thanks to Bulbul's second-half equaliser in the 59th minute after Chittagong Mohammedan, who clinched seventh place after a very impressive season,

had taken the lead through Dipu in the very first minute of their home match at the MA Aziz Stadium.

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