BD lose to Uzbeks too

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh suffered their second consecutive defeat in the AFC U-22 Asia Cup Qualifiers when they were beaten 2-1 by Group D favourites Uzbekistan at the Dasrath Stadium in Kathmandu yesterday.

Smarting from a 4-1 defeat at the hands of Nepal in the first game, Bangladesh adopted a defensive strategy fielding five defenders against Uzbekistan who chose the aerial route to keep Bangladeshi defenders busy throughout the game.

Uzbekistan came close to of taking the lead in the 12th minute when Azamov Rustam ran down the right flank to enter the danger zone and hit the side netting, much to the relief of Bangladesh goalkeeper Shahidul Alam Sohel while eight minutes later Azamov headed a Gadoev header wide of the target.

Uzbekistan finally broke the deadlock in the 40th minute when Smolyachenkon Pavel headed an Alibobo cross home from the six-yard box on the rain-soaked pitch following nearly 15 minutes of drizzling.

However, Bangladesh hit back in the second half to equalise the margin 10 minutes into the second half when Uzbek defender Fayziev handled a powerful shot of substitute striker Rony and midfielder Emon Babu converted from the spot.

Uzbekistan restored the lead availing a fumble from Bangladesh goalkeeper Sohel, who saw a free-kick from Gadoev from 25 yards slip off his grips which cost Bangladesh three points.

Bangladesh will face Jordan in their third match tomorrow.

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"The preparation is not bad. It could have been much better if we could play the proposed series against Pakistan in April but recently this team has played three practice matches against a strong CCDM Under-21 team in Khulna, winning all three," he added.

Some well-known names in the squad like Anamul Haque has been missing but Fahim said that these new guys have good understanding among them since they have been playing together for the last two years.

"Few regular players missed the tournament due to injury but we hope they will be fit again before the World Cup.

"Most of the players in the squad might not be well known, or you can say that the popular names are missing, but still this is a very good side and we are really hopeful with this team," said an optimistic Fahim.

The tournament's seminals are slated for June 28 and June 29 at the Kinrara Oval and the final will take place at the same venue on July 1.

SQUAD

Asif Ahmed Ratul (captain), Noor Hossain Munna (vice-captain), Aslam Hossain, Soumya Sarkar, Al Amin, Touhid Tarik Khan, Mohammad Salman Hossain, Musaddek Hossain Saikat, Abu Hider, Dewan Shabbir Ahmed, Nasum Ahmed, Nayem Islam, Jasim Uddin, Quazi Nurul Hasan and Faizur Rahman.

Tamim injured

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Once the two set batsmen fell, the rest couldn't go after the total confidently which Tamim feels is a matter of pacing the innings.

"We don't play too many Twenty20 games so we need time to habituate ourselves. We have to find the exact pace of a Twenty20," he said.

With 60-odd required from the last six overs, Bangladesh should have won the game with so many wickets in hand but as the Zimbabwe bowlers have shown, it is possible to keep the batsmen tied down at the crease and not necessarily need to take wickets.

Pakistan cricketer Sohail Tanvir (R) celebrates with teammates after dismissing Sri Lanka batsman Upul Tharanga during the fifth ODI at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Lankans clinch series

Cricket

AFP, *Colombo*

Angelo Mathews hammered a brisk 80 not out as Sri Lanka posted a thrilling two-wicket victory over Pakistan in the fifth and final one-day international in Colombo on Monday to clinch the series 3-1.

Mathews smashed two sixes and four boundaries in his 76-ball knock to help his team achieve a 248-run target with two balls to spare in the day-night match.

Sri Lanka needed 15 runs to win in the last over bowled by paceman Mohammad Sami before Mathews completed the win with a four.

Dinesh Chandimal was the other main scorer for Sri Lanka with 54.

Paceman Sohail Tanvir bagged three wickets and leg-spinner Shahid Afridi two to reduce Sri Lanka to 138-6 before Mathews received valuable support from Jeevan Mendis (19) and Nuwan Kulasekara (10 not out) to steer his team home.

Tanvir jolted Sri Lanka when he removed openers Tillakaratne Dilshan and Upul Tharanga, but Sangakkara and Chandimal put on 78 for the third wicket.

Pakistan's opener Imran Farhat, playing his first one-dayer in four months, earlier cracked an impressive 56 and Umar Akmal an unbeaten 55.

Pakistan batted steadily after losing out-of-form opener Mohammad Hafeez (six), with Azhar Ali (30) and Farhat adding 60 for the second wicket and then Akmal putting on 61 for the fifth wicket with skipper Misbah-ul-Haq (32).

Akmal smashed two sixes and five fours in a 61-ball knock for his 15th half-century in one-dayers.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN

Farhat c Chandimal b Perera	56
Hafeez b Kulasekara	6
Azhar c Thirimanne b Mendis	30
Shafiq run out	38
Misbah c Perera b Mendis	32
Akmal not out	55
Afridi c Jayawardene b Kulasekara	9
Tanvir c Tharanga b Malinga	11
Gul not out	2
Extras: (b-2, lb-3, w-3)	8
Total: (For seven wkts in 50 overs)	247

Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-82, 3-113, 4-146, 5-207, 6-229, 7-244

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Malinga	10	1	52	1
Kulasekara	10	1	53	2
Mathews	10	0	41	0
Dilshan	3	0	12	0
Perera	8	0	54	1
Mendis	9	0	30	2

SRI LANKA

Tharanga b Tanvir	2
Dilshan b Tanvir	10
Sangakkara st Ahmed b Afridi	40
Chandimal c Sami b Hafeez	54
Jayawardene c and b Afridi	0
Mathews not out	80
Perera run out	0
Thirimanne run out	11
Mendis c Shafiq b Tanvir	19
Kulasekara not out	10
Extras (lb10, w12)	22
Total (for eight wkts in 49.4 overs)	248

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-19, 3-97, 4-97, 5-135, 6-138, 7-175, 8-212

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gul	10	1	43	0
Tanvir	10	0	42	3
Hafeez	10	0	30	1
Sami	9.4	0	75	0
Afridi	10	0	48	2

Woakes covers for Dernbach

West Indies lose Bravo

Cricket

AFP, *London*

England added Warwickshire paceman Chris Woakes to their squad on Monday for the two one-day internationals against the West Indies.

Woakes was called up into the squad in case, a statement said, Jade Dernbach was unavailable for the remaining fixtures on "compassionate grounds".

Fast-medium bowler Dernbach didn't feature as England took a 1-0 lead in their three-match one-day series against the West Indies courtesy of a 114-run win under the Duckworth-Lewis method at Southampton on Saturday.

The second ODI is at The Oval, Surrey's headquarters ground in south London, on Tuesday.

Woakes, 23, has taken seven wickets at just over 21 apiece in his four ODIS, with his most recent appearance against Ireland in Dublin last year.

Meanwhile West Indies batsman Darren Bravo was ruled out of the remainder of the series after suffering a groin injury while fielding at Southampton.

The tourists said Monday they would not be summoning a replacement.

Teams and officials for the second one-day international between England and the West Indies at The Oval on Tuesday.

TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): Alastair Cook (captain), James Anderson, Jonathan Bairstow, Ian Bell, Ravi Bopara, Tim Bresnan, Stuart Broad, Jade Dernbach, Steven Finn, Craig Kieswetter, Eoin Morgan, Samit Patel, Graeme Swann, Jonathan Trott, Chris Woakes.

WEST INDIES (from): Darren Sammy (captain), Tino Best, Johnson Charles, Fidel Edwards, Chris Gayle, Sunil Narine, Kieron Pollard, Denesh Ramdin, Ravi Rampaul, Andre Russell, Marlon Samuels, Lendl Simmons, Dwayne Smith.

'Aamer wants to return'

AFP, *Karachi*

Pakistan's disgraced paceman Mohammed Aamer is looking forward to returning to cricket "as and when possible", the psychologist helping to rehabilitate his career said Monday.

In the first of several counselling sessions Maqbool Sabri, who was hired by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to counsel Aamer, said his client appeared "positive and relaxed" despite his five-year ban from the game for cheating.

The 20-year-old was found guilty of spot-fixing during a Test at Lord's in 2010, spent three months in a British jail and was banned from the game by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

The ICC also banned pace partner Mohammad Asif and ex-captain Salman Butt, ordering the trio to undergo rehabilitation.

Sabri said Aamer was upbeat in the first of eight to 10 sessions.

"I am very surprised that he was very positive and relaxed during the first session with me on Saturday," Sabri told AFP. "I think that Aamer's lawyer was a positive influence on him and has guided him well."

Italy, Spain in quarterfinals

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Croatia defender Vedran Corluka was booked for dissent soon after as German referee Wolfgang Stark chose not to award a penalty appeal after Spain's Sergio Ramos sliding tackle caught Mandzukic's ankle.

It remained goalless at the break and news of Italy's lead against Ireland raised the tension inside the Gdansk stadium rose noticeably as the second half wore on.

Croatia's best chance came approaching the hour mark when Tottenham Hotspur's Luka Modric crossed in for Ivan Rakitic's header, but Casillas parried away their best chance of the game.

After a fairly ineffective first 60 minutes, Torres made way for Jesus Navas in the three-man forward line, but both sides squandered chances.

With time almost up, the decisive blow came when Xavi Hernandez floated his pass over the defence for his Barcelona team-mate Iniesta to draw Croatia's goalkeeper Stipe Pleitkosa and put Spain in the last eight.

There could be more bad news for Croatia on Tuesday when UEFA are expected to make a ruling over alleged racist chants from Croat fans directed towards Italy striker Mario Balotelli in last week's 1-1 draw.

A stiff penalty is expected given UEFA president Michel Platini's previous assertions that European football's governing body has a "zero tolerance" on the issue.

European football's governing body has already imposed the threat of a six-point reduction on Russia's next European championship qualifying campaign, after missiles and fireworks were thrown at their opening Group A match against the Czech Republic on June 8.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Isdair Rabeya, Katirhut in final

SPORTS REPORTER

Isdair Rabeya Hossain High School of Narayanganj and Chittagong's Katirhut High School reached the final of National School Football Islami Bank Tournament beating their respective opponents in semifinals at the Birshreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

In the first semifinal, Isdair Rabeya Hossain High School beat Habiganj Richi High School 3-1, with Sunny scoring twice and Mithu getting the other for the winning side.

In the second semifinal, Katirhut High School outplayed Rajshahi Damkura Hut High School 2-0, thanks to a brace from Rashedul.

Lemaitre's sprinting treble

AFP, *Angers*

Christophe Lemaitre, seen as Europe's biggest hope to break Jamaican and US sprinting hegemony, wrapped up a French sprint triple here on Sunday.

The 22-year-old added the 200m title to the 100m he won on Saturday in a wind-assisted 9.94 seconds, and was also part of his Aix-les-Bains club's winning 4x100m relay team on Friday.

In the 200m, Lemaitre clocked 20.31sec to finish ahead of Ben Bassaw, who claimed second in 20.58sec in a photo-finish with Jimmy Vicaut.

While the time was well off Usain Bolt's world record of 19.19sec, it was a welcome boost for the Frenchman ahead of facing the likes of Bolt, compatriots Yohan Blake and Asafa Powell, and the American trio of Justin Gatlin, Tyson Gay and Walter Dix.

Maynard dead at 23

Cricket

AFP, *London*

Surrey's Tom Maynard, one of England's most promising batsmen, has died at the age of 23, the county said Monday.

Maynard was killed after being struck by a London Underground train in the early hours of Monday morning.

In a statement, Surrey said Maynard, the son of former Glamorgan and England batsman Matthew Maynard, was "an incredibly talented young batsman".

British Transport Police (BTP) confirmed a 23-year-old man, named locally as Maynard, had been hit by a train early Monday morning.

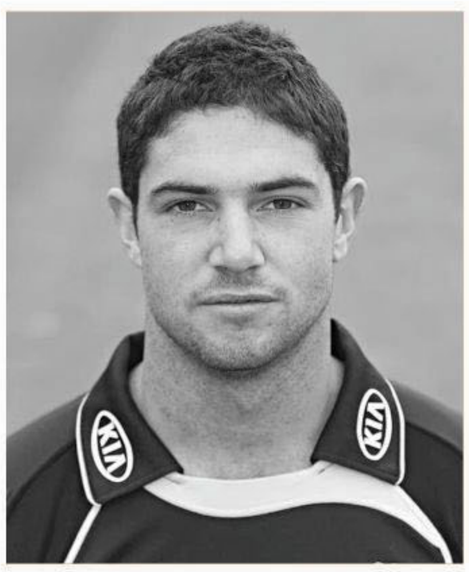
A BTP spokesman said: "BTP officers were called to the line near Wimbledon Park London Underground station on Monday, 18 June after a man was struck by a District line train.

"The incident was reported to BTP at 5.03am and was also attended by Metropolitan Police officers.

"London Ambulance Service medics attended but the man, believed to be 23 years old, was pronounced dead at the scene.

"The incident was reported to BTP at 5.03am and is currently being treated as non-suspicious.

"A file will be prepared for the coroner."



TOM MAYNARD

Tom Maynard began his career with Glamorgan before joining Surrey at the start of last season.

He left after his father was forced out from a coaching position with the Welsh county in 2010, saying his position had become "untenable". Tom was also a playing member of the Sylhet franchise in the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) this year.

In a joint statement the Bangladesh Cricket Board and BPL Governing Council expressed deep bereavement at Maynard's tragic death and extended their heartfelt condolences to the family of this exciting young batsman.

Surrey's statement said Maynard was "an incredibly talented young batsman", who had "impressed in all forms of the game".

Maynard scored his maiden first-class hundred at Cardiff, Glamorgan's headquarters, last year and helped Surrey win the county 40-over tournament.

A first-class record of 2,384 runs in 48 matches at 32.65 with four hundreds may seem modest but it was the manner in which he compiled that tally which led many shrewd judges to speak of him as a future England batsman.

Surrey's statement added: "His future potential was unlimited, with experts both inside and outside the club predicting he would soon follow in the footsteps of his father Matthew by graduating to full England honours."

England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) chairman Giles Clarke said: "This is a very sad day for everyone connected with Surrey County Cricket Club and for Glamorgan County Cricket Club where Tom spent the early part of his career."

Surrey's Twenty20 game against Hampshire at The Oval on Wednesday has been postponed as a mark of respect.

Meanwhile England, who trained Monday at The Oval -- Surrey's headquarters -- ahead of Tuesday's second one-day international against the West Indies at the London ground, cancelled a media conference.

Farashganj deny

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version of the incident: "For minnows like us, there was no alternative but to protest the decision awarded by the referee as Zahid fell down without even being touched by my player."

Both sides, playing without some of their regular players who are engaged with the U-22 national team in Nepal, fought equally in the first half and created two scoring chances each before Farashganj adopted a defensive strategy in the second half.

Farashganj could have taken a lead in the 13th minute but their unmarked Congolese striker Siyo Zunapio could not fir his shot on target from a promising situation while in the next minute, Abahani's Brazilian Jean Carlo da Silva saw his powerful shot drop on the wrong side of the goalline after hitting the lower-part of the crossbar.

The easiest chance for Abahani came in the 24th minute when Awudu Ibrahim put a defence-splitting through ball for winger Zahid, who struck straight at goalkeeper Sultan. Farashganj squandered a similarly easy opportunity when midfielder Moloy Barman floated one over the cross-piece during the stoppage time of the first half.

After resumption, Farashganj's backline of five put up brave resistance to foil the attempts from Abahani and when it was breached goalkeeper Sultan proved a wall too strong.

Satabdi face

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JDC Udioman, in reply, could manage 117-8 in 20 overs with Pranay taking three wickets.

In the second semi final, Ispahani (92-4 in 18.5 overs) defeated Port City Cricket Academy (91 all out in 19.2 overs) by six wickets.

Oudin claims maiden title

AFP, *Birmingham*

American Melanie Oudin defeated Serb Jelena Jankovic in straight sets to win her first WTA Tour title here on Monday.

Oudin eased to a 6-4, 6-2 victory in a final which had been held over from Sunday after bad weather disrupted the schedule.

Both women had to win two matches on Sunday to reach the title match, and 20-year-old Oudin proved fresher than the 27-year-old former world number one.

Oudin got an early break, but Jankovic broke back before the American regained the initiative following a sloppy game from the Serb and she closed out the opening set before taking a 2-0 lead in the second.

Jankovic rarely threatened a comeback as Oudin, who has received a wild card for Wimbledon after dropping to 208th in the world rankings from a high of 31st, eased over the line in one hour and 35 minutes.

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

ACROSS

1 Labyrinth choice
5 Skillets
9 Half a dance?
12 Lotion additive
13 Fraternal baseball surname
14 Attila, e.g.
15 Unknown people
17 Pismire
18 Evening affair
19 Depend (on)
21 "And this should matter to me ... why?"
22 Object
24 "National Treasure" star
27 Chart format
28 Superman's alias
31 Melody
32 Corroded
33 "Go, team!"
34 Let the cat out of the bag
36 Badly
37 Pale
38 Aristocratic
40 Ego counterpart
41 Queenly
43 Small beard
47 Have bills
48 Puts on the line
51 "— the ramparts ..."
52 About half the children
53 Tiger Woods' ex
54 "— Dalloway"
55 Trade
56 Logical

DOWN

1 Quarterback's throw
2 Choir member
3 Actress Spelling
4 Last car?
5 Senate employee
6 Hearty brew
7 Neither mate
8 Some Japanese fare
9 They make alterations
10 Suspended
11 Initial stake
16 Ultra-modernist
20 Squid squirt
22 Marquee datum
23 Command to Rover
24 "Cash —"
25 Have something
26 Farmers
27 Bucket
29 "Unh-unh"
30 Your
35 Feathery accessory
37 Saws
39 Consecrate
40 Charged bit
41 Leeway
42 Basin accessory
43 React in horror
44 Anatomical tissue
45 Ireland
46 Slave to crosswords?
49 Without delay
50 "CSI" evidence

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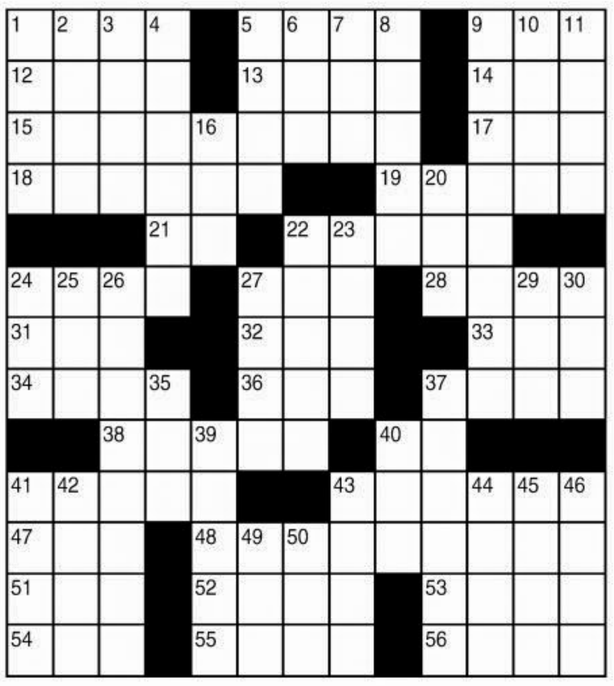

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHILE FLOATING ON SOME RAGING WHITE WATER, MANY OF THE GUYS WERE FOUND GUILTY OF RAFT-DODGING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals U