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Bangladesh opener Imlrul Kayes cuts one on way to making 37, his side's highest score, in their Asia Cup match against India at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium yesterday.

# Tigers caught in Sehwag maze

AFP, Dambulla

Batting star Virender Sehwag turned an unlikely bowling hero as India whipped Bangladesh by six wickets in the Asia Cup on Wednesday. Sehwag grabbed four wickets for six runs with his off-spin as Bangladesh were shot out for 167 in 34.5 overs after losing their last six batsmen for the addition of just 12 runs. India cantered past the modest target in the 31st over, with Sehwag's Delhi teammate Gautam Gambhir smashing 82 off 101 balls with the help of six boundaries. Sehwag managed only 11 with the bat and Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan removed Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma off successive balls, but India were never in trouble. Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni (38 not out) put on a match-winning stand of 78 with Gambhir, who fell leg-before to Mashrafe Mortaza when just 10 runs remained for victory.

"The spinners won it for us," said Dhoni. "It was good we chased a low target, because it is very difficult to bat under lights here." Sehwag conceded his team did not put enough runs on the board. "Losing all those wickets in the end was the turning point," he said. "We had the advantage of batting first before the lights came on, we should have got a much bigger score." "But we are up for the remaining games against Sri Lanka and Pakistan." Defending champions Sri Lanka had opened the four-nation tournament on Tuesday with a 16-run win over Pakistan. Each team plays the other once in the league with the top two advancing to the final on June 24. Bangladesh, who elected to bat after winning the toss, made a flying start as openers Tamim Iqbal and Imlrul Kayes hammered 35 from the first 17 deliveries. After Tamim fell for 22 off 12 balls, caught in the covers off Praveen Kumar, Kayes and Mohammad Ashraf added 46 for the second wicket. Bangladesh were 81-1 in the 14th over

before three wickets fell for 19 runs, two of them to seamer Ashish Nehra who removed Kayes (37) and Ashraf. Mushfiqur Rahim (30) and Mohammad Mahmudullah (23) put on 55 for the fifth wicket, before India dented the innings. Sehwag marked his return with a superb spell on the slow wicket at the Rangiri stadium. He had Rahim caught at the wicket, trapped Suhrawadi Shuvo and Shaiful Islam leg-before and then terminated the innings by bowling last man Syed Rassel. Sri Lanka take on Bangladesh in the next match on Friday. **SCORES IN BRIEF** BANGLADESH: 167 all out in 34.5 overs (Imlrul 37, Mushfiqur 30, Mahmudullah 23, Tamim 22, Ashraf 20; Sehwag 4-6, Nehra 2-28) INDIA: 168 for 4 in 30.4 overs (Gambhir 82, Dhoni 38 not out; Mortaza 2-37, Shakib 2-49) **Result:** India won by six wickets. **Man-of-the-match:** Gautam Gambhir. **Umpires:** Billy Doctrove and Bruce Oxenford.

# It's sticking to type

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A World Cup that threatens to crush all stereotypes continued in vein as Brazil's myth of beautiful football withered under the regimented defending of a DPR Korea side, who endeared themselves to the watching public by going down to only a narrow defeat against the record world-champions. Elsewhere, Cristiano Ronaldo and Didier Drogba both flattered to deceive as Portugal and Ivory Coast drew goalless in an insipid game, while an injury time goal from Winston Reid meant that Slovakia and New Zealand drew 1-1 in a Group F encounter. For Dunga's Brazil, the beauty is in the victory, and it showed as a far more pragmatic Seleccion side were patient in breaking down a North Korea side who defended resolutely and showed enough quality up front to grab a late consolation. Dunga's Brazil is a different animal to the perception of the locals. They keep the

ball, tire the opposition but do not look particularly dangerous. Then, late in the game, they usually break at speed, rely on the skill of Kaka and Robinho, and win games comfortably without really thrashing the opposition. This seems to be a bitter pill to swallow for many adoring fans who expect the heyday passing of yore. Korea, on the other hand are ultra-defensive and teams will struggle to break them down early on. Their 5-3-2 formation is a throwback to an earlier era and while they managed to shut out many sides with their compact play, Brazil proved a barrier beyond them. Despite that, they will take many plaudits after a performance that will have shown that Asian sides are no pushovers, not even teams as obscure as the DPR Korea. On Tuesday, Brazil's win was made to look laboured

because of the lack of thrust provided by Kaka. The Real Madrid midfielder looked a shadow of his former self and clearly does not look fully fit. But credit should go to Brazil for persisting with their short passing system and resisting the urge to hit it long for a targetman like Luis Fabiano. Even though, they were consistently outnumbered in attack, the Brazilians kept playing neat, accurate passes across the field and eventually found a way through courtesy of the explosive Maicon. Elano added a second through a delightful pass from Robinho, who looked the brightest of Brazil's stars on Tuesday. In the day's other much vaunted clash, Portugal and Ivory Coast got a hard-fought draw in a game that was a must-not-lose rather than a must-win for both sides. There was a disappointing

lack of goalmouth action, but both defences were excellently organised. Neither Ronaldo nor Drogba had much of an effect on the game. The Portuguese hit the post with a spectacular long-range effort while Drogba was the culprit squaring when he should have shot, late in the game. Although it was not an exciting game, from a tactical stand-point it was very interesting -- both defences were solid and well-organised and deserved clean sheets. Which attack performed better depends on your outlook -- Portugal were the more ambitious, but the Ivorians had more of a cohesive plan. And in the day's first game, New Zealand and Slovakia cancelled each other out in an evenly matched game. While the Slovaks got the benefit of a dodgy lines-man decision, New Zealand showcased all their fighting spirit with a late goal from the Maori Winston Reid, whose towering header ensured the islanders would not go home empty-handed.



## Media hail Korean character

AFP, Seoul

North Korea's official media Wednesday praised its team for a "fierce" fight in their first World Cup match for 44 years, complimenting the players for their dogged performance against Brazil. The North Koreans "created scoring chances without losing faith despite trailing 0-2" until Ji Yun-Nam scored a goal in the 88th minute, the Korean Central News Agency said, just hours after the game ended in Johannesburg. "The match was a fierce exchange of offence and defence from the beginning," it said. The impoverished communist state received the toughest draw in this year's cup, landing in Group G with Brazil, Ivory Coast and Portugal.

## Buffon out of WC

AFP, Irene

Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon has suffered a recurrence of a herniated disc, it was revealed on Wednesday, with the injury looking virtually certain to end his World Cup hopes. Buffon was forced out of the defending champions' opening Group F match against Paraguay on Monday at half-time and he was initially diagnosed on Tuesday with a sciatic problem. On Wednesday, team doctor Enrico Castellacci refused to speculate on how much time Buffon would need to recover, but insisted that the player will be staying with the team in South Africa. However, what was clear was that Buffon may not play again during the tournament.



"We're not talking about a time period, it's obvious it won't be short, it's difficult in this time to put a definite period on the recovery," said Castellacci. "It's not a new problem, it's a little recurrence of a problem he's had in the past. He's an important player for the group but he's staying with us so we can try to get him back, not just to lend moral support. It's a small disc which is a positive thing, but it's not just about recovering from the pain, we're talking about an athletic recovery." Castellacci said Italy have asked FIFA for permission to treat Buffon with cortisone and have been given the authorisation. Buffon, 32, has had back problems for two and half years.

## TT camp on

SPORTS REPORTER

In a quest to building up second string national side, an Under-18 and an Under-15 team, the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation with financial assistance from AB Bank, has started a month-long training camp for the potential players at the newly built Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday. International Table Tennis Federation's Pakistani coach Arif Khan will conduct the training camp as some 26 players including eight girls chosen from different districts through the national competitions are taking part in the residential camp. Arif Khan was happy to see those players, most of whom he gave basic training during his first tour to Bangladesh in 2007. "The objective of the training camp is to develop these talents so that they can replace the existing national players, who have been playing for long," said the SAFF Games gold medalist. He believes a one-month training camp is not good enough and said that he would work on things like footwork, style of play, skill, match technique and physical fitness which the players could follow round the year. The federation will arrange a second phase of training in September.

# Sabina wins the fridge

Draw of The Daily Star-Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz Round 3 held

MOHAMMAD ISAM from Rajshahi

Sabina, a housewife from capital Dhaka's Motijheel area, won the first prize of The Daily Star-Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz Round 3 when the draw was held at the Rajshahi Medical College auditorium here yesterday. In her instant reaction, Sabina felt elated and said she'd have to think what to do with the 8 CFT Toshiba refrigerator.



PHOTO: STAR

Winners from the audience pose for photographs with the guests during the draw ceremony of The Daily Star-Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz Round 3 at the Rajshahi Medical College auditorium yesterday.

"I will have to think about it [the fridge] but I'm very happy to have won," said Sabina with a lot of excitement after her husband Aminul Islam Khandaker, an avid Daily Star reader, broke the news to her. Sabina said she watches the matches of the World Cup and is a fan of Brazil. When Rume Hossain, the managing director of quiz sponsors Rangs Industries Limited, drew the second prize winner Mohammad Chayan, a 30-year-old businessman, it got a huge response from the packed auditorium as Chayan is from Rajshahi. He won a 24-inch Toshin LCD TV. The audience, made up of people of all ages, enjoyed a very entertaining afternoon with a performance of the famous Rajshahi Gambhira, a stand-up comedy act with songs, by a local duo. The third prize winner, much to the groans of disappointment from the audience, went to Nafisa Khanam, a 20-year-old student from Banani, Dhaka, who won a 21-inch Toshin TV. Mohammad Jasimuddin, a 40-year-old service holder, won the fourth prize -- a 21-inch Toshin TV. The fifth prize -- a 23-litre Toshin microwave oven -- went to Kamaluddin, a resident of Companyganj in Noakhali. The entry coupon draw for the audience was also held and the first prize went to Dulal Hossain, who won a 20L Toshin microwave oven. Moni Akhtarul Islam Soni, one of the Gambhira performers, won the second prize -- a 14-inch Toshin TV. The three third prizes went to Jalaluddin Mollah, Abdur Rashid and Akhtaruzzaman. The lively function, where former national footballer Shamsul Islam Mollah --

popularly known as Shamsu -- was the chief guest, was also attended by Rajshahi Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton and his wife Shahin Akter. Production manager of The Daily Star Selim SH Chowdhury moderated the event. Chief guest Shamsul, father of former national cricket captain Khaled Mashud, questioned the country's football set up, especially for those in the schools, colleges and upazilas. Speaking on the occasion, Rume spoke of his amazement to see so many flags of the World Cup participants in Rajshahi. "The number of flags show how much we love football, though the performance of our national team is not up to

the mark," said Rume. Mayor Khairuzzaman thanked the organisers -- The Daily Star and Rangs Toshiba -- for the draw and informed that 36 big screens had been installed all over Rajshahi for the entire length of the World Cup. **WINNERS** **FIRST PRIZE** Sabina 154, Arambagh, Motijheel, Dhaka **SECOND PRIZE** Mohammad Chayan Upashahar, Rajshahi **THIRD PRIZE** Nafisa Khanam Road: 7, House: 4, Block-F, Banani, Dhaka **FOURTH PRIZE** Jasimuddin

25, Hatkhola Road, Dhaka **FIFTH PRIZE** Kamal Uddin KTM Hat, Companyganj, Noakhali **CORRECT ANSWERS** 1. Who will be the captain of France in this year's World Cup? Answer: Evra 2. Pele scored his first World Cup goal against Answer: Wales 3. How many World Cup matches did Gary Lineker play? Answer: 12 4. Which stadium will host this year's World Cup final? Answer: Soccer City 5. Who is this player? Answer: Lucio

## Premier Div hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Shadharan Bima KS came from behind to hold Ajax SC to a 1-1 draw in the Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday. In the day's second match, Azad Sporting Club recorded an easy 4-1 win over Wari Club after taking a 1-0 lead in the first half. Mahmud struck twice from penalty corners after Deen Islam gave Azad an early lead. Joy completed the rout in the second half though Lemon Hossain pulled a goal back for the losing side.

## Dunga not satisfied

AFP, Johannesburg

Brazil coach Dunga said there was room for improvement after his side's 2-1 win over North Korea, but was pleased to take three points with the Ivory Coast and Portugal yet to come. Five-time World Cup winners Brazil opened their campaign in Group G with a workmanlike win over the Asian minnows at Ellis Park on Tuesday. Despite an attacking lineup boasting Kaka and Robinho, the South Americans had to work hard in the face of some dogged defending from the tireless North Koreans.

## Sr Div football

SPORTS REPORTER

Badda Jagarani Sangsad tasted first victory in the Bashundhara Senior Division Football League with a lone-goal win over T&T Club at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday. Milon Kumar struck the all-important goal in the ninth minute. In the day's other match, Uttar Baridhara Club posted their third win when they handed a 2-1 defeat to Purbachal Parishad. Masud and Abul Kalam Azad netted one goal apiece for the winners while Shaibal pulled one back for the losing side.



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## National chess

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Three players shared the lead in the preliminary phase of the 36th National Chess Championship at the end of the fourth round games at the Bangladesh Chess Federation Hall Room yesterday. The leaders are FM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar, FM Mehdi Hasan Parag and FM Mohammad Javed, who all won their respective boards.

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