



Zimbabwe players train at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra yesterday ahead of their three-day practice match against GP CBC Cricket Academy that starts here today.

Deaf cricketers' training camp starts in city

Dhaka Deaf Sports Association (DDSA) yesterday launched a 12-day deaf cricket training camp at the city's Dhanmondi Club ground to select Bangladesh's hearing and sound impaired cricketers for participating in the third Deaf Cricket World Cup to be held in New Zealand in December this year.

TT League from today

The KDS Logistics Dhaka Metropolitan Table Tennis League begins today with the first division competition at the Woodenfloor Gymnasium. In all 22 teams will compete in the first division while the main attraction, the senior division will commence on January 18 with ten teams including holders Sheikh Russel Kriya Chakra.

'SL-India ODIs only gossip'

An Indian one-day series against Sri Lanka is still in the realm of speculation, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has said, and will be considered only after the board receives a response from New Zealand Cricket (NZC) on its request for adding an extra Test to the original two-Test tourschedule.

Moorees could be gone

Peter Moorees could be sacked by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) before the end of the week, with his position as England coach becoming untenable in the wake of his public falling-out with the captain, Kevin Pietersen.

Sadat, Shuvo shine

Rahman (44 off 55 balls) put on 105 runs for the seventh wicket to give the first-class champions a respectable total of 192. Sylhet lost their way in the middle, losing wickets virtually every ten runs to reach 175. Shanjamul Islam was the wrecked in chief claiming 4-11 in seven overs while Shuvo mopped the tail by taking a couple in the final over including the scalp of Tapash Ghosh (37), the second highest scorer after one-down Monir Hossain (43).

Concentration the keyword

carried the form with 45 in the first innings of the second Test. But as always, there remains a question about his temperament. "In Ashrafal I see one of the most talented batsmen in the world. I saw him when he made his Test debut and he made a brilliant hundred. There is no question about his ability but maybe he has lapses in concentration. To me he is one of the best," said Samaraweera, considered one of the coolest customers in world cricket.

Sania's thanks to Yuvraj

Indian tennis star Sania Mirza said Monday she had recovered from a "career-threatening" injury with help from top cricketer Yuvraj Singh. A beaming Mirza was delighted to be back on court after the painful wrist problem which forced her out of the Beijing Olympics in tears and left her unable even to lift a fork to eat.

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Compared to that Bangladesh's first inning contained almost two half centuries. However, in collective terms they fell far behind with three batsmen being dismissed for ducks while the other three failed to cross the double-digit mark in an unimpressive first innings total of 208.

Bukola treble

slammed the other hat trick. "Like the Federation Cup, I also want to win the top scorer's position in the league. If the God blesses me, it would happen," said Bukola after the match adding that Mohammedan's in-house problems including salary irregularities have improved.

Clark cheers

and Doug Bollinger, which he felt would stand in good stead when Australia tours South Africa and England. "Experience is the thing that you can't buy in state cricket. It's the intensity. You need to get that experience, play the game in front of that sort of pressure. It's invaluable.

City splurging the cash

Manchester City confidently expect to conclude another 30 million pounds worth of transfer business this week, and possibly within 48 hours, after responding to their FA Cup exit at the hands of Nottingham Forest by lodging bids for Scott Parker of West Ham United and their long-time target Roque Santa Cruz of Blackburn Rovers.

Siddle puts Aussies atop

The Australians saw a ball bob up and back down into position not once but twice, when Nathan Hauritz turned one into Boucher's leg stump and when Morkel's inside edge off Johnson clipped the side of his off stump. Doug Bollinger had a couple of perilously close lbw shouts turned down. He was unable to break through for a maiden Test wicket.

Chelsea for a fee of around 12 million pounds, having signed a 4 1/2-year contract that is understood to make him the highest paid full-back in the world, with a salary close to 100,000 pounds.

City splurging the cash

City are also willing to swell the bank accounts of a number of other players, notably Craig Bellamy of West Ham, Jermain Defoe of Portsmouth, Arsenal's Kolo Toure and Newcastle United goalkeeper Shay Given.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard table showing match details for Australia vs South Africa, including runs, wickets, and player statistics.

Crossword puzzle by Eugene Sheffer and Cryptiquip section with clues and solutions.



Australia paceman Peter Siddle punches the air after claiming yet another South African wicket on the third day of the third Test at Sydney yesterday.