

Kiwis crush Lankans

AP, Fort Lauderdale
New Zealand beat Sri Lanka by 28 runs in the first of two Twenty20 matches on Saturday...



A Rahmatganj defender (L) is trying to hold back Arambagh striker Alfaz Ahmed during their Bangladesh League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Hashim, AB propel SA

AFP, North Sound
Hashim Amla and AB de Villiers scored hundreds as South Africa defeated West Indies by 66 runs in their rain-affected first one-day international on Saturday...

Kuznetsova cruises

AP, Paris
There's something about playing her first match as the defending champion at a Grand Slam tournament that brings out the worst in Svetlana Kuznetsova. Back in 2005, Kuznetsova became the first reigning champion to bow out in the opening round at the US Open...

SCORES IN BRIEF

NEW ZEALAND: 120 for 7 in 20 overs (B McCullum 18, Taylor 27, Vettori 21 not out, Mendis 2-18)
SRI LANKA: 92 all out in 19.4 overs (Sangakkara 17, Mathews 27, Mills 2-17, McKay 2-20, Styris 3-10)
Result: New Zealand won by 28 runs.

Afridi's yes to Tests

AFP, Karachi
Pakistan's dashing all-rounder Shahid Afridi said on Saturday he would end his self-imposed exile from Test cricket, saying he was now ready to play the longer form of the game for his country...

LOCAL SNIPPETS

SPORTS REPORTER
Grand Master (GM) Enamul Hossain Rajib and FM Mehdi Hasan Parag both earned full two points to share the lead along with other 44 players in the 2nd SCS International Open Grand Master Chess Tournament that began Saturday at Bhubaneswar in India.
FM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar and FM Mohammad Javed have 1.5 points each. FM Abu Sufian Shakil, Debaraj Chatterjee, Abdullah Al Saif, Hafizul Islam Chapal and Md. Kawsar Ali Eti bagged one point each.

UNDER-16 CRICKET

BKSP and Sylhet will face each other in the final of the Standard Chartered Young Tigers Under-16 National Cricket competition after both teams earned first innings leads in drawn semi-finals yesterday.
BKSP nearly beat Rajshahi North by an innings but the northerners held on to a face-saving draw after the sports institute made a mammoth 335 for seven in the first innings at the City Club Ground in Mirpur.
Rajshahi were first bowled out for 164 and then were 105-8 when the second and final day was called to a close.
Liton Kumar Das earned the man of the match award for his unbeaten 146 while Rafsan Al Mahmud also impressed with a four-wicket haul and 79. For Rajshahi North, only Bayezid Hamid showed substance, scoring a half-century in the first innings.
At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Sylhet took a first innings lead when they scored 256-8 in reply to Chittagong's 130. The port city boys were 72-2 in the second day.
Sylhet's Rahatul Ferdous turned in a stunning all-round show, capturing five wickets and scoring a hundred. He was given the man-of-the-match award.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SOUTH AFRICA: 280-7 in 48 overs (De Villiers 102, Amla 102; Bravo 3-40)
WEST INDIES (chasing D/L target of 288): 215 all out in 44.1 overs (Gayle 45, Pollard 44; Morkel 3-40)
Result: South Africa won by 66 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Hashim Amla.

Raina sees it as an opportunity

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Suresh Raina, India's stand-in captain for the tri-series in Zimbabwe, has said the tour is "an excellent opportunity" for the younger players selected in place of resting or injured seniors to stake a claim for a regular spot in the national line-up.
"It's nice that the seniors wanted a break and the selectors took the positive step of picking such a young side," Raina told the Telegraph. "Indeed, one is thankful to the board."
Raina was named captain for the tournament, and Virat Kohli his deputy, after the selectors decided to rest regular captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Sachin Tendulkar, Gautam Gambhir, Virender Sehwag, Zaheer Khan, Ashish Nehra, Harbhajan Singh, Yuvraj Singh and Praveen Kumar.

Milito shoots Inter to glory

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Wesley Sneijder tried his luck with a 40-yard free-kick which skimmed off Altintop's head but goalkeeper Hans-Jorg Butt was alert to punch clear.
Robben had an opportunity with Inter bodies around him but he hurried it and shot embarrassingly off target.
Milito's first goal on 35 minutes came against the run of play and from a defensive lapse as Inter targeted the fragile heart of Bayern's defence.
Goalkeeper Julio Cesar punted the ball upfield and Milito held off Martin Demichelis to flick it on to Sneijder.
The Argentine forward then turned and left his compatriot on the wrong side of goal before taking Sneijder's return pass and exploiting the gap behind Demichelis to clip the ball over Butt.
Inter should have scored a second before the break when Milito dragged Demichelis out of position again, wide left this time and played in Sneijder through the middle but the Dutch playmaker shot straight at Butt.
Van Buyten and pulled the ball back for Pandev, but the Macedonia forward's left-foot curler was tipped over acrobatically by Butt.
Lucio then took an unnecessary risk in his own box and put Maicon in trouble with the full-back losing the ball to Altintop who shot narrowly wide.
Sneijder had a couple more free-kick chances but shot over with the first and Butt easily saved the second.
Up the other end Esteban Cambiasso headed a high bouncing Muller effort off the line before Cesar made a one handed save to stop a Robben inswinger from wide right that was heading for the top corner.
Samuel then made a couple of timely blocks to deny Muller as Bayern pressed.
But Milito settled the match 20 minutes from time.
He beat Van Buyten one-on-one, dropped a shoulder before stroking the ball home past Butt with aplomb for his sixth goal in the tournament this season.

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Player Name, Club. Header: TOP SCORERS. Rows: 8 Lionel Messi (Barcelona), 7 Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid), 6 Diego Milito (Inter Milan), 5 Wayne Rooney (Man United), Marouane Chamakh (Bordeaux), Nicklas Bendtner.

Shuvo, Rasel

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of Shuvo, in the space of 25 balls after adding 49 for the third wicket.
That brought in-form Chadwick Walton to the crease and he, along with Brendan Nash, made sure the West Indians recovered well from 74 for four when they came together. Nash and Walton added 106 for the fifth wicket with both reaching half-centuries, but it ended when the wicketkeeper-batsman became Shuvo's third victim.
Walton's counter-attacking 70 came off 95 balls and included seven boundaries and three sixes.
Shuvo picked up his fourth, that of Imran Khan, and took the catch to dismiss Shane Shillingford that gave Rasel his third wicket.
But Bangladesh A could not remove the Australian-born Nash who remained unbeaten on 74 along with Gavin Tonge.
Nash's 169-ball innings contained just six boundaries but it made sure West Indies A still had three wickets in hand, coming into the second day.
Apart from the day's two heroes, Mahmudul Hasan bowled a good 19-over spell, although he went wicketless.

Colly, Broad rested

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Middlesex's Steven Finn, who made his debut on that tour, also comes in to the side and could play as a third seamer. Finn has been in impressive early-season form with his county, cashing in with 14 wickets in his first Championship outing of the season against Worcestershire. His development came on in leaps and bounds following his last-minute call-up to Bangladesh, and his height and pace could prove essential in Australia this winter.
"We were encouraged by Steven Finn's Test debut in Bangladesh during the winter and he has had a fine start to the domestic season for Middlesex," said Miller. "He is aware of what is involved at the international level and, along with Ajmal Shahzad, who has also made a bright start to the county season after touring Bangladesh over the winter, offers us a great deal of depth in the bowling ranks."
Despite his important role in the World Twenty20 triumph, Broad's omission could probably be justified on the grounds of form alone. Of all England's seamers, he was the one who struggled the most to make headway on Bangladesh's flat surfaces, and his once-promising batting has gone backwards to such an extent that Tim Bresnan and Graeme Swann have both leapt ahead of him in the all-rounder stakes.
A break could be just the thing to rejuvenate him, and as Miller explained: "There's a need for Stuart to undertake an intensive strengthening programme ahead of an arduous summer and a busy winter and the next three weeks have been identified as the ideal period for this programme."
Collingwood, however, presents a trickier case to the England management, not least because, as a trophy-winning captain, he is suddenly something of a drawcard for arguably the first time in his career. Furthermore, as a player who has spent most of his Test career with questionmarks over his place in the side, he is unlikely to take kindly to the notion of being rested when he is arguably the best Test form of his career.
Flower, however, is nothing if not a pragmatist, and he knows that Collingwood's doubt grit will be invaluable in both the Ashes and the 2011 World Cup this winter, but only if his body is capable of taking the strain of two high-intensity campaigns. For several seasons, he has been dogged by a shoulder problem that is likely to require surgery at some stage in the near future, and though questions will be raised as to why, in that case, he was allowed to play for Delhi in the IPL, the new trophy in the ECB's cabinet might go some way towards answering that.

Stand against Mourinho sets his

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It [football] is a baby of you and you should not kill it," he told the footballers.
Salahuddin also said that he was twice asked by his club officials to give up matches to save the opponents from relegation, but he strongly opposed and urged the booters to take such bold stance to save the sport as well as themselves.
Meanwhile, Sheikh Rousaf player Mohammed Yusuff, who dislocated his collarbone during the final match of the South Asian Games football event in Dhaka in February, left here yesterday for India to have a surgery.
Bittersweet
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Daily Il Giornale instead pictured Mourinho waking up Sunday morning and realizing that moving to Real Madrid -- with whom he confirmed he will hold talks -- would not be a good idea after all, telling himself: "I have to remain at Inter, because that would be the true Special One gamble."

No pools for

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"The main pool at the complex still belongs to the federation and they have appealed for the practice pool for another month and we are considering alloting it to them in a positive frame of mind," Anwar said.
"However, they broke the terms and condition of the previous contract after not clearing the electricity bills worth Tk 13 lakh and we are seriously thinking about it," added Anwar.
BSF general secretary Shaheen, however, said that they had some financial crisis and already gave two installments of their electricity bills.

Diego's tryst with destiny

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Raising the bar to that height does not entirely torpedo the claims to sporting immortality of Johan Cruyff, a success as player and coach at Barcelona a generation before Messi.
But those who stand at the apex of the sport -- including Pele, Beckenbauer and Maradona himself -- all have World Cup winners' medals in their collections.
Maradona already knows that Messi is his key ingredient but he also appears to have well-developed ideas about the rest of the recipe.
An impressive 1-0 friendly win in Germany in March was built upon a defence featuring four centre-backs in Nicolas Otamendi, Martin Demichelis, Walter Samuel and Gabriel Heinze, and Maradona says he intends to stick with this defensive formula.
Captain Javier Mascherano will shield the defence, with veteran Juan Sebastian Veron slightly further forward and flying Benfica winger Angel Di Maria stationed on the left.
Newcastle United's Jonas Gutierrez is likely to perform a largely defensive role on the right flank, with in-form Real Madrid striker Gonzalo Higuain -- scorer of 27 league goals last season -- completing the outfield line-up.
Argentina face South Korea, Nigeria and Greece in Group B and it was against Greece at the 1994 World Cup that Maradona coincidentally scored his last international goal, before earning a ban for a positive drug test.
The fact that Manchester City's Carlos Tevez, Inter Milan's Diego Milito and Atletico Madrid's Sergio Aguero cannot be assured of a starting place demonstrate the enviable depth of resources at the coach's disposal.
As Maradona insists, they will "fear no-one."

Mourinho sets his

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And an emotional Mourinho added through tears: "I feel great sadness, in my professional life I try to be as cold as possible.
'I've entered into Inter's history, I don't want to speak much because if I do I'll cry and I don't want to do that.
'I want a different challenge in my career, now is the time to decide. What's important for Inter is that (president Massimo) Moratti and (captain Javier) Zanetti stay."
"If a new life starts for me, it will be here. Inter is an option but Real is a greater option. But I ask for respect for me and for Inter. I need a little time."
Mourinho's players, celebrating an historic treble of Serie A, Italian Cup and Champions League titles, are resigned to him leaving.
"Unfortunately it's true," said Zanetti. "The coach is leaving. This victory is his.
"The next coach will find a great group that's ready to fight on all fronts and we hope we'll be able to win with him as well."
Even Moratti admitted that Mourinho's time at the club is up.
"Of course it's a sad night as Mourinho is leaving but I'm extremely grateful to him because he's made us win so much and gave us the belief we could win in Europe.
"Now there's no need to want too much, we've won the cup and now we'll see who succeeds him. Mourinho is unforgettable."
Mourinho follows Ernst Happel and Ottmar Hitzfeld as a member of the select band of coaches to have won the Champions League with two different clubs.
Happel lifted his first European Cup with Feyenoord, 2-1 winners against Celtic in 1970, and

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