

## Biplob into quarters

UNB, Dhaka

Biplob Ram of Bangladesh reached the boys' singles quarterfinal of the Prime Bank ITF under-14 Asian Tennis Championship beating his Indian rival Deka Sidhant 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 on the second day at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday.

Except Biplob, all local players made early exits from the meet.

In the day's other matches, Merzuki Mohd Asri of Malaysia beat Raisul Islam by 6-2, 6-1. Soon Hyun Hwang of South Korea beat Hasibul Haque 6-2, 6-2. Naruka Digvijay Singh of India beat Rustam Alf 6-2, 6-1 and Korean Gwang Eun Byun beat Duzbionjin Singh of Malaysia 6-4, 7-5.

Malaysia's Abdul Razak Ahmed Deeda beat Sanjib Fernando 6-0, 6-2, Jordan Joshua beat Bhuiyan Jamil 6-3, 6-2 and Hi Hoon Son of Korea beat Vishal Passi of India 7-6 (2-5).

In the girls' singles, Indian Amrita Mukherjee, Koreans Jung So Hee, Choi Ji Hee and Num Yeon Jun won their respective matches.

## Lee to skip

FROM PAGE 17 and provide a wonderful opportunity for Brett Geeves to join the Australian group for the first time," Brown said.

"We look forward to Brett Lee rejoining the group as soon as possible."

Australia is already without captain Ricky Ponting for the series, while he recovers from wrist surgery.

Opener Matthew Hayden has been named for the series, despite lingering concerns over an achilles injury.

Bangladesh lost their first warm-up one-day match of the tour earlier this week, but bounced back to beat an Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) side in Darwin on Wednesday by three wickets.

The AIS side made 284-8 and Bangladesh reached the target in the 45th over.

## Vijender makes

FROM PAGE 17 Kumar comes from India's "Village of Boxers" -- Kalwasi in the northern state of Haryana.

His father, who worked overtime on the buses to pay for his career, and his mother went on a special Hindu pilgrimage to the Ganges river before the Olympics.

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## Overall Medal

	1	2	3	B
Australia	11	12	13	
Germany	11	8	9	
South Korea	8	10	6	
Japan	8	6	9	
Italy	6	7	7	
Ukraine	5	5	8	
France	4	12	14	
Netherlands	4	5	4	
Jamaica	4	3	0	
Romania	4	1	3	
Spain	3	5	2	
Poland	3	4	1	
New Zealand	3	1	5	
Slovakia	3	1	0	
Canada	2	6	5	
Kenya	2	4	2	
Belarus	2	3	8	
Czech Rep	2	3	0	
Denmark	2	1	3	
North Korea	2	1	3	
Ethiopia	2	1	0	
Switzerland	2	0	3	
Georgia	2	0	2	
Cuba	1	6	6	
Kazakhstan	1	3	4	
Zimbabwe	1	3	0	
Azerbaijan	1	2	2	
Norway	1	2	2	
Slovenia	1	2	2	
Turkey	1	2	1	
Bulgaria	1	1	3	
Indonesia	1	1	3	
Finland	1	1	1	
Estonia	1	1	0	
Mongolia	1	1	0	
Thailand	1	1	0	
Brazil	1	0	5	
Argentina	1	0	1	
India	1	0	1	
Mexico	1	0	1	
Bahrain	1	0	0	
Cameroon	1	0	0	
Panama	1	0	0	
Tunisia	1	0	0	
Hungary	0	4	1	
Sweden	0	3	0	
Uzbekistan	0	2	3	
Austria	0	1	2	
Greece	0	1	2	
Lithuania	0	1	2	
Algeria	0	1	1	
Colombia	0	1	1	
Croatia	0	1	1	
Kyrgyzstan	0	1	1	
Serbia	0	1	1	
Dutch Antilles	0	1	0	
Chile	0	1	0	
Dominican Rep.	0	1	0	
Ecuador	0	1	0	
Malaysia	0	1	0	
Portugal	0	1	0	
South Africa	0	1	0	
Singapore	0	1	0	
Trinidad & Tobago	0	1	0	
Vietnam	0	1	0	
Armenia	0	0	5	
Taiwan	0	0	3	
Afghanistan	0	0	1	
Egypt	0	0	1	
Iran	0	0	1	
Israel	0	0	1	
Latvia	0	0	1	
Morocco	0	0	1	
Tajikistan	0	0	1	
Togo	0	0	1	
Venezuela	0	0	1	



PHOTO: AFP

India paceman Zaheer Khan appeals successfully for a caught-behind decision against Sri Lanka's Chamara Kapugedera during his devastating opening spell in the second one-day international at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium on Wednesday.

## India pay Lanka back

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Badrinath batted really well and their partnership took the game away from us," said Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene. Sri Lanka were earlier in danger of falling to their lowest-ever total of 96 against India when they were reduced to 44-6, but Thushara (44) and Kulasekara (25) rallied the side with a defiant 74-run stand. The Indian skipper's decision to put the hosts in to bat after winning the toss produced instant results as Zaheer bowled Kumar Sangakkara with his sixth delivery which moved in sharply to hit the off-stump.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second one-day international between India and Sri Lanka at the Dambulla International Stadium on Wednesday:

SRILANKA	INDIA
Pathan c Sangakkara b Kulasekara	5
Kohli c Kapugedera b Thushara	37
Raina lbw b Kulasekara	1
Yuvraj lbw b Mendis	20

## Mashrafe rescues Tigers

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A familiar collapse then took place. Mehrab was bowled by New South Wales leg spinner Steven Smith the next over for 27 and Rokibul Hassan (16) gave a return catch to Smith to leave Bangladesh on 111/3 17.2 overs.

The Tigers' middle order was losing its plot and Alok Kapali after going over the shorter boundary twice with effortless ease perished to a stunning one-handed catch by Grant Sullivan at mid off when he tried to hit over the top (155/5 in 23.1 overs).

Shakib Al Hasan lived dangerously but after getting to 23 just gave it all away with a reckless attempt to sweep a ball pitched on middle stump and Abdur Razzak hit one straight to mid on as Bangladesh slumped to 191 for 7 in the 32nd over.

Dhiman, who came in at number seven, had played himself in sensibly by picking the easy singles on offer. Mortaza joined him and straightaway adapted to the need of the moment.

On a superb batting track that gives value to smart cricket Dhiman and Mortaza found the gaps beautifully by milking the spinners. When the pacers came they went hard at balls bowled full or out-side off with telling success.

The asking rate was never a problem for the Tigers and with 15 needed Mortaza hit the first delivery of the 44th over bowled by Cutting for a four and a ball later smashed one over extra cover for a

six. The next two also found the ropes as Bangladesh savoured a morale-boosting win.

"We made a hash of the situation after going so well early on. The middle order did not do the job and Dhiman and Mortaza showed how it should be done. It needs just one batsman to keep going on such a fine wicket and you don't need to take risks as runs come automatically. The wicket is that good," said Mohammad Ashraful.

Coach Jamie Siddons also blamed the middle order for the indiscretion. "If you hit the ball in the air you will get out. It's that simple. We suddenly forgot what was needed and did some silly things. Thankfully Dhiman and Mortaza kept their head and we will take the win because it gives good confidence to the team," said Siddons.

Bangladesh had given an improved bowling display after putting the AIS in for the second match running. Shahadat Hossain came steaming in and tested the AIS batsmen with pace and hostility.

He extracted prodigious bounce and one ball took off and even cleared 'keeper Dhiman who was standing far back.

It was however Mortaza who made the first breakthrough. After getting a few to move a way nicely he pitched one just short of length and Matthew Wade's (2) pre-determined slog attempt only resulted in a catch at mid off (32/1 in 4.4 overs). Shahadat had Simon

Keefe (27 off 23) taken by Dhiman after some wild hitting and Dollar Mahmud castled Smith (42 off 63) with a slower (88/3) having forcing Peter Forrest (31 not out) to retire hurt a little earlier.

Forrest missed an attempted pull and the ball struck him just below the right eye. The New South Wales batter went off immediately and needed stitches.

Despite the wickets the Bangladeshi bowlers could not keep the runs down and 59 (off 52) by number seven Michael Hill and cameos from skipper Moises Henriques (32 off 37) and Greg Moller (29 off 52) ensured AIS' competitive total. Shahadat took three for 63.

The Tigers have an off day today and return to training on Friday. The third game against the AIS is on August 23.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

AIS: 284 for 8 in 50 overs (S O'Keefe 27, M Wade 2, P Forrest 36\*, S Smith 42, U Khawaja 10, M Henriques 32, M Hill 59, G Moller 29, B Cutting 10, J Holland 9\*, extras 28; Mashrafe 1-43, Shahadat 3-64, Dollar 1-45, Razzak 1-42, Kapali 1-23).

BANGLADESH: 288 for 7 in 44.5 overs (Riyad 17, Mehrab 27, Ashraful 41, Rokibul 16, Shakib 23, Kapali 24, Dhiman 56\*, Razzak 9, Mashrafe 56\*, extras 19; Cutting 1-66, Holland 2-51, Smith 3-56, O'Keefe 1-50).

Result: Bangladesh won by three wickets.



PHOTO: STAR

BKSP goalkeeper Mustaq dives to cut a cross toward Brothers Union striker Farhad (L) during their Citycell Federation Cup match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

## Media predict Dunga axe

AFP, Beijing

Dunga is confident he will keep his high-pressure job as Brazil's national coach after a galling blow to the football-mad country's psyche from a 3-0 Olympic drubbing by rivals Argentina.

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Dunga came to Beijing already under fire over the five-time World Cup champions' struggling start to South American qualifying for the 2010 World Cup, lying in fifth spot one-third of the way through the play-offs when the top four go to South Africa.

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"It's at this sort of moment that we see how people react," Dunga said.

"This defeat increases the pressure on our work. It is a delicate time, but we have to keep working hard and stand by our convictions."

"In the final of the Copa America we beat Argentina 3-0, and now it was our turn to lose," Dunga said.

Brazil, a two-time Olympic silver medallist, will try to get something out of the wreckage when they play Belgium in the bronze medal match in Shanghai on Friday.

Brazil's pragmatic playing style under Dunga has been criticised with the country's aficionados

obsessive about 'jogo bonito' -- play beautiful -- but Dunga insists he will not change his results-oriented approach.

"We have to play against everything, we have to play to win, there's no other way," he said.

"If the opposition play open football against Brazil, then we can play open and pretty football."

## Live your dream

AFP, Beijing