

JFA CUP U-15 FOOTBALL N'ganj, Dhaka schools win

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The number of expulsions in the JFA Cup U-15 came down to eight on the second day of the final round as eight players from the two teams were declared overage on Monday.

Chapainababganj had five of their players declared overage while 3 of the Dhaka Metropolitan Schools XI suffered the same fate.

However, despite losing three players, Dhaka Metropolitan Schools XI registered a 3-1 victory against Chittagong DSA at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Arif put Schools XI ahead in the 56th minute only to see Jewel equalise three minutes later. Shumon scored two late goals to secure victory for the Dhaka team.

In the other match, Narayanganj emerged 4-3 winners over Chapainababganj, thanks to a brace from Babu. Shajal and Prince added the other two for Narayanganj. Moeen, Chapai and Naushad scored one each for the losing side.

PREMIER DIV KABADDI Army, Azad, Police win

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Bangladesh Army, Azad Sporting Club and Bangladesh Police won their respective matches of the 13th Runner Premier Division Kabaddi League at the Kabaddi Stadium yesterday.

Azad thrashed Shaheed Mozaffar Smrity Sangsad by 64-12 points, grabbing 4 creditable lona, in the first match. Azad were leading the first half 34-7. In the second match, Army beat Bangladesh Air Force by 50-13 points with 3 creditable lona. The winners led the first half 23-4.

In the last match of the day, Police easily defeated Fire Service by 33-9 points grabbing 2 creditable lona.

Fed Cup TT from today

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Federation Cup Invitational Table Tennis Tournament commences today at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium with 18 teams participating in the meet. The first eight finishers of the AB Bank 31st National Table Tennis tournament, top six participants of the Dhaka Metropolitan senior division TT league, first division champions and runners up, and women's league champions and runners up teams will participate at the four day meet, said a press release from Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation yesterday.

The teams will compete in eight categories: Men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, women's doubles, U-18 boys' singles and U-18 boys' doubles.

Tamim

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are normal Bangladeshi wickets. We don't go abroad and get help from their wickets, so I think the pitches should be the ones we are used to playing on," said the 22-year-old Chittagonian.

"This wicket had grass on it but it was still good for batting. Since we are playing at home, we should have the advantage," he added.

Sahagir Hossain batted well for his 36 off 63 balls, hitting some good cover drives, while skipper Riyad, who added 51 for the eighth wicket, made 34 off 48 balls.

BRIEF SCORES

BANGLADESH A: 167 all out in 46.3 overs (Sahagir 36, Riyad 34; Nasir 4-29, Razzak 3-25, Nazmul 3-35).

BANGLADESH: 100-0 in 15 overs (Tamim 66 not out, Imrul20 not out).

Result: Bangladesh won by ten wickets (D/L method).



PHOTO: AFP

Australia opening batsman Phillip Hughes is about to unfurl one of his unconventional off-side shots during his unbeaten century on the 4th day of the 3rd and final Test against Sri Lanka at the Sinhalese Sports Club Ground in Colombo yesterday.

'KP will go to India'

INTERNET

Andy Flower has countered Surrey's reports that Kevin Pietersen will not be in England's squad for their tour of India by insisting that the batsman will travel to the sub-continent for the five ODIs and one-off Twenty20 International.

Pietersen, rested from the five one-dayers against Mahendra Dhoni's men in the United Kingdom this month, didn't play for Surrey in the weekend's Clydesdale Bank 40 final triumph over Somerset and it was suggested that the star right-hander was set for an extended break.

England team director Flower, however, rubbished the information coming out of the Brown Caps' camp.

"That is not in our plan," said Flower. "I am not sure who in Surrey would make those judgements. They haven't come from me or the captain."

The 31-year-old Pietersen, who will not feature in the back-to-back T20Is against the West Indies at The Oval toward the end of the month either, has been nursing a wrist

injury. Flower maintained that the batsman should be fully fit come the limited-overs tour of India.

"It was a combination of injury and needing to rest," added Flower.

"He was wearing strapping and had a cortisone injection that worked for a short period of time and then wore off.

"That wrist should be fine by now."

England capped off a dominant effort against the Indians with a three-nil win in the ODI series. Whitewashed four-nil in the Tests, beaten in the solitary T20I and trounced in the one-dayers at The Oval and Rose Bowl, Dhoni and company slumped to a six-wicket loss at Sophia Gardens on Friday.

"The tour couldn't have gone much better, and we have got some great results so I am delighted," concluded Flower.

"But at the risk of repeating ourselves, we don't just want to put our feet up and say, 'It is a lovely little time we have had together'."

India will play one-day tour matches in Hyderabad on 8 and 11 October. The first ODI gets underway at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Uppal three days later.

Wawrinka takes Swiss thru'

REUTERS, Sydney

Stanislas Wawrinka emerged from teammate Roger Federer's shadow to seal Switzerland's return to the Davis Cup World Group after finishing off Australia's Lleyton Hewitt in the deciding singles rubber of their playoff on Monday.

Wawrinka needed just one game to complete victory, breaking the former world number one's serve after bad light halted play on Sunday with the score stranded at 4-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, 5-3.

The world number 19 Swiss, who went down to Bernard Tomic in the opening rubber and had struggled on the grass courts at Sydney

Golf Club, had also taken pain-killing injections for a foot injury before his fighting win over Hewitt.

Wawrinka teamed up with Federer in a narrow loss in the doubles on Saturday and was delighted to play a decisive part in the 3-2 victory after his more illustrious team mate won both his singles rubbers against Hewitt and Tomic.

"It's amazing to be in the same team but for sure in Switzerland it is never easy because it doesn't matter what I am going to do or which ranking I am going to have because it's never going to be enough for Swiss people because they always look to Roger -- but that's okay," Wawrinka said.

Hewitt's loss condemned Australia, a former Davis Cup

power with 28 titles, to their fourth straight defeat in the World Group playoffs and another year slugging it out in regional qualifiers.

It also capped an occasionally farcical tie that saw team captain Pat Rafter lose his cool a number of times with officials and later question the work ethic of Tomic, the country's brightest talent in the men's game.

Shakib goes

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from these two, most of the Kolkata batsmen failed to leave a mark.

For the New Zealand side, Kyle Mills took two wickets while Michael Bates and Andre Adams picked up one each.

BCB might pick captain

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by the government.

There was however some ruckus surrounding some of the proposed amendments made by the Dewan Shafiqul Arefin-led constitution committee.

The committee has proposed to delete the clauses 9.3.8 and 9.3.9 -- which allows former cricketers the right to become councillors of the board -- from the board's constitution and the proposal, if approved, will ensure that former cricketers have no role in policy decisions made by the board.

The former cricketers already raised their voices against this amendment and many directors also found no reason to delete these two

clauses; rather one influential board high-up advised giving all former captains the councillorship.

BCB president AHM Mustafa Kamal had assured Cricket Welfare Association of Bangladesh (CWAB) that he will keep former cricketers' councillorship rights at the board but many can't keep faith in his words.

The Dewan Shafiqul Arefin-led constitution committee seemed to go back to the old days rather than strengthening the professionalism into the board as they change the CEO (chief executive officer) into COO (chief operating officer) to make sure a glorified clerk is taking the very important post.

Many were surprised by the abolishment of the post of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in the amendment. "There is definitely an ill-motive. Otherwise, why would you want to abolish a very important post? There is no alternative other than keeping this post if you want to ensure transparency in a big organisation like the BCB," said an influential director who didn't want to disclose his name.

To some extent the proposed amendment made things rather complicated after the way they brought changes to clause 14.1 (Fa), where it seems that the board also want to poke their nose on the team selection.

Kochi given the boot

AFP, Mumbai

Kochi Tuskers Kerala were expelled from the money-spinning Indian Premier League on Monday for failing to meet their financial obligations.

N Srinivasan, the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said the ruling body had dropped the Kochi franchise due to an unspecified breach of its contract.

The franchise is reported to have defaulted on an annual payment of 33.1 million dollars as a bank guarantee, according to the Indian media.

Kochi, who only made their IPL debut this year, finished eighth in the 10-team competition. The next tournament is due to start in April 2012.

The franchise was bought by little-known Rendezvous Sports World group for \$333 million at an auction last year when the Pune Warriors also joined the lucrative Twenty20 tournament.

Kochi were earlier involved in a dispute over its ownership structure before being cleared by the BCCI, which owns the IPL, to take part in the 2011 edition.

The IPL has become a major event in the international cricket calendar since it began in 2008, attracting the world's top players and large domestic audiences.

But it has also been hit by a series of financial scandals, and its founder Lalit Modi was sacked in 2010 following allegations of corruption, indiscipline and money-laundering.

The BCCI said that the IPL's governing council would now decide whether to have an auction for a new franchise.

VVS Laxman of India, Mahela Jayawardene of Sri Lanka and Brendon McCullum of New Zealand were among Kochi's top players in the last IPL season.

Hughes ton

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The 24-year-old has been one of Sri Lanka's few batting stars in the series, having made 95 in the first Test and 58 in the drawn second game.

Last man Suranga Lakmal contributed 13 in a 10th-wicket stand of 23 with Mathews before he was bowled by Johnson.

SCORES IN BRIEF

AUSTRALIA: First innings 316

SRI LANKA: First innings 473 (Paranavitana 46, Thirimanne 28, Sangakkara 79, M Jayawardene 51, Dilshan 83, Mathews 105 not out, P Jayawardene 47; Copeland 2-93, Siddle 4-91, Johnson 2-122)

AUSTRALIA: Second innings 209 for 3 (Watson 21, Hughes 122 not out, Marsh 18, Ponting 28; Herath 3-54)

BCCI rejects DRS

Cricket

PTI, Mumbai

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) made it clear that the Decision Review System (DRS) in its current form is unacceptable to the cricket board and they will raise this issue in the upcoming ICC meetings.

"Initially, we were reluctant to use the DRS as we didn't have faith in ball tracking technology. After the current series it has been evident that even Hot Spot is not fully accurate," N Srinivasan, who took over as the president from Shashank Manohar, told a press conference after the board's annual general meeting (AGM) on Monday.

"We have decided not to use DRS in its current form. The outgoing president Shashank Manohar had raised this issue at the earlier ICC meetings and I will also raise (it) in the future meetings," Srinivasan said.

Srinivasan also said that Sunil Gavaskar has written to the BCCI to be relieved from the post of chairman of technical committee.

"Mr Gavaskar has written to us that he has been on the technical committee for seven years and it's time that we search for a fresh face. It is our intention to appoint Sourav Ganguly as the chairman of the technical committee. We haven't yet been able to contact him but hopefully he will give his consent," Srinivasan stated.

Asked about the logic behind appointing Mohinder Amarnath as the selector from North Zone as he has not been in any cricket-related committee (save IPL GC) since his retirement in 1989, Srinivasan answered: "I don't think anybody would dispute his qualification to be in the selec-

tion committee."

The new president also defended Mahendra Singh Dhoni and his boys' performance in England where the team failed to win a single international match in all three formats.

"Two months back, they were the heroes of the world and toast of the entire nation. They have just had one bad series and we can't readily dump them after that. We need to support the team," he said.

Srinivasan rubbished the "too much workload" theory stating that contrary to popular notion that Team India plays lot more than other countries, there is not much of a difference.

"We have compared the itinerary of the other countries and there is not much difference. Also, it must be mentioned question of workload doesn't arise as only few players are playing all the three forms of cricket," he explained.

Srinivasan reiterated that BCCI is focussed on having a systematic structure on injury management issues.

"We have made it clear to the physio that utmost transparency and honesty should be maintained in terms of fitness of players. And if you look at the last three years, you will find that those players who have not been cleared by the NCA haven't been selected in the national squad," he said in response to a query about players breaking down due to injuries after declaring themselves fit.

"The idea is to field the best Indian team. We can't wait to get back to the top spot. This tour (England) didn't go as per plan as we didn't have our best team together."

Asked about the much awaited Indo-Pak series, Srinivasan informed that there is nothing much on the table at the moment.

Bayern back atop

AFP, Berlin



Bayern Munich's 2-0 win at Schalke fired the Bavarian giants back to the top of the German league on Sunday, while champions Borussia Dortmund suffered a second straight defeat as they lost 2-1 at Hanover.

Bayern are two points clear at the top of the table after six games and have now gone eight games without conceding a goal, thanks mainly to ex-Schalke goalkeeper Manuel Neuer.

With Germany striker Mario Gomez out with a groin injury, new Bayern signing Nils Petersen took his chance and put his side ahead on 21 minutes after some good work from France wing Franck Ribery.

Bayern made sure of the win when Germany midfielder Thomas Mueller took advantage of some sloppy Schalke defending to score the second on 75 minutes.

Dortmund's poor start to the season continues as they were floored by two late goals in two minutes with Ivory Coast striker Didier Ya Konan netting the winner to seal Hanover's victory.

Having been beaten at home by Hertha Berlin last Saturday, this was Dortmund's third loss against two wins in six games this season, leaving Jurgen Klopp's young team in 11th place.

Japan winger Shinji Kagawa went hat-trick for Dortmund 1-0 up on 63 minutes, before Hanover captain Karim Haggui crashed home his header on 87 minutes to level.

With the Dortmund defence reeling, Ya

Konan fired home to give Hanover their third win of the season on 89 minutes.

In a frantic finish, Hanover's Poland striker Artur Sobiech was shown a straight red card for tackling Dortmund's Brazilian midfielder Antonio da Silva from behind just before the final whistle.

It was the fifth red card of the weekend to set a new Bundesliga record.

Having now lost to Hoffenheim, Hertha and Hanover, Klopp's side are struggling to defend their title and are already six points off leaders Werder Bremen.

Sachin can't teach his children

PTI, Bhopal

The already jam-packed international schedule gives Sachin Tendulkar very little time to spend with his children - Arjun and Sara, the champion batsman has revealed.

He said although he gives cricketing tips to his son Arjun and guides Sara in tennis, the studies of the two kids were looked after by his wife Anjali.

"I hardly have any time to teach my children," Tendulkar said via video conference during the "Support My School Campaign", a joint initiative of Coca Cola and a TV channel.

When asked by a school student as to what keeps him going even at this stage of his career, he quipped, "Boost is the secret of my energy."

Tendulkar said it is his passion for cricket which still drives him, adding that the day he gets bored from the game he will hang up his boots.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN ARIZONA CHILDREN GET TAUGHT TO READ AND WRITE, I EXPECT TEACHERS UTILIZE PHOENIX PHONICS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals P