

## MSC wait on Emeka clearance

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan's Nigerian coach Emeka Euzeigo is unlikely to guide his charges in the ongoing Grameen-phone Bangladesh Premier League until the Bangladesh Football Federation gets an all-clear from the Asian Football Confederation regarding his coaching licence.

Emeka took the charge the Black and Whites at the start of the season and in his first assignment, failed to take the club beyond the group stages of the Federation Cup, raising questions about coaching qualification and ability.

As per the Bangladesh Premier League bylaws, participating teams must have a coach with at least an AFC B-licence or an equivalent one. Emeka submitted his coaching certificates which he obtained from United States Soccer Association, and they have been sent to the AFC to ascertain whether they meet the criteria.

"On Sunday, we sent Emeka's certificates to the AFC in a bid to scrutinise whether they are equivalent to AFC B-licence and we are hoping for a reply within the next three or four days," said BFF's acting general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag adding that Emeka would be able to stand in the dug-out only if his certificates meet the criteria.

Mohammedan will start their campaign on Saturday when they take on Brothers Union.

## Shakib fined

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the batsman had indeed impeded the fielder's throw. Kalabagan threatened to pull out of the game momentarily before Mohammad Salman was sent in to bat.

Later the match referee, based on the umpires' report, fined Shakib under category 1.



PHOTO: AFP

New Zealand opener Rob Nicol slog-sweeps on way to scoring 146 as the Kiwis beat Zimbabwe by 141 runs in the second ODI at the Cobham Oval in Whangarei yesterday.

## Kiwis crush Zim

### Cricket

AFP, Whangarei

Opener Rob Nicol made the fifth highest one-day international score by a New Zealand batsman Monday as his side beat Zimbabwe by 141 runs in the second one-day international in Whangarei.

The victory at Cobham Oval, following the 90-run win in the first ODI, gave New Zealand an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three-match series and follows the overwhelming innings and 301-run rout of Zimbabwe in their one-off Test.

Nicol's man-of-the-match 146 off 134 balls was the rock upon which New Zealand built a comprehensive 372 for six before Jacob Oram led a bowling attack that restricted Zimbabwe to 231 for eight.

It was Nicol's second century in only his fifth ODI and he was supported by 77 from fellow opener Martin Guptill, and boundary-bashing cameos from Oram (59 off 28 deliveries) and 19-year-old

Tom Latham (48 off 28).

New Zealand captain Brendon McCullum said it was close to being a complete performance.

"I thought 370 on the board was outstanding and I thought the boys bowled brilliantly at the start of the innings as well," he said.

"It was quite hard to bowl them out when they were not looking to score as well so I thought the bowling was very, very good and I thought the batting was absolutely outstanding."

Zimbabwe skipper Brendan Taylor, who won the toss and chose to bowl first, admitted his team "were outplayed by a much better side again."

"I just hope my boys try and look at how the Blackcaps go about their business and try and replicate that -- not skill wise but body language."

After rain delayed the start of play for 35 minutes, New Zealand made a cautious start with two maiden overs before Nicol opened the scoring with an unorthodox slog which resulted in a top edge over slips for four.

But from there his innings was near faultless, as he

stood in a 131-run partnership with Guptill, then a 77-run stand with all-rounder Oram who was promoted up the order.

Nicol was particularly belligerent in the closing stages. He was in a 92-run partnership in eight overs with Latham for the fifth wicket before he was caught at deep midwicket by Shingi Masakadza off Prosper Utseya.

Utseya was the most successful of the Zimbabwe bowlers, taking three for 71 off his 10 overs in an innings where the tourists were made to pay dearly for fielding lapses.

Oram, McCullum (20 off 18) and Latham all survived catching chances and collectively added 64 runs before being dismissed.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
**NEW ZEALAND:** 372 for 6 (Nicol 146, Guptill 77, Oram 59, Latham 48; Utseya 3-71)  
**ZIMBABWE:** 231 for 8 (Taibu 50, Chigumbura 63, Masakadza 38; Mills 2-27, Oram 3-29)  
**Result:** New Zealand won by 141 runs.  
**Man-of-the match:** Rob Nicol.

## School hockey after 5 years

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The Dhaka Metropolis School Hockey tournament gets underway at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium today, five years after the inaugural edition was held.

Nine teams, split into the three groups, will first play the round-robin matches and the top-finishers of the three groups will advance to the three-team Super League to compete for the title.

Defending champions Armanitola School will take on Dr Mohammad Shahidullah School on the opening day.

"Initially 15 schools showed their interest in the tournament but six schools left the tournament due to inadequate sports gears. We could not keep them as we do not have the ability to provide gears like sticks, boots etc," said tournament committee chairman Mirza Farid Ahmed Milu.

Shah Sports will provide Tk 2 lakh out of estimated budget of 2.3 lakh as the sponsors of the event. Champions and runners-up teams will be awarded 16 sticks each while three man-of-the-match winners from the Super League stage will be given one-year tuition fees.

## Guinness hero Halim rewarded

SPORTS REPORTER

Walton, a local electronics manufacturing company, accorded a reception to Abdul Halim, Guinness World Record (GWR) holder of "Farthest Distance Travelled With a Football Balanced on the Head", at the Bangladesh Olympic Association Auditorium yesterday.

Walton, who bore the initial expenditure of capturing the video footage and sending documents to the GWR, had promised Halim of monetary award subject to the acknowledgement from the Guinness. Yesterday, they delivered on the promise by handing over Tk one lakh for his achievement and Tk 50,000 for the treatment of his ailing son.

Halim's feat of balancing the ball on his head over a distance of 15.2 kilometres at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on October 22 was approved by GWR on January 16, ten days before the official certificate arrived.

An emotion-choked Halim thanked Walton and everyone else involved with this venture. "I want to thank Walton and all others who inspired me to achieve the feat."

"I am preparing myself to secure a new feat like of climbing up a tower with ball balanced on the head. I hope I will be able to improve the image of Bangladesh around the world" said Halim.

## Yuvraj has lung cancer

### Doctor predicts quick recovery

### Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

India's World Cup-winning cricket star Yuvraj Singh should be able to resume training in May after undergoing chemotherapy for a cancerous tumour in the United States, his doctor said on Monday.

Nitesh Rohatgi, a senior Delhi-based oncologist who has been treating the 30-year-old all-rounder, said he was confident he would recover from the malignant tumour located between his lungs.

"It is curable with the help of therapy and will not hinder Yuvraj's career in the long-term," Rohatgi, a consultant of medical oncology at a New Delhi hospital, told reporters.

"I must stress it is not lung cancer. It is located between the two lungs, rather than in the lungs. It's a rare disease, but something which can be cured."

Rohatgi said the cricketer would recover

from the rare condition which is called mediastinal seminoma.

"I am confident he will be cured and return to cricket like before," said Rohatgi, adding that Yuvraj will be able to start active training by May.

Yuvraj on Wednesday starts the third week of a nine-week chemotherapy treatment in the United States and will be able to do light training as he improves, the doctor said.

Left-handed Yuvraj played a key role in India's World Cup triumph last April, scoring 362 runs and taking 15 wickets with his spin bowling to win with the player-of-the-tournament award.

But his family said in November that the all-rounder had been battling a golf ball-sized non-malignant lung tumour which first affected him during the tournament.

Yuvraj, who has not played competitive cricket since taking part in two of three home Tests against the West Indies in November, has so far scored 8,051 runs in 274 one-dayers and 1,775 runs in 37 Tests.

## No respite for India

### Aus thrash tourists in first ODI

### Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

Australia drew first blood in the tri-nation one-day series with a convincing 65-run victory over India at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday.

Debutant Matthew Wade clubbed 67 in a man-of-the-match performance and David Hussey chipped in with a brisk unbeaten 61 as Australia reached 216 for five off a rain-reduced 32 overs.

The Australians had the tourists on the back foot after left-arm paceman Mitchell Starc dismissed Sachin Tendulkar (2) and Gautam Gambhir (5) inside the opening four overs.

India were all out for 151 off 29.4 overs for their sixth loss on their Australian tour, after losing the four-Test series and one of the two Twenty20 internationals.

Wicketkeeper Wade followed up his big-hitting 72 in the Twenty20 series with a belligerent 67 off 69 balls, including two sixes and four fours, to push the home side to a competitive total after afternoon rain reduced the game from its scheduled 50 overs. "The boys are high after the Test series win and we want to keep that up," Wade said.

"I am pretty familiar with the MCG, and it was good to go out there."

David Hussey followed up with a sprightly 61 off 30 balls, including two sixes in the final over off Ravindra Jadeja to have the Australians scoring at 6.75 runs an over.

Australia were 35 for two after 11 overs when rain swept in, but the home side came out blazing after the interruption, adding 181 in 21 overs. Mike Hussey clipped a breezy 45 off 32 balls.

"We knew we only had 21 overs after the break," skipper Michael Clarke said.

"Wade was outstanding on debut. David Hussey continued his form, and Michael Hussey keeps getting runs in all forms of the game. Ricky Ponting is catching well."

Paceman Ranganath Vinay Kumar was the best of India's bowlers with three for 21 off seven overs, while the spinners were clobbered.

Ravi Ashwin went wicketless for 48 from his five overs, leg-spinner Rahul Sharma had one for 44 off 6.2 overs and Jadeja had 41 taken off 16 balls.

India had some early joy, removing the dangerous David Warner for eight, going for a slog only to be bowled by Vinay Kumar, while Ricky Ponting went for two after hitting straight to Suresh Raina at short extra cover off Kumar.

Tendulkar yet again failed to claim his elusive 100th international ton after he was snapped up by Ponting off Starc for two in six balls.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**AUSTRALIA:** 216 for 5 (Wade 67, M Hussey 45, D Hussey 61 not out; Vinay 3-21)

**INDIA:** 151 all out (Kohli c Ponting 31, Rohit 21, Dhoni 29, Jadeja 19; McKay 4-20)

**Result:** Australia won by 65 runs.

**Man-of-the-match:** Matthew Wade.

## World Cup reception on Feb 17

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will be the chief guest in a reception on February 17 to commemorate a year since the successful hosting of the 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup.

The ceremony will be held at the Suhrawardi Indoor Stadium in Mirpur on the same date as the mega event's opening ceremony was held in the capital.

Government officials who had helped out during the World Cup as well as volunteers, security personnel and opening ceremony performers will be invited and given certificates.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board, organisers of the event, has also extended an invitation to ICC president Sharad Pawar and other dignitaries from India.

## C'ship League

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second Division football league.

"It is hard to manage Tk 8 to 10 lakh each month to run the training camp and disburse payments to the players but we are somehow managing," said Uttar Baridhara Club manager Saiful Islam after the match adding that the club would at least need Tk 60 lakh, four times higher than their 2nd Div football league budget, to complete the season.

## Old DOHS

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made a typically quickfire 42 while Nasir Hossain had earlier made a half-century.

At the Fatullah Cricket Stadium, Brothers Union's 267-9 was too much for the Motijheel side who were restricted to 261-8 in 50 overs.

Nazimuddin starred with the bat for the Gopibagh-based team, making 69 off 93 balls.

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- The applicants must possess a good physique.
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## Pak complete Eng

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was dismissed by Rehman for nine.

England had looked for big partnerships after resuming at 36-0 but that never transpired.

Pakistan could have wrapped the match earlier had they not dropped two crucial catches, the first off Strauss on 26 when wicket-keeper Adnan Akmal grassed a simple chance off Gul.

But that didn't hurt Pakistan as Rehman trapped England captain in the very next over. Strauss challenged the decision by Australian umpire Steve Davis but his review failed.

Gul then let off Cook at 24 when he failed to hold a top-edge sweep off Rehman.

Cook had also benefited from a dropped catch on Saturday when Taufiq Umar let him off in the third slip off a miscued drive off Gul when he was four.

### SCOREBOARD

**PAKISTAN:** First innings 99 (Shafiq 45;

Broad 4-36, Anderson 3-35)  
**ENGLAND:** First innings 141 (Strauss 56; Rehman 5-40, Ajmal 3-59)

**PAKISTAN:** Second innings 365 (Azhar 157, Younis 127; Panesar 5-124, Swann 3-101)

**ENGLAND:** Second innings

Strauss lbw b Rehman	26
Cook c Younis b Ajmal	49
Trott c Rehman b Ajmal	18
Pietersen b Ajmal	18
Bell c Shafiq b Gul	10
Morgan c Adnan b Gul	31
Prior not out	49
Broad c Umar b Gul	18
Swann c Shafiq b Gul	1
Anderson c Younis b Ajmal	9
Panesar lbw b Rehman	8
Extras: (b-4, lb-8, nb-3)	15
Total: (All out in 97.3 overs)	252

Full of wickets: 1-48, 2-85, 3-116, 4-119, 5-156, 6-159, 7-196, 8-203, 9-237.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gul	20	5	61	4
Cheema	4	0	9	0
Hafeez	5	2	6	0
Rehman	41.3	10	97	2
Ajmal	27	9	67	4

**Result:** Pakistan won by 71 runs and clinched three-match series 3-0.  
**Man-of-the-match:** Azhar Ali.  
**Man-of-the-series:** Saeed Ajmal.

## Glitzy opening

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Chittagong Kings locking horns with Duronto Rajshahi at 6.30pm.

"The duration of the opening ceremony will be nearly three hours and I hope everyone will enjoy it. The silver screen stars and singers from India and Bangladesh will perform in the show. There will also be a segment dedicated to the International Mother Language Day," informed Gazi Ashraf Hossain, chairman of the BPL governing body, yesterday.

Bipasha Basu, Malaika Arora Khan, Ritu Parna Sengupta from India while Shamim Ara Nipa and Shibli Mohammad, Shakib Khan and Apu Bishwas from Bangladesh confirmed their participation in the opening extravaganza.

Indian singers Bappi Lahiri and Shaan also confirmed their participation along with Ayub Bacchu, Milla and popular band Miles from Bangladesh.

BPL opening ceremony tickets went on sale yesterday at the ten different branches of Dhaka Bank in Dhaka City only.

The opening ceremony will start from 6pm.

Meanwhile, foreign cricketers and experts have already started to arrive in the capital as Michael Baven, Dean Jones, Sanath Jayasuriya, Robin Singh, Rana Naved-ul-Hasan arrived in the capital while South African Herschelle Gibbs, West Indian Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Pakistani Azhar Mahmood are expected to arrive today.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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