

Bravo Super Kings

IANS, Chennai
A timely cameo by all-rounder Dwayne Bravo powered the Chennai Super Kings to a four-wicket win here Wednesday, their first in the Champions League T20 tournament as Jean-Paul Duminy's spell of four for 20 went waste for the Nashua Cape Cobras.

In a thrilling finish, Bravo's pyrotechnics (46 not out off 25 balls) took the Super Kings to the target of 146 with just two balls to spare.

Batting first, the Cobras were restricted to 145 for seven with Bravo, Doug Bollinger and Albie Morkel claiming two wickets apiece.

SCORES IN BRIEF

CAPE COBRAS: 145 for 7 (Shah 45; Bravo 2-23)
CHENNAI SUPER KINGS: 146 for 6 (Bravo 45 not out; Duminy 4-20)
Result: Chennai Super Kings won by four wickets.

Lucas, Neymar

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forward, a World Cup winner in 2002, is now seen by Brazil coach Mano Menezes as a mentor for the new generation of players being groomed in the leadup to the 2014 World Cup on home soil.

"It's wonderful to play with Neymar and Lucas, the young talents... I was called here for that, to give support to these young people," Ronaldinho told reporters, adding that he was targeting a spot on the team for the London Olympics next year as one of the three permitted over-23 players.

"I go step by step, my dream now is to win the Olympic gold that is missing in my career, and then get really well in the 2014 World Cup," he added.

The match in Belem was the second leg of a friendly tournament held annually with only home-based players. The teams drew 0-0 in the first on Sept. 14 in Cordoba, Argentina.



A BJMC player (R) leaves Narsingdi defenders grasping thin air as she is about to shoot at goal during their match in the National Women's Handball Championship at the Handball Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Booters complete second round of practice games

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's Macedonian coach Nikola Illievski tested his charges again through the second round of practice matches as the national, national U-22 and national U-19 teams played three short-duration matches among themselves at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Both squads of the Bangladesh national team tasted wins in the second round as the Bangladesh A team defeated the National U-19 B side by 2-1 goals and the Bangladesh B team blanked national U-22 A team by 3-0 goals, while the national U-19 A team played out a goalless draw against the national U-22 B side amid downpour and on a wet pitch that made the booters struggle to control the ball.

The Bangladesh A side looked determined to avenge their 2-1 loss at the hands of the U-19 team in the first round of matches, and they played well to defeat the junior side with new face Touhidul Alam and defender Ariful Islam scoring for the national side while Masud Rana reduced the margin for the U-19 outfit.

The Bangladesh B side, which played out a goalless draw against their U-22 opponents in the first round on Monday, controlled the 45-minute game and registered a deserved victory with Alamgir

Kabir Rana, Sohel and defender Linkon scoring one goal each.

"I am surprised at the way the senior players played today and at the same time I am happy with their performance as they played in a disciplined way," said Illievski after the practice matches.

"Today was a difficult one but all three teams played better today and it will be easy to make a combination of those teams, though it is not the right time to select both national and U-19 teams," said the Macedonian.

The national U-19 and national U-22 teams were supposed to reach Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protisthan (BKSP) yesterday night and both teams will practice and play a few 90-minute matches, as the National U-19 team will play the AFC U-19 Qualifiers at home from October 25.

The coach was however not happy with his present batch of U-19 players as he is worried about the goalkeeper.

"Today the boys made many mistakes and the goalkeeper [Rafi] showed a lack of position sense but I have no alternative goalkeeper," said Illievski.

The Macedonian gave promotion to five U-21 players to the U-22 teams and predicted a good future for midfielder Imon Babu.

Illievski informed that such practice matches among these three teams would again take place on October 3 at the BKSP ground.

India axe Harbhajan

Name team for England one-dayers

Cricket

AFP, Chennai

India's cricket selectors on Thursday left out star spinner Harbhajan Singh for the first two one-day internationals of next month's home series against England.

The seasoned off-spinner's absence further weakens the injury-ravaged world champions, who picked three rookies in a new-look 15-man squad for the first two matches in Hyderabad on October 14 and New Delhi on October 17.

Harbhajan, 31, paid the price for a poor Test series in England where India were humbled 4-0 and lost their number one ranking, before suffering a 3-0 defeat in the one-dayers.

He bagged just two wickets in as many Tests at an average of 143.50 before heading home with an abdominal strain.

Harbhajan has been a regular member of the Indian team since his debut in 1998, claiming 406 wickets in 98 Tests and 259 wickets in 229 one-day internationals.

Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Gautam Gambhir, Virat Kohli and Suresh Raina are the only survivors from the side that defeated Sri Lanka in the World Cup final in Mumbai on April 2.

Missing are batting stars Sachin Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag and Yuvraj Singh, three frontline seamers -- Zaheer Khan, Munaf Patel and Shanthakumaran Sreesanth -- and

Harbhajan.

Sreesanth and Harbhajan were not considered for selection, while the others have not recovered from injuries suffered during the England tour.

Tendulkar, 38, the world's leading Test and one-day batsman, is one century away from becoming the first player to score 100 international hundreds.

Leg-spinner Rahul Sharma, 24, left-arm seamer Sreenath Aravind, 27, and fast bowler Varun Aaron, 21, are without international experience. Aaron was part of India's one-day squad in England but did not play a match.

The selectors named Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Sharma as the three spinners, while Praveen Kumar will lead the new-ball attack that also includes Umesh Yadav and Vinay Kumar.

The squad for the remaining matches in Mohali (October 20), Mumbai (October 23) and Kolkata (October 25), and the lone Twenty20 international in Kolkata on October 29, will be named later.

The series will be India's first at home since winning the World Cup.

SQUAD

Mahendra Singh Dhoni (captain), Gautam Gambhir, Parthiv Patel, Ajinkya Rahane, Virat Kohli, Manoj Tiwary, Suresh Raina, Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Rahul Sharma, Varun Aaron, Umesh Yadav, Vinay Kumar, Sreenath Aravind, Praveen Kumar.

WOMEN'S HANDBALL

Qtrs lineup confirmed

SPORTS REPORTER

The quarterfinal lineup of the Exim Bank 22nd National Women's Handball Championship was completed yesterday as Bangladesh Ansar, Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation, Dhaka, Dhaka University, Naogaon, Rajshahi, Dinajpur and Panchagargh emerged group champions to move into the last eight at two separate venues.

At the Handball Stadium, Dhaka defeated Faridpur 24-3, Dhaka University defeated Madaripur 17-1, Bangladesh Ansar outplayed Narayanganj 24-1 and BJMC thrashed Narsingdi 28-2.

At Suhrawardi Indoor Stadium in Mirpur, Narail defeated Kushtia 19-2, Dinajpur beat Bagerhat 17-5, Rangpur beat Chuadanga 12-5, Joypurhat beat Jessore 7-0, Rangpur beat Bagerhat 11-5, Dinajpur beat Chuadanga 12-3, Rajshahi beat Jhalokathi 9-0, Naogaon beat Kurigram 6-3 and Panchagargh defeated Kushtia 18-1.

NATIONAL KABADDI
Huge wins for BJMC, Bagerhat

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation recorded a massive 58-21 win over Jhenaidah in one of eleven matches of the Meizan National Kabaddi Championship held at the Kabaddi Stadium yesterday.

Another massive victory was claimed by Bagerhat, who thrashed Comilla 53-11.

In the day's other matches Gazipur beat Mymensingh 22-20, Rangpur beat Satkhira 45-22, Rajshahi defeated Jhenaidah 32-10, Bangladesh Ansar outplayed Bagerhat 38-6, Rangpur overwhelmed Jhenaidah 58-9, Barisal defeated Comilla 36-21, Gazipur beat Bagura 33-25 and Rajshahi defeated Magura 40-17.

Noble of Kader

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"I appreciate this initiative and hope it helps to keep district football alive," said Munshiganj DFA president Nazrul Islam.

"We will try to find out the reasons behind this initiative later, but I welcome this for the development of district football," said Rajbari DFA representative Dulal.

"On paper, we are football officials of DFA but we have no capability of running football as the DFAs don't get government allocation," said Narsingdi DFA president MN Zaman. Kader will now sit with the officials of Chittagong Division on October 2.

Sharapova injured, out

Tennis

AFP, Tokyo

Maria Sharapova's effort to avenge her Wimbledon final loss to Petra Kvitova was brought to an abrupt end on Thursday after she twisted an ankle in the quarterfinals of the Pan Pacific Open.

The Russian world number two was serving 40-15 up at 3-4 in an even first set when the injury struck.

Sharapova received court-side treatment but decided to retire soon afterwards, giving the Czech a free ticket to the semifinals.

"I hit a serve and then landed awkwardly on my left ankle. I felt a sharp pain and next thing I knew I was on the floor. It swelled up immediately and I knew there was no way I could continue," said Sharapova in a statement.

"I am incredibly disappointed and in a lot of pain. I obviously really wanted to win and felt that was playing well.

"There's not much more I can say right now. I'm sorry for the tournament and my Japanese

fans that the match had to end this way," added the two-time Pan Pacific champion.

Kvitova, who claimed her first Grand Slam title by beating Sharapova in June's Wimbledon final, described her withdrawal as "sad."

"Because we played very nice tennis, I think, and it was a great match. I'm very sorry about her, because the ankle swollen was too big straight away. Hopefully, nothing it's bad and she will be back early," she said.

In the semifinals, Kvitova will play Vera Zvonareva after the Russian beat compatriot Maria Kirilenko 6-3, 6-3 earlier in the day.

Zvonareva, who broke Kirilenko three times, stretched her winning streak against her rival to six in a row.

Third seed Victoria Azarenka of Belarus produced a storming finish in taking the last nine games to beat Marion Bartoli of France 7-5, 6-0 for a place in the other semifinal.

"It was a battle in the first set. Second set I stepped up my level and played a more aggressive style of game. I'm really happy to be in the semis after a little bit of a break as it can sometimes be difficult to get the momentum going," said Azarenka.

'Staring to enjoy batting again'

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Cricketers of the Year for 2011.

"It was tough for me for whatever happened. Everybody knows what had happened. Whatever happened for the last few months was bad for me but receiving this award will boost me up for sure," said Tamim, though he avoided mentioning the stripping of the vice-captaincy explicitly.

"I could not do the things regarding my batting that I could do earlier in the four-day and Test match, so I was disturbed," he simply added.

The opener found the BCB Green bowlers to his liking and as he smacked the nine fours and three sixes during his 87-ball knock, it became clear that this was the type of batting he loved.

"I won't say I started very well but I think the way I batted after lunch is the way I should play. Even if I had got out earlier, I would be satisfied because I like to bat in this manner," he said.

His 145-run quickfire stand with Imrul Kayes also laid the ghosts of the Meherpur-born left-hander's poor form since the Australia series. According to Tamim, the four-dayer was Imrul's tonic.

"I think this practice match have benefited Imrul Kayes the most as he got some runs. We all knew that he was a class player but somehow he could not score.

"In the last two innings, he really came back to form which I think will be a big bonus for us. Imrul is a proven player so he doesn't have to prove anything. I hope he will continue it in the West Indies series," said Tamim.

For a cricketer, a demotion or exclusion has two effects but it is now clear that Tamim is slowly on his way out of the rut.

Next step would be to use the removal as an inspiration.

SPORTS POLL
WEEKLY QUESTION
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