



PHOTO: AFP

Russia's Daria Kondakova performs with the ball during the 31st Rythmic Gymnastics World Championships in Montpellier, southern France yesterday.

October, he added.

trous tour of England.

Karim urges

unite all the members is the interest of the club.

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sus committee.

Eastern Gallery--Tk 50.

&Western Galleries--Tk 20.

Gallery--Tk 20.

200, Eastern & Western Galleries Tk 50.

way house gets you nowhere."

ball-tracker for leg-before decisions.

"India is entitled to its opinion. But in my

The Board of Control for Cricket in India

view, the full system should be used. A half-

(BCCI) in July agreed to a compromise in which

it accepted the use of the infra-red Hot Spot

technology to determine edges, but rejected the

sition to the entire system after Hot Spot

failed to accurately show edges off the bat on

several occasions during India's recent disas-

during India's Test series in Sri Lanka in 2008

but the Indians wanted it abolished after

numerous decisions went against them.

principle among the members. But one thing that should

members, including those who skipped the election, to come

under an umbrella to work together in a bid to develop the

club because it is not possible for the directors to do it all

alone," said Karim at a press briefing at following a brief meet-

Badal Roy, Mustaqur Rahman, Sajed AA Adel, Shariful Alam,

Lutfur Rahman Badal have long been associated with the

club and have assisted the club in various capacities but all

of them skipped the election after failing to form a consen-

concept of consensus committee. However not everything is

over yet and I am hopeful of working with everyone and I have

already started to communicate with them. As a president,

3000, VIP Grand StandTk 1000, International GalleryTk 300

5000, BCB Hospitality Box--Tk 3000, VIP Grand Stand--Tk 1000,

1st Test (Chittagong): Hospitality Box--Tk 3000, Grand Stand-

2nd Test (Mirpur): Grand Stand Hospitality Box--Tk 3000,

BCB Hospitality Box--Tk 2000, VIP Grand Stand--Tk 500,

International Gallery--Tk 75, Shaheed Mushtaque & Shaheed

Jewel Stands--Tk 50, North & South Galleries--Tk 30 and Eastern

-Tk 500, International Gallery--Tk 75, Club HouseTk 50, Eastern

South Galleries--Tk 100 and Eastern Gallery--Tk 50.

urge them to come and discuss the matter."

Ticket rates

Replying to a query, Karim said, "I initially welcomed the

Organisers like Abdus Salam Murshedy, Mahbub Anam,

ing of the board of directors after the completion of AGM.

"Irrespective of parties, opinions and beliefs, I urge all the

The UDRS was first used on a trial basis

But the BCCI reverted to its original oppo-

INDIA'S UDRS REJECTION

ICC to discuss the issue

Cricket

AFP, Colombo

BCB TV?

time in February next year.

We will float a tender very

soon to appoint an event

management committee for

the franchise-based tourna-

ment," said committee

Six divisional teams will

be formed as franchises and

take part in the competition

which will be held at the

Sher-e-Bangla National

Stadium in Dhaka and the

Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury

Stadium in Chittagong. A

stipulated number of inter-

national and Bangladeshi

players will be put on auc-

In Tuesday's meeting it

has also been decided that

the National Cricket League,

the lone first-class competi-

tion in the country, will be an

eight-team competition

instead of six teams. The two

new teams to be included

are Rangpur and Dhaka

cricket association concept

has also been approved in

principle in the meeting and

board members have been

asked to come up with

observations, suggestions

and recommendations

Meanwhile, the board has

within the next seven days.

approved the appointment

of 39 assistant district

Not a surprise

are also keen to impress the selectors as they

The BCB Cup was arranged so that the

likes of Tamim Iqbal, Imrul Kayes, Shafiul

Islam and Rubel Hossain get the feel of com-

petitive cricket, something that was amiss

before the Zimbabwe series. Tamim has

gone on record saying that such a tourna-

ment is vital for a season of cricket like

Bangladesh's, asking the authorities to hold

it every year. Though one of the teams, the

GP-BCB National Cricket Academy, wasn't

as competitive, it was still good enough for

shifted between extreme hot conditions or

rain. And it has rained. During all the

matches, rain has played some part be it

But none of these, or other reasons,

before the game, during it or even after.

The weather too hasn't been kind as it has

try to make a return to the national team.

The draft of the regional

Metropolis.

coaches.

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the national stars.

tion for the tournament.

chairman Gazi Ashraf.

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ICC chief executive Haroon Lorgat said on Wednesday cricket's world governing body could discuss India's opposition to the Umpire Decision Review System (UDRS) at a high-level meeting next month.

The hugely influential India cricket board this week changed its stance on even the partial use of the UDRS, saying the current technology was not suitable.

"Statistics show that the accuracy of umpiring decisions had improved considerably after the UDRS became operational," Lorgat told reporters in Colombo.

The International Cricket Council's execu-

Chittagong,

Chapai win tive board "could take up" India's stance in

SPORTS REPORTER

Wednesday.

Chittagong overcame Narayanganj's challenge with a 2-1 victory, courtesy of a goal apiece from Zahid and Rezaul Karim. Jhintu reduced

Chapainawabganj beat Dhaka Metropolis School XI by the same margin. Moni put the Northern district ahead before Nowshadul Alam doubled the lead. Anando struck the lone goal for Dhaka Metropolis.

All the four teams have three points each from two

PREMIER DIV KABADDI Faruque Smriti go down

SPORTS REPORTER

Sangsad have been relegated from the Premier Division Kabaddi League when they went down 41-36 against Shaheed Mofazzar Smriti Sangsad at the Kabaddi Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first

Shaheed Mushtaque & Shaheed Jewel StandsTk 200, North & Shaheed Mofazzar Smriti 1st & 2nd ODIs (Mirpur): Grand Stand Hospitality Box--Tk Sangsad however lost to Jurain Janata Club by 55-44 International Gallery--Tk 300, Shaheed Mushtaque & Shaheed Jewel Stands--Tk 200, North & South Galleries--Tk 100 and points in the earlier match of the day. Dilkusha Sporting 3rd ODI (Chittagong): Hospitality Box--Tk 5000, Grand Club defeated Jatrabari Stand--Tk 1000, International Gallery--Tk 300, Club House--Tk Faruque SS 56-17 in the second match of the day.

Lorgat happy with ODI tormat

AFP, Colombo

International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executive Haroon Lorgat has ruled out changes to 50-over cricket despite a proposal put forward by Indian great Sachin Tendulkar.

Despite the success of the World Cup earlier this year Tendulkar, the most prolific batsman in one-day internationals, wrote to Lorgat last month suggesting four 25-over innings rather than the traditional

However, Lorgat said the ICC saw no reason to change.

"I was engaged with Sachin a long time back on next year.

"I met with him during the World Cup and he gave TESTS AGAINST PAKISTAN

SL leave out Samaraweera

Cricket

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka left out experienced middleorder batsman Thilan Samaraweera from a squad of 16 named on Wednesday for the three-match Test series against Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates next month.

Samaraweera, who turns 35 on Thursday and has a test average of over 52 in 68 Tests, was dropped for the third and final Test against Australia which ended in a draw on Tuesday to make way for young opener Lahiru Thirimanne. Thirimanne opened the batting

with Tharanga Paranavitana after captain Tillakaratne Dilshan decided to drop down the order to try and regain form.

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in Samaraweera's position at number five and later said that he would prefer batting in that position in the future.

"Thilan will not come into the reckoning in our long term plans," said chairman of selectors Duleep Mendis.

"We intend giving youngsters an opportunity while the seniors are around. He might be considered on a short term basis."

Mendis said spinner Ajantha Mendis was not considered for selection as he was undergoing treatment for a recurring back injury.

The squad comprises all 11 players who played in the final Test against Australia plus five others -- batsman Dinesh Chandimal, bowlers Dammika Prasad, Suraj Randiv, Nuwan Pradeep and wicketkeeper Kaushal Silva.

All-rounder Angelo Mathews, named vice captain to Dilshan for the Dilshan made an attractive 83 batting first time, will only play as a batsman.

Group A: England, India, Qualifier 2

Group B: Australia, West Indies, Qualifier 1

Group C: Sri Lanka, South Africa, Zimbabwe

Group D: Pakistan, New Zealand, Bangladesh

Australia v Q1

England v Q2

England v India

West Indies v Q1

India v Q2

Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe

South Africa v Zimbabwe

New Zealand v Bangladesh

Sri Lanka v South Africa

Australia v West Indies

Pakistan v New Zealand

Pakistan v Bangladesh

Match

"Angelo has gone to Australia for treatment for his left knee and we will not risk bowling him in the series," said Mendis.

Sri Lanka play Pakistan in a series of three Tests in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah starting on Oct. 18.

Sri Lanka will name a new squad for the five-match one-day international series and one-off Twenty20 at the end of the Test series.

SQUAD

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Hambantota

Colombo

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Tillakaratne Dilshan (captain), Angelo Mathews (vice-captain), Tharanga Paranavitana, Lahiru Thirimanne, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Prasanna Jayawardene (wicketkeeper), Dinesh Chandimal, Rangana Herath, Suraj Randiv, Chanaka Welagedara, Suranga Lakmal, Shaminda Eranga, Dammika Prasad, Nuwan Pradeep, Kaushal Silva.

ASIAN BEACH GAMES

Football team announced

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation announced a 14member squad for the South Asian Beach Games which will be held in Sri Lanka from October 8 to 14. Abdul Kaium Sentu has

been appointed as coach while Hasanuzzaman Khan Bablu will accompany as manager.

The selected players have been asked to report to the manager on Friday at the BFF House with their sports gears.

SQUAD: Biplob Bhattacharjee, Ziaur Rahman, Mohammad Robin, Mamun Mia, Ariful Islam, Wali Faisal, Mamunul Islam, Enamul Haq, Abdul Baten Komol, Rezaul Karim, Nasirul Islam, Touhidur Alam Sabuj, Touhidul Alam and Jewel Rana.

NZC chief to step down

AFP, Wellington

New Zealand Cricket (NZC) chief executive Justin Vaughan announced Wednesday that he would step down at the end of November, after more than four years in the job.

Vaughan said the NZC needed a chief executive who could commit to remaining in the position until the 2015 Cricket World Cup and his young family meant he was unable to do that.

He said the lead-up to the tournament, which will be co-hosted by New Zealand

and Australia, would involve intense travel and he felt it was time to move on. "It's been a hard decision

to make but I'm certain it's the right time for me to explore new opportunities," he said."

BD to open with NZ **SCHEDULE**

GROUPINGS

Date

Sept 18

Sept 19

Sept 20

Sept 21

Sept 22

Sept 24

Sept 27

Sept 28

Sept 29

Oct 2

SEMIFINALS

FINAL: Oct 7, Colombo.

SUPER EIGHTS

Group One: A1, B2, C1, D2

Group Two: A2, B1, C2, D1

C1vD2

A1vB2

D1vC2

B1vA2

A1vD2

C1 v B2

B1vC2

D1vA2

B2vD2

A1vC1

B1vD1

A2vC2

Cricket

AGENCIES, Colombo

The 2012 World Twenty20 will be held between September 18 and October 12, 2012 in Sri Lanka the ICC has confirmed. Colombo, Pallekele and Hambantota will be venues for the men's tournament, while the women's group games will be played in Galle.

The format will see four groups of three in a preliminary round. England, the defending champions, and India are in Group A and will be joined by one of the associate or affiliate teams that qualify. The other qualifying team will be in Group B with West Indies and Australia. Sri Lanka, South Africa and Zimbabwe make up Group C, and Pakistan, New Zealand and Bangladesh are in Group D.

The top two teams in each group will make it through the preliminary round, after which there will be a Super Eight stage, featuring two groups. The format is essentially the same as the last edition in 2010, though there are four fewer teams this time.

The tournament will include two teams qualifying from the ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier 2012, which will be staged in the United Arab Emirates from March 13-14 2012.

Hosts Sri Lanka will play the tournament's opening fixture against Zimbabwe in Hambantota. England begin their Jatrabari Faruque Smriti | defence against a qualifying team on September 21 and will then play India in Colombo on September 23.

The women's tournament has Australia, India and England in one group with a qualifying team, and New Zealand, West Indies and Sri Lanka with the other qualifying team in the other. The men's and women's semi-finals and finals will be played on the same day, in Colombo. The semi-finals are on October 4 and October 5 with the finals on October 7.

Tickets for the tournament are planned to go on sale to the public from March 1, 2012 and will be available via website and box-office sales in Sri Lanka. The ICC's chief executive Haroon Lorgat assured they would be reasonably priced.

Riyad wins clash

FROM PAGE 16 mid-on after Mushfiqur had mistimed a slog

off Shahadat.

Oct 4: Group One winners v Group Two runners-up, Colombo

Oct 5: Group One runners-up v Group Two champions, Colombo

BRIEF SCORES

BANGLADESH: 185 all out in 46 overs (Kapali 68, Imrul 26, Shuvo 26; Forhad 3-54, Saqlain 2-17, Elias 2-13, Shahadat 2-46). BANGLADESH A: 187-6 in 49 overs (Riyad 78 not out, Rokibul 32, Forhad 27 not out; Rubel

2-36, Kapali 2-22). Result: Bangladesh A won by four wickets.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FILM ABOUT A GROUP OF FEDS WHO SIMPLY COULD NOT LEARN

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ANYTHING NEW: "THE UNTEACHABLES."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals N

deterred the crowd who turned up at the Mirpur venue which was free of charge except for the grandstand which was priced On their side are several factors. One of to see the crowd turnout. the reasons for turning up is obviously the

atTk30. star factor. Cricketers like Tamim and Mohammad Ashraful now have a bigger

following in this country than players from

the other Test playing nations. Probably it is

the proximity of these players as everyday

the national team draws the crowd. At the moment, it is also the new captain who has brought a lot of interest but there are moments when it is compelling that the

crowd reacts to everything on the field. Mirpur's heavily populated neighborhoods also play a part as most of those who've turned up are from the nearby localities. Sadi, a student from a local college, said that he comes to the cricket regularly. "I live nearby and my college is also close to my house. I come here whenever I get the chance," he said.

Shamim, who has brought his wife to the ground, came on the belief that cricket is no less an entertainment. "I always come here. I love watching cricket and there's not much to do in the evenings. So I bring the family along. Everyone likes to sit in the open and watch cricket," he said.

There was also a well-known face in the crowd, a man called Sajid Hassan. He is the former national cricketer who now resides in New York. Sajid, the son of former national cricketer Raquibul Hassan, was also amazed The atmosphere has certainly started to

give the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium a bit of the feel of the Big Bowl that is situated across town the Bangabandhu National Stadium. In time, one feels, this Mirpur venue will be as much part of Dhakaites' heroes but the regular intrigue surrounding lives that BNS was.

Chittagong and Chapaina-

IFA CUP U-15 FOOTBALL

wabganj kept their JFA Cup U-15 semifinals hope alive as they beat Narayanganj and Dhaka Metropolis School XI respectively at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on

the margin for the losing side.

In the day's other match,

outings.

half by 22-18 points.

50-over format.

his thinking on the 50-over format," Lorgat said at the launch of the ICC's Twenty20 World Cup which will be hosted by Sri Lanka

me a written proposal which we took to the cricket committee in May."