

CWAB honour for Tigers

SPORTS REPORTER

Cricketers' Welfare Association of Bangladesh on Friday honoured national cricketers, past and present, as well as organisers during a reception in Dhanmondi.

Tigers skipper Mushfiqur Rahim, world's No 1 all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan and batsmen Tamim Iqbal and Mohammad Ashraful were awarded for their respective personal achievements in international cricket.

CWAB also honoured Bangladesh Cricket Board president AHM Mustafa Kamal and for the successful co-hosting of the 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup.

There was a festive atmosphere all around as the ground was packed with former and current cricketers.

Azarenka

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there's no doubt I'll be back."

Earlier there was controversy in the juniors' competitions as boys' winner Luke Saville swore in his acceptance speech and girls' runner-up Yulia Putintseva angrily smashed her racquet before shaking hands.

Australia's Saville, blamed "raw emotion" for his profane reaction after being presented with the trophy by Ken Rosewall on Centre Court.

"I'll probably regret saying that word, but you know, it was just the heat of the moment. It was just raw emotion out there. I said what I thought," he said. "Lucky it wasn't the other word."

Putintseva also let her emotions get the better of her when she angrily bashed her racquet on the floor before congratulating America's Taylor Townsend.

The 17-year-old is mentored by Patrick Mouratoglou, former tutor of Marcos Baghdatis who infamously mangled four racquets in quick succession during his second-round loss to Stanislas Wawrinka.

Vics catch up

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Sunny, who took 4-36 from his ten overs.

In reply, openers Deepak Joon and Rahul Dewan then batted in tandem, adding 90 for the first wicket.

Joon made 74 while Rahul put together a half-century followed by Mushfiqur Rahim and Shamsur Rahman who finished the job in 44.4 overs.

PRIME-KALABAGAN Mehedi Maruf single-handedly took Prime Doleshwar to victory against strugglers Kalabagan as the opener made an unbeaten 95.

He struck nine boundaries and three sixes in his 152-ball knock but more importantly, Maruf stayed at the crease and battled Sohag Gazi's four-wicket haul as well as his team's batting collapses.

Earlier, Murad Khan's four-wicket haul kept Kalabagan in check as they were bowled out for just 183 runs in 47.1 overs. They remain on eleventh position with just a single win, ahead only of Surjo Torun but below Bangladesh Biman.

BRIEF SCORES
SURJO TORUN: 209-7 in 50 overs (Raja 94, Bilal 35; Rubel 5-53, Tarek 2-26).
VICTORIA: 212-6 in 48.2 overs (Tamim 85, Sajid 73 not out; Raja 4-35, Parvez 1-32). Result: Victoria won by four wickets.
CCS: 199 all out in 46.5 overs (Amit 59, Rokibul 51; Arafat 4-36, Ariful 2-35).
SK JAMAL: 200-2 in 44.4 overs (Deepak 74, Rahul 50; Robi 1-27).
Result: Sk Jamal won by eight wickets.
KALABAGAN: 183 all out in 47.1 overs (Ripon 85, Faruque 22; Murad 4-42, Monir 3-26, Taijul 3-37).
PRIME DOLESHWAR: 184-7 in 46.3 overs (Mehedi 95 not out, Manvinder 53; Sohag 4-26).
Result: Prime Doleshwar won by three wickets.



Australia skipper Michael Clarke (2nd from R) poses with the Border-Gavaskar trophy with his teammates after crushing India 4-0 at the Adelaide Oval yesterday.

India Aussie-washed

Cricket

AFP, Adelaide

A resurgent Australia wrapped up an emphatic 4-0 series humiliation of India on Saturday after sealing a 298-run win in the fourth and final Test at the Adelaide Oval.

The end of another one-sided contest was swift with the Australians snapping up the final four wickets in an hour to skittle India for 201 and inflict an eighth away Test defeat on the trot for the demoralised tourists.

Despite the series drubbing, which comes after they were similarly hammered 4-0 in England last year, India, once rated the best in the world, cling on to third place on the ICC Test rankings by a decimal point over the hosts.

Australia's dominance over a hugely disappointing India comes just a year after the Ashes series humiliation at home to England.

There would be no repeat of that fiasco, however, as the hosts won by 122 runs in Melbourne in the first Test, an innings and 68 runs in Sydney and an innings and 37 runs in Perth, before the Adelaide annihilation.

Australia's bowlers, led by pacemen Ben Hilfenhaus (27 wickets) and Peter Siddle (23), put a huge hole in the reputations of India's decorated batting lineup.

In the end it was the eight-Test youngster Virat Kohli who topped the beleaguered tourists' batting averages with 37.50. He scored the only century of the series for his team as the feted top

order failed miserably.

"It's difficult to explain what went wrong," stand-in India captain Virender Sehwag said.

The Indians have not won a series in Australia in 10 visits now and the side is likely to come in for more fierce criticism back home.

Sachin Tendulkar, who failed to bring up his 100th international century, has now gone without a century for 25 Test and one-day innings. His last hundred (111) was in the World Cup last March.

Tendulkar finished the series with 287 runs at 35.87, but it was sorry reading for the other batting luminaries.

Test cricket's second all-time highest runscore Rahul Dravid finished with 194 runs at 24.25, Sehwag 198 at 24.75 and VVS Laxman just 155 at 19.37.

India were set an improbable 500-run target for victory in Adelaide off 146 overs after Clarke's second declaration (Ponting 221, Clarke 210; Ashwin 3-194).

India's first innings 272 (Kohli 116; Siddle 5-49).

Australia's second innings 167 for 5 declared (Ponting 60 not out; Ashwin 2-73).

India's second innings (overnight 166-6): Gambhir c Haddin b Harris 3, Sehwag c Ponting b Lyon 62, Dravid c Hussey b Harris 25, Tendulkar c Cowan b Lyon 13, Laxman c Marsh b Lyon 35, Kohli run out (Hilfenhaus) 22, Sharma c Haddin b Harris 2, Saha c Haddin b Siddle 3, Ashwin not out 15, Zaheer c Warner b Hilfenhaus 15, Yadav c Haddin b Lyon 1, Extras: (lb-3, w-2) 5, Total: (All out in 69.4 overs) 201

The tourists never got close and crashed to 166 for six by stumps leaving the final day's outcome a formality under sunny skies.

Nightwatchman Ishant Sharma was out on the eighth ball of the last day,

caught behind off Ryan Harris for two and he was followed in the next over by Wriddhiman Saha, caught behind off Siddle, for three.

Zaheer Khan hit out lustily for three fours before he was caught by David Warner at short cover off Hilfenhaus for 15.

The denouement came when Umesh Yadav (1) was caught behind by Haddin for spinner Nathan Lyon's fourth wicket of the innings. Ravi Ashwin remained 15 not out.

Siddle was announced man-of-the-match with his six match wickets and Clarke was named man-of-the-series after his unbeaten 329 in Sydney and 210 in the first innings in Adelaide.

Australia and India now do battle in two Twenty20 internationals, before Sri Lanka join in for a one-day tri-series from February 5.

Bowler					O	M	R	W
Harris	19	5	41	3				
Hilfenhaus	11	2	35	1				
Siddle	14	5	47	1				
Lyon	21.4	4	63	4				
Hussey	2	0	3	0				
Clarke	2	0	9	0				
Result: Australia won by 298 runs and Australia won series 4-0.								
Man-of-the-match: Peter Siddle.								
Man-of-the-series: Michael Clarke.								

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-80, 3-100, 4-110, 5-162, 6-166, 7-166, 8-170, 9-193				
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Destiny signs up with BPL

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Destiny Group became the title sponsors of the inaugural BPL T20 for Tk 7.5 crores. A formal agreement signing ceremony between Game On Sport Management, the event management company of the tournament, and Destiny Group was held at the Westin Dhaka yesterday.

The tournament will now be known as Destiny-Boishakhi BPL T20.

Game On Sport director Anjan Ganguly and Md Rafiqul Amin, the chairman of Destiny Group, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations.

Destiny Group were also the title sponsors of the NCL T20s held two years ago, for which they provided Tk 1.5 crores.

The BPL will commence on February 9 with an opening ceremony and the first matches will be played the next day.

Kiwis' record win

Cricket

AFP, Napier

New Zealand posted their biggest winning Test margin when they demolished Zimbabwe by an innings and 301 runs on the third day of their one-off Test at Napier's McLean Park Saturday.

After starting the day at 392-5, New Zealand added 103 in 18 overs, giving BJ Watling time to notch his maiden Test century before declaring at 495-7.

Man-of-the-match Chris Martin then led a bowling attack that routed Zimbabwe twice in the same day -- first for the tourists' lowest Test innings of 51 followed by 143 in their second innings.

The winning margin was seven runs better than New Zealand's previous record of an innings and 294 runs set in 2005 and also against Zimbabwe.

Martin took two for five off six overs in Zimbabwe's first innings followed with six for 26 off 8.3 to draw level with Chris Cairns as New Zealand's third most suc-

cessful bowlers with a career haul of 218.

Zimbabwe never recovered from losing their top order batsmen cheaply in both innings, Martin said, adding he was surprised at the lack of fight from their batsmen.

"As well as we bowled, you would expect a Test-match side to at least, probably, have one bad innings and then come out and put together more of a competitive showing in the second innings.

"I suppose there were flutters in [their] dressing room each time to be three down for under 10."

The McLean Park wicket held no fears for New Zealand as Watling (102 not out) and his skipper Ross Taylor (122 retired hurt) both scored centuries, with support roles from Brendon McCullum (83) and Martin Guptill (51).

But Zimbabwe, whose previous worst Test score was 54 against South Africa in Cape Town in 2005, could not cope with the seaming deliveries of the four-pronged New Zealand pace

attack.

Malcolm Waller's 23 was the only score in double figures in their disastrous first innings, while Regis Chakabva in only his second Test, managed 63 in the second innings.

Zimbabwe's one show of resistance was Chakabva's 63-run second-innings stand with Graeme Cremer (26) for the seventh wicket.

SCORES IN BRIEF

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 495 for 7 declared (Taylor 122, Watling 102 not out, McCullum 83, Guptill 51, Southee 44, Vettori 38; Cremer 2-112)

ZIMBABWE: First innings 51 (Waller 23; Martin 2-5, Southee 2-8, Bracewell 2-12, Boulton 2-24)

ZIMBABWE: Second innings 143 (Chakabva 63, Cremer 26, S Masakadza 21; Martin 6-26, Bracewell 3-26)

Result: New Zealand won by an innings and 301 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Chris Martin.

Toss: Zimbabwe.

Umpires: Rod Tucker and Enamul Haque.

LOCAL snippets

Nat'l Kho Kho C'ship from today

SPORTS REPORTER

Destiny Group Fifth National Kho Kho Championship starts today with 18 teams, including 17 district teams, taking part. The teams, split into four groups will play in a round-robin league format, informed speakers at a press conference at the Bangladesh Olympic Association yesterday.

The selected side will take part in the Indo-Bangladesh Kho Kho Series to be held in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra in February-March, informed Babul.

Gold in int'l wrestling

The Bangladesh team grabbed two gold and four silver medals in the Indo-Bangladesh Wrestling Championship that concluded in Kolkata yesterday, said a press release from Bangladesh Amateur Wrestling Federation.

Bonus for BJMC women

Team BJMC's women footballers were rewarded with a Tk 5 lakh bonus for winning the inaugural Corporate Women's Football League that ended on Thursday. The winning



Game On Sport director Anjan Ganguly (3rd from R) and Destiny Group chairman Md Rafiqul Amin (3rd from L) pose for a photo after signing the BPL's title sponsorship deal at a local hotel yesterday.

Rehman routs Eng

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stumps. He made only three.

Pietersen, who has been woefully out of form making just 16 runs in the series, managed one before Rehman trapped him and in the same over had the equally out of form Morgan bowled to dent England's hopes of a victory.

Rehman then accounted for Trott (one) and Stuart Broad (nought) in the same over to leave England 7-68.

Ajmal dismissed Graeme Swann (nought) and Matt Prior (18) to complete his 100 Test wickets in his 19th match before Anderson was caught off Rehman to give Pakistan a sensational win.

England's previous lowest against Pakistan was 130 -- made on two occasions at The Oval in 1954 and Lahore in 1987.

Earlier, Pakistan lost their last six wickets with the addition of 89 runs after resuming at 125-4, with all hopes pinned on Azhar Ali and Asad Shafiq.

Panesar took three of those wickets to finish with his eighth five-wicket haul in Tests.

Azhar Ali (68) and Asad

Shafiq (43) added 88 for the fifth wicket before Panesar struck.

But England's decision to take the second new ball as soon as it was due paid rich dividends as Anderson removed the dangerman Ali with a sharp rising delivery which caught the edge and was caught behind by Prior.

Broad then had Adnan Akmal (13) caught by Strauss in the slips off an ambitious drive in the next over as Pakistan wilted.

Rehman (10) and Ajmal (17) added an invaluable 36 for the eighth wicket before Panesar wrapped up the innings by taking the last two wickets.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN: First innings 257 (Misbah 84, Shafiq 58; Broad 4-47, Swann 3-52)

ENGLAND: First innings 327 (Cook 94, Broad 58 not out; Ajmal 4-108, Hafeez 3-54)

PAKISTAN: Second innings (overnight 125-4)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hafeez lbw b Panesar	22			
Taufeeq b Swann	7			
Azhar c Prior b Anderson	68			
Younis b Panesar	1			
Misbah lbw b Panesar	12			
Shafiq c Anderson b Panesar	43			
Adnan c Strauss b Broad	13			

Rehman lbw b Swann	10
Ajmal c Anderson b Panesar	17
Gul not out	10
Junaid b Panesar	0
Extras: (lb-5, lb-6)	11
Total: (All out in 99.2 overs)	214

Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-29, 3-36, 4-54, 5-142, 6-170, 7-172, 8-198, 9-208

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anderson	14	3	39	1
Broad	20	9	36	1
Panesar	38.2	18	62	6
Swann	27	5	66	2

ENGLAND: Second innings

Strauss lbw b Rehman	32
Cook cand b Hafeez	7
Bell b Ajmal	3
Pietersen lbw b Rehman	1
Morgan b Rehman	0
Prior c Shafiq b Ajmal	18
Trott lbw b Rehman	1
Broad b Rehman	0
Swann lbw b Ajmal	0
Anderson c Gul b Rehman	1
Panesar not out	0
Extras: (lb-9)	9
Total: (All out in 36.1 overs)	72

Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-26, 3-33, 4-33, 5-56, 6-68, 7-68, 8-71, 9-72

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hafeez	8	3	11	1
Gul	3	0	5	0
Ajmal	15	7	22	3
Rehman	10.1	4	25	6

Result: Pakistan won by 72 runs.

Toss: Pakistan.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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8 Oxen's connection
12 Lubricate
13 Target
14 "Hey, sailor!"
15 Praise in verse
16 Lady —
17 Give as an example
18 Storybook basket-bearer
21 Type measures
22 Historic boy king
23 Let off the hook?

DOWN
1 "Let's Make a Deal" choice
2 Staffer
3 Wasn't colorfast
4 Halloween prank
5 Adds ammo
6 Creche trio
7 On an angle
8 Luxury craft
9 Parma's place
10 13-string Japanese zither
11 Kept tabs on
19 Stench

20 Cannon, e.g.
23 Can. neighbor
24 Fresh
25 Corral
26 Actress Farrow
27 Distant
28 No longer chic
29 Genetic letters
31 Chest sections
32 Nitwit
34 Ghost's cry
35 Claim
36 Online journals
37 McCarthy or Craig
38 Discipline using asanas
39 Vivacity
40 Bit of fluff
41 Very dry, as champagne
42 On the rocks
43 Continental coin
44 "Tootsie" wardrobe

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE BILL OF MICROSOFT OFTEN LIFTS HEAVY WEIGHTS, EVERYONE WILL CALL HIM THE BURLY GATES.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals T