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Muktijoddha midfielder Monwar Hossain (L) is under pressure from Arambagh's Ghanaian player Nicodemus Anunda during their Citycell Bangladesh League match at the Kamalapur Stadium yesterday. Muktijoddha won 3-2.

Shahriar

FROM PAGE 17 "Actually Zunaed has been considered as number three batsman while Shahriar was picked as a back up, so we can't say there are too many openers in the team. What we believe is that Zunaed is a very good player for the longer-version and he did well in the last Test series," explained Rafiqul.

"Mehrab is not in good form while Naeem and Rasel are out of Test cricket for a long time and we didn't feel that the time has come for Aftab to play the longer-version cricket," he added.

**SQUAD** Shakib Al Hasan (captain), Mushfiqur Rahim (vice-captain), Tamim Iqbal, Imrul Kayes, Zunaed Siddiqui, Mohammad Ashraful, Rokibul Hasan, Mahmudullah, Shahriar Nafees, Shahadat Hossain, Rubel Hossain, Enamul Haque, Mahbubul Alam and Shaiful Islam.

TT, badminton eye silver

FROM PAGE 17 "This is the best training I have had received in my 10-year playing career," said Sumon at the press briefing adding that their preparations were far better compared to the last SA Games.

Badminton was included in the SA Games in 2004 and the Bangladesh men's team was eliminated from the quarterfinals in both ninth and tenth editions of the meet.

Jubaidur Rahman Rana, the general secretary of the federation, said, "With nine months of training behind the shuttlers, they are now ready to shine at home and the men's team will fight for the silver if they can avoid India in the first round." Admitting the supremacy of India, Rana said: "The Indians are far better than us and the gold medals always go to them in the Games. So we can't dare to win gold."

The BBF boss also hoped to get a couple of bronze medals

BOA Lottery draw held

SPORTS REPORTER

The draw of the Bangladesh Olympic Association's (BOA) Sports Development Fund Lottery was held yesterday at the National Sports Council gymnasium in presence of general public and pressmen.

Ticket number Gha0410814 won the first prize of a flat in Dhaka or 25 lakh taka cash. The second prize winner's number is Jha 0418043 while Uma 0265600 won the third.

The fourth prize winners are Csa 0471924, Ja 0377744 and Csa 0401196. The fifth prize winners are Ga 0123011, Nyo 0383673, Ja 0436993, Ga 0365828 and Jha0190913.

JU cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The Department of Physics emerged champions in Jahangirnagar University's inter-department cricket competition with a hard-fought four-run win over History in the final at the JU central playground yesterday.

History fell short of four runs chasing Physics' 184 as Hasan and Mehdi grabbed two wickets each. Palash struck 67 and Hasan made 53 to help Physics post a moderate total on the board.

NCL crisis

FROM PAGE 17 season rather than receiving an increased match fees this season," said the statement.

The statement, however, warned that the cricketers would take next course of action if they found any nepotism and unlawful activities in forming different divisional squads.

On December 27, top cricketers of the country had threatened to boycott the NCL, which was originally scheduled to start on January 1, if the board did not change the format as well as increase the match fees upto Tk 35,000 for four-day matches and Tk 20,000 for one-dayers and Tk 10,000 for Twenty20 matches.

But, on December 31, the BCB called an emergency meeting in which they heavily came down on CWAB and deferred the start of NCL, keeping the new format in place.

Akmal confident of playing in Hobart

Cricket

CrICINFO, undated

Kamran Akmal, Pakistan's embattled wicketkeeper, has ruled out the possibility of playing in the Hobart Test as a batsman alone, and has insisted again that he is confident he will play. Akmal's position in the side has come under intense scrutiny after a dismal second Test in Sydney in which he dropped four catches and failed with the bat as Pakistan handed Australia a remarkable win that sealed the series.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) immediately decided to fly out Sarfraz Ahmed as a replacement wicketkeeper and said that he will "participate" in the third Test beginning Thursday. The statement left scope for Akmal to come in as a specialist batsman in a faltering middle-order, but for the second day running, the Pakistan vice-captain has defied board directives, maintaining that he will play at Hobart, and do so as a wicketkeeper-batsman.

"I am very happy with being wicketkeeper-batsman, not only batsman," he said. "I have played for Pakistan as a wicketkeeper-batsman with pride, so hopefully I am playing a similar role."

However, Akmal said a final decision would be made by the tour selection committee. A routine meeting is due to be held the day before the Test to finalise the playing XI, but the debate within indicates the discord between the on-tour management and the board.

The matter is further complicated by the composition of the touring selection committee. As vice-captain, however, Akmal has a vote on the playing XI, alongside captain Mohammad Yousuf, coach Intikhab Alam and manager Abdur Raquib. Within that group it is believed that the decision on playing Akmal may reach a stalemate, in which case the captain is likely to prevail with a deciding vote. Given the backing that he has given Akmal all along, it means Yousuf could conceivably choose to continue with the wicketkeeper, and thus clash openly with the board.

"Definitely, I'm very keen I am playing in this Test match but it depends on the captain and coach and management," Akmal said. "I've worked very hard in the nets. I'm still positive and hopefully I will play well here. They will tell me or not in the next few days if I am playing."

"Nothing is on my mind as a batsman. I am playing as a wicketkeeper-batsman. Before the match there is a selection meeting and I will decide with the coach and captain if I'm playing or not."

Akram says, KKR ready

Cricket

PTI, Kolkata

Former Pakistan captain and Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) bowling coach Wasim Akram on Sunday said the team is in good shape and would perform well in the third season of the Indian Premier League (IPL) beginning in March.

"KKR is in good shape and has a high morale," Akram said while interacting with media persons at Eden Gardens after a practice session of the team.

The Pakistani cricket great said even though the team could not perform well last year, he hopes that it will be able to live up to the expectations this time.

Stating that the team has a number of talented players, Akram said, "I have worked with Manoj Tiwari and Lakshmi Ratan Shukla earlier. They are still very impressive. Everybody in the team knows his job".

When asked whether he has taught reverse swing to KKR bowlers, Akram, known as the 'Sultan of swing', said, "I have given them some tips. I hope they will be able to adopt them by March 12".

KKR would play their first IPL-3 match against Deccan Chargers on March 12.

According to Akram, Sri Lankan Ajantha Mendis is a little down on confidence. "He is experienced, but his confidence has to be boosted up."

Speaking on KKR captain Saurav Ganguly, he said, "He is a very successful captain and a great motivator. He is very committed to the game. The juniors should learn from him."

"I am happy to be able to work with him," he said adding Dave Whatmore is a great coach.

According to the former Pakistan captain, Ishant Sharma should not be judged only from his performance in the subcontinent.

"We should not judge him only on his performance on the wickets of the subcontinent," he said.

"Ishant is a special talent. As I have already said, it's not easy for the quicks in the subcontinent, we shouldn't put too much pressure on him. I believe he will soon be back firing on all cylinders."

The KKR team played a practice match between Saurav Ganguly XI and Murali Kartik XI. Kartik's team won by four runs.

The camp at Eden Gardens will continue till January 15.

U-16 cricket

FROM PAGE 17 Boys were bundled out for 121 runs in 32.2 overs with Shariful scoring highest 23 runs. Al-Amin took three wickets and was later adjudged man-of-the-match for his all-round show.

District Sports Association secretary AFM Sulatul Azam Khan Distributed prizes among the winners.



State Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarker picks the coupon of a lucky winner of the Sports Development Fund during the lottery draw ceremony at the National Sports Council yesterday.

BANGLADESH-INDIA SCOREBOARD

FROM PAGE 17 Fall of wickets: 1-64, 2-87, 3-133, 4-201

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Rasel	7	0	37	0
Shafiqul	10	1	63	1
Razzak	7	0	40	0
Shakib	10	0	58	1
Naeem	8	0	35	2
Mahmudullah	1	0	10	0

Result: India won by six wickets.  
Man-of-the-match: Virat Kohli  
Toss: India  
Umpires: Sharfuddoula and Simon Taufel.

Still a long way

FROM PAGE 17 The team management has to bring the best out of the available options as long as Mashrafe Bin Mortaza's return looks uncertain.

In the end, it can be said that there were signs of improvement in the batting performances but there is still a long way to go to fulfill the belief that Tigers can beat any team in the world.

If we put aside the keeping of Mushfiqur Rahim, the fielding was also not bad compared to the forlorn showing in the last couple of series.

Now let us put aside the batting and fielding and concentrate on the other department where there is something to be concerned. The bowling was terrible in the tri-nation tournament, especially the pace attack that looked ordinary and unfortunately the spin bowling was also nowhere close to their glittering performance in the last year.

This is the area the team management should focus on more because things can get worse in the longer-version with this kind of attack and especially when they are going to face a mighty batting line-up like India in their next assignment.

It was frustrating to see the performance of the pace bowlers despite the team having a specialist pace bowling coach.

Muktijoddha's

FROM PAGE 17 The defeat meant Arambagh remained glued to their previous collection of six points from seven outings.

Muktijoddha Sangsadd with four points from seven matches moved one place up in the 12th position in the 13-team League.

Meanwhile, the third edition of the professional football league will remain suspended for seven weeks as part of the preparations of the U-23 and the national teams for the coming South Asian Games in Bangladesh and the AFC Challenge Cup in Sri Lanka next month.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Auto-maker Ransom Eli — 43 Rapture 47 Holiday from work 49 Base runner's goal 50 Paradise good! 51 "CSI" evidence 52 Basin accessory team 53 Cincinnati team 54 Ukr. or Lith., once 55 McNally partner

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**SOLUTION TIME: 21 MINS.**

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip: GOOD MOVIE ABOUT A PERSON WHO COULD NEVER MOVE TO THE WOLVERINE STATE: "MICHIGAN: IMPOSSIBLE."**

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals L

**Bangladesh Land Port Authority**  
TCB Bhawan (5th Floor)  
Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215

**Invitation for Re-Tender**  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Shipping.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Land Port Authority.
3	Procuring entity name	Chairman, Bangladesh Land Port Authority, Represented by Director (Traffic), Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhawan (5th Floor), Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
4	Procuring entity code	Not applicable.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Shown in item 23.
7	Invitation Ref No.	BLPA/Traffic/Bena/Labor handling/111(part-1)/09-11.
8	Date	

**KEY INFORMATION**

9	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue budget of BLPA.
11	Development partners	Not applicable.

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12	Project code	Not applicable.
13	Project name	Shown in item 23.
14	Tender package no.	N/A.
15	Tender package name	N/A.
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16	Tender publication date	
17	Tender last selling date	24-01-2010 Date Time: During the office period.
18	Tender closing date and time	25-01-2010 Date Time: 12:00 noon
19	Tender opening date and time	25-01-2010 Date Time: 14:30pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	- Selling tender document (principal)	a) Director (Traffic), Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhawan (5th Floor), Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
	- Selling tender document (others)	b) Director (Traffic), Benapole Land Port, Benapole, Jessore.
	- Receiving tender document	a) Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka. b) Director (Traffic), Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhawan (5th Floor), Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
	- Opening tender document	Secretary, Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhawan (5th floor), Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Place Date Time

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

22	Eligibility of tenderers:				
a)	The tenderer should have nationality certificate, valid trade license, Vat registration certificate & up-to-date Income Taxes clearance certificate.				
b)	The tenderer/bidder shall have minimum 2 (two) years experience in handling of cargoes (manually).				
c)	The required number of similar contracts of cargo handling of 2,50,000 (two lac fifty thousand) M/Tons for group (Ka) and 1,50,000 (one lac fifty thousand) M/Tons for group (Kha) yearly in Land Port related experiences of the said handling in any port.				
d)	The minimum amount of free funds (liquid assets) and/or credit facilities or net of other contractual commitments of the tenderer shall be 27 (twenty-seven) lac and 14 (fourteen) lac for group (Ka) and (Kha) respectively.				
e)	The average annual turnover should be greater than Tk. 1.50 (one crore fifty lac) crore for group (Ka) and Tk. 80 (eighty) lac for group (Kha) for the last 3 (three) years.				
f)	Other criteria as mentioned in the tender document.				
23	Brief description of works and price of tender document (Tk):				
Group No.	Name of the work	Location	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Amount of tender security (refundable) in Tk.	Duration of work
Group KA (*)	Appointment of Cargo Handling Labour Contractor for Handling Cargo (Manually) at Benapole Land Port, Benapole, Jessore	Shed No. 01 to 21, 28 and 38 and Shipment yard (No. 31)*Truck Terminal (Indian part)	Tk. 5000/-	2,50,000.00 (two lac fifty thousand)	2 (two) years
Group KHA (*)	-do-	Shed No. 22 to 30 and 32 to 37.	Tk. 3,000/-	1,50,000.00 (one lac fifty thousand)	2 (two) years
24	Brief description of related services	N/A.			

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

25	Name of official inviting tender	Md Saiful Haque Khan.		
26	Designation of official inviting tender	Director (Traffic).		
27	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhawan (5th Floor), Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.		
28	Contact details of official inviting tender	9131707	-	-
29	Special instructions:			
a)	The participating tenderer's representative with due authorisation will be allowed to attend the opening of the tender.			
b)	The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever and are not bound to accept the lowest tender.			
c)	The evaluation of this tender shall be governed by "The Public Procurement Act 2006 and The Public Procurement Rules 2008".			
d)	The tender security shall be submitted with the tender in the form of Pay-order or Demand Draft/Bank Guarantee in favour of the Chairman, Bangladesh Land Port Authority from any schedule bank of Bangladesh.			
e)	All other terms and conditions of the tender shall be provided along with tender documents.			

Director (Traffic)  
Telephone: 9131707