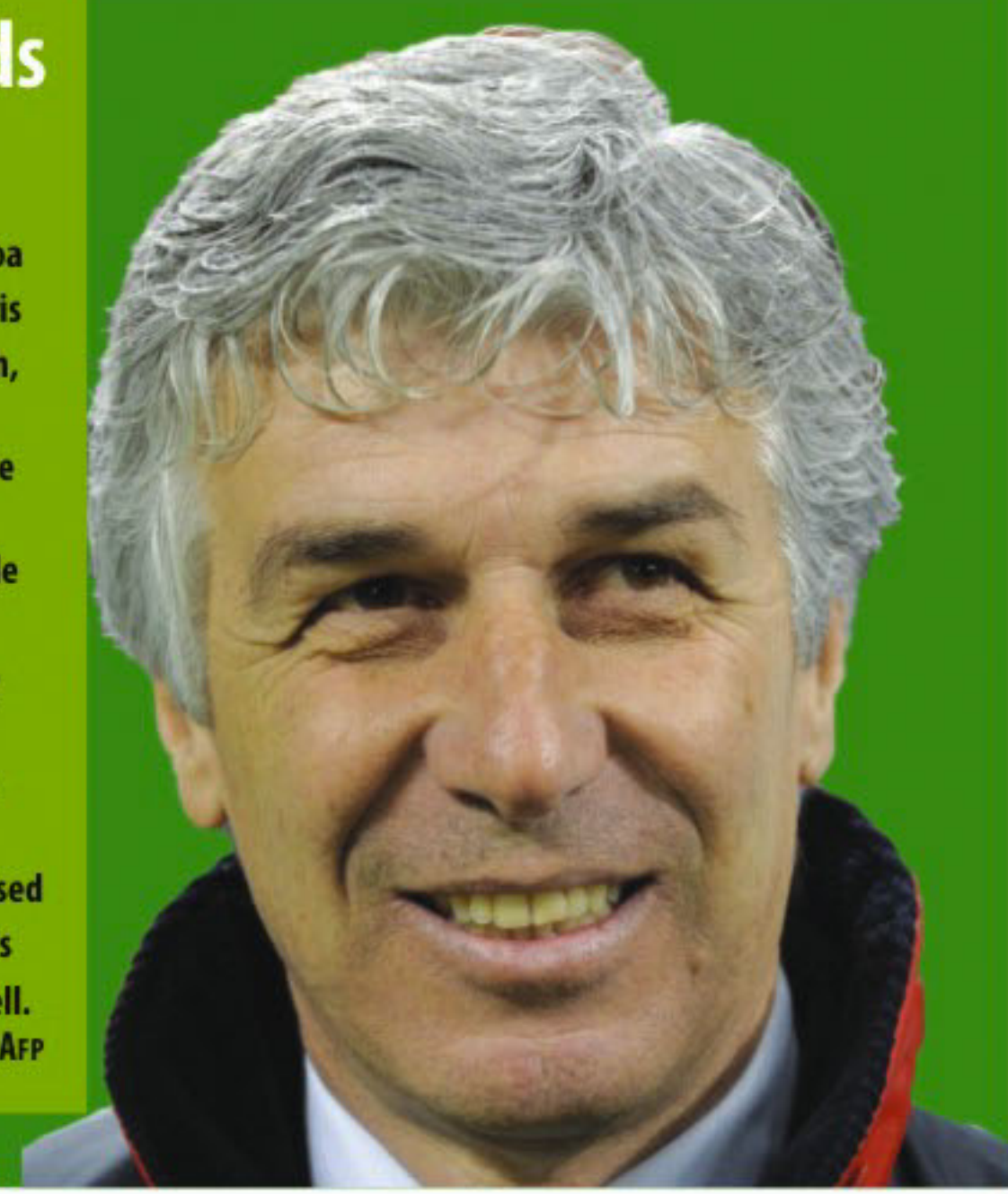


Gasperini succeeds Leonardo

Inter Milan have appointed former Genoa boss Gian Piero Gasperini to succeed Paris Saint-Germain-bound Leonardo as coach, the Serie A side announced on Friday. The 53-year-old Gasperini takes over the Inter hotseat on a two-year contract. "The official announcement will be made once all the final administrative formalities have been completed," Inter confirmed on their website. Leonardo's departure paves the way for the Brazilian to take over at PSG. Inter president Massimo Moratti expressed his "complete satisfaction" at Gasperini's arrival and wished the new manager well. - AFP



BCB squander a free hit

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh cricket establishment lost a golden opportunity to head the ICC as its soft underbelly let a powerful lobby to scrap the current rotational system of president nominations in this week's ICC annual conference in Hong Kong.

Under the new proposal, the executive board will decide the process and term of office from time to time, subject to certain qualifying criteria.

The ICC's full council will consider the constitutional change which will end Bangladesh's big chance to have an ICC chief in 2014. The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) had already given up their first opportunity when they selected Pakistan's Ehsan Mani as the ICC chief from 2003 to 2006 and it was widely expected that they wouldn't let go of this final chance.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) are implicitly leading this campaign (with support of the England and Wales Cricket Board) and it is clear now that the BCB have given their blessing for the move. The process began when the change was

recommended by the ICC's governance review committee. After that a "resolution via circular" was issued which was opposed by Pakistan and Sri Lanka declined to vote.

The other eight members -- including Bangladesh -- have seemingly given the nod while it is also clear that the BCCI have moved to include 30 of the 40 Associate and Affiliate Members by lending support for the a 14-team World Cup in 2015 as 38 out of 40 votes are required (including eight Full Member votes) to change the constitution.

Bangladesh, having gone with India's plan, would have expected favours in return from their neighbours. But according to the draft Future Tour Programme (FTP) for 2012-2020, Bangladesh will not play Tests or ODIs in India during the period, making it a full twenty years since gaining Test status that they wouldn't play a series there.

A disgruntled board official said that they got a different picture from the BCB chief. "We were given the impression that the BCB president will fight till the end to keep the rotation system but it seems now that we have missed the opportunity," he said.

According to this official, the BCB could have expected some help from the Indian

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Spanish world No. 1 Rafael Nadal hits a powerful forehand during his Wimbledon third round match against Luxembourg's Giles Miller at the All England Club in London yesterday. PHOTO: AFP



Bangladesh cricketer Mahmudullah Riyad cuts a happy figure as he poses for a photo with his new bride Jannatul Kawsar Mishti during their wedding reception at the Bangabandhu Conference Centre in the city yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Cricketers off to Cox's Bazar

SPORTS REPORTER

The national cricketers will go to Cox's Bazar today as part of the pre-conditioning camp.

Fitness trainer Grant Luden has been conducting the camp to make sure the cricketers regain full fitness ahead of their next assignment in Zimbabwe where Shakib Al Hasan's men will play one Test and five one-day internationals in July-August.

Earlier the cricketers had a different kind of residential camp at BKSP where they had went through testing sessions in the scorching heat.

Bangladesh vice-captain Tamim Iqbal will not attend the training sessions in Cox's Bazar as the left-handed opener is preparing to fly to England to play county cricket for Nottinghamshire.

Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan has also missed the pre-conditioning camp as the all-rounder is now playing his second season with Worcestershire.

The cricketers will return to the capital from Cox's Bazar on June 30 and after that the skill training will start at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur under the guidance of coach Sarwar Imran.

Sarwar Imran will conduct the camp until the new head coach arrives.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is awaiting confirmation from the Australian Stuart Law, who is all set to be succeed his compatriot Jamie Siddons.

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Big guns all fire

AFP, London



Defending champion Rafael Nadal reached the Wimbledon last 16 on Saturday with a 7-6 (8/6), 7-6 (7/5), 6-0 win over Gilles Muller of Luxembourg.

Nadal will face Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina for a place in the quarterfinals. Former US Open champion del Potro set up the clash after he defeated Frenchman Gilles Simon 7-6 (10/8), 7-6 (7/5), 7-5.

Del Potro defeated Nadal in the US Open semifinals in 2009 en route to the first Grand Slam title of his career and could pose more problems for the Spaniard at the All England Club when

they meet on Monday.

Reigning Wimbledon champion Nadal will be aware that Del Potro has won three of their eight encounters and, after missing most of last year with a wrist injury, the Argentine is finally fit and recapturing his best form.

However, it was a satisfying win for Nadal because he had lost to Muller in the second round at Wimbledon in 2005, the last time the two had faced each other.

Meanwhile, six-time champion Roger Federer sailed into the last 16, defeating David Nalbandian of Argentina in straight sets 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

Federer now faces either Nicolas Almagro of Spain or Russian 18th seed Mikhail Youzhny in the next round for a place in the quarterfinals.

In the women's draw, defending champion Serena Williams eased past Russia's Maria Kirilenko 6-3, 6-2 to reach the last 16 in her most dominant display at the tournament so far.

Williams, the four-time winner, will face France's Marion Bartoli, the 2007 runner-up, for a place in the quarterfinals.

The American seventh seed had come into her 12th Wimbledon on the back of an 11-month injury lay-off caused by a foot injury followed by life-threatening blood clots on her lungs.

But after needing three sets to see off Aravane Rezaï and Simona Halep in her first two matches, the 29-year-old looked back to her best on Court One on Saturday.

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FTP draft separates men from the boys

India, England not to host Tigers till 2020

Cricket

CRICINFO

The draft of the Future Tour Programme (FTP) for 2012 to 2020 has a clear division among the Test playing countries, with England, Australia and India scheduled to play the most Tests, followed by Sri Lanka and South Africa. The FTP is to be finalised at the International Cricket Council's (ICC) annual conference in Hong Kong next week.

A working draft of the programme, which ESPNcricinfo has obtained, contains an official window in September for the

Champions League Twenty20 each year, and also leaves space for an unofficial Indian Premier League window in April and May, making it possible for players from most nations to participate in the league.

According to the draft of the FTP, India will not host Bangladesh or Zimbabwe for either Tests or ODIs until 2020. India have not hosted Bangladesh in a bilateral series despite them getting Test status in 2000. England are also not scheduled to host Bangladesh for Tests in the programme and their only series against Zimbabwe -- in February-March 2017 -- has no venue

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Ilievski chapter begins

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Nikola Ilievski, the newly-appointed Macedonian coach of Bangladesh national football team, pointed out the culture of long-ball football as the biggest handicap for Bangladesh competing at international stage. That culture, which he feels is nurtured at club level, will take time to correct according to Ilievski. The 57-year old was speaking yesterday at a press conference at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) arranged to introduce the new coach who takes over the reign of Bangladesh football for a year.

"I witnessed the league match between



NIKOLA ILIEVSKI

Mohammedan and Abahani yesterday (Friday), and what I have seen is that there is a culture of playing long ball here. Modern football demands touch football, short passes and speed and that is what I would like to instil here too," said the former national coach of Macedonia in his effort-driven English.

BFF president Kazi Salahuddin, who had an hour-long discussion with the coach earlier, said he was delighted that they had the same understanding of where the basic difficulties towards making a competitive side lie.

"I had a long conversation with the new

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Shakib stars, Worcs fail

SPORT DESK

Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan had another stellar outing with the ball during Worcestershire's Friends Life t20 North group match against Leicestershire at Grace Road yesterday, although his failure with the bat mirrored Worcestershire's own effort as they lost the match by 19 runs.

Leicestershire were put in to bat, and some solid performances from opener Joshua Cobb (16-ball 30) and keeper Paul Nixon (40-ball 44) took them to a competitive 151 for 8 from their twenty overs.

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