



Scene from yesterday's women's exhibition football match between BFF XI and Orissa XI at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

BFF Women XI hold Orissa

UNB, Dhaka

BFF Women XI forced strong Orissa Women's team to a 1-1 draw in the fourth and last exhibition match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium here yesterday.

Youth and Sports Adviser Tapan Chowdhury was present as the chief guest at the closing ceremony and distributed the prizes.

The match was locked goalless during the first half.

Lagon put Orissa team ahead in the 58th minute (1-0) while Sukhi scored the equaliser for the local side in the 59th minute (1-1).

Earlier, in the opening match on August 21, the hosts forced the tourists to a goalless draw at the Dhamondi Women's Sports Complex on Friday, but lost 0-2 in the second exhibition match at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Saturday.

In the third match, the visitors drubbed the home side by 4-0 goals at the Narayanganj Khan Sahab Osman Ali Stadium on Sunday.

Orissa Women's team returns

ICL gets court relief

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

The breakaway Indian Cricket League (ICL) received a fillip on Monday when a court temporarily barred government institutions from sacking players aligned with the rebel circuit.

Most domestic cricket players in India work for public sector or private companies, with Air India, Indian Oil and the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) being three of the major employers.

The interim order was welcomed by ICL officials, with former international Madan Lal, who was hired as a coach by the rebel league, calling it "a relief for the players."

The breakaway ICL -- bankrolled by media baron Subhash Chandra, who owns India's largest listed media company Zee

"Why should players have swords hanging over their head?" Kaul asked.

"The public corporations will not terminate the services or take action against its employees by reason of their seeking to affiliate themselves with the ICL."

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The BCCI declined to recognise the ICL and ruled that any player aligning with the breakaway league will be barred from being selected for national teams.

The BCCI also sacked former Test captain and ICL chief executive Kapil Dev from the honorary post of chairman of the Bangalore-based National Cricket Academy.

The ICL has also pleaded with the court to direct the BCCI to let out cricket stadiums in the country for its matches.

Tyson sets sights on double

Athletics

AFP, Osaka

World 100 metres champion Tyson Gay will look for inspiration from his imprisoned coach as he sets his sights on the 200m crown and a rare sprint double.

Gay was boosted by a jail-house pep-talk from coach Lance Bauman, currently serving time for fraud, before his emphatic 100m win. The 200m heats get underway on Tuesday.

"He calmed me and told me to block out all the other runs and focus on tonight," said Gay, who blazed past Derrick Atkins and world record-holder Asafa Powell in 9.85 seconds.

"He told me when he woke up in the morning he knew I'd be world champion. He told me just to believe it, and I did."

The 25-year-old Gay, who sealed his superstar status with his first major title, dedicated the win to Brauman ahead of his kit Indian teams.

Harmer coming

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"We are hopeful that we can reach a final decision about the appointment of the new national coach by September," said the former national skipper.

Right at the moment the board has to depend on interim coach Shaun Williams, the national game development manager, for the job and is providing extra financial benefit to the Australian for this purpose.

Tigers fine-tuned

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"Obviously bowling is my priority. But while batting I will try to contribute as much as possible," he snapped.

Barca's poor start was exacerbated by champions Real Madrid's positive opening with a 2-1 derby victory over Atletico.

Comparisons have been drawn between the current Barcelona team and the old galacticos of Real, whose coaches often had trouble managing the various egos in the dressing room.

Spanish newspaper Marca claimed on Monday that Ronaldinho wants to leave because he is fed up at paying high taxes in Spain but Barca's technical secretary Txiki Begiristain said: "He is staying with us."

Papin new Lens

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But he insisted that even if Lens had won Saturday's league game he would have stood down.

"It is without doubt the end of my career," said a tearful Roux who spent 40 years with French side Auxerre.

Roux has taken charge of 894 matches as a coach in his French league career, 890 of those with Auxerre.

He won the French league title in 1996 and the French Cup four times, a record for one coach.

Inter stutter

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we don't behave appropriately, how can we expect the fans to?"

Massimo Loviso scored a late consolation for Livorno.

Earlier Saturday, Lazio, who were third last season, and Torino fought out a 2-2 draw.

Hoeness slams

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thy for Hoeness's stance, though.

"Football is not chess and Ribery knows that. And anyway, in France it is more physical," Bayer Leverkusen's sporting director Rudi Voeller told Bild newspaper.

Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld said after the game, a 3-0 victory for the Munich club, that he was afraid for Ribery but advised his team to "move the ball quicker and not dribble so much."

Bayern splashed out more than 70 million euros in the summer to assemble a formidable squad that is expected to romp away with the title and have already scored 10 goals in their opening three games, with none conceded.



Russian Yekaterina Volkova celebrates after winning the women's 3000m steeplechase at the 11th IAAF World Athletics Championships in Osaka yesterday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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