

## Donald not interested in BD job

CRICINFO, Johannesburg

Allan Donald, the South Africa bowling coach, has refuted claims linking him to the Bangladesh coaching job. Donald, along with Mick Newell and Dermot Reeve, was understood to be on the Bangladesh Cricket Board's wish list but said he will not consider the offer if he is approached.

"I have not had any approach but I would not be interested," Donald told ESPNcricinfo. "I am doing a job I always wanted to be involved in and I have no inclination to make a move. My interest is with South Africa and I won't give that up at all."

Donald was named South Africa's bowling coach in June last year, when the national team management underwent a complete change of guard. Gary Kirsten replaced Corrie van Zyl as coach and headhunted his former teammate Donald.

At the time, Donald was in the process of finalising an agreement with New Zealand, where he had worked as bowling coach. Donald was part of the New Zealand management when they defeated South Africa in the 2011 World Cup quarterfinals and was on the verge of signing for a full-time role when Kirsten came calling. Donald immediately cancelled his deal with New Zealand to take up a position which he said he "always wanted to do."

Donald had previously had roles as England bowling consultant and had done work in Zimbabwe but had not coached in South Africa, even at domestic level. He had often expressed his desire to work in the country he had played for, but opportunities were few. Only when Kirsten chose to involve him did Donald get a taste of coaching in South Africa.

Donald has also been allowed to explore other options while with South Africa. He is currently in India for the IPL, where he is working as Pune Warriors' bowling coach.

Donald is the second South African bowling coach to catch the BCB's eye. They also targeted Vincent Barnes, who was South Africa's bowling coach for eight years from 2003, when Jamie Siddons resigned mid-2011. Barnes turned down the Bangladesh job and opted for a role at South Africa's High Performance Centre instead.

## Surendranath passes away

CRICINFO, New Delhi

Surendranath, the former Indian fast bowler, has died aged 75 following prolonged illness. He played 11 Tests for India between 1959 and 1961, and also had a 15-year first-class career with Services that ended in 1969.

The highlight of Surendranath's career was the tour of England in 1959, during which he took 16 wickets at 26.62 though India were blanked in the five-match Test series. He was renowned for his ability to bowl long spells, as shown by his back-to-back five-wicket hauls in the England series during which he bowled 47 overs in an innings at Old Trafford and 51 at The Oval. He was the second highest wicket-taker in the first-class matches on that tour, with 79 scalps, only behind leg-spinner Subhash Gupte.

Surendranath was also a part of home series against West Indies, Australia and Pakistan. He had success in his first Test against Pakistan, in Kolkata in 1960-61, but his international career ended a fortnight later as he couldn't make much of an impact in the next Test in Chennai.



Mumbai Indians batsman Sachin Tendulkar flays the ball down the ground during his 74 in their IPL match against Chennai Super Kings at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

# Smith steals a thriller

PTI, Mumbai



A mammoth 126-run stand for the second wicket between Sachin Tendulkar (74 off 44) and Rohit Sharma (60 off 46) almost went in vain before Dwayne Smith smashed two boundaries off the last two balls of the match to register a win against Chennai Super Kings by 2 wickets, here on Sunday.

It was not all tense when the chase of 174 began. Mumbai Indians could not have hoped for a better start despite Ben Hilfenhaus removing James Franklin (1 off 9) in the third over. Rohit Sharma and Sachin Tendulkar brought all their experience to the middle as they pushed Chennai on the back-foot with aggressive ease.

The two batsmen spared none as Albie Morkel, Shadab Jakati and R Ashwin were dispatched to the boundary with ease. Sachin was the first to reach the fifty-run mark while Rohit followed soon after.

Once Sachin was caught by Faf du Plessis off Ashwin's bowling in the 17th over, the match turned on its head. Ambatti Rayudu was bowled by Ravindra Jadeja while in-form Rohit was cleaned up by the same bowler in the same over.

From here, Chennai tried hard to stop the hard hits but Smith had other ideas. The West Indian smashed a six in the 19th over and followed it up with 14 runs in boundaries off the last three balls of the final over to register a stunning win.

Chennai had not had a bad day of cricket by any stretch of imagination. Though the toss was lost, opener Murali Vijay managed

to wreck the opening attack from Mumbai bowlers and though he lost his partner in Faf du Plessis to an unfortunate run-out, smacked a 29-ball 41 which had four boundaries and three sixes. He even took Munaf Patel for 24 runs off a single over.

The slight slump came when Murali was bowled by RP Singh but Suresh Raina and Dwayne Bravo managed to get the score moving nonetheless.

Raina took just 21 balls for his 36 and had three boundaries and two sixes to his name before Mumbai's James Franklin was able to strike.

MS Dhoni took 10 runs off a Robin Pitersen over to make his intentions clear. He could afford to take chances as Bravo at the other end was already well-set.

The Caribbean smashed a six off Munaf's comeback over and following it up with back-to-back boundaries off Malinga in the 18th over. He was bowled in the same over on 40 but the role had already been played out to perfection.

Dhoni (25 off 15), Albie Morkel (3 off 3), Ravindra Jadeja (9 off 5) and R Ashwin were made to walk back in the ensuing two overs but Chennai still scraped the remains together to post a challenging total.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**CHENNAI SUPER KINGS:** 173 for 8 (Vijay 41, Bravo 40, Raina 36, Dhoni 25; Malinga 3-25, RP 3-28)

**MUMBAI INDIANS:** 174 for 8 (Tendulkar 74, Sharma 60, Smith 24\*; Bravo 2-39, Jadeja 2-120) **Result:** Mumbai Indians won by 2 wickets. **Man-of-the-match:** Dwayne Smith.

## North Bengal champions

SPORTS REPORTER

North Bengal Cricket Academy of Rajshahi emerged unbeaten champions in the Indo-Bangla Under-19 Twenty20 Cricket Tournament after beating Kolkata Sheuri Cricket Academy by 86 runs in the final held at Alipur Duar yesterday.

Winning the toss North Bengal Cricket Academy batted first and scored 157-8 with Mahmud scoring 39 off 19 deliveries.

Mehdi Hasan took four wickets for 19 runs.

In reply, Kolkata Sheuri Cricket Academy could make a mere 71 runs for the loss of nine wickets. Adnan grabbed three wickets in four overs and as a result was adjudged the man-of-the-match while teammate Tareq Islam was picked as the player-of-the-tournament.

A total of eight teams, seven from India and one from Bangladesh, divided into two groups took part in the tournament that began on April 30.

## Messi gift

**FROM PAGE 16** champions Real Madrid who won 2-1 at Granada with a weakened side.

Cristiano Ronaldo scored a penalty, his 45th goal in the league this season, and Granada's David Cortes put through his own net at the end to leave Real on course for a record 100 La Liga points.

## U-22 football

**FROM PAGE 16** while 13 players have been chosen from the Bangladesh Championship League. Most of the players of the professional league come from Brothers Union, Farashganj, Abahani and Mohammedan SC.

National players like Abahani goalkeeper Shahidul Alam Sohel, midfielder Shahedul Alam Shahed, winger Touhidul Alam, striker Shakawat Hossain Rony, Feni Soccer midfielder Shahed Alam, Brothers Union winger Shah Alamgir Anik, striker Abdul Malek, Sheikh Russel KC midfielder Emon Babu and defender Yeamin Munna have also been named in the 50-member squad.

Syed Golam Jilani, who worked as assistant coach to former national coach Nikola Ilievski, is set to take charge of the U-22 side while either Mahbub Hossain Roxy or Golam Rabbani Choton will be his deputy.

# AB thunder stuns Deccan Chargers

SPORTS DESK



If the first game of Sunday's IPL was a thriller then the second between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Deccan Chargers at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium was breathtaking.

The man who produced that breathtaking knock was AB de Villiers. The South African middle-order batsman struck an explosive unbeaten 17-ball 47 to take the game away from the firm grip of Deccan Chargers, who haplessly watched their commanding 182-2 easily floored by the dashing right-hander.

De Villiers launched a magnificent assault in the 18th over with his side Royal Challengers needing a massive 42 runs from the last 18 balls for a win. He greeted his compatriot Dale Steyn with a flat six over mid-wicket; dug out the next delivery (a perfect yorker) for a couple; pierced the third one for four between mid-on and mid-wicket; smashed the fourth ball (a 147k full length delivery) for a six over cover; played an intelligent scoop shot for four down the fine leg boundary before taking a single off the last ball. After clobbering 23 runs, De Villiers was not finished yet.

He then took the attack to Anand Rajan hitting him for successive boundaries before smashing a massive six over mid-wicket. And the equation suddenly changed. The Challengers were left with only two runs from nine more deliveries. De Villiers picked up a single just to allow Syed Mohammed, who was standing at the other end to enjoy the fireworks, to hit the winning runs. Challengers reached 185-5 with seven balls to spare.

Last year it was Chris Gayle for Challengers, this year it's de Villiers.

Chargers clearly had the upper hand when Tillakaratne Dilshan fell after a half-century, their relatively inexperienced bowling attack punching above its weight. But de Villiers brought them down to earth in that game changing 18th over.

Earlier, Shikhar Dhawan struck his third half-century this IPL and delivered a strong opening for his team along with Daniel Harris to set up a competitive total, but one Royal Challengers Bangalore captain backed the hosts to chase on a ground with short boundaries. Virat Kohli took over from Daniel Vettori, who left himself out in favour of an attacking spin option in Muttiah Muralitharan. He decided to field on a track that offered some early movement but eased up thereafter. Chargers responded well, however, ensuring their opponents will be tested in their attempt to raise themselves from the bottom-half of the points table.

Dhawan targeted Prasanth Parameswaran, making his debut for Royal Challengers, charging out of the crease to unsettle the seamer and taking him for two successive fours. There was more to come, as he moved across while Parameswaran struggled with his lengths, scooping him over short fine for a four and a six.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**DECCAN CHARGERS:** 181 for 2 in 20 overs (Dhawan 73, Harris 47, White 45)

**ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE:** 185 for 5 in 18.5 (Dilshan 71, de Villiers 47 not out)

**Result:** Royal Challengers won by five wickets. **Man-of-the-match:** de Villiers

# 40 days disappear

**FROM PAGE 16** in the open: while the team is winning rave reviews of the cricketing public across the world, while international figures are putting their hand up to coach the Tigers and while the topic of many discussions is the excitement that Bangladesh generates as a cricketing nation, the cricket authorities have done the exact opposite and spoiled the momentum.

Interestingly, many of the present-day directors were up in arms with strong quotes and doomsday predictions in 2004

when the BCB failed to run the Dhaka leagues after hosting the Under-19 World Cup. Now they have fingers pointed at them for their lack of courage while facing the top clubs.

It is now or never for the current BCB regime. League cricket has never been played in June so if they take the Super League to next month, it will be the height of incredulity. But that too looks a forlorn hope as there is a lot of doubt about their convincing abilities to bring the clubs back to the field and complete the league.

## I have valid

**FROM PAGE 16** my previous club Mohammedan. In fact I was given the NOC by Mr Lutfur Rahman Badal when I was playing for Mohammedan," Yousuf said in a statement.

"Mr Badal was the then cricket committee chairman of Mohammedan but now he is the chairman of Victoria's governing body. I hope it will remove any confusion that was created by my comments," he added.

Yousuf had earlier stated that he had no role to play in the whole issue.

# MSC's foreign trial



SPORTS REPORTER

Having been boosted by the new foreign recruits, Mohammedan SC recorded a 2-0 win over Rahmatganj MFS yesterday in a friendly match at the BUET ground ahead of the resumption of Grameenphone Bangladesh Premier League.

Mohammedan signed seven new foreign players from Cameroon, Nigeria, Benin and Zambia in the mid-term players' transfers window after releasing the seven Nigerian they had signed in the pre-season transfer. The new players immediately got a chance to prove their worth in their first 90-minute match where Nigerian midfielder Udeh Damiam and attacking midfielder Wasioc of Benin scored one goal each.

"The new recruits are better than the ones who played earlier in the first phase. They are individually better in their respective positions," said Mohammedan coach Emeke.

"I hope, Mohammedan will perform better on the pitch this time because of the combination of new foreign players and the bunch of local players we have," said Emeke expecting that the new players would cope with the weather immediately.

Mohammedan have also signed former national striker Alfaz Ahmed from Team BJMC and the veteran played the last 45 minutes of the friendly where he squandered two chances.

# Whistling Bolt

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The first false start was blamed on the starter while Trinidad and Tobago's Olympic Games 100m silver medalist Richard Thompson was allowed to run under protest after he was ruled to have false started the second time.

Bolt says he is still working on improving the first 40m of the race but says he can always depend on his superior speed over the last 60m to give him the edge.

"The end of my race is the best part. As I run and get fitter it will all come together."

He added he could run faster but that was not important as he will have three more

100m races before Jamaica's Olympic trials in late June.

Blake said he was not sure if he would run the double at the Olympic trials, leaving the decision to coach Mills.

He admitted he was surprised at such a fast time as "normally I open in 20.3 seconds or so. To open with 19.9 is wonderful."

Jeter who came into the meet with the world leading time in the 200m, dominated the women's 100m as Trinidad's Kelly-Ann Baptiste was second in 10.86. Jamaica's Kerron Stewart third in 10.89 seconds.

## bti Int'l golf

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Siddikur, who is the highest ranked player in the event (currently ranked 157th in the world) is expected to face a tough challenge from Sri Lanka's Mithun Pererra, who has been in sparkling form of late.

"This is like a home course for me as I have played here before. I am looking to carry my good form and do well in the tournament," said the youngster, who is a good friend of Siddikur'.

However, there will be tough home competition for Siddikur to contend with in the form of bti-sponsored Shakhawat Hossain Sohel and Zamal Mollah, among others.

## Kulfa start

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Earlier, Manikganj district sports association secretary AFM Sultanul Azam Khan formally inaugurated the league while its cricket sub-committee convener Dipak Ghosh, member-secretary Golam Sarwar Sanu, coach Sayeed Khan Mojlish, Poresh Malakar and Saimum Mia Sumon were present.

## MSC eye

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accommodation apart from 3,000 dollar salary to coach Gerhard.

Mohammedan's arch-rivals Abahani will however keep their faith on Pakistani players and local coach Mahbub Harun while Usha Krira Chakra are bringing Pakistani coach Rana Jahir and players from Pakistan.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

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- Ever-green variety
- Gulf War missile
- Disen-cumber
- Sauce thickener
- Heap
- Individual
- Form into a whole
- Song of David
- Demure
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- Coffee option
- Vex
- Toss the dice
- Ultramod-ernist
- Banish
- Dove's call
- Ham-mer's target
- Flood
- Pie-in-the-face sound
- Pleased

- Flop
- Where-withal
- Settle in a new country
- "A pox upon thee!"
- Pugilist's garment
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- Expert
- Greek vowels
- Clothing store
- depart-ment
- Scarlet
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Organisers speak at a press conference to announce the bti International Golf Championship at the bti head office in Gulshan yesterday. (From L) bti's assistant general manager Ayesha Siddiqua, vice-president of BPGA brigadier general Salim Akhtar (retd), president of BPGA Arshi Haider, managing director of bti FR Khan, general secretary of BPGA brigadier general Abidur Reza Khan (retd) and CEO of Kurmitola Golf Club colonel SM Shawkat Ali (retd).

### CRYPTOQUIP

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** MASSIVE REMNANT OF AN ANCIENT SUPERNOVA EXPLOSION IN THE SHAPE OF A TAXI: THE CAB NEBULA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals T