Tri-nation ticket rates released

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Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) disclosed the ticket rates for the coming tri-nation ODI series and Bangladesh-India Test series.

The tri-nation tournament involving India, Sri Lanka and hosts Bangladesh will take place at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur from January 4 to January 13 and all matches are day-night fixtures.

starting from January 24 at Mirpur as the first Test will be held at the Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong on January 17-21. Meanwhile, the board earned TK 54,68, 700 from ticket sales during the Grameenphone Cup ODI series between

TICKET RATES FOR TRI-NATION ODI SERIES: Gallery-TK 200.00 for first six matches & TK 300.00 for final

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Bangladesh and Zimbabwe,

which the Tigers won by 4-1.

No extension for Salahuddin

Cricket

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The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has decided to put an end to fielding coach Mohammad Salahuddin's long association with the national team as his contract will not be renewed after it expires on November 30.

And as expected the board of directors On the other hand BCB approved the extension of head coach Jamie only announced the ticket | Siddons up to June 30, 2011 and during a more rates for second Test match | than eight hours marathon meeting it also decided that assistant coach Khaled Mahmud will remain assigned with the national team for the same period of time, so that they can work together till the World Cup.

"We appreciate the contribution of Salahuddin but what we felt that we need to improve the standard of our fielding more especially ahead of the World Cup. We are working with Cricket Australia and South African Cricket Board to hire a high-profile fielding coach and hopefully we will be able to appoint a foreign coach very soon," BCB's media committee chairman Jalal Yunus explained the reason behind the decision.

He however said that Salahuddin will get the

opportunity to work with either the Bangladesh A team or development sides while GP-BCB National Cricket Academy's Sri Lankan head coach Ruwan Kalpage will oversee the fielding department of the national team until the appointment of a specialist foreign fielding

The board has agreed in principle to renew the contracts of national selectors until June next year and the salary and benefit package recommended by the special committee for selectors will be reviewed further.

The board has also decided to introduce a player database and data analysis system. The system will incorporate a computerized players database, scorecards and statistical

The visits of South Africa A and West Indies A were also approved. The teams will participate in a tri-nation one-day tournament with Bangladesh A and will also play two four-day matches each with Bangladesh A in April-May next year.

It was also decided that a five-member committee will be formed for monitoring the development work and procurement related to the ICC CWC 2011 but there was no discussion on the appointment of a chief executive officer (CEO) ahead of the mega event.



India skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni (L) takes a catch while superstar Sachin Tendulkar watches during a training session at the Green Park Stadium in Kanpur yesterday.

'Khelaghar upset Gazi

Cricket

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Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Samity sprung a massive surprise in the Premier Division Cricket League when they trounced erratic Gazi Tank by five wickets at the BKSP Ground yesterday. Having registered their first points in only the previous round, Khelaghar took care of Gazi Tank in fine fashion as they chased down 248 runs in 49.1 overs with five wickets in hand to foil a wonderful knock of 128 not out from Gazi Tank batsman Shahriar Nafees. This loss puts Gazi Tank in a precarious position with possibility of losing out on super six berth.

Surprise was the order of day, as powerful Kalabagan conceded a 107-run defeat to Old DOHS at the Fatullah stadium. Victoria remained in top six with a 99-run victory over bottom placed Partex courtesy of a fine hundred from opener Habibur Rahman. Cricket Coaching School beat BKSP by 73 runs to keep things tight for super six qualification.

Gazi Tank, smarting from their sixwicket defeat at the hands of Abahani in the last round, probably thought this might be an easy outing against a team who are only just beginning to get their act together. But Khelaghar were determined to capitalise on their regained form that took them to the semifinals of

the T20 League earlier in the season. After losing the toss, Gazi Tank were put in to bat and found going pretty hard



Victoria opener Habibur Rahman raises his bat after reaching his hundred in a Premier League match against Partex at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

as they scored only 12 runs in 7.5 overs when the first wicket of Nazimuddin fell. The other opener Mithun, albeit pretty slow, built a partnership with Shahriar Nafees, but got out at the wrong time after scoring 29 leaving the score on 79 in 25.2 overs. Nafees found good company in Pakistani recruit Misbahul Haque. The two struck a 143-run partnership in good time to resurrect the innings and take them towards a big total. Misbah got out for 59 but Nafees held firm and stayed till the end scoring 128 off 130 balls to take Gazi's total to 248 for four in fifty overs Nafees's innings featured 4 sixes and 11

boundaries. Chasing this big total, Khelaghar batsmen went for broke right from the start. Openers Rakib Mostafa perished cheaply, but the others stood firm and got runs as occasion demanded. Niaz Morshed stood out with his 97 from 114 deliveries, while Aslam Ali (50), Ashraf Ali (37) and Ashraful Nobi (28) chipped in with valuable contributions to coast their team home with 5 balls and 5 wickets to spare.

At Fatullah, Kalabagan conceded their second defeat in a row, third in nine matches, as they were thrashed by Old DOHS by 107 runs. Old DOHS batted first and put a challenging total of 225 for seven in their allotted fifty overs. The two openers Rumman Ahmed and

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Dr. Faruque

Dr. Omar Faruque, a popular figure of the country's sports arena, died of cardiac arrest last night at city's Apollo Hospital. He was 55.

He underwent an openheart surgery at the Mount Elizabeth Hospital in

Singapore last month. Faruque, who selflessly supported athletes during his long association with different sport organisations, left behind his wife, two sons and countless well wishers to

mourn his death. He was the chairman of the medical committee of Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA), member of AFC doping control committee and former chairman of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) medical committee.

BFF has expressed deep shock at the death of the noted doctor and sports organiser.

His Namaz-E-Janaza will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium at 12.30pm and he will be buried at the Banani graveyard after Asr

U-19s leave for Lanka today

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Bangladesh Under 19 team will leave for Sri Lanka today to appear in a tri-nation tournament also involving the Under 19 sides of Pakistan and the hosts Sri Lanka.

Bangladesh Under-19 tuned up well at home by beating their England and Zimbabwean counterparts and the Sri Lanka trip will be their last competition before the World Cup to be held in New Zealand in January next year.

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Amit Majumder, Saikat Ali, Sumaya Sharkar, Tasamul Haque, Mahmudul Hasan (Captain), Sabbir Rahman, Mominul Haque, Abul Hasan, Kamrul Islam Rabbi, Arman Badshah, Alauddin Babu, Shaker Ahmed, Nur Hossain, Anamul Haque, Nurul Hasan.

Ulsan Hyundai in city

SPORTS REPORTER

South Korean club Ulsan Hyundai Mipo Dockyard Club arrived in Dhaka yesterday to play a friendly match against the Bangladesh national team at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on November 26.

Thematchwillkickoffat6pm. The national side are playing the practice matches as part of their preparation for the next month's Bangabandhu SAFF Championship.

Shahidur Rahman Shantoo's boys however made a poor start to their preparations for the regional championship as they lost their first practice game against Sheikh Russel by 0-1 on Sunday.

They will take on a BFF XI today at BKSP before playing Ulsan Hyundai.

A 20-member final squad is expected to be announced after the last practice match.

2nd Test starts today

Prasad blow for Sri Lanka

Cricket

AFP, Kanpur

Sri Lanka suffered a setback ahead of the second Test against India starting today with injured paceman Dammika Prasad being ruled out of the match.

The 26-year-old right-arm quick had strained his hamstring during the first Test in Ahmedabad which ended in a high-scoring draw last week.

"We are not considering Dammika for this match," Sri Lankan captain Kumar Sangakkara told a pre-match press conference on Monday.

"He is recovering very well and we hope he will be available for selection for the third and final game in Mumbai."

Prasad, who has taken 13 wickets in four Tests, returned figures of 2-106 off 22 overs in India's first innings but could bowl just 13 overs in the second.

Sangakkara said the team could go in with a third spinner or opt for fast bowler Dilhara Fernando, who was flown in as a replacement for the injured Thilan Thushara ahead of the

second Test. spinners if we want to. Ajantha (Mendis) is always in the reckoning and Fernando has also been bowling quite fast and accurately."

The tourists, seeking their first-ever Test win in India, picked left-arm spinner Rangana Herath to partner Muttiah Muralitharan ahead of Mendis for the first Test, going on form rather than past record. Mendis, an unorthodox spinner, starred in

Sri Lanka's 2-1 Test victory at home against India in 2008, picking a record 26 wickets, but his form has dipped of late. The good news for Sri Lanka was the fitness

of in-form opener Tillakaratne Dilshan, who scored 112 in Ahmedabad before hurting his nose during a game of football after the match.

"Dilshan had a broken nose but it has been fixed up. He is fine now," said Sangakkara.

The Sri Lankan captain also backed Muralidaran, who went wicketless in India's second innings, failing to get any assistance from the flat track.

"He is a legend. When you have a legend on your side, you will depend on him always. I don't think he is struggling. I am a very strong believer in Murali."

The 37-year-old spinner, 14 short of extending his world record Test wicket haul to 800, is playing his last overseas tour after having "Prasad's injury means we can play three announced in July his intention to quit the

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Shane Bond

(New Zealand fast bowler) "To get back into the Test arena and hopefully get another chance to play a Test is something I never thought would happen. I'm delighted."



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Bolt, Richards honoured

Athletics

AFP, Monte Carlo

Jamaican superstar Usain Bolt and Jamaicanborn United States 400 metres runner Sanya Richards were named athletes of the year here on Sunday.

Bolt, 23, wooed the crowds again this year at the world athletics championships in Berlin when he took the 100 and 200 metres individual titles in world record times and also for good measure was part of the Jamaican 4x100 metres winning team.

Those titles were added to the Olympic triple he won in Beijing last year and came off the back of him starting his season with a car accident.

"It's been an amazing season, but also a trying season," said Bolt, who broke his own world records with stunning 9.58 and 19.19 second performances at Berlin's Olympic Stadium. "To be named athlete of the year is such a

great honour, it shows that all the work we put

National Stadium on November 26.

in pays off."

While Bolt knew the thrill of winning major titles already for 24-year-old Richards it was a virginal experience as the graceful and attractive naturalised-American had flattered to deceive in Beijing where she ended with only a minor medal in the individual event.

However, she was majestic in Berlin putting Great Britain's Olympic champion Christine Ohuruogu in her place as she won the title and then added a second gold in the 4x400 metres relay.

"I was asked if this feeling would be the same as being world champion and it really is," said Richards, who had previously been named World Athlete of the Year in 2006. "Considering the other athletes I was up

against this year, I know this must have been a

really tough decision." Richards can be thankful for even having the chance to compete after contracting the rare Behcet's disease in 2007 and developing mouth ulcers which at times made it too painful to eat and lesions on her legs which felt like hot irons pressing on her skin.



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Ulsan Hyundai Mipo Dockyard Club of South Korea pose for photographs after their arrival in city yesterday. They will play a friendly match against Bangladesh national team at the Bangabandhu

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