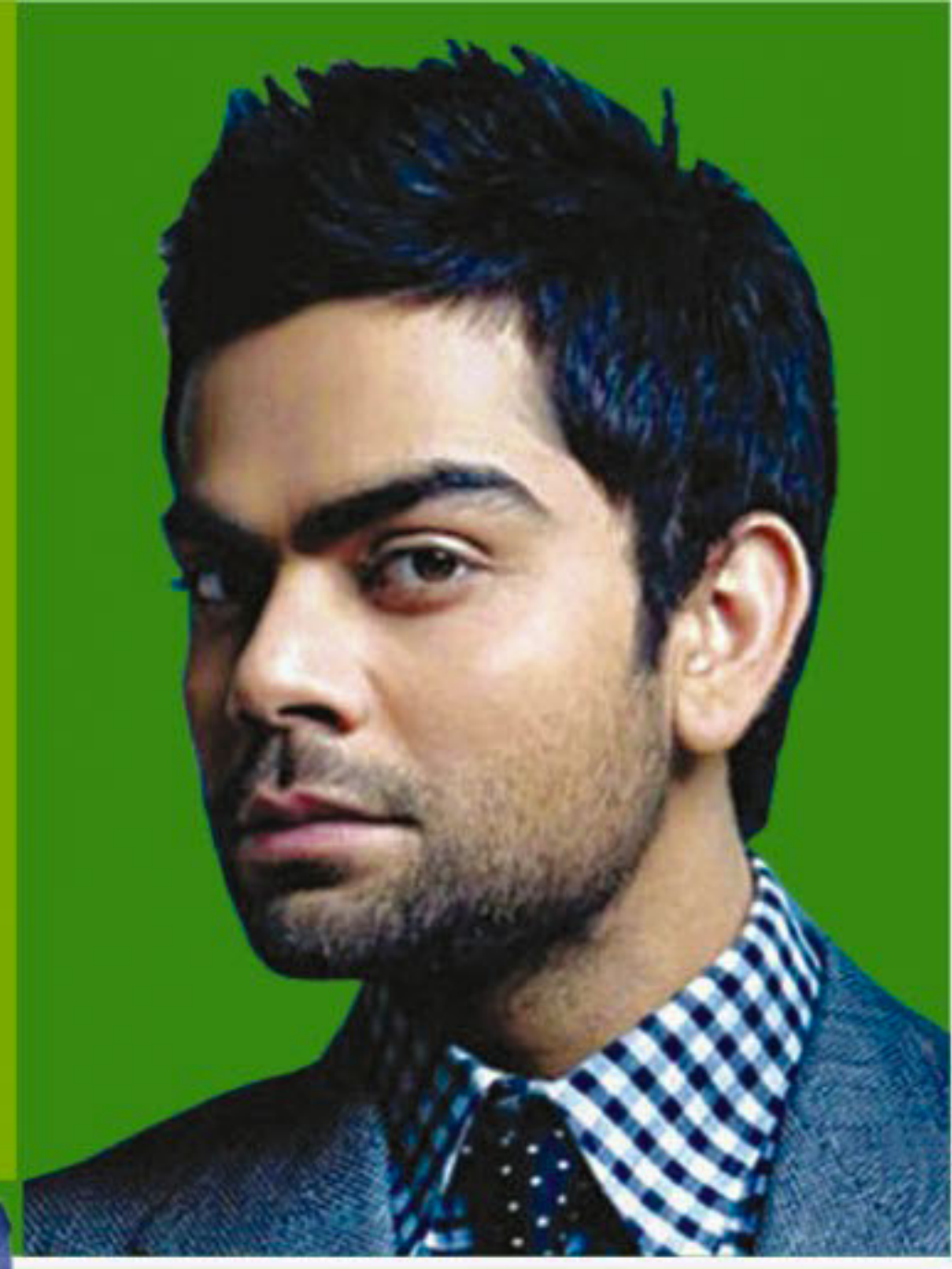


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Kohli, Obama on same list

Virat Kohli has had a tough few months in Australia. If he was looking for some light entertainment to take his mind off things, he might just have got it from an unexpected quarter: he has been named one of the '10 best dressed international men' by men's lifestyle magazine GQ. The latest issue of the magazine, which says that Kohli is as famous in India for his style as he is for his batting, puts the batsman at No. 3 on the list along with actors like Ryan Gosling, Vincent Cassel and US president



Kings thrive on Jamshed

SPORTS REPORTER

Chittagong Kings raced to their second consecutive win by beating Khulna Royal Bengals by six wickets in the Bangladesh Premier League yesterday.

Nasir Jamshed, their Pakistani opener, once again played an excellent hand through his unbeaten 86 off 47 balls, carrying Chittagong to 174-4 in 19.1 overs after Khulna made 171-3 in their 20 overs.

Chittagong suffered a blow before the match started as their icon player Tamim Iqbal was ruled out due to a groin injury.

Despite the nature of the match, the sparse crowd remained the most disappointing feature of the competition. Except for a section of the eastern gallery, none of the stands filled up for a game that went down to the wire.

Chittagong opener Jamshed blasted ten boundaries and three sixes, adding 88 runs off 52 balls for the second wicket with English batsman Jason Roy, who contributed with a 29-ball 36. Later, his unbroken 44-run stand with Faisal Hossain completed the chase with five balls to spare.

Left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak ended with excellent figures of 2-7 from his two overs but Shakib didn't use his senior spin-

ning partner (or even himself) towards the business end of the game.

Jamshed, who made 56 in the first game against Duronto Rajshahi, was happy that the BPL is being telecast regularly back home.

"Everyone is watching in Pakistan and I hope that I get a call-up in the Asia Cup [next month] as the PCB should also be watching," said the man who has been playing in the Dhaka Premier League for the past four seasons.

"I have played one season in Biman but for the last three years I have been playing for Khaled Mahmud. I know his ways and I'm very settled how he plays," said Jamshed.

Earlier, Khulna began with the unusual sight of Shivnarine Chanderpaul outscoring and batting more aggressively than his opening partner Herschelle Gibbs.

The Guyanese veteran struck three sixes and five boundaries in his 50-ball 59 while the veteran South African was sedate at 34 off 29 balls. Dwayne Smith later blasted an unbeaten 39 off 26 balls but it was still not enough to take the score past the 180-mark.

BRIEF SCORES

KHULNA: 171-3 in 20 overs (Chanderpaul 59, Smith 39 not out; Riyad 2-18, Bravo 1-34). **CHITTAGONG:** 174-4 in 19.1 overs (Jamshed 86 not out, Roy 36; Razzak 2-7, Shafiq 1-36). **Result:** Chittagong won by six wickets. **Man-of-the-match:** Nasir Jamshed.



Chittagong Kings opener Nasir Jamshed hammers the ball down the ground during his whirlwind innings of 86 in the BPL T20 match against Khulna Royal Bengals at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Football in possession of NBR

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation is facing acute shortage of football to meet the demand of different football associations as some 1000 footballs provided by FIFA lay in wait for clearance at the Shah Jalal International Airport.

Those footballs have not been released yet following no-clearance from the national board of revenue though the BFF on December 20 requested the NBR for full exemption of vat and tax on the footballs that came as gift from FIFA.

"We are calling on them (NBR) everyday for the clearance of those footballs but they are turning a deaf ear to our requests," said BFF's acting general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag yesterday.

The NBR is allegedly dilly-dallying with the clearance of the footballs ever since the balls arrived on December 18.

"We currently need at least 100 footballs to meet the demand of different football associations which are running district football around the country," added Shohag.

Siddikur's false start

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's best golfer Siddikur Rahman finished his first event of the Asian Tour calendar, the ICTSI Philippine Open, on a lowly 41st place. The 27-year old endured a three-over (75) in the last round at the tricky Wack Wack Golf and Country Club in Manila yesterday, to finish with an aggregate of nine-over (297). Siddikur went without an under-par round over the four rounds that saw him trail the eventual winner Mardan Mamat of Singapore by a massive 17 strokes.

Siddikur managed only five birdies over the four rounds in the tricky course as opposed to a staggering 10 bogeys and two double bogeys. The other Bangladeshi participant in the event, qualifier Shakawat Hossain Sohail failed to make the cut with an 81st place finish.

Anamul lights up dull affair

SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka Gladiators picked up their first win in the Bangladesh Premier League when they crushed Sylhet Royals in a 7-wicket victory at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

Sylhet have now lost both their games after suffering at the hands of Chris Gayle in the tournament opener on Friday while Dhaka bounced back after their first game loss to Khulna on Saturday.

Young Anamul Haque Bijoy led Dhaka's 125-run chase with 48 off 38 balls, with Mohammad Ashraful closing off the game in the 19th over with a flicked six. Sylhet had earlier been bowled out for 124 runs in 19.5 overs.

Bijoy struck three boundaries and four sixes, some of the straight hitting quite impressive in a display that earned him the man-of-the-match award, the first local player to get the honour in the BPL. Imran Nazir earlier smashed five boundaries in his

20-ball 26, ended only by Brad Hogg who trapped him leg-before.

Earlier, the first ten overs of the Sylhet innings which saw them losing five wickets set the tone for the rest of the match. Azhar Mahmood trapped Kamran Akmal leg-before in the second over with skipper Peter Trego, Imrul Kayes and Alok Kapali quickly following suit.

For Sylhet, only Naeem Islam looked comfortable making a 24-ball 30 with the help of two sixes and two fours.

Dhaka captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza was the star of the show, picking up two wickets and effecting a run-out. In fact, Sylhet lost four wickets to run-outs while Kieron Pollard, Elias Sunny and Mohammad Ashraful took one each.

BRIEF SCORES

SYLHET: 124 all out in 19.5 overs (Naeem 30, Imrul 23; Mashrafe 2-22). **DHAKA:** 126-3 in 18.2 overs (Bijoy 48, Nazir 26; Hogg 1-19). **Result:** Dhaka won by seven wickets. **Man-of-the-match:** Anamul Haque Bijoy

Concert at Kamalapur again!

SPORTS REPORTER

While the Bangladesh Football Federation toils hard to keep the pitch of the Kamalapur Stadium in shape with a hectic schedule, the National Sports Council (NSC) has seemingly made the job tougher for BFF by allotting the stadium to Glamour Media to arrange a concert on February 17.

Organisers often allege the playing surface of the stadium is uneven and not playable and these sort of programs have in the past done a great deal of harm to it.

The BFF claimed that the NSC has leased the ground without their consent but the NSC refuted the claim.

The BSMKS is hosting two leagues -- Bangladesh Championship League and Destiny Group Second Division Football League simultaneously and there is no fixture on January 17.

Cool MS clinches win

Cricket

AFP, Adelaide

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni again proved the man for the occasion as he lifted his side to an extraordinary win over Australia in their tri-series one-day international in Adelaide on Sunday.

Australia made 269-8 after winning the toss, but India replied with their best ever run chase at the Adelaide Oval to win with two balls to spare.

The Indians looked beaten when they needed 13 off the last over and managed just a single from the first two deliveries from paceman Clint McKay, who had been the best of the Australian bowlers.

Dhoni turned down the opportunity of a second run from the second ball of the over, wanting to be on strike.

He lived up to his confidence when he hit a massive six down the ground from the next ball to suddenly slash the target in half with three balls remaining.

Dhoni was caught on the mid-wicket boundary from the next ball, but it was called a no-ball for being a full toss above waist high, the Indian batsmen running two and collecting a third run for the sundry.

With three balls still remaining, Dhoni flicked the next ball into the leg side for the winning three runs to cap a remarkable comeback and their best performance of a generally disastrous tour.

Dhoni, also the hero with the bat in last year's World Cup final win, had barely taken a risk until the last over as he tried to be the anchor for the late run chase, and finished with 44 not out from 58 balls.

Australian captain Michael Clarke was not surprised Dhoni made his side pay for what he believed was a disappointing effort with bat and ball.

"Dhoni is a very good one-day player," he said. "We were 10-20 runs short and the fielding was sloppy."

While Dhoni got India home, opener and man of the match Gautam Gambhir, recalled at the expense of champion Sachin Tendulkar, laid the foundation with 92 from 111 balls.

He was unlucky to miss a century as he looked unfortunate to be adjudged leg before wicket to McKay.

Tendulkar was rested under India's rotation policy, denying the 38-year-old another chance to score his long-awaited 100th international century.

Gambhir said the Indians always believed in their skipper in tight finishes.

"Cometh the hour, the most important

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Meeting for a nat'l football academy

SPORTS REPORTER

In a bid to setting up a national football academy under the sixth five-year plan, the Youth and Sports Ministry yesterday held a review meeting in presence of the officials of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) and the National Sports Council (NSC).

BFF president Kazi Salahuddin informed that the meeting discussed different aspects of setting up a national football academy to be built under the five-year plan and BFF would provide technical support.

Salahuddin also informed that the ministry came up with the offer two years ago when BFF requested the sports ministry to lease the Sylhet BKSP for football activities.

"According to the agreement, we will have to leave the Sylhet BKSP and go to our own football academy after five years and if the national football academy is ready within this time, then the football academy at Sylhet BKSP will be shifted to the national football academy," said Salahuddin adding that he urged the ministry to provide them with 100,000 dollars per month to run the academy.

Both the ministry and the BFF will jointly conduct a feasibility study on the academy and prepare a report accordingly.

Meanwhile, the football's governing body has yet to start activities at the Sylhet football academy due to financial constraint though scouting for players was supposed to get underway from January.

"I can't tell you exactly when the Sylhet football academy will start as I am still searching for sponsors," said Salahuddin.

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Dhaka Gladiators skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza sprints off to celebrate one of his two scalps against Sylhet Royals in their BPL T20 match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

LOCAL snippets

SPORTS REPORTER

Mahabubur Titu scored a brace as Wari Club came from behind to beat Victoria Sporting Club 2-1 in their Premier Bank Bangladesh Championship League match at the Birshreshtha Shahid Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Titu's 51st minute goal cancelled the deficit as Wari had taken a 28th-minute lead through AH Razu. Titu hit again with two minutes remaining to normal time to ensure a hard-earned victory for the Old Dhaka outfit.

Div-II football

BG Press Sports and Recreation Club eked out a solitary goal victory over Little Friends Club in their Destiny Group Dhaka Metropolitan 2nd Division Football League match at the Birshreshtha Shahid Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Biplob Hossain Billu scored the all-important goal in the 50th minute of the match.

Women's Div-I handball

Mariner Youngs Club earned their second consecutive victory in the Cute Metropolis First Division Women's Handball Super League crushing Jatrabari KC by a massive 44-3 goals at the Handball Stadium yesterday.

Mariner Youngs dominated the first half taking a 14-2 goal lead.

Shahida scored 14 goals and Rosy grabbed nine for the winners while Shakhi netted two goals for the losing side.

Metropolis School Hockey

Kashaitolly Muslim Academy outplayed Nahar Academy by 5-0 goals in the last match of the first phase of Shah Sports Metropolis School Hockey Tournament at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Prince Lal Samanta scored a second half hat-trick while Sajit Das and Asif Haider netted the other two goals for the winners.