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BPL players' list revealed

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The preliminary lists of local and foreign players, who will be available for the players' auction of the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL), has been released yesterday.

The players' auction will be held on January 19.

The BPL governing body also informed that the fresh list and a list of Indian players will be announced soon.

LOCAL PLAYERS

Grade A (Base Price \$45000)

Mahmudullah Riyad, Abdur

Razzak, Nasir Hossain,

Junaed Siddiqui, Imrul

Kayes, Mashrafi Bin Mortaza,

Grade B (Base Price \$30000)

Nazimuddin, Rokibul Hasan,

Elias Sunny, Sohrawardhi

Shuvo, Rubel Hossain,

Shafiqul Islam, Nazmul

Hossain, Forhad Reza,

Mohammad Mithun, Jahurul

Islam, Sahadat Hossain and

Naeem Islam

Grade C (Base price \$20000)

Tushar Imran, Nadir

Chowdhury, Nazmul

Hossain, Farhad Hossain,

Shabbir Rahman, Asif

Ahmed, Mahmudul Hasan,

Rajin Saleh, Mehrab Hossain,

Mominul Haque, Faisal

Hossain, Aftab Ahmed,

Shohag Gazi, Arafat Sunny,

Mosharraf Hossain, Nazmul

Hossain Opu, Nur Hossain,

Enamul Haque, Robiul Islam,

Muktadir Ali, Syed Rasel, Al-

Amin, Mahbubul Alam,

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Mohammad Sharif, Arafat

Salahuddin, Ziaur Rahman,

Dhiman Ghosh, Shuvagoto

Hom, Shamsur Rahman,

Alauddin Babu, Anamul

Haque, Rony Talukder, Nafis

Iqbal, Abishek Mitra, Soumya

Sarkar, Nasir Uddin Faruque,

Mysukur Rahman, Fazle

Rabb, Marshal Ayub, Abul

Bashar, Tasamul Haque,

Tanvir Haider, Saqlain Sajib,

Sanjamul Islam, Shaker

Islam, Delwar Hossain,

Taposh Baysha, Shuvashish

Roy, Kazi Kamrul, Tazin

Ahmed, Abul Hasan, Jubair

Ahmed, Ejaz Ahmed, Imtiaz

Hossain, Mohammad

Sahajada, Sahin Hossain,

Ariful Hoque, Mahbubul

Karim, Rezaul Karim and Abu

Zahed Rahi.

INT'L PLAYERS

Grade A (Base price

\$100,000)

Chris Gayle, Kerion Pollard,

Dwayne Bravo, Marlon

Samuels, Ramnaresh

Sarwan, Kemar Roach,

Serwan, Matt Prior,

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LOCAL snippets

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Dhaka Residential Model College emerged zonal champions in the Islami Bank National School Football Tournament when they defeated Dolairpar High School 1-0 in the Dhaka Metropolis zonal final at the Teachers' Training College ground in Dhaka yesterday.

Zahidul struck the decisive goal in the 29th minute to take Dhaka Residential to the 16-team final round where Dolairpar High School will also be participating as zonal runners-up.

Earlier in the day, Dhaka Residential defeated Rajdhani High School 2-1 to move into the final while Dolairpar High School thrashed Nahar

International School 4-1 in the second semifinal to set up the final clash against Dhaka Residential.

Nat'l Hockey Championships

Rajshahi, Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Air Force won their matches of the National Hockey Championship beating their respective rivals at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Rajshahi thrashed Joypurhat 7-1 with Bappi and Lalor scoring two goals each for the winners.

Bangladesh Army blanked Satkhira 7-0 in the one-sided affair as Krishan and Milon struck two goals while Rokon, Billal and Sirajul netted one goal each.

However, Bangladesh Air Force registered a hard-fought 5-4 win over Dinajpur. Mobarok scored twice while Azizul, Mukitul and Moniruzzaman scored one goal apiece for the winners. For the losers, Sumon scored twice and Amin and Mamsum each pulled one

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Generous BCB

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Liquidity crisis might be an issue widely discussed in the business community of the country nowadays, but it is not a problem for the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) at least.

The most affluent sports body is not only spending heavily from its coffers to run the cricket affairs of the country but it has also undertaken the burden of taking care of the expenditure incurred so far related to the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL).

It was learnt that the board has spent Taka 1.5 crore to meet the initial expenditures of the BPL. However, the board officials claimed that they have disbursed the money as loan to Game On Sports, the Indian company which earned the event management rights of the T20 money-spinning event for a staggering \$44.33 million for a six-year term.

Gazi Ashraf Hossain, chairman of BPL's governing body, said that there was nothing wrong if the BCB had paid the money to the

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Feni bring down Sky Blues

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Holders Abahani were stunned in the Grameenphone Federation Cup 2011 when they suffered a 2-1 defeat to minnows Feni Soccer Club in their last group match at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

The defeat, however, was not enough to stop Abahani from progressing as they had already secured their qualification berth prior to the encounter. For Feni Soccer, the victory was a case of bowing out with sweet memories as they failed to make it into the last eight. Arambagh KS piped them to the runners-up spot with a 2-0 victory over Bangladesh Police at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Nigerian midfielder Amadi Mosses put Arambagh ahead in the 20th minute while his compatriot Umokoro Godwin sealed the match scoring eight mintues from time.

Both Arambagh and Feni Soccer have four points each but Arambagh confirmed their berth by virtue of goal difference.

After having confirmed the quarterfinal place with two successive victories, Abahani might have taken the Feni Soccer game lightly and coach Ali Akbar experimented by resting four first-team players including in-form striker Lucky Paul. The result however

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The two goal scorers of Feni Soccer Club Mohammad Yasin (R) and Ronald salute the sparse crowd at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur after their stunning 2-1 win over giants Abahani.

was an embarrassing loss against the same side who had stunned them last season in the Bangladesh League.

Left-back Wali Faisal and right-back Nasirul Islam were two of four rested players and their absence created a big hole in the Abahani defence and attack.

Though Abahani could not launch their preferred flank attacks, they did enjoy superior ball possession throughout the game and were repeatedly denied by Feni goalkeeper Masud Ahmed Uzzal.

The lanky goalkeeper thwarted at

More bad news for Muktis

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Muktijoddha Sangsad suffered another blow before their Federation Cup's quarterfinal tie as their key defender Ariful Islam has been handed a one-match ban yesterday following his indecent behaviour with the referee.

"Based on referee Abdul Hannan Miron's report, Ariful has been suspended for one match and the respective club has been informed about the decision of the disciplinary committee," said BFF acting general secretary Abu Naeem Shohag.

Arif hurled abusive words toward referee Hannan Miron after Muktijoddha Sangsad's match against Mohammedan SC.

The suspension means



India's cricket great Sachin Tendulkar (L) will be in the spotlight again when he takes the field against Australia in the third Test that starts at the WACA in Perth today. The little master will desperately try to end the pensive wait for his 100th international century.

A team keeps changing

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The selectors were once again forced to make wholesale changes to the Bangladesh A team for the third one-day against the visiting England Lions to be held at the Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong today.

The fiasco surrounding the second string Bangladesh side has continued unabated as the Akram Khan-led selection panel had to kowtow to the wishes of the clubs from the Premier Division Cricket League.

Mahmudullah Riyad led Bangladesh A to a six-wicket victory in the first game and then there were six changes made to the team for the second match, which under the leadership of Rokibul Hasan the home side lost by six wickets.

Left-arm spinner Shuvor now leads

Dhoni to quit Tests?

Cricket

REUTERS, Perth

Mahendra Singh Dhoni has hinted he will quit Test cricket if he decides to lead India in their World Cup defence in Australia and New Zealand in 2015.

Dhoni, who led the cricket-obsessed nation to a 50-overs World Cup triumph last April, said it was still too early to decide if he would be around for the next tournament.

"Well if I want to see the 2015 World Cup in, I'll have to retire from one of the formats," he told a news conference ahead of the third Test against Australia.

"It's too early right now. I am not that old. I am just 30. There is still time. We will see by the end of 2013."

Dhoni, who is captain of India's Test, one-day internationals (ODI) and Twenty20 sides, carries the extra burden of keeping wicket and said making sure there was a successor ready was a factor in the 2013 deadline.

"What I really meant with that was by 2013 I would have to see where I stand when it comes to my body, whether I will be able to survive for the 2015 World Cup," he said.

"Of course form is a big factor but also, what I need to see is, if I play till 2014 and all of a sudden say I can't survive till the World Cup, then all of a sudden you have a new keeper coming in who has not played more than 30 international games."

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Voronin gets top award

Ukraine striker Andriy Voronin, who is currently playing with Russian Premier League side Dynamo Moscow, was on Thursday named player of the year in the former Soviet Union region.

The 32-year-old striker - who previously played for German Bundesliga sides Borussia Moenchengladbach, Cologne, Bayer Leverkusen and Hertha Berlin as well Liverpool in England - collected 175 points in a poll conducted by Russian sports daily Sport Express among 45 newspapers and magazines in the former Soviet republics.

The award caps a triumphant return to eastern Europe for the Odessa-born Ukrainian.

