



Renovation works are in full swing at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium to get the venue ready for the upcoming South Asian Games that will be held in January and February next year. This photo was taken yesterday.

## 7 players traded on 2nd day

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As many as seven players were signed up on the second day of the inter-club hockey players' transfers for the Premier League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

## Dhoni, Mills top ODI players

Cricket

ANI, Wellington

match missed.

Fast bowler Shane Bond is now fifth after re-entering the list at eighth -- he was ranked 14th when he dropped off the ODI rankings earlier this year following his two-season involvement with the rebel Twenty20 Indian Cricket League.

The biggest mover in the bowling table is Australia's Brett Lee who has returned to the top 20 after finishing with six wickets in the tournament. Lee, 32, jumped five places to 16th spot.

In the ODI batsmen's rankings, India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni continues to lead the field with his vice-captain Yuvraj Singh a distant second.

The only major change in the top 20 is Australia captain Ricky Ponting who won the player of the tournament award.

The Tasmanian has climbed one place to eighth while South Africa's AB de Villiers moved up to fourth after Michael Hussey dropped one place to fifth.

New Zealander Grant Elliott jumped 16 places to 51st position.

New Zealand made the most of Champions Trophy, moving into fourth in the latest team rankings.

The Black Caps entered the tournament in seventh position on 105 ratings points but improved to 110 after making the final.

## Now falls Sharapova

Tennis

AFP, Beijing

As many as 18 players are supposed to return home in November and are scheduled to resume the national camp ahead of the 2010 SA Games.

Most of clubs including Abahani and Mohammadian already refused to take part in the bourse citing lack of quality players.

Sonali Bank, last year's Club Cup runners-up, completed their registration formalities on the first day by buying eight players and retaining the services of their captain Ashikuzzaman.

## Eng U-19

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the Zahur Ahmed Cricket Stadium.

The first one-dayer will be held at the same venue on the 23rd. The next four limited-overs matches will be held in Fatullah on October 26, 27, 29 and 31 respectively.

The visitors will wrap up the month-long tour with two more one-day games at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on the 2nd and 4th of November.

## BD A lose

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twenty overs with opener Imrul Kayes hitting the top score of 51 off 46 deliveries. Shamsur Rahman scored 21 while Faisal Hossain remained unbeaten on 13.

T Singh was the wrecker-in-chief for MCA as he took four Bangladeshi wickets conceding only 18 runs.

In reply, MCA raced to 57 runs losing just one wicket in 6.2 overs when rain stopped play. Rohan Bhonslae was batting on 26 off just 16 balls. Left-arm spinner Suhrawardy Shuvo picked up the only wicket in the innings.

As no further play was possible due to the downpour, MCA were adjudged winners on the D/L method. Bangladesh A have drawn their first 4-day match of the tour with the same team, and also drew the 3-day warm-up match with MCA under-22 team.



## Did U Know?

The first reigning monarch to watch an FA Cup Final was George V in 1914.

## FICA rejects FTP draft

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Haroon Lorgat, the ICC CEO, has openly pushed for a world championship model to give meaning and context to every Test match. But the continuation of a bilateral series-based FTP is largely being driven by the powerful Indian board, whose players are not members of FICA (the Indian players' association is effectively defunct, anyway).

India and England have already rejected a Test championship model, which would have seen them dropping their substantial TV revenues in a common pool. Indian officials, for instance, say that they hope to earn more (around US\$14-15 million dollars) from each ODI against Australia in the seven-match series starting later this month than what they would get from the ICC pool for the entire 2011 World Cup.

Yet, there are moves within the ICC to adopt a simpler Test championship model to be held once in four years involving the top-four teams and based on bilateral series within the FTP but with a separate final and relegation match. But this concept has

not been discussed at the highest level because the FTP is yet to be fully finalized; apparently, discussions are currently revolving around the schedule (venues, government sanctions and the like) of bilateral series between India and Pakistan, and England and Zimbabwe.

FICA, meanwhile, has a clear proposal on holding a Test championship, which includes the concept of collective bundling of rights and graded revenues (boards like the BCCI may get more because of the revenue they pull in). "The proposal is for a Test championship over a short time-frame with preference for a one-year, two-division format involving a round-robin plus semifinals plus final series," May said. "The divisions will be determined on a rotational basis, such that Test-playing countries would play each other at least once in every four-year cycle."

A strict adherence to the championship format with no other games, FICA believes, will also address the issue of the increasing volume of cricket being played. "The ICC

should bundle the collective rights of the above series and distribution of revenues to members would be on a weighted basis," May said.

Against the backdrop of the debate over the future of ODIs, FICA has proposed a one-day championship as well. "One-day cricket desperately needs context -- FICA believes an annual ODI Championship is vital," May said. "Also, a one-day series should precede not follow the corresponding Test series -- it will then act as a better build-up or promotion for the Test series."

FICA has also asked the ICC to allot windows for IPL and Champions League T20. "It will be increasingly necessary to ensure that no scheduling conflicts occur with such leagues," May said. "Otherwise, we expect a large number of players will retire prematurely from international cricket." The ICC's post-2012 schedule draft includes a window for the much-shorter Champions League Twenty20, which is being organised by India, Australia and South Africa, but not for the nearly two-month-long IPL, which involves about 80 foreign players.

## SA Games to be decentralised

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The venues of the five disciplines for the 2010 South Asian (SA) Games have been taken outside the capital to be held in five divisional headquarters.

The SA Games is scheduled to be held in Bangladesh from next January 29 to February 9 with a record 23 disciplines set to take place in the 11th meet of the regional extravaganza. Now, wrestling will take place in Barisal, cycling in Khulna, squash in Rajshahi and ush in Sylhet while a couple of matches cricket and football matches will be held in Chittagong.

"In light of the Prime Minister's instruction, the venues of the SA Games were taken to the divisional headquarters as she thinks this initiative would increase the enthusiasm amongst the youth generation and would take them into the sports," said Bangladesh Olympic Association vice president and training committee convenor Mizanur Rahman Manu.

Apart from those five disciplines, hockey, judo, archery, table tennis, badminton, athletics, swimming, shooting, volleyball, karate, handball, weightlifting, taekwondo, golf, basketball, boxing and kabaddi are others disciplines to be held in different venues in Dhaka.

## Women's Football

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The Bangladesh national women's football team will play two friendly matches against the India national women's team at the end of this month as a part of their preparation for the 2010 South Asian (SA) Games in Bangladesh.

The matches will be held in Cuttack in Orissa after the BFF women's committee approached Robert Colaco, the general secretary of the All Indian Football Federation, during the SAFF Congress in Doha.

Colaco has asked the BFF to let them know the dates they want to play as the All Indian Football Federation would provide all local hospitality during their stay.

## Nat'l cricketers

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Rokibul Hasan at Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, for an easy 22-run victory.

Rokibul Hasan struck run-a-ball 38 followed by Mehrab, who also played run-a-ball 29.

Mehrab Hossain and Shahadat Hossain remained unbeaten on nine and 13 respectively.

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## Shoaib hopes of reviving career

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar is meeting with Andrew Flintoff's surgeon on Tuesday afternoon in London, hoping a minor operation on his left knee the following day will allow him to reignite his career.

Shoaib is to see doctor Andrew Williams at the Wellington Hospital in London even though he has been told that the Pakistan Cricket Board will not pick up the cheque for the treatment. Williams performed extensive surgery on Flintoff in August to try and extend his career.

Shoaib, 34, has been dogged by injury and disciplinary issues and last played a Test match almost two years ago in Bangalore, while his most recent one-day international was against Australia in May. He is hopeful, though, that surgery will allow him an opportunity to make the Australia tour in December and prove that he is far from retirement.

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