

Young booters training hard in London

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The young footballers from Bangladesh, representing the Canary Wharf Youth Football Academy, drew their first friendly match in London on Friday.



Dhaka batsman Nadif Chowdhury cracks one of his four sixes in the fourth round National Cricket League tie against Khulna at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Div I hockey

UNB, Dhaka
Farashganj Sporting Club beat Dhaka Wanderers 2-0 in a match of the Green Delta Metropolitan First Division League at the Moulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Three former

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Dewan Shaful Arefin Tutul and SM Alamgir.
Names like Aminul Haq Moni, Mahub Anam, Aziz Al Kaiser Tito, Ahmed Sajjad Alam Bobby, Enayet Hossain Siraj, Gazi Golam Dastagiri, Shafiqur Rahman Munna, Jalal Younus and GS Hassan Tamim are involved in Category 2 while Roquibul Hassan, Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, Faruque Ahmed and Khondokar Jamil Uddin were the notable ones to buy nomination papers for Category 3.

ICL worries

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In the wake of the ICL exodus, Bangladesh have done well to stay competitive and Siddons was pleased with the recent home games during which they upset New Zealand comprehensively in the first ODI but failed to close the series. They had their chances in the first Test as well but lost by three wickets in a closely fought contest.

A point

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The Reds once again showed signs of tiring in the second half and Brothers were pressing hard but midfielder Shakil failed to keep a header and a close-range shot on target. Tapu also came close but inspired defending by Nigerian player Davis Majemu denied the Brothers striker a shot at goal.

TEAMS
MUKTIJODDHA: Mustaq, Roni, Majemu, Biplob, Bappi, Biddyt, Sentu, Jalal, Tajul (Amin Rana) Kanchan and Walid (Milan).
BROTHERS: Zia, Arup, Ariful, Shuvra, Divine, Mishu, Zahid, Shakil, Munna (Liton), Parvez (Roni) and Tapu.
Referee: Azad Rahman.

Kallis takes SA home

AFP, Kimberley
Jacques Kallis steered South Africa to a comfortable seven-wicket win over Kenya in the second and final one-day international at the Diamond Oval here on Sunday.

South African captain Johan Botha said he was satisfied with the team's performance over the two games but said there was room for improvement ahead of a Twenty20 international and three one-day internationals against Bangladesh, starting Wednesday.

Nalbandian meets Tsonga in final

AFP, Paris
David Nalbandian of Argentina and home hero Jo-Wilfried Tsonga will contest Sunday's Paris Masters final with the winner grabbing the final spot in the Masters Cup in Shanghai later this month.

Tonga had too much power and panache for American James Blake winning at a canter 6-4, 6-3. That result ended Blake's Masters Cup hopes, made sure of qualification for seventh-ranked Juan Martin del Potro and means that the winner of Sunday's final between Nalbandian and Tsonga will complete the eight-man line-up in China.

Tame draw

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TV replays showed the ball would have missed leg stump. Laxman welcomed Johnson, celebrating his 27th birthday, with a boundary, prompting the bowler to hurl a few angry words at him.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for India and Australia scores, batsmen, and bowlers. Includes sub-tables for 'Bowler' and 'Extras'.

Jumbo shoes to fill

Cricket
Anil Kumble announced his retirement from Test cricket here on Sunday, leaving India with a huge task of finding a consistent match-winning spinner.

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Test which helped his team square the four-Test series. He took 24 wickets in three Tests to help his side draw a tough four-match series in Australia in 2004.

they win the fourth Test to draw the series and retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy is the bowling, which has been a problem all tour.

Arguing over moral victories in this game will be pointless over the next few days. There is only one contest that matters and it begins on Thursday. Australia are missing a world-class fast bowler in all conditions, an effective spinner and attacking runs from their wicketkeeper.

Bowling an Aussie worry

Cricket
Australia dreamed of another dramatic come-from-behind victory, in the style of Adelaide in 2006-07, but times and conditions have changed. If they were playing at home there might have been a slim chance of success, but in Delhi there was none.

Sharma late on the fourth day -- the game was gone, with India owing too many recognised batsmen. Even Johnson's low of Gautam Gambhir was fortunate, with the ball going down the legside.

Rony's first ton

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For the visitors, paceman Rabiul took three wickets while Ziaur took two.
BARISALVCHITTAGONG
Rony hit 21 boundaries and three sixes in his epic 224-ball knock that spanned just a minute short of six hours.

Div II football

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Both matches of the Dhaka Metropolitan Second Division Football League ended in goalless draws at the Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Sepoy Mohammad Mostafa Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Tigers arrive

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skate park, restaurants, a 135m high balaon ride and a birds sanctuary. Built to look like an old Italian castle the complex even has a fascinating artificial sky inside.

Superstars make millions

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event and Pietersen added: "We're going to have to buy into the competition a lot more."
Stanford, the man behind the Caribbean's domestic Twenty20 tournament, said he hoped this victory would provide a springboard for renewed West Indies success at the international level.

back, we're going to take the world again. This programme is working."
England had been dismissed for just 99 in one ball short of their permitted 20 overs, after choosing to bat under the lights on a hard, easy-paced pitch.

supported by sharp fielding. Samit Patel's 22 was the top score in an innings where only two other batsmen -- Matt Prior (12) and Paul Collingwood (10) -- got to double figures.

Kumble takes final bow

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already given up one-day cricket, thanked his teammates and family for their support.
"I shared the dressing room with some of the great players like Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Sourav Ganguly and Venkatsai Laxman besides the younger lot like Virender Sehwag and Zaheer Khan.

well," he said.
"I am lucky that at least I got the opportunity to announce my retirement though I am still trying to learn how to bowl leg-spin," he said in his parting shot at critics.

first series in 1990, the Kotla ground is very special as I got a 10-wicket haul here, and all the Test victories all over the world.
"I would like to be remembered as someone who gave his 100 per cent everytime I went out there, someone who took 600 plus wickets for the first time in India, which is a good sign.



The World Cyber Games 2008 start in the German city of Cologne on November 6. The picture shows Bangladesh's participants Arman Kayes from AIUB (FIFA 08), AKM Abdur Rahaman from the Engineering University Higher Secondary School (NFS PS), Jishnu Brahmputra, an A Level student (WC III Frozen Throne), Kazi Newaz Ibne Mahab from IUB (CS 1.6), Imran Meah from LCLS (CS 1.6), Sharif Nazir from Lalmatia Madrasa (CS 1.6), Nurun Nobil Tushar from Oxford International School (CS 1.6) and Atif al Rashid from Imperial College (CS 1.6).

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals L