



Mohammedan striker Russel Mahmud Jimmy (C) speeds with the ball during their 16-0 thrashing of Bangladesh Police in the Club Cup Hockey Tournament at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

MSC win big

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan SC continued their domination in the Walton Club Cup Hockey Tournament with a 16-0 thrashing of Bangladesh Police at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday. The star-studded side took an 8-0 lead in the first half, thanks to a hattrick from penalty corner specialist Mamunur Rahman Chayan.

Chayan went on to score four more goals while Golam Mostafa Manik scored three and Sheikh Mohammad Nannu slotted two. The other goals came from Russel Mahmud Jimmy, Kamruzzaman Rana, Imran Hasan Pintu and Rasel.

The other match of the day at the same venue between Sonali Bank and Wariner Youngs Club finished 7-3 in favour of Sonali Bank. Their Pakistani recruit Shahjad Nasir scored three field goals.

There are two matches to be played today. Usha KC will take on Wari Club while Abahani will play against Ajax SC in the two matches.

Team first

FROM PAGE 16 to be fully prepared," he said.

His first assignment will be the unofficial tri-series in Zimbabwe which also involves South Africa, and Pybus was happy to get his troops around him during his first days in charge.

"It is always nice to get away with a group of players rather than play at home, the distractions you have when you're at home.

"It will be an opportunity for players to play high-level cricket and it'll be an opportunity for me to see how the team works.

"I don't want to change anything until I find out how it works. It's a fantastic opportunity for me to spend time with the boys, which I wouldn't get naturally playing at home," he said.

BCB chief Kamal also assured Pybus that he will be able to work independently.

"We have told him that the board will not interfere in his work. He can design everything according to his wish. If the board feels everything is okay, he can work properly. We will give him all-out support," he said.

Rangers beat

FROM PAGE 16 defeat for Hornets as they lost to The Gregarious by 120-45 points in the late match on Sunday night. Mithun scored highest 41 points while Morshed netted 25 points for the winning side in that match.

Bangladesh

FROM PAGE 16 advance to the finals.

The BFF has yet to decide whether to resume the training camp for the U-22 which was suspended on March 28 following the tournament's deferment.

Sachin Tendulkar, MP



AFP, New Delhi

Indian cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar was sworn in as a member of the upper house of parliament on Monday, but he vowed to put his on-field performance before any political activity.

Tendulkar, who is worshipped by millions of avid cricket fans in India, was appointed to the Rajya Sabha for a seat theoretically reserved for people who distinguish themselves in the fields of arts, science or social service.

"It is an honour which I accept with full respect but I am here because of my cricketing career," he said after the low-key ceremony. "I cannot take any focus away from my cricket because that is where it all started for me."

Tendulkar, 39, no longer plays international Twenty20 cricket but is still one of the world's leading one-day international and Test match players and he competed in the recent Indian Premier League season.

He is the first active sportsman to serve in India's upper house and on Monday he repeated that he had no immediate plans to retire.

"I am in a better position not only to help cricket but also other sports in the country," he said. "I would be happy if I am remembered [as] someone who has contributed to all sports in India rather than just my cricket statistics."

Tendulkar has previously been careful to steer well clear of India's often bitter political world, and it remains unclear how much he will participate in parliament after his playing days are over.

When he was nominated in April, the Times of India said the gesture made "little sense" while some opposition lawmakers accused the government of crass populist politics.

Om Mathur, a member of parliament for the main opposition BJP, said at the time that Tendulkar was being used by the ruling Congress party to boost its support in the cricketer's home state of Maharashtra.

Tendulkar is the world's highest run-scorer in both Test and one-day cricket and in March became the first batsman to complete 100 international centuries -- 51 in

Tests and 49 in one-dayers.

The cricketing world first took notice of the child prodigy when, aged 17 and playing only his ninth Test, he hit a match-saving 119 not out against England at Old Trafford in 1990.

Since then he has been revered in India as a demi-god and has lived with the intense pressure of the cricket-obsessed public believing that every time he comes in to bat he will win the game for his team.

Despite such challenges, the "master blaster" has retained a reputation as a hon-



PHOTO: AFP

India's superstar cricketer Sachin Tendulkar takes oath as a member of the upper house of parliament in New Delhi yesterday.

est and humble family man who is involved in a variety of charity work.

His only weakness is said to be an insatiable love of fast cars which he reportedly drives around the streets of Mumbai in the early hours to avoid attracting attention.

Tendulkar was sworn in on Monday by Hamid Ansari, India's vice president and the chairman of the upper house, in presence of his wife Anjali and lawmakers who presented him with a yellow silk shawl after the ceremony.

Phelps betters own WR



AP, Austin

Michael Phelps erased the pool record that was also his first world record with a finish of 1 minute, 54.79 seconds in Sunday's 200-metre butterfly final.

The 14-time Olympic gold medalist led the entire way, touching the wall ahead of China's Wu Peng, who finished in 1:56.71, and Neil Caskey in 1:59.82.

"I wanted my record to stand," Phelps said afterwards. "I wanted the pool record to stand just because that was my first world record."

Phelps set the old record of 1:54.92 as a 15-year-old in 2001 qualifying for that year's FINA World Aquatics Championship. He would break his own world record and become world champion for the first time later that summer at the competition in Japan.

"This is kind of where everything started going," Phelps said. "This is a great pool for me."

It was the third win for Phelps at the three-day meet, his last before the US Olympic Trials that begin June 25 in Omaha. On Friday, he also won the 100 butterfly and placed second in the 100 freestyle and on Saturday he won the gruelling 400m individual medley.

"Over the weekend I hadn't had that great of swims," Phelps said. "Hopefully, going into trials we can fix that and be ready like this every day."

Phelps did not compete in the 200 individual medley, saying that he wanted to focus on the butterfly on his last day before returning to training in Colorado Springs.

Brendan Hansen, who won Olympic gold in Beijing as part of the 400m medley relay with Phelps, won Sunday's 100 backstroke in 1:01.16.

Texas A&M's Cammille Adams won the women's 200 butterfly in 2:07.35, missing by less than one second the pool record she owns. In the 100 backstroke, Megan Romano swam the fastest time in the world so far this year, winning in 1:00.19.

Abahani held

FROM PAGE 16 Abbas Inusha's foul on Da Silva inside the box, but winger Zahid Hossain blasted the kick against the post.

However, Abahani did find the equaliser on the sixteenth minute through Da Silva who rose high to head home a well-judged cross from Touhidul Alam from the left flank.

After resumption, the Abahani players grew tired while Sheikh Russel stepped up the attack. Cameroonian midfielder Frank Olivier rattled Abahani crosspiece in the 70th minute before Abahani defender Linkon tired his luck from distance that drifted away.

Sheikh Russel almost restored their lead in the 86th minute when Olivier put a through-pass for substitute Mohammad Yousuf who entered the box to let loose a powerful shot but Abahani goalkeeper Al Hasan brilliantly fisted it away for a corner to ensure one point from the game.

Li fails, Maria sails



AGENCIES, Paris

Defending champion Li Na of China crashed out of the French Open on Monday, losing 3-6, 6-2, 6-0 to unseeded Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan in the fourth round and dashing Asia's hopes of a second Grand Slam title.

Shvedova, the world number 142, will play either Varvara Lepchenko of the United States or fourth seed Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic for a place in the semifinals and is the last qualifier standing at Roland Garros.

Li, the 30-year-old world number seven and a superstar in her homeland, was attempting to be the first French Open women's champion to successfully defend the title since Justine Henin in 2007.

But Li found it tough to cope with the cold and breezy conditions at Suzanne Lenglen court and a 24-year-old opponent with nothing to lose.

After a confident start, Li had a spectacular meltdown in the second set and never recovered, notching 41 errors and ending up broken seven times.

Li, the second biggest earner in

women's sport next to Maria Sharapova thanks to China's massive market, was the first Asian to win a singles title in a major and her victory at Roland Garros last year encouraged many Chinese girls to take up tennis.

Shvedova had also made it to the Roland Garros quarterfinals in 2010, her first time in a Grand Slam last eight.

Maria Sharapova struggled into the quarterfinals on Monday, defeating Czech veteran Klara Zakopalova 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 6-2 in an error-scarred clash which featured 21 breaks of serve.

The Russian second seed, seeking a Roland Garros title to complete a career Grand Slam, goes on to face either Estonian 23rd seed Kaia Kanepi or Arantxa Rus of the Netherlands for a place in the semifinals.

But she will be hoping for an improvement in conditions in Wednesday's quarterfinal after a stiff wind and bitter cold, which saw temperatures dip to a chilly 14 degrees, played havoc with her game, temper and movement.

The statistics of Monday's match on Philippe Chatrier court told a grim tale.

Sharapova finished with 53 unforced errors to her opponent's 48 and served up 12 double faults against seven.

With serve constantly under siege,

Sharapova carved out 31 break points in total, converting 12.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga followed up a long night of worrying with a short day of tennis.

In the end, everything turned out OK for France's favourite player.

The No. 5 seed returned to Roland Garros on Monday and finished off a five-set victory over No. 18 Stanislas Wawrinka, quickly dropping a service break but rebounding to win the last two games of a match that was suspended by darkness the night before.

Tsonga led 4-2 in the fifth when play resumed and won 6-4, 7-6 (6), 3-6, 3-6, 6-4 to advance to the French Open quarterfinals, with a meeting against No. 1 Novak Djokovic up next.

Other winners Monday included 12th-seeded Nicolas Pietrangeli, who defeated No. 8 Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. Another Spaniard, sixth-seeded David Ferrer, wiped out No. 20 Marcel Granollers 6-3, 6-2, 6-0. Ferrer has dropped only 25 games en route to the quarterfinals.

Like Tsonga, Juan Martin del Potro returned to finish his match Monday. The No. 9 seed won the fourth set to close out a victory over No. 7 Tomas Berdych, 7-6 (6), 1-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Pakistan keep Tanvir for ODIs

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan on Monday added Sohail Tanvir to the one-day squad against Sri Lanka after the left-arm paceman excelled in the Twenty20 series draw.

The 27-year-old fast bowler failed to make the original one-day squad but was included at the request of team managers. Tanvir replaced opener Nasir Jamshed who suffered a finger injury before the tour began.

Ward 7 win Mayor Cup

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Ward No 7 of Sylhet City Corporation became champions in the Mayor Cup Cricket tournament defeating Ward No 9 on Sunday.

The final was held at the Sylhet Stadium under floodlights while thousands of spectators enjoyed it.

The winners won the toss and batted first to make 178-4 from 20 overs. Ruman made 68 while Zubayer scored 53 not out and Mehdi scored 28. Milon, national player Alok Kapali and Maruf took a wicket each.

Ward No 9 were all out for 125 in 19.4 overs. Ruman scored 27 and Kapali 23.

Minister without portfolio Suranjit Sengupta distributed trophies as chief guest while BCB president AHM Mustafa Kamal was the special guest and Sylhet mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran chaired the concluding function. Deputy Commissioner Khan Mohammad Bilal, BCB director Jamal Yousuf also addressed among others.

Tiger adds epic shot



AFP, Dublin

With golf icon Jack Nicklaus watching in amazement, Tiger Woods added another epic shot and tension-packed victory to his own legendary career Sunday by winning the Memorial for his 73rd pro title.

Woods won for only the second time since his infamous sex scandal erupted in November 2009 after chipping in for birdie from dense rough 48 feet from the cup at the par-3 16th hole at the Nicklaus-designed Muirfield Village course.

That pulled Woods level for the lead and the 36-year-old American won his fifth Memorial crown when South African Rory Sabbatini made bogey at 16 and Woods closed with a birdie.

Woods, a 14-time major champion chasing the all-time record of 18 major titles won by Nicklaus, caught Nicklaus for second on the all-time US PGA win list, each of them now nine back of Sam Snead's record 82 career triumphs.

"To be able to tie Jack at 73 wins and to do it at such a young age, it feels really special," Woods said. "And to do it with Jack there at 18, he means a lot to all us players. He's the greatest champion that ever lived."



PHOTO: STAR

Players and officials of Ward 7 of Sylhet City Corporation pose with the Mayor Cup trophy after beating Ward 9 in the final at the Sylhet Stadium on Sunday.

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