

## Sachin number one: Walsh

There seems no end to the list of Sachin Tendulkar admirers and the latest to laud the Indian batting icon is West Indian fast bowling great Courtney Walsh.

"For me, Sachin has been the number one Indian batsman. Sometimes he has challenged me and at other times I have done so and we were very competitive. When we catch up there is respect from both sides," stated Walsh, who took 519 wickets in 132 Tests, making him the fifth greatest



Sheikh Russel forward Edward Sakhnevich (L) tries to make his way around an Abahani defender during their Bangladesh League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

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## Attention not sought

### Cricket

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Imrul Kayes believes that as crucial as it is to switch focus from white to red ball cricket, it will be the frame of mind that will decide how successfully Bangladesh return to Test cricket after more than a year.



IMRUL KAYES

One half of the country's second most successful opening combination, Imrul has already begun preparing on his own while also undergoing the fitness camp.

"The last time I played a longer version game was the Manchester Test (last year). So I'm preparing hard this time," he said yesterday.

Unlike Mushfiqur Rahim, Shafiqul Islam or

Junaed Siddiqui, Imrul didn't tour South Africa with the A team this year (he was busy playing ODIs against Australia) nor did his first-class side, Khulna, make it to the second round of this season's National Cricket League so that he could take part in a match or two. In fact, the last time Imrul played for Khulna was all the way back in the

2008-09 season.

He admitted that the change from one-day cricket to Tests would be quite uncomfortable.

"We have only played the white ball for a year now. So it will be slightly uneasy. But I have already started to use the bowling machine to get used to the red ball."

After a slow start to international cricket,

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## Sk Russel's first win over Abahani

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Sheikh Russel KC tasted their first win over Abahani in the professional football league when they handed a single-goal defeat to the 10-men Sky Blues in their Bangladesh League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Russian forward Edward Sakhnevich struck the all-important goal in the 16th minute

to help Sheikh Russel take sweet revenge of their first-leg 2-1 defeat against three-time champions Abahani.

With their 12th win in 21 matches, Sheikh Russel toppled Abahani to grab third place with 41 points, just one clear of fourth-placed Abahani who though still have two matches in hand.

With Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club on the verge of clinching the title, the battle between the two 'brothers' only had an importance

in terms of standings in the league table and Sheikh Russel took a good step in a bid to finish behind the champions and runners-up.

Without Iranian coach Ali Akbar as well as six regular players, holders Abahani looked a mediocre side in terms of finishing as they yielded a lot of chances but failed to cash in on any of those opportunities.

Abahani should have taken the lead before conceding the decider but their forward Shakawat Hossain Rony missed at least three good

chances in the first 15 minutes while their goalkeeper Shahidul Alam Sohel was guilty of conceding the decisive goal.

Winger Mobararak Hossain whipped in a cross from the right and a feeble clearance by goalkeeper Sohel fell to the unmarked Shakhnevich, who did not mistake to latch a left-footer to find the back of the Abahani net inside the danger zone.

After the resumption, Abahani

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## Jamal on the cusp of title

SPORTS REPORTER

Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club will be banking on local forwards in the bid for their maiden professional football league title when the star-studded side take on Brothers Union in their Bangladesh League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

Sheikh Jamal are just one point away from the league title and they just need a draw against a mediocre Brothers, a side they beat 2-1 in the return fixture. But the job could become tricky for Sheikh Jamal due to the

unavailability of three key foreign booters.

Midfielder Thomas Yoko Samnick was sent off against Mohammedan in the previous match, Cameroonian hitman Emmanuel Ayuk, who has scored eight goals in 10 matches, will miss the crucial match due to accumulated bookings while Stephen Loga Bouga with four goals in the bag has been out of practice for the last three days following sickness.

"It is disappointing not to get them, but our local players are very good and they will come in place of them," Sheikh Jamal Sri

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