

Lauwai win 2-0

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

Lauwai Sporting Club beat Sylhet Sporting Club 2-0 in the First Division Football League match at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday.

Minu netted the first goal on the 44th minute while Rahul tipped in the other at the 61st minute, although the goal was a debatable one in an easy paced game.

NSW to host eves' WC in 2009

AFP, *Sydney*

The Australian state of New South Wales will host the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in 2009, Cricket Australia said Tuesday.

Chairman Creagh O'Connor said CA's Board confirmed the NSW bid as Australia's winning submission to host the event.

CA said it will work with the International Cricket Council over the coming months to identify the detail around the staging of the tournament.

It will also explore the opportunities for other Australian states to host pre-tournament warm-up matches.

Tigers' winning

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1-14, Zia 1-19, Shakib 3-12, Forhad 1-16, Kapali 1-6, Razzak 2-5, Riyad 1-6.

Result: Bangladesh won by 60 runs.

NCA: 103-6 in 20 overs (Mehrab 39, Nayeem 33, extras 8; Mashrafe 2-13, Zia 1-8, Razzak 2-25, Kapali 1-14).

BANGLADESH: 104-5 in 17.2 overs (Tamim 6, Zunaed 7, Nazimuddin 8, Ashraful 45, Shakib 15, Nadif 8 not out, Kapali 6 not out, extras 9; Dollar 2-16, Nazmul 1-8, Talha 1-19).

Result: Bangladesh won by five wickets.

Women's

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many potential women footballers. Although we are not in continuous practice, we will try to play good," hoped Yusuf.

"What we have learnt from our coach we will try to implement. Moreover, we will try to learn from them," said Bangladesh captain Dalia Akhtar.

Orissa Coach Mohammed Shahid Jabbar said, "We prepared for this tour for 15 days. We have seven Indian national players in the side and hope to play competitive football."

He added that Orissa are the National Games and U-17 national champions in India.

BFF president SA Sultan, women football committee chairman Sirajul Islam Bachchu, Orissa team leader Ayub Khan, manager Parmita Rishita and captain Pinki Bimpal Magar also spoke on the occasion.

The visitors will at Narshingdi tomorrow, in Chittagong (August 25), at Narayanganj (Aug 26) and in Dhaka (Aug 27) during their nine-day trip.

Bangladesh

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Ariful in both Bangladesh's previous matches despite having Titu and Mishi -- both specialist fullbacks -- in the side.

The centre-back, who looked uncomfortable in his adapted role, failed to mark his man timely as Bangladesh conceded all three goals in two matches due to gap created at the right side of their penalty area.

It would be worth watching whether a headstrong Nayeem goes for the change or sticks to the same defensive minded line-up.

The fact that Bangladesh have the two sides' only head-to-head record in their favour, could be inspirational. The two met in a group match of the AFC Challenge Cup in April 2006 in Dhaka with the hosts winning 2-1.

Bangladesh will play their last match of the robin league against Kyrgyzstan on Friday.

The top two teams will play in the August 29 final.

BCCI removes

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Deep Dasgupta and Jai Prakash Yadav.

No member of the Indian team currently touring England has been linked with the cash-rich ICL which plans to hold the inaugural event later this year.

Dev, one of the game's finest all-rounders, retired in 1994 with a then world record tally of 434 Test wickets and 5,248 runs from 131 matches.

He also played 225 one-dayers, scoring 3,783 runs and claiming 253 wickets.

Quartet can

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they get on the pitch. "The only thing I know is that I do everything to achieve this," he said.

Barcelona's Portuguese international Deco has complained that he does not play enough since the arrival of Yaya Toure after the end of the last term.



Former national football captain Badal Roy addressing a press conference yesterday at the NSC conference room in connection with tomorrow's exhibition football match to raise fund for flood victims.

PCB takes hardline

AFP, *Lahore*

Pakistan reacted sharply on Monday to four of its players joining the breakaway Indian cricket league, saying they will not be considered for future selection in the national team.

"We don't know about our players signing for the Indian league but we affirm our policy of not selecting players in future in case they join the league," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief operating officer Shafiqul Haq told reporters.

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