About 'Battle of the Bufftar'

The Star magazine published just before Eid (September 26, 2008) contains several articles that I found interesting. Among them 'Communicating Shortly', 'Advertising Mania', 'Life with Grandchildren' were a wonderful read. All of them are very close to our daily lives. But I was particularly interested in 'Battle of the Bufftar'. The writer has correctly noted the tricks that restaurant owners follow to make customers eat less at buffets by making the food less tasty. This Ramadan I went for such an offer to eat unlimited food and soda at a restaurant. But the taste of the pizza was worse than the ones I had in the same restaurant before. Thanks to the writer once again for his wonderful article and for letting us know some tricks and secrets!

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Disappointment about Gulshan Avenue

I am disappointed with the article 'TV watch-Disappointment on Gulshan Avenue' (September 19, 2008) and I am disappointed by the author's remarks. I wonder whether the writer has watched all the 60 serials of the drama. May be he/she has watched only a few episodes. I think it is a really enjoyable serial and others who watch it regularly have said the same. When we turn on our television set we find 10 Bangladeshi channels and more then 25 Indian channels. Most women are big fans of Indian serials. This drama comes as an alternative means of enjoyment. Many women I know have stopped watching the Hindi serials after this serial has started to be aired. It seems like a good sign to me. And any one who regularly watches this serial will find that it is very congruent with our popular culture.

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Retired Cricketers

I am really surprised by the actions of the retired national team cricketers. At first they submitted their retirement letters to BCB to play for ICL. Now they are hoping to play for the national team too. How can they expect to play for Bangladesh after turning their back on the national team? Personally I am not totally sad at the loss of these players. Most of these players are currently under-performing which is why their selection in the national team isn't a surety. But retirement of players like Aftab, Kapali, even to some extent Shahriar Nafees, is a bit painful. These three may have got more chance to play for the national team. But I guess they are not confident enough to secure their place purely by performing well. Bangladesh hardly has a pool of 20 players for selection in all forms of cricket. These players must know this fact, but still they opted to retire for personal benefits. It is really sad that they traded the pride of playing for national team to make some quick bucks.

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ICL is Giving our Cricketers an Opportunity

In IPL, there were no teams representing Bangladesh. ICL has given us the opportunity to represent us as Dhaka Warriors, they are bringing us respect, and we should also respect them too.

They are giving a good amount of money to a team like ours with which they can surely have a better life and we are also earning foreign currency.

More people now have the chance to enter into the National Team. And our management of BCCB also now need to think about the situation positively and make new plans which will surely be helpful for all of the cricket players of Bangladesh.

Everyone should think positively about the latest action taken by our cricketers.

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