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## MU unveil new home kit

Manchester United have unveiled their new "gingham" home kit for the 2012/13 season and, as expected, the top part of it was a shirt. But according to people, it's a shirt that looks like a tablecloth or a tea towel.

Nike's press release says:

Manchester United Football club's success has been founded on the traditional values of respect and hard work. From the cotton mills came the gingham fabric, an iconic check that like Manchester United is famous around the world and is now--for the first time--used on a Manchester United home shirt.

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## Shane Tigers' interim coach

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Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) appointed Shane Jurgensen as the interim head coach of the Tigers.

This was decided at the cricket operations committee's meeting which also discussed the proposed tours to Zimbabwe, Europe and Trinidad & Tobago.

"Our bowling coach Shane Jurgensen will look after the national team as the interim head coach until we appoint our next coach," said Enayet Hossain Siraj, chairman of the committee.

The 36-year-old former Queensland fast bowler joined the Tigers in October last year.

"We have also decided to give our proposal regarding Zimbabwe and Ireland trips to the board for approval. We are desperately trying to arrange some international matches for our national team," he added.

He also informed that the training camp will start from

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PHOTO: STAR

Brothers Union's Nigerian striker Kingsley Chigozie (R) runs off to celebrate one of his three goals during his side's Grameenphone Bangladesh Premier League match against Arambagh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Chigozie's treble helped the Oranges win the match 4-3.

## BU prevail in a goal fest

SPORTS REPORTER



Grameenphone Bangladesh Premier League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The Oranges, who looked indifferent in their 4-0 defeat against Rahmatganj MFS in the last match of the first leg, showed tremendous winning mentality as they scored three goals after going 3-1 down, thanks to a hatrick from Nigerian striker Kingsley Chigozie.

The win lifted Brothers to fifth on the points table, with 14 points from 11 matches, while Arambagh remained at the bottom with nine points from same number of matches.

Liberian striker Benjamin Cooper gave Arambagh a frantic start as he scored twice in the opening three minutes, with Nigerian strike-partner Eleta Kingsley proving the source on both occasions.

The first goal came in the opening minute as Cooper curved a left footer from the middle of the box on a forward push from Eleta while the second one came two minutes later, this time Cooper finishing off with a goal mouth stab after being fed with a square pass by Eleta.

Brothers hit back in the 22nd minute when Chigozie placed the ball at the back of the net after it had rebounded off the post from his compatriot Victory Anthony.

But Nigerian midfielder Umokoro Goodwin restored the two-goal cushion by scoring three minutes later. Eleta was again the source of the goal as his back pass was collected by Goodwin who hit the target with grounder.

Brothers midfielder Deedarul Alam made it 3-2 in the 42nd minute, thanks to a deflected free-kick that came his

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## Nabil gets NTC, Badal DC

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Much of the talk before the first executive committee meeting of the newly-elected Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) committee centred around who would get the two more important portfolios -- the National Teams Committee (NTC) and Development Committee (DC). And confirming the news that had leaked out earlier, the NTC would be chaired by vice-president Kazi Nabil Ahmed while the DC would be chaired by Badal Roy, meaning a straight swap between the two.

Badal Roy, who distanced himself from the BFF since winning a marginal electorate in his favour last month, said he was looking forward to the challenge of the development committee as he felt there was more opportunity to work in that sector.

"I think there is a scope of a lot of work in the development committee, much more than National Teams Committee which is why I was always

interested in it. There is a lot of work to be done like overseeing different leagues, age-group teams, the football academy and also the coaches' training," said Badal in his reaction. "However, I would want to make sure that whatever fund comes to the BFF, at least 20 per cent of it goes to the development, so as to make football viable," added Badal.

Nabil, who got arguably the most important job of heading the NTC, was also relishing the new challenge. Nabil, who has been much maligned by quarters for not making a robust impact on the development committee, said he has the experience of running a club and dealing with players and coaches.

"Maybe I'm not a footballer or a technical person, but I have the experience of running a football club [Abahani] for the last nine years. So I think I know the pros and cons of the job," said Nabil.

Refuting a suggestion that the development committee was lacklustre during his tenure as its head,

Nabil said, "None of the work of the development committee was unfinished. This new job is of course a big responsibility as the national image rests with the national team's performance, and I would be looking to perform my duty to the best of my ability."

The third of the four vice-presidents on the current committee, Tabith M Awal, who was nominated as the chairman of Competition Committee, said he was looking forward to the prospect of taking the good work ahead. Tabith also said he would like to bring his business experience to the field of football and expand the scope of the game.

The other vice-president, former footballer Arif Khan Joy though was none too happy with his appointment as the chairman of the Champions Club Cup Football Committee as he let known of his displeasure to the media. Joy has also declined to accept the job, it was learnt.

"The BFF hasn't showed faith in me which is why they did not give me NTC

## Re-election on June 16

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The re-election to the three vacant posts among the four candidates of the Bangladesh Football Federation's executive committee will be held on June 16. The decision was taken in the first meeting of the newly-elected executive committee at the BFF House yesterday.

Arif Hossain Moon, Towfiqul Islam Tofa, Anwarul Haq Helal, Ajmal Ahmed Tapan will vie for the three posts.

The extra-ordinary general meeting will be held on September 5, it was also announced.

Meanwhile, Shamsul Haq Chowdhury will be the team leader of the national U-22 team that will take part in the AFC U-22 qualifiers in Nepal from June 2 while Mohammad Mohsin will lead the national U-14 team that will participate in the AFC U-14 Football Festival in Nepal.

The Bangladesh national team will participate in the 3rd Asian Beach Games which will be held at Haiyang in Shandong, China from June 16 to 22. Abdul Qaiyum Sentu will be the head coach of the team.

## Ansar, BJMC in women's v'ball final

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Bangladesh Ansar and BJMC reached the final of the Walton 21st Women's National Volleyball Championship eliminating their rivals in the semifinals at the Volleyball Stadium yesterday.

In the first semifinal, Ansar defeated Pabna by 25-10, 25-7, 25-13 points while BJMC beat Rajbari 25-19, 25-9, 25-16 to book their final berth.

On the other hand, in the men's third place deciding match, Bangladesh Navy beat Bangladesh Police by 3-2 sets.

Earlier, Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Air Force moved into the final of the Walton 26th Men's National Volleyball Championship. Both the men's and women's finals will be held today.

## Victoria, Serena to fight it out

Tennis

AFP, Madrid

Victoria Azarenka booked her place in a second straight final at the Madrid Masters after stretching her 2012 winning streak over Agnieszka Radwanska to six matches this season with a 6-2, 6-4 victory on Saturday.

The world number one will play for her fifth title of the season when she takes on number nine seed Serena Williams, a 7-6 (7/5), 6-0 winner over Czech qualifier Lucie Hradecka.

Azarenka has tasted victory in just one of seven matches with Williams, who won their last meeting at the 2011 US Open.

Azarenka has lost just one set of 14 played this season against Radwanska and now leads 11-3 overall in their head-to-head series.

The Belarusian top seed advanced in 79 minutes with 29 winners and six breaks of serve, sealing the win on her second match point with a drop-shot that Radwanska could not reach.

"I'm very happy to reach another final. That is always the goal," said the winner. "I've had a lot of

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Belarus tennis star Victoria Azarenka jumps off the ground to complete a backhand return against Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska during their Madrid Masters semifinal at the Magic Box sports complex in Madrid yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## SL can't host Pak-Aussie series

AFP, Karachi

Sri Lanka has dropped plans to host a limited-overs series between Pakistan and Australia in August as it clashes with the island's Premier League, Pakistani cricket officials said Saturday.

"It's disappointing," Pakistan Cricket Board's chief operating officer, Subhan Ahmed, told AFP.

"Initially the SLC [Sri Lanka Cricket] offered to host the series and we stopped negotiating with others."

Since Sri Lanka told Pakistan of its decision Friday, Pakistan had started negotiations with other countries about hosting the series, including the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Malaysia, he said.

"We are looking for other venues to host Australia... and hope to finalise it soon," said Ahmed.

Pakistan is due to play five one-day and three Twenty20 matches against Australia from mid-August, the dates of which are yet to be finalised.

Pakistan has been a "no go" zone for international teams since March 2009 terrorists attacks on the Sri Lankan team bus in Lahore, which left eight people dead and wounded seven visiting players and their assistant coach.

Pakistan has since had to play its home games in neutral venues such as the UAE, England and New Zealand.

Even before the 2009 attack, foreign teams had refused to tour Pakistan in the wake of the 9/11 attacks on the United States in 2001 that sparked security concerns in and around the country.

Australia has not toured Pakistan since 1998 and forced their hosts to play in Sri Lanka, the UAE and England.

Ahmed said that playing the upcoming series in Sri Lanka after its Premier League was not an option as the country would then be preparing to host the World Twenty20, from September