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End of the road for Marshall

National team defender Dennis Marshall was one of two people killed Thursday in a two-vehicle smash in the mountains near San Jose, Costa Rica, the Red Cross reported on Thursday. Marshall, and a female travelling with him, were killed when their car collided head on with a truck. Marshall had recently returned to Costa Rica following the CONCACAF Gold Cup tournament in the United States. He scored a goal Saturday in a loss to Honduras. Marshall scored to make it 1-1 in regulation time before his squad



Camp for Pakistan match on

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Bangladesh's preparation for the FIFA World Cup pre-qualifiers against Pakistan got underway with 11 players out of 24 at the BKSP today.

Coach Golam Jinali conducted training after nine players from Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club, one from Brothers Union and Danish-born Bangladeshi booter Jamal Bhuiyan reported to the camp in the morning.

Four players of Sheikh Russel were scheduled to join camp later yesterday night after their match against Chittagong Abahani while Farashganj SC's Sohel Rana is expected to take charge before today's afternoon

Besides, four Muktiyoddha Sangsad players are scheduled to join the camp tonight after Muktiyoddha Sangsad's game against Rahmatganj MFS while new coach Macedonian Nikola Ilievski is also expected to take charge before today's afternoon

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Mohammedan Sporting Club's Sunday Chizoba (L) fights for possession as Abahani skipper Pranotosh Kumar Das (R) looks on during their Grameenphone Bangladesh League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

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Ilievski ready to take charge

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His immense desire to return to the international arena has prompted Macedonian coach Nikola Ilievski to take charge of the Bangladesh national football team despite having only four days available to prepare them for the FIFA World Cup qualifiers against Pakistan.

"For me, it is not important who the team is that I'm guiding. Whether it is Argentina, China or Macedonia matters little since I wanted to return to international-level football and grabbed the opportunity to guide the national side of Bangladesh," said Ilievski on his arrival at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday.

The arrival of Ilievski seemingly puts an end to the drama regarding the appointment of a new national coach for Bangladesh after another Macedonian, Gjorgji Jovanovski, who was announced as coach declined to take charge due to security fears about travelling to Pakistan while the former coach, Robert Rubcic of Croatia, also left Bangladesh for the same reason, as per BFF statement.

However, Ilievski said he has no such concerns about travelling to Pakistan for the away match on July 3 in Lahore and he is delighted to be the Bangladesh coach which will be his second job as an international coach after native Macedonia from 2002 to 2003.

Even though the 56-year old however has no idea about Bangladesh football, he said he was confident about winning against Pakistan.

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Venus in last 16

AFP, London



Five-time champion Venus Williams cruised into the last 16 at Wimbledon with a straight sets victory over Spain's Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez on Friday.

The American, seeded 23, sailed through the first set but was given more of a contest in the second as she sealed a 6-0, 6-2 victory in 62 minutes.

The victory sets up a clash against Bulgarian number 32 seed Tsvetana Pironkova, who knocked her out of last year's Wimbledon quarter-finals. It was only Williams' second loss on grass to a player from outside the top 30.

Second seed Vera Zvonareva of Russia was knocked out, losing in the third round to Bulgaria's Tsvetana Pironkova 6-2, 6-3.

Fifth seeded Maria Sharapova reached the third round with a 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 win over British teenager Laura Robson.

Sharapova will face Klara Zakopalova of the Czech Republic for a place in the last 16.

Peng Shuai saw off a gutsy performance from Britain's Elena Baltacha on Thursday to become the only Chinese player to reach the third round at Wimbledon.

The 20th seed recovered from losing the first set to claim a 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 victory set up a clash with Melinda Czink, the Hungarian who knocked out Australian 10th seed Samantha Stosur in round one.

Former finalist Marion Bartoli staged a great escape as the French ninth seed fought back to beat unseeded Spaniard Lourdes Dominguez Lino 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 in the second round.

World number one Caroline Wozniacki ignored her exile on Court Two to power into the third round with a 6-1, 6-3 win over France's Virginie Razzano.

On Thursday Chinese superstar Li Na became the first major casualty at Wimbledon.

Newly crowned French Open champion Li was humbled in the second round by German wildcard Sabine Lisicki, losing 3-6, 6-4, 8-6 after squandering two match points in the decisive set.

MSC-Abahani ends goalless

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Last season's runners-up Mohammedan SC all but confirmed a sixth-place finish in the Grameenphone Bangladesh League after playing out a goalless draw against archrivals Abahani in their last match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

However, if Brothers Union, who are in fifth place now, suffer a 3-0 defeat in their last match against last year's champions Abahani, who are now in the fourth place with 41 points from 21 games, Mohammedan will end on fifth while Brothers will finish sixth.

With new comers Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club already emerging champions, the battle of the two most popular Dhaka outfits turned into one of pride, and in the end honour was shared in their eighth meeting of the professional football league in front of nearly 3000-strong crowd at the Big Bowl.

Away at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur, a quadruple from Russian forward Eduard Saknevich helped Sheikh Russel KC to an emphatic 5-0 win over relegated Chittagong Abahani and almost con-

firmed a third-place finish to the season with 44 points from 22 games.

This will be Sheikh Russel's third successive third-place finish, unless Abahani record a 6-0 win over Brothers Union on Monday.

Sheikh Russel dominated the first half taking a 3-0 lead with Eduard striking twice in the sixth and eleventh minutes and Yousuf scoring in the 34th minute. The Russian striker completed his hat-trick in the 65th minute and sealed the match striking his fourth goal five minutes from time.

Away at Shaheed Salam Stadium in Feni, hosts Soccer Club came from behind to beat visitors Farashganj SC 2-1 and evaded relegation, leaving the Old Dhaka outfit, Farashganj, in trouble.

The fourth win in 22 matches meant Feni Soccer Club end with 21 points and went out of reach of tenth-placed Chittagong Mohammedan, who need a victory in today's match against Arambagh KS to avoid relegation. However, any result sans a victory will force Ctg Mohammedan to follow the path of relegated Chittagong Abahani and, in that case, Farashganj SC with 19 points from 22 matches will survive the drop.

Jewel Rana put Farashganj ahead in the 39th minute before Nche Francis canceled the lead in the 68th minute and Sohel struck the decider for Feni Soccer Club in the 85th minute.

Back at the BNS, neither three-time champions Abahani nor three-time runners-up Mohammedan could create any scoring chances though Abahani dominated with the return of four of their players -- striker Mohammad Robin, midfielders Twum Frank, Pranotosh Kumar and defender Samad Youssif.

"The players were not too motivated for a win as there was no hope of becoming champions or runners-up. Even then we could have won the game had the forwards not missed two to three chances they got in the first half," said Abahani coach Amalash Sen.

"I will say the performance of my boys was not bad though they missed a couple of scoring chances as some of the players had no experience of playing such big match," said Mohammedan coach Shafiqul Islam Manik adding that his target in the league was not fulfilled due to partisan refereeing as well as the failure of his forwards throughout the league.



PHOTO: STAR

Macedonian Nikola Ilievski arrives at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday to take over the national football team's reign.



PHOTO: AFP

Russian tennis star Maria Sharapova plays a forehand return against British Laura Robson during the Wimbledon Championships at the All England Tennis Club in London yesterday.

Styris quits int'l cricket

AFP, Wellington

New Zealand all-rounder Scott Styris announced his retirement from international cricket Friday, saying he wanted to concentrate on the domestic Twenty20 competition and the Indian Premier League.

Styris said the Black Caps were entering a new era under captain Ross Taylor, who was appointed this week, and the time was right to leave the international arena.

The 35-year-old, who is currently playing T20 for English county side Essex, said he would continue to play domestic cricket for New Zealand's Northern Knights and the Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League.

"I really enjoy the T20 format of the game and see it as a way to stay involved in cricket for another year or two if I can," he said.

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