

Kumar likes

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during the ICC Twenty20 World Cup in June, said he understands Buchanan's concept because he believes that leadership is always situational. However, the wicketkeeper-batsman's endorsement comes with a few lines of caution attached: a lot depends on team communication; it works better for a franchise rather than a national team; and hopefully, it's not a marketing gimmick by Kolkata Knight Riders ahead of April's Indian Premier League (IPL).

Asked whether he endorsed the multi-captain experiment, Sangakkara told Cricinfo: "If it's a way to go forward and it shows results, why not? Everyone is looking for the edge to win. If this is going to provide them that in the future, then it's well and good."

Buchanan, the former Australia coach, had publicly unveiled the concept last week in Kolkata to spark a furious debate in India, where fans fear that the power of Sourav Ganguly, the popular Kolkata captain, may be diluted. Buchanan has shortlisted Chris Gayle, Brendon McCullum, David Hussey and Brad Hodge to share the captaincy role with Ganguly.

Bima, Badda

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Dhaka University Ground. Batting first, the bankers were bowled out for 213 in 50 overs with Bima's Mithun picking up a four-wicket haul.

Bima's innings then folded for 120 with more than 10 overs to spare as Monirul picked up four wickets for 28 runs.

In the other match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Utara defeated Badda by 63 runs. The winners batted first and made 249-9 in the stipulated 50 overs, with Khairel and Shafiqul chipping in with 74 each. Shafiqul then picked up five wickets to wrap up Badda's innings at 186 in 47.3 overs.

Dido demands

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good final. I have seen better matches in the Super Cup. But I would like to say that the crowd was amazing and it felt like a football stadium. It was good to see a full house," said the Brazilian coach.

Dido's squad included three surprises, which will be short-listed to 23 before the competition, where the hosts compete with Myanmar, Cambodia and Mongolia/Macau. The competition kicks off on April 26.

He dropped veterans like Alfaz, Nazrul and Abul, a part of the national team's last mission, in Myanmar, and included rookies like fullback Rashed and holding midfielder Manik -- both under-20 players from BKSP.

It was also unexpected to see players like Mamun Mia and Emon Babu, both from B. League side Farashganj, join the elite list but Dido defended all his choices.

SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Aminul, Himesh (Mohammedan), Biplob (Abahani); defenders: Rajani, Nasir, Saikat (Mohammedan), Sujan, Waly (Abahani), Arif, Mishu (Brothers), Mamun Mia (Farashganj), Rashed (BKSP); midfielders: Arman Aziz, Sharif (Mohammedan), Pranotosh, Zahed, Mamun (Abahani), Zahid, Munna (Brothers), Emon (Farashganj), Manik (BKSP), forwards: Robin (Mohammedan), Emily (Abahani), Enamul (Farashganj), Mithun (Chittagong Abahani).

Domenech's

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"The (FFF) board has made its decision, he was confirmed (in his role). And they said at the time that Raymond would stay until the end of this qualification process.

"We're not going to review that after the third, fourth, fifth match...no way! that would destabilise the team."

"Raymond's here until the end."

Escallettes added: "If we don't pick up six points we'll of course be disappointed, but we have to look around us at an extremely tight group without jumping to hasty conclusions."

"Let things run their course right to the end. It's going to mean extraordinary suspense for us. And if after all this drama we qualify then we'll be saying to ourselves how thrilling all that suspense was."

Domenech's job was firmly on the line after France crashed out of Euro 2008 but after an internal FFF inquiry he survived the sack albeit with a redefined role.



PHOTO: STAR
Maksuda Khondakar Sukhi (R) of Narayanganj tries to keep possession against Rahela of Bangladesh VDP during the second semifinal of the Citycell National Women's Football Championship at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

SPORTS REPORTER

Four players are currently sharing the lead in the points table with 4 points each after the fourth round of the preliminary phase of the Mercantile Bank 35th National Chess Championship at the chess federation hall room yesterday.

They are FM Abu Sufian Shakil Biman, FM Kh. Aminul Islam, FM Md. Mehdi Hasan of Biman and Aminul Islam Polash of Titas.

In the round, Shakil beat Debajit Chatterjee, Amin outwitted Shafiq Ahmed, Taibur drew with Delwar, Palash outplayed FM Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon, Parag overcame Masum Hossain, Jamal drew with Mohammad Ali, Robin defeated Sirajul Kabir, Javed overwhelmed Samsam Basir and FM Younus Hasan drew with Hasan Eman.

The fifth round starts today from 3:30 pm at the same venue.

DIVIII CRICKET

Bangladesh Police defeated

Young Pegasus A by three wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Ground in the Third Division Cricket League. In another match, Pragati SS beat GMCC by seven wickets at the T&T ground in Mohakhali.

Tejgaon Agragami earned their second win in four matches of the Green Delta Metropolis 2nd Division Hockey League beating Dhaka Young Star 3-2 at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium.

Sabir Hossain Annie struck twice and Rahat Anwar netted one for the winners, who dominated the first-half 2-1. Ahsanuddin and Jabab Ahmed scored one each for the losers.

In today's matches, Dilkusha SC will play Rayer Bazar AC at 2pm and Combined SC meet Raktim Sangha at 4pm at the same venue.

INDEPENDENCE DAY BASKETBALL

Europa Youth Club moved into the semifinals of the

Independence Day Basketball Tournament eliminating Bangladesh Police 80-33 at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium.

Setu and Shawan of Europa Youth Club scored 25 and 14 points respectively.

INDEPENDENCE DAY TT

Manash of Bangladesh Biman became champion and Mostafa of Sheikh Russell finished runner-up in the men's singles of the Independence and National Daytable tennis tournament.

On the other hand, Saleha of Abahani emerged champion and Sima of Wari Club finished runners-up in the women's singles.

In the team event, Sheikh Russell became champions and Bangladesh Biman took the runners-up trophy.

Bangladesh Biman emerged champions and Wari Club finished runners-up in the boys' team event while Asif of Biman clinched the boys' singles trophy and his teammate Palash finished runner-up.

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