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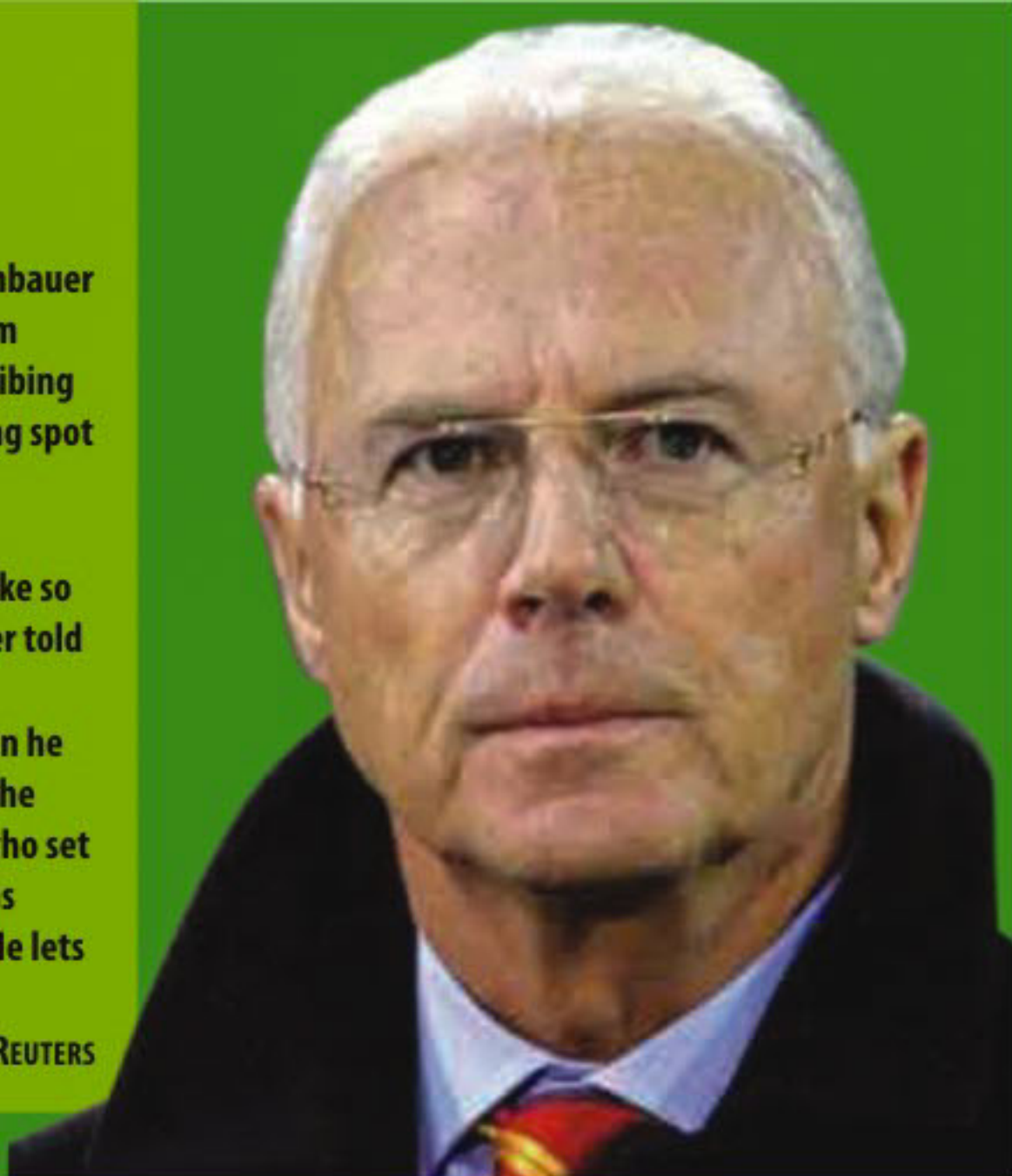
Kaiser slates Robben

Bayern Munich great Franz Beckenbauer has criticised the club's out-of-form Dutch winger Arjen Robben, describing him selfish after he lost his starting spot in the past few games.

"He has played away some of his recognition. He is selfish like so many others," Beckenbauer told Sky on Monday.

"His reaction alone to when he has a good effort or scores a goal; he does not run towards the player who set him up to score but instead he runs towards his family in the stands. He lets the team run after him."

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Gladiators powered by Pollard

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Dhaka Gladiators registered their second consecutive victory in the Bangladesh Premier League T20 when they handed the high-flying Chittagong Kings a six-wicket defeat at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Chittagong Kings suffered their first defeat in three matches as an unbeaten 95run fifth wicket partnership between Darren Stevens and Kieron Pollard guided Dhaka to the target of 156 for four with one over to spare.

Pollard smashed three sixes and as many fours to score an unbeaten 50 off 34 balls while Englishman Stevens was not out on 43 off 38 balls that featured two fours and two sixes.

Mohammad Ashraful also looked in touch but fell victim of a run-out when he was going for a cheeky single but his partner didn't respond from the non-striker's end. Ashraful hit 28 off 14 balls that contained two sweetly-timed sixes.

Left-arm spinner Arafat Sunny took two wickets.

Earlier, Kings' innings was built around a 49-run

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Khulna Royal Bengals paceman Shafiul Islam takes off in celebration of the big wicket of Chris Gayle during their BPL T20 match against Barisal Burners at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Khulna halt Barisal march

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Pacer Shafiul Islam initiated an early blow from which Barisal Burners failed to recover and consequently suffered their first defeat at the hands of Khulna Royal Bengals in the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) T20 at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

West Indies batsman Dwayne Smith won the man-of-the-match award for his unbeaten 41-ball 58 which helped Shakib Al Hasan's Khulna Royal Bengals sail to an easy seven-wicket victory and stopp

Barisal's winning spree as eclipsed Barisal's 125 all out with 131 for three and 16 balls to spare.

But it was lanky paceman Shafiul who laid the platform for Khulna to bounce back in emphatic fashion after losing the previous game against the Chittagong Kings. Dashing opening pair Chris Gayle and Ahmed Shehzad played the pivotal roles behind Barisal's success in the first two games but Shafiul removed both the openers cheaply by the time the score reached 13 in 4.2 overs. The Barisal middle-order could not repair the damage to put up a fighting total, and were only able to score 125 because of Mominul

Haque, who was magnificent during his innings of 42 off 24 balls.

It was fantastic to watch the 20-year old left-hander and the way he executed shots during his impressive knock. The young left-hander swept Shakib through fine leg to hit his first boundary and it was eye-catching when he slogged Sanath Jayasuriya over square leg for the maximum.

Mominul then smashed two consecutive boundaries against pacer Andre Russell and hammered a six over long on against the same bowler in his next over before he mistimed a scoop against Shahadat Hossain to

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Rajshahi slow off the mark

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Rajshahi can be the most successful domestic team, but in the BPL T20 competition, they have not been up to the mark in the first week.

The four-time first-class champions' Twenty20 franchise Duronto Rajshahi have lost both the games of the glitzy competition and moreover, have looked ordinary both with the bat and in the field. They lost to Chittagong Kings convincingly on the first night before sinking to Barisal Burners.

Against Chittagong they dropped as many as six catches, some of them too simple for professional cricketers and while that wasn't the biggest problem against Barisal, their batting floundered in the face of disciplined bowling.

Rajshahi's Pakistani all-rounder Abdul Razzaq yesterday said that they don't have a proper spinner in their ranks.

"The tournament has only started so it'll take time be coordinated. We don't have a really good spinner and that is our biggest weakness," said Razzaq.

Left-arm spinner Saqlain Sajib has played both matches and remained wicketless,

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Mashrafe on thin ice?

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Mashrafe Bin Mortaza could be in hot water since the primary investigation of his spot-fixing allegations almost entirely hinges on his statement.

The former national captain had revealed to two Bangla dailies last week that a fellow cricketer had approached him with a spot-fixing offer during the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL). After his claims, the governing council of the T20 competition launched an investigation into the matter appointing a four-member committee that is speaking to those named in the incident.

At this stage, it is Mashrafe's words against those of the accused. It was learned that the committee has had sittings with the former cricketers, who have delivered varied statements. A source has disclosed that while one of them has laughed off the allegation as a joke, another had an emotional breakdown in front of the panel. One of the accused has also refused point-blanked the claims, saying such an incident (ex-players meeting Mashrafe in the Bangladesh Biman dressing room earlier this month) never took place.

Sirajuddin Mohammad Alamgir, BPL governing council secretary, said that the public statement before proper investigation is now appearing to be the biggest obstacle.

"You can't tell the media without going through proper investigation," said Alamgir yesterday. "When it goes out in public, the truth of the allegation may not be ascertained beyond doubt."

"The names he [Mashrafe] has taken, it has put those individuals' lives and social standing in doubt. As a result, Mashrafe has to take responsibility. I still believe he could have told us first before the media," explained the BCB director who said that by divulging key information, Mashrafe has breached the board's code of conduct.

There is no doubt that the matter is now delicately poised but the BCB has little to do in this enquiry. They will pass on

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