

A team's 1st one-dayer today

SPORTS REPORTER Bangladesh A will take on their South African counterparts today at Buffalo Park in East London in the first game of the five-match one-day series.

The day-night game starts at 6:00pm BST. South Africa A clinched the two-match unofficial test series 1-0 after they won the first game by 272 runs and the rain-affected second test was drawn.

Elias Sunny, Forhad Reza and Jahurul Islam are set to join the squad for the one-day series. Mehrab Hossain, Kamrul Islam Rabbi and Saqlain Sajib have already returned after the four-day leg of the tour.

Mohammad Ashraf is leading the second string side and with the exit of Naem Islam and Junaed Siddiqui, he will have more onus to perform well.

The second match will be played at Boland Park in Paarl, also a day-night encounter.

Cash reward for Davis Cuppers

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Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) has awarded Tk 25,000 each for the successful players of the Bangladesh team who recently got promoted to Level 3 of the Davis Cup Asia Oceania Group.

Amol Roy, Ranjan Ram, and Shibu Lal are the members of the victorious team.

Bangladesh became undefeated champions in their group to advance to the next level.

A reception will be accorded to the victorious team at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna on April 22.

Leaner, younger, fitter



AFP, Sydney

Australian cricket great Shane Warne has denied claims he used Botox or had a facelift, saying his youthful look was due to moisturisers, healthy eating and exercise.

The 41-year-old, who reportedly had a recent affair with British actress Liz Hurley, has appeared with more luminous skin in recent photographs, sparking rumours that he may have gone under the knife.

But Warne, currently playing for the Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League, said it was nonsense.

"Questions re facelift/Botox etc are absolute rubbish," he said via social networking site Twitter.

"I am 86kg. Lost 7kg and [am] close to being the fittest I have ever been.

"Fitness and being healthy is now a daily habit I feel great and never been happier in my life.

"I am also eating very healthily and am flattered that people think I look younger. I have worked hard over the last five months on fitness."

Warne admitted he used moisturisers to improve his look.

"New Estee Lauder moisturisers for my skin have made a big difference," he said.



SHANE WARNE

Kolkata keep winning

INTERNET, Kolkata



Kolkata Knight Riders centered to their third back-to-back win to shoot atop the Indian Premier League (IPL) points table with a clinical eight-wicket victory over Rajasthan Royals here Sunday.

Lustily cheered by around 45,000 spectators at the majestic Eden Gardens, the Knights shot out the Royals for a miserly 81 and then reached their target with 6.1 overs to spare without much fuss.

Skipper Gautam Gambhir despatched Shaun Tait to the point fence to carry KKR to 85/2 in 13.5 overs, and bolster their points tally to six from four games.

Needing to score at an easy asking rate of 4.1, the home side lost their star opener Jacques Kallis (0) off the very second ball. The veteran top-edged Tait and Ross Taylor ran in from square-leg to take the catch close to the crease.

The other opener, Manvinder Bisla (9), departed in the seventh over, making it 31/2, but Gautam Gambhir (35 not out off 35 balls) and Manoj Tiwary (30 off 26 balls)

put on an unconquered 54-run partnership that saw the Knights through without any more losses.

Earlier, Gmabhir won the toss and put the Royals in on what looked like a good batting wicket.

Shane Watson (11) and Amit Paunikar (15) gave the Royals a sound start, racking 24 in the fourth over, but then the rot started.

The two openers were back in consecutive overs, and the procession of batsmen continued thereafter. In the end, only four Royals willowers managed to reach double figures.

Pacer Laxmipathy Balaji (3-15) and Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan (2-21) were the most successful bowlers.

Royals now have four points from as many games.

SCORES IN BRIEF

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KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS: 85-2 in 13.5 overs (Gambhir 35 not out, Tiwary 30 not out)

Result: Kolkata Knight Riders won by eight wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Laxmipathy Balaji.

Alexander no more

WICB pays tribute AFP, St John's

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) on Sunday paid tribute to former captain and wicketkeeper Franz Copeland Murray 'Gerry' Alexander, who died on Saturday at the age of 82.

WICB president Dr Julian Hunte praised Alexander in recalling the contribution he made during the famous 1961 tied Test series in Australia under skipper Sir Frank Worrell.

"On behalf of the WICB and all the cricket-loving people who support West Indies cricket I want to extend heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of Gerry Alexander," said Dr Hunte.

"He was a stalwart in Jamaica and West Indies cricket and made a tremendous contribution to the game as captain and a player on the field. He was an inspiration to many people off the field as well.

"He displayed a true love and passion for West Indies cricket and gave his all for the good of the game. He was a dignified and reliable leader of the West Indies team and a committed supporter of the game at all levels."

Long day

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The second half was a similar story with Sheikh Jamal creating most of the chances, and they got a second in the 75th minute through winger Shakil Ahmed. Shakil, who scored one in the last match as well, did a wonderful one-two with Femi before finishing off the opportunity clinically.

Soon after Bouga made way for Enamul and then the other scorer Shakil made way for his brother Emily, but the scoreline remained unchanged.

Two other quarterfinals will be played today. In the first match, Sheikh Russel KC will play against Soccer Club, Feni while in the latter quarterfinal Mohammedan Sporting Club will be up against Muktiyoddha Sangsad KS.

Both matches will be played at the Birshreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur.

Dilshan new SL skipper

Cricket AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's cricket authorities on Monday named big-hitting all-rounder Tillakaratne Dilshan as captain for the upcoming tour of England.

Dilshan will lead the side in all three formats of the game -- Tests, one-day internationals and Twenty20s -- on the tour, Sri Lanka Cricket said in a statement.

The 34-year-old, renowned for an over-the-head scoop shot dubbed the "Dilscoop", replaces Kumar Sangakkara, who stepped down after Sri Lanka lost the World Cup final to India earlier this month.

Fitness worries meant the five-member national selection panel headed by Duleep Mendis, a former Sri Lanka skipper, did not name a vice-captain.

"The prospective candidates are nursing injuries and their availability for the forthcoming tour is still in question," the statement said.

All-rounder Angelo Mathews, 23, has been tipped for the role, but he is nursing a side strain suffered during the World Cup

semifinal. Dilshan, a right-handed batsman currently playing in the Indian Premier League, is expected to travel to Colombo this week to meet the selectors and pick the squad for England.

The tour runs from May to July and includes three Tests, five one-day games and a Twenty20 match.

The son of a police officer, Dilshan is the 11th full-time Sri Lankan skipper per. He made his Test debut against Zimbabwe in 1999 and hit an unbeaten 163 in his second Test match in Harare.

His career took off in 2009 when he volunteered to open in all three forms of the game in Pakistan, exploiting attacking fields and amassing huge scores in all formats.

He scored 11 international hundreds in the year and won the World Twenty20 Player of the Series prize.

Dilshan also had an excellent World Cup, where he was the tournament's highest scorer with 500 runs.

His appointment is expected to be a short-term move because he is not expected to be a candidate for the 2015 World Cup to be played in Australia and New Zealand.



TILLAKARATNE DILSHAN

Abahani stunned Academy

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The budget of the championship is Tk10 lakhs and Walton group will pay Tk3 lakhs as the title sponsors of the event.

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FROM PAGE 16 also the one involving the Tigers fielding coach Julien Fountain.

"The BCB will be going for new advertisements for all coaches and those who are here are eligible to apply," stated Manzur, adding that talks with Fountain is still not complete.

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