

BANGLADESH LEAGUE
Feni stay afloat
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Feni Soccer Club recorded their third victory in the Grameenphone Bangladesh League with a single-goal win over relegated Chittagong Abahani at the Shaheed Salam Stadium in Feni yesterday.

Towhidul Siddique separated both sides in the 72nd minute.

The outcome pushed them to 10th place with 18 points from 21 matches, one point ahead of relegation-threatened Chittagong Mohammedan, who now have 17 points having played a match less than Feni Soccer.

Feni Soccer will play their last match against Farshganj SC (19 points from 20 matches) while Chittagong Mohammedan will have to face Muktiyoddha Sangsad and Arambagh KS in their last two outings.

Feni Soccer, Farshganj and Chittagong Mohammedan are under threat of relegation while Chittagong Abahani, with five points from 21 matches, have already been relegated from the professional football league.

Bell puts hosts

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Jayewardene his fourth catch of the innings.

England then lost a flurry of wickets chasing quick runs, with Matt Prior, who made a hundred in the drawn second Test at Lord's, out for nought.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SRI LANKA: First innings 184

ENGLAND: First innings 377

decl (Cook 55, Pietersen 85, Bell 119 not out, Anderson 27, Morgan 71; Weledgera 2-90, Lakmal 3-99, Perera 2-101)

SRI LANKA: Second innings 14 for no loss (Paranavitana 9 not out, Thirimanne 3 not out)

Shakib's bat

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England, his bowling form never wavered.

Playing in his first longer-version game in over a year, Shakib hammered nine boundaries in his 63-ball knock. He fell to Dominic Cork after adding 109 for the fifth wicket with centurion Vikram Solanki, who struck 173.

Worcestershire declared their first innings on 403 for eight to which Hampshire replied and were 112 for three from 32 overs.

It's Wimbledon time again
 Can Federer touch Sampras now?

AFP, London



Roger Federer can picture himself lifting a record-equalling seventh Wimbledon title, but can also sense the dangers posed by Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray when the tournament starts here on Monday.

Federer, now without a Grand Slam title since his 16th major at the 2010 Australian Open, was stunned by the Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych in the quarterfinals last year, as his attempt to match Pete Sampras's record of seven titles was shattered.

It was his earliest exit at the All England Club since his first round loss to Mario Ancin in 2002.

But the 29-year-old Swiss has been buoyed by his unexpected run to the French Open final, where he came up short against Nadal, after ending Novak Djokovic's 43-match winning streak in the semifinals.

"I know I could tie with Sampras here. It's obviously something very special and important," said Federer, who starts his campaign against Kazakhstan's Mikhail Kukushkin.

"For me if I close my eyes and think about Wimbledon, it's the moment when I lift the Wimbledon trophy. That's the picture I see the strongest."

But clouding that view is defending champion Nadal, who beat Federer to win a sixth French Open two weeks ago, as well as Australian Open champion Djokovic and Queen's winner Murray, bidding to end Britain's 75-year wait for

amen's champion.

World number one Nadal took his Grand Slam title tally to 10 with his latest Roland Garros triumph -- his fourth final win in Paris over Federer -- and is now only six majors behind the great Swiss.

The Spaniard will be chasing his third Wimbledon trophy and time is on his side.

He is almost five years younger than Federer who will be acutely aware that Sampras's seventh and last Wimbledon triumph in 2000 came two months before he reached the same age.

But Nadal, the 2008 and 2010 Wimbledon champion and runner-up in 2006 and 2007, is not prepared to consider himself a better player than his great rival, who he has faced 25 times, just yet.

"When you talk about these statistics, when you try and make these comparisons, really it's not very interesting to me," said Nadal, who faces America's Michael Russell in the first round on Monday.

"I'm very happy with what I have, with who I am. I'm not the best player in the history of tennis. I think I'm amongst the best. That's true. That's enough for me."

Djokovic, who is poised to depose Nadal as world number one, has yet to make a Wimbledon final, losing in the 2010 semifinal to Berdych in straight sets and to Nadal, also in the last four, in 2007.

But the world number two Serb, who skipped the traditional Wimbledon warm-up at Queen's Club because of tendinitis, has been tipped to finally succeed at the All England Club by Andre Agassi.

"I think he will be even better there and hungrier for success," said 1992

champion Agassi.

Djokovic goes into Wimbledon insisting that the end of his winning streak will not be a burden.

"It was the best five months of my life, my tennis career," said the Serb, who meets France's Jeremy Chardy in his opener.

"I cannot complain. It was definitely an incredible period. It had to end somewhere. I knew it was coming. But it's sport. I will keep on working hard."

World number four Andy Murray, bidding to become Britain's first Wimbledon men's champion since Fred Perry in 1936, made the semifinals in 2009 and 2010.

His 6-3, 6-1 win over three-time All England Club finalist Andy Roddick in the semifinals at Queen's gave every indication that the ankle injury he suffered at the French Open is a thing of the past.

"It was one of those days where I hardly missed a ball," said Murray, who faces Spain's Daniel Gimeno-Traver in the first round.

Roddick will be a sentimental favourite to do well at Wimbledon having been runner-up to Federer in 2004, 2005 and 2009.

That final two years ago is widely-regarded as one of the finest of all time with Roddick edged out 16-14 in an epic final set.

Roddick's fellow American John Isner will also be at the centre of attention after he was drawn to face France's Nicolas Mahut in a rematch of their clash last year which, at 11 hours and five minutes, was the longest match in tennis history.

Isner finally prevailed in their Court 18 epic, winning the final set 70-68.

Windies take Barath in

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looking to put a stamp on their ranking of World No. 1.

The Indians have shipped in a number of players -- led by World Cup and IPL-winning captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni -- that will strengthen their side for the longer format.

Rahul Dravid and vice captain VVS Laxman give more backbone to the batting in particular, and Pragyan Ojha presents another option that could exploit the West Indies' clear susceptibility to spin bowling.

With their appearances for the visitors confined to Tests now, Dravid and Laxman have had little international exposure over the past few months, with the heavy surfeit of limited-overs matches, so they will need to find their feet, and West Indies could exploit this.

India's bowling was clearly weakened, when Zaheer Khan and Shantha Sreesanth withdrew due to injury, so the visitors could be a little vulnerable in this area too, but the spinners will hold the key.

But the Indians -- Dravid in particular -- would have fond memories of this venue, after all, they won a Test five years ago here under him, ending a 35-year spell without a Test series victory in the Caribbean.

It was one of four losses West Indies have endured in their last nine matches at the ground, and Dhoni and his side will be hoping that they can win this Test to spark another series win.

SQUADS

WEST INDIES (from): Darren Sammy (captain), Brendan Nash, Adrian Barath, Carlton Baugh Jr, Devendra Bishoo, Darren Bravo, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Fidel Edwards, Ravi Rampaul, Kemar Roach, Marlon Samuels, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Lendl Simmons.

INDIA (from): Mahendra Singh Dhoni (captain), VVS Laxman, Subramaniam Badrinath, Rahul Dravid, Harbhajan Singh, Virat Kohli, Praveen Kumar, Amit Mishra, Abhimanyu Mithun, Abhinav Mukund, Pragyan Ojha, Munaf Patel, Parthiv Patel, Suresh Raina, Ishant Sharma, Murali Vijay.

Contingent

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our main target, our main target is to rehabilitate these boys and girls through sports," said Khairul Islam Khan, head of delegation who will accompany 16 officials including 10 coaches during the Games which will conclude on July 4.

Founder president of Special Olympics Bangladesh, Ashraf-ud-Dowla informed that with the financial assistant of Grameenphone, they held talent hunt programmes in districts and divisional levels before selecting some athletes for advanced training at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP).

"The boys and girls have been receiving training at BKSP from March 25 with the students of BKSP in a bid to sharpening their physical fitness, skills, self-confidence. They were even sent to compete in national championships to cope up with the nature of competitions," said Special Olympics Bangladesh president Dr Shamin Motin Chowdhury.

She informed that Grameenphone bore all the expenses of training as the mobile operators have been with them the association since 2007 and this time Grameenphone have become sole official sponsors.

National director of Special Olympics, Bangladesh Faruqul Islam and assistant head of delegation Quamrun Nahar Dana also spoke on the occasion.

BFF asks for SBNS, Fatullah
 SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) will officially seek the allotment of Mirpur's Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium and Fatullah Stadium to arrange practice sessions for the Argentina and Nigeria football teams.

"We will officially write to the National Sports Council in a couple of days to allot the Mirpur Stadium and Fatullah Stadium to us for two practice sessions for Argentina and Nigeria," said BFF president Kazi Salahuddin yesterday.

Lionel Messi's Argentina and Nigeria are scheduled to play a FIFA friendly match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on September 6.

Salahuddin informed that both teams would engage in closed-door practice at the BNS, but they will be provided a separate practice venue for one session before the closed-door practice.

Mohammadpur crush DOHS
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Mohammadpur Basketball Club crushed Old DOHS SC 57-25 in the Citycell Basketball League at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

The match was locked 18-18 after the first half, but Mohammadpur surged ahead after the break, adding 39 points while restricting Old DOHS to just 8.

Earlier, on Saturday evening, Mohammadpur Basketball Club beat The Shawons 73-63 while Cantonians defeated Old DOHS SC 65-46 at the same venue.

Jovanovski

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ball's governing body on Saturday officially asked FIFA to shift the 29th June's venue from Lahore to Dhaka or any neutral venue on security grounds. BFF were yet to get any reply from FIFA till yesterday.

It may be mentioned that Bangladesh raised the same issue of to the Pakistan Football Federation president and general secretary during the FIFA Congress in Zurich on June 1 but the Pakistani counterparts assured Bangladesh officials of providing enough security during Bangladesh's visit.

Asked whether BFF has taken any clearance from the government to travel to Pakistan, BFF executive Abu Nayeem Shohag said that they were now waiting for a reply from FIFA and then they would take initiatives regarding the security clearance from the government.

"Generally we let our embassy know about our schedule in the respective country we travel to play but this time we will write to the foreign ministry as well as our high commission in Pakistan if we have to travel there," said Shohag.

TESTS THROUGH TIME

SIR GARFIELD SOBERS

Mr Cricket

If Sir Donald Bradman is the greatest batsman to have ever lived, then equally free from doubt is the fact that Sir Garfield Sobers is the greatest allrounder to have played the game.

He was the original Mr Cricket. A left-handed batsman who till he retired held the record for the highest individual Test score, Sobers could bowl pace, off-spin and leg-spin, all with equal proficiency.

Four years into his Test career (1958), Sobers stamped his name in history by overtaking Len Hutton's world record score of 364. It was the third Test of the series, and in the first Pakistan's Hanif Mohammad had posted his marathon 16-hour 337.

Coming in at 87 for 1, Sobers, who was yet to score a Test hundred, shared a 446-run partnership with opener Conrad Hunte. Sobers became the first West Indian to cross the 300-run mark on the fourth day and by then he had the 65-run target at the back of his mind.

Pakistan captain Abdul Hafeez Kardar tossed the ball to none other than Hanif when Sobers was on 363.

He took a single to equal Hutton's record, and the next time he faced Hanif, the Pakistani asked the umpire if he could bowl with his left-hand. "You can bowl with both hands if you like," said Sobers, and promptly took a single to seize the record and be engulfed by hundreds of ecstatic fans.

Sobers's masterpiece took 10 hours 14 minutes against Hutton's 13 hours 20 minutes -- that alone is testament to the West Indian's commitment to entertainment.

His captaincy was bold, though with mixed results. He declared early to give England a whiff of a chance in the final Test of the 1968 series. England somehow chased 215 successfully but Sobers would always be remembered for the series win against Australia in 1965.

He had many achievements to his credit, including being the first man to hit six consecutive sixes in an over in a first-class match. A great bowler by any standards, he took six five-fors in a strong West Indian attack and was as good a close-in fielder as there ever was.

To further underscore his legend, he never wore a thigh guard, let alone a helmet, while facing some of the fastest bowlers in the world.

To best understand the esteem he is and was held in by all who knew the game, the story of the Rest of the World Series against Australia will suffice. In a tour he and Bradman organised to fill the vacuum left by the cancelled South African tour to Australia in 1971, the Rest of the World team were embarrassed at Perth by the fearsome pace of a new bowler called Dennis Lillee.

Lillee had twice gotten the great Sobers for a duck, once in Perth and the next time in the first innings in Melbourne. In the second innings Sobers came in and smashed everyone in sight, Lillee included, to score 254.

When he was out, Lillee caught up with him on his walk back to the pavilion and said, "You know, I've read about you and now I've really seen you. We got our backsides cut good and proper today, and I still appreciate it."

-- Sakeb Subhan

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১। জনাব মোঃ মাসুম বিদ্যাল জুনিয়র ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (পর্ব) ৫ম ইউনিট, এপিএসসিএল।

২। জনাব মোঃ মাসুম বিদ্যাল জুনিয়র ইঞ্জিনিয়ার পিতাঃ মোঃ আব্দুল মমিন গ্রামঃ সাহেবনগর (১৫নং পৌঃ কুমিল্লা ক্যান্টনমেন্ট থানাঃ কোতালালী, জেলাঃ কুমিল্লা।

বিষয়ঃ- চাকুরী হইতে বরখাস্তের দ্বিতীয় কারণ দর্শানোর নোটিশ।

যেহেতু আপনি জনাব মোহাম্মদ মাসুম বিদ্যাল, জুনিয়র ইঞ্জিনিয়ার, আশুগঞ্জ পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড আশুগঞ্জ, বি-বাড়িয়া গত ০৫/১১/২০১০ তারিখ হইতে অদ্যাবধি কর্মস্থলে বিনানুমতিতে অনুপস্থিত আছেন। যা এপিএসসিএল এর চাকুরী বিধির ৩৭(এ) ও (সি) ধারার সুস্পষ্ট লংঘন এবং শাস্তিযোগ্য অপরাধ। অননুমোদিত অনুপস্থিতির জন্য অত্র দপ্তরের সূত্র নং- এপিএসসিএল/ইএসটি-১৫/২০১০/২৬৭ তারিখ ০২/০১/১১ ইং মোতাবেক কোম্পানীর কাজের স্বার্থে আপনাকে কর্তব্য কাজে যোগদানের জন্য নির্দেশ প্রদান করা হইয়াছিল, যাহা রেজিষ্টার ডাকযোগে স্থায়ী ঠিকানায় পত্র প্রেরণ করা হয়। কিন্তু আপনি কাজে যোগদান না করিয়া অদ্যাবধি অননুমোদিত ভাবে কর্মস্থলে অনুপস্থিত আছেন।

যেহেতু, আরও দেখা যায় আপনি কর্তৃপক্ষের বিনা অনুমতিতে কর্মস্থলে অনুপস্থিত থাকার কারণে অত্র দপ্তরের সূত্র নং- এপিএসসিএল/পিএফ -জেই-৪২/২০০৮/ ৩০৩ তারিখ ১৯/০১/১১ ইং মোতাবেক আপনাকে কর্মস্থলে অননুমোদিত অনুপস্থিতির জন্য 'কৈফিয়ত তলব করতঃ রেজিষ্টার ডাকযোগে বর্তমান ও স্থায়ী ঠিকানায় দপ্তর ম্যাসেজারের মাধ্যমে পত্র প্রেরণ করা হয়। কিন্তু প্রেরিত চিঠির কোন জবাব অদ্যাবধি পাওয়া যায় নাই, যার জন্য আপনি দায়ী এবং

যেহেতু, আপনার এহেন কার্যকলাপ কর্তব্য অবহেলা এবং অসদাচরণের সামিল বিধায় ইহা এপিএসসিএল এর চাকুরী বিধির ৩৭(এ) ও (সি) ধারা অনুযায়ী শাস্তি যোগ্য অপরাধ এবং

যেহেতু, আপনার উপরোক্ত বিধি পরিপন্থী কার্যকলাপের জন্য আশুগঞ্জ পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড এর চাকুরী বিধির ৩৭(এ) ও (সি) ধারা মোতাবেক আপনাকে কর্তব্য অবহেলা ও অসদাচরণের দায়ে অত্র দপ্তরের সূত্র নং- এপিএসসিএল/পিএফ -জেই-৪২/২০০৮/৩৫৪ তারিখ ১৭/০২/১১ খ্রিঃ মোতাবেক আপনার বিরুদ্ধে অভিযোগ নামা জারী করা হয়। উক্ত অভিযোগ নামা আপনার স্থায়ী ঠিকানায় রেজিষ্টার ডাকযোগে প্রেরণ করা হয় এবং অভিযোগ নামা তদন্ত করার জন্য সূত্র নং- এপিএসসিএল/পিএফ -জেই-৪২/২০০৮/ ৩৫৫ তারিখ ১৭/০২/১১ খ্রিঃ মোতাবেক একজন তদন্তকারী কর্মকর্তা নিয়োগ করা হয় এবং

যেহেতু, তদন্তকারী কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক দাখিলকৃত তদন্ত প্রতিবেদন এবং অভিযোগ সর্বশিষ্ট কাগজপত্র, আনুসঙ্গিক বিষয়াদি বিচার বিবেচনা, সার্বিক পারিপার্শ্বিক অবস্থা পর্যালোচনা ও পরীক্ষা করে কর্তৃপক্ষ এই সিদ্ধান্তে উপনীত হয়েছেন যে, আপনার বিরুদ্ধে দুটি বা অন্য কোন যুক্তি সংগত কারন ব্যতীত বিনা অনুমতিতে কর্মস্থলে অনুপস্থিত থাকা এবং নিজ কর্তব্য সম্পাদনে ব্যর্থ হওয়ার আনীত অভিযোগ সন্দেহাতীত ভাবে প্রমানিত হয়েছে এবং

সেহেতু, এক্ষণে আপনি জুনিয়র ইঞ্জিনিয়ার জনাব মোঃ মাসুম বিদ্যাল-কে সরকারী কর্মচারী (বিশেষ বিধান) অধ্যাদেশ ১৯৭৯ এর ধারা ৩ (বি) মোতাবেক এবং এপিএসসিএল চাকুরী বিধি ৩৭ (এ) ও (সি) ধারা মতে কর্তব্য অবহেলা ও অসদাচরণের অপরাধে দোষী সাব্যস্ত করে বিনা অনুমতিতে কর্মস্থলে অনুপস্থিত থাকা এবং নিজ কর্তব্য সম্পাদনে ব্যর্থ হওয়ার অভিযোগে অভিযুক্ত করে উক্ত অধ্যাদেশের ৪(এ) ধারা মোতাবেক এবং এপিএসসিএল চাকুরী বিধির ৩৮ (জি) ধারা অনুযায়ী আপনাকে চাকুরী থেকে "বরখাস্ত করার দণ্ড" প্রদানের সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ করা হয়েছে। এমতাবস্থায়, প্রস্তাবিত শাস্তি অর্থাৎ চাকুরী থেকে বরখাস্ত করার দণ্ড কেন আপনার উপর আরোপ করা হবে না, তার কারণ দর্শানোর জবাব অত্র নোটিশ জারীর ১৪ দিনের মধ্যে ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক , এপিএসসিএল মহোদয়ের নিকট লিখিত ভাবে দাখিল করার জন্য আপনাকে নির্দেশ প্রদান করা হলো। উল্লেখ্য যে, নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে আপনার নিকট থেকে কোন জবাব পাওয়া না গেলে আপনার সাথে আর কোন প্রকার যোগাযোগ ব্যতীত এ বিষয়ে আপনার কোন বক্তব্য নাই বলে ধরে নেওয়া হবে এবং বিধি মোতাবেক প্রস্তাবিত দণ্ড আপনার উপর চূড়ান্ত ভাবে আরোপ করা হবে।

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
 1 Disarray
 5 Drunkard
 8 Mac-Donald's place
 12 Year-end celebration
 13 Lawyers' org.
 14 Dunk-able treat
 15 Hiker's energy source
 17 Bellow
 18 Mingle (with)
 19 Sequentially
 21 Pitching stat
 22 Replaces divots
 23 Fool
 26 Wet wriggler
 28 Handle skillfully
 31 Comestibles
 33 Lair
 35 Inside picture?
 36 Potato, for one

DOWN
 2 Modern money
 3 Thick chunk
 4 River through Paris
 5 Did a springy Brazilian dance
 6 Japanese sash
 7 Urban fleet
 8 New Jersey base
 9 Wake-up calls
 10 Ca-boose's place
 11 Early hours
 16 Tradition-al tales
 20 Promptly
 23 Astern
 24 Not worth a —
 25 AA goal
 27 Meadow
 29 — -di-dah
 30 Coloring agent
 32 Discard
 34 Argue over trifles
 37 "Norma —"
 39 Secular
 42 Irritate
 44 Annoyed
 45 Sailors
 46 Greatly
 48 Roundish do
 49 Chime sound
 50 Former partners
 53 Work with

Solution time: 21 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP
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 F C P T A V U E A F W H D A E W H N U L
 W H D A E T G U H A R J F X U E D V P T J L
 C U " Q F E R W D A ' D C F S F F E . "

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A DIETER GOES ON A TOUR OF MANY ART MUSEUMS, COULD YOU SAY THAT HE IS COUNTING GALLERIES?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals L