



Action from yesterday's AFC Challenge Cup Group-A qualifying clash between Cambodia and Macau at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Kaneria awaits Twenty20 call

AFP, London

After missing out on the chance to impress in the Indian Premier League (IPL), leg-spinner Danish Kaneria is hoping his performances for Essex will persuade Pakistan's selectors to include him in their squad for the World Twenty20 here in June.

Kaneria, who was unable to feature in the IPL after Pakistan's government refused permission for players to travel to India, has never played 20-over cricket for his country and has not been in a one-day side since 2007.

But he has shown with Essex he can be a threat in the shorter format, taking 20 wickets last year in the Twenty20 Cup, the third biggest haul in the tournament.

"The Indian Premier League would have been the ideal platform to dismiss this impression that I cannot play Twenty20 cricket," Kaneria said.

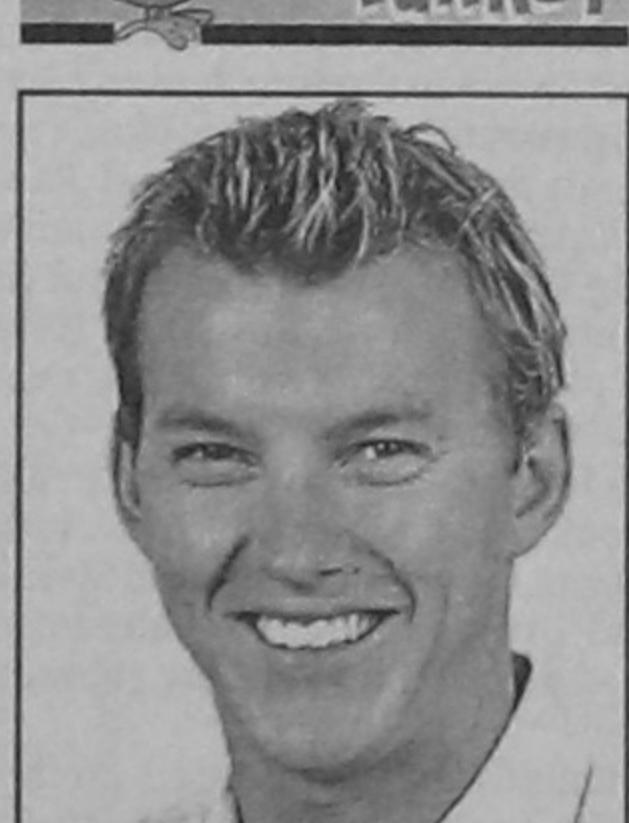
"I have been doing well for Essex in this format for the last couple of years and I want to show people that I am not just a bowler suited to Test and first-class cricket," he said.

Bangladesh

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chief, to oversee security details. "The security arrangements are very important and a special committee... would put together security plans for the successful conduct of the World Cup in 2011," he said.

"We are confident of organising a very successful World Cup," Lorgat said.

The subcontinent last hosted a World Cup in 1996, when India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka shared the games. The final was in Lahore, where Sri Lanka beat favourites Australia in a famous win.



Brett Lee

(Australia fast bowler)
"My aim is to try and play as much cricket as I can before the Ashes and the Twenty20 World Cup. There is no point me going back to Sydney and resting for two weeks; I may as well be playing competitive cricket."

Prior to joining the national team in the UAE against Pakistan.



Did U Know?
Water polo made its Olympic debut in 1900 and has remained an Olympic sport ever since.

Super-sub breaks

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brought the result for Myanmar in the 67th minute when Pai Soe pushed home on a Myo Min Tun's cross with a delicate header and they enhanced the pressure to score the second goal in the 75th minute.

Match hero Pai Soe pushed the ball into the target from handshaking distance after Aminul failed to hold the ball from Yaza's fierce shot.

Enamul could be a hero again for Bangladesh for the successive second match as he headed Bangladesh home in the early eleventh minute on a Emon corner. Enamul also struck the match-winner against Cambodia in the first game.

But the sluggish defense and the ordinary midfield failed to capitalise on his early strike.

"Myanmar played a running game and our players lacked the required fitness. They trailed behind in fitness. But I am not blaming the young players rather I asked everybody to support these guys as they tried their best," Bangladesh's Brazilian coach Edson Silva explained the reason's

'Prove you weren't deported'

CRICINFO, undated

Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Asif has yet to prove to a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) committee that he was not deported from Dubai last year for possessing opium. Asif is currently serving a one-year ban after testing positive to the banned substance nandrolone last year.

The PCB plans to consider Asif for national selection once his ban is over, but formed a three-man committee to investigate his UAE detention. Former Pakistan wicketkeeper and now the PCB's director of human resources Wasim Bari, also the head of the committee, said Asif claimed during an inquiry that he wasn't deported.

Asif was stopped at Dubai Airport on June 1 after being caught with 0.24 grams of opium on his way back to Pakistan after playing in the IPL. He was detained for 19 days before eventually being deported.

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Enamul beats Ramnath

SPORTS REPORTER

Grandmaster Enamul Hossain Rajib beat Indian rated player Ramnath Bhuvan in the second round of the 11th Dubai Open Chess Championship yesterday.

He now has two points and share the lead with 24 other players.

Rajib will take on Kazakh GM Pavel Kotsur.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

CRICINFO, undated

SPORTS REPORTER

Rangamati made a fine start in Group C of the Exim Bank 19th National Handball competition

round of the 11th Dubai Open Chess Championship yesterday.

The hosts won the group's opening match, defeating Sunamganj 14-11 before drawing 16-all with Dhaka.

Chittagong district crushed Fen 24-6 while Chittagong Metropolitan also scored a huge win over Chandpur, beating them 25-4.

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MANIKGANJ CRICKET

OUR CORRESPONDENT: DASHORA PALLI MONGOL SAMITY

10-wicket victory over New Star Club on the opening day of the Colonel Malek Smriti First division Cricket League at the Shahid Miraz-Tapan Stadium in Manikganj yesterday.

Batting first, New Star were all out for only 63 runs in 26.3 overs with only Ujjal and Mamun reaching double figures by making 26 and 13 runs respectively. Champak took four wickets while Shahin and Lal took two each.

In reply, Dashora made 66 runs easily in 8.2 overs with Nadim and Lal remaining not out on 33 and 28 runs respectively.

Jahid Malek Swapan MP formally inaugurated the league where eight teams are taking part.

BRAHMANBARIA CRICKET

OUR CORRESPONDENT: SURJO TARUN CRICKET CLUB

DEFEATED TILLAKARATNE DILSHAN

20 runs in the Shaheed Muktijuddha Rangamia Cup cricket tournament at the Shahjadpur High School playground.

Winning the toss, Surjo Tarun decided to bat first but were bowled out for just 80 runs in stipulated 25 overs. Monir struck 42.

In reply, Titus were bowled out for only 60 run in 19 overs with Monir also starring with the ball, picking up four wickets.

GAIBANDHA FOOTBALL

OUR CORRESPONDENT: ELEVEN STAR

BEAT BRIDGE ROAD SPORTING CLUB

BY A SOLITARY GOAL IN THE FARIBA KUT FIRST DIVISION FOOTBALL LEAGUE AT THE LOCAL STADIUM.

Shipon scored the all-important goal in the first half.

Samannay Sangha will face Cricket Coaching Centre in today's match.

Under-19s

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WICKETKEEPER-BATSMAN

ANAMUL HAQUE WHO BLASTED A

SIX AND THREE FOURS IN HIS 64-BALL 43.

Earlier, the visitors added just nine runs before paceman Kamrul Islam Rabbi picked up his fourth wicket for 58 runs.

Mohammedan

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THE RUNS SHUKTARA SMASHED 20

OF 16 BALLS.

Their arch-rivals Abahani

won the toss and made 231 for

six in 35 overs. Papiya struck

65 off just 83 balls with seven

boundaries but the innings

received its boost from Fatema

who smashed two sixes in her

44-ball 45. Rubina took two

wickets for the Khulna side.

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