

Australia spin legend Shane Warne, who turned designer with his clothing brand 'Spinners', is all set to bring the apparel label to India. The sporty fashion line comprising menswear, boyswear and innerwear was launched down under in 2009 making headway in the 'Spashio' (sport + fashion) market. The 41-year-old cricketer is now keen on expanding it globally, beginning with India. "I'm excited to be launching Spinners by Shane Warne globally. It's no secret that I've always loved India. It's a beautiful country and the people are as passionate about cricket."



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NOT QUITE READY: The test run of the new floodlights at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Sunday revealed that the focus of the lights was skewed towards the centre of the pitch, rather than on the entire field. As a result, today's day-night fixture between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe has been changed to a day affair.

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Today's a day game

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The third one-day international between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe will be a day match, instead of the scheduled day-night affair at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur today.

The match will now begin at 9:00am, after the newly-installed floodlights failed to beam lights on the entire cricket ground. Although the six light towers were fully functional after an initial difficulty at the sub-station, the beams were only focused on the pitch and mostly the 30-yard circle, leaving the rest of the area in the dark. This not only forced the cancellation of Bangladesh's fielding practice yesterday, but also prompted match referee Chris Broad to have a late inspection of the venue and a declaration that the 'lights are unfit for a day-night match'.

"It is official now, the match will start from 9:00am," confirmed Gazi Ashraf Hossain, the organising secretary for the five-match series.

"I talked to Chris Broad on behalf of the board and we took the consent of Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC). Their CEO (Ozias Bvute) talked to us and agreed to play the day game," added the former national captain, also Bangladesh Cricket Board's tournament committee secretary.

Both teams agreed the morning start from the onset when the light situation first surfaced and it was just left to the ICC match referee to give a decision on the matter.

The late development, the BCB only confirming the news via e-mail at 8:52pm last night, will put the fans in a lot of trouble. Those unlucky not to have known of the change would only get the necessary information this morning, although some might get the news through a few websites.

"We are very sorry to the fans who now have to come to the ground in the morning. But it was an undue incident that was out of our control. The light towers are fully illuminated but they are not focused properly on the ground," said Gazi Ashraf.

When the Tigers arrived after sunset yesterday, the trouble came to light, so to speak. They only tapped around with a football

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MAHUB'S DEATH Murder case filed with Bandar police

SPORTS REPORTER

Swarna Begum, wife of late sprinter Mahbub Alam, yesterday filed a murder case with Narayanganj Bandar Police Station implicating Mahbub's co-passenger and former coach Mohammad Yahia as the prime accused while Bangladesh Athletics Federation's (BAF) general secretary Shah Alam and his allies as the secondary defendants.

Mahbub Alam, a gold medal-winning sprinter of the South Asian Games and two-time national champion, met a tragic death in a road accident on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway near Kanchpur Bridge early Saturday morning when the microbus carrying him and Yahia hit a stationary truck on the roadside.

Both Yahia and the driver of the vehicle suffered minor injuries while Mahbub apparently died on the spot.

Mahbub's family alleged that the dead body laid unattended while Yahia and the driver were both taken to hospital for treatment.

Sub-inspector of Bandar Police Binay Krishna Kar informed that the case alleged that the accident was pre-planned.

Mukhlisur Rahman, brother-in-law of the deceased, claimed no post-mortem was done on the dead body after former general secretary of BAF Ibrahim Chengis insisted on bringing the body back to Dhaka without an autopsy.

Chengis though refuted such claim saying that the autopsy was not carried out with consent from Mukhlisur's elder brother Nurul Islam.

Meanwhile the chief accused of the case Yahia could not be reached for his version of the incident as his family members claimed he was kept under sedative.

The other defendant Shah Alam, when contacted, expressed his disbelief at being named as an accused in the case. He said he only went to see the body along with

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Tigers unchanged, Elton out

MOHAMMAD ISAM



Under extraordinary circumstances, Bangladesh will go into the third game of the five-match ODI series against Zimbabwe today with an unchanged line-up, while the visitors will be



PHOTO: STAR

KNOT DOWN: Bangladesh left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak stretches his limbs during a practice session at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Sunday. He has tied the Zimbabwe batsmen up in knots with his bowling in the first two ODIs, four wickets in the first and a hat-trick in the second.

minus their captain Elton Chigumbura.

The timing of the match, having changed from the scheduled day-night to the day game due to trouble with the floodlights at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur, did not sway the Tigers team management into making any changes. "The team will be unchanged. There will be some moisture in the morning and there is a forecast of cloud and rain," said chief selector Rafiqul Alam.

Bangladesh bounced back from the first match 9-run defeat to the Zimbabweans with a six-wicket triumph in the second game. Abdur Razzak's hat-trick and five-for, a four-wicket haul from skipper Shakib Al Hasan and half-centuries by Rokibul Hasan and Junaed Siddiqui ensured a convincing comeback after Zimbabwe's bowling and fielding thwarted them last Wednesday.

But now the visitors are also going into the crucial match without their captain as Prosper Utseya is set to lead the side out as the stand-in.

"Elton [Chigumbura] suffered a groin injury and he has not recovered sufficiently. Prosper Utseya will be the stand-in captain in his absence," confirmed a Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) spokesman.

Earlier in the day when all the commotion was far away, Zimbabwe wicketkeeper Tatenda Taibu said that his team were aware of the low-scoring nature of the pitch, leading to them scoring just 209 and 191 respectively in the two matches so far.

"We are not worried at all [about not making bigger scores]. We knew that there are low-scoring wickets here. So we just have to stay at the crease, accumulate runs and make sure we don't lose wickets," said Taibu.

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Dad Siddons rushes to Brisbane

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Jamie Siddons left Dhaka hurriedly for Brisbane last night to join his wife and his newborn baby.

The Bangladesh head coach was on his way to the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium for a fielding session when he received the news of the birth of his second child from Australia.

"I am going to Brisbane to stay next to my wife. She just gave birth to the baby, now in intensive care. The baby boy was born six weeks premature," confirmed Siddons, adding that he would board the next available flight to Australia.

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Training for shooting coaches

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A five-day training course for C coaches, organized by National Shooting Federation of Bangladesh and funded by the Asian Shooting Confederation, got underway at the National Shooting Complex yesterday.

Slovakian trainer Anton Belak with the assistance of Pakistani Khaled Javed, coordinator of ASC coaches' course will conduct the training where

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KP tightens the noose

Cricket

AGENCIES, Adelaide

Kevin Pietersen became the fifth Englishman to score a double century in Australia as England's lead ballooned to 306 runs on the third day of the second Ashes Test at the Adelaide Oval on Sunday.

The number four showman relished his return to the ground where he last hammered a big century to continue England's relentless accumulation of runs to plunder the home attack.

When rain washed out play after tea



PHOTO: AFP

England superstar Kevin Pietersen sheds the weight of the world from his shoulders after reaching his double hundred and ending his lean trot with an unbeaten 213 on Sunday, as his team mounted a huge first innings lead on the third day of the second Test against Australia at Adelaide.

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ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP HISTORY

Inzy mesmerises

In the 1992 World Cup, an unforgettable semifinal took place at Eden Park, New Zealand. After eighty-five of the hundred overs had been bowled, one side were almost certain of victory. The other side was facing an exit after having come so close to the ultimate prize. And both sides were driven by captains for whom winning the World Cup would be a crowning glory.

Some fourteen overs later, however, the roles were reversed, courtesy of a young man who till then was an unknown, but since then developed into one of the greatest batsmen of his country, in not the decade.

The performers on the grand stage were New Zealand and Pakistan. The contrast in their respective paths to the semis could not be starker. New Zealand topped the group with seven wins from eight matches, while Pakistan, after a disastrous start, scraped through on the merit of one of their matches being

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INDIAN OPEN Siddikur sixth

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's vaunted golfer Siddikur Rahman finished sixth in the Hero Honda Indian Open golf tournament in New Delhi after the end of the fourth round at the Delhi Golf Club yesterday.

Siddikur, who shot an excellent 5-under-par 67 in the third round, sank off with a 2-under-par 70 in the fourth to aggregate a score of 7-under-par 281.

The 1.25-million-dollar Asian Tour event was won by Rikard Karlberg of Sweden who edged previous day's leader

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Rubcic wants 3-month camp

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The fourth edition of the professional football league, the Bangladesh League, and preparations for the pre-Olympic qualifiers will go on simultaneously as national football coach Robert Rubcic developed a three-month training programme which emphasised on the need to play more practice matches before facing the middle-east nation.

Rubcic sat with the National Team Management Committee (NTMC) on Saturday to submit his report on Bangladesh's performance in the recently concluded Asian Games in Guangzhou as well as put forward a training programme which emphasised on the need to play more practice matches before facing the middle-east nation.

"Rubcic wants to play at least one practice match each week and train the boys in three of four day interspersed periods. We will sit with

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Bhutan women booters arrive

SPORTS REPORTER

Bhutan women's football team arrived in the city yesterday, a week before the SAFF Women's Football Championship starts in Cox's Bazar on December 12.

Bhutan are expected to play against their Bangladesh counterparts today in a warm-up match at the Mohammadpur Physical Training College Ground.

Meanwhile, the tournament will kick off with Nepal taking on Maldives in a Group B match on the opening day.

Hosts Bangladesh, who have been pitted in Group A, will play their first match against Sri Lanka on the 13th. Group A

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