

LONDON GAMES Bangladesh contingent flies out

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Three athletes and six officials, who are part of the 15-member Bangladesh contingent, left here yesterday for the United Kingdom to participate in the 2012 London Olympics.

The thirtieth Olympics begin at the British capital on July 27.

Of the athletes, archer Emdadul Haque Milon, sprinter Mohan Khan and swimmer Mahfizur Rahman Sagor flew out yesterday with their coaches and officials while shooter Sharmin Akter Ratna will join the contingent in England and gymnast Quazai Syque Caesar will travel from United States to join them in England.

Milon, a gold medalist in the Asian Youth Championships, has set his target to stay among top ten archers in the meet though he believes the task would be very tough for him.

"The qualification round is more important in the meet to achieve my target. If I can perform well in the qualifications, then I face easier opponents in the elimination round and thus progress to the next round step by step," said Milon.

Sagor, a SAFF silver medalist, was thinking of bettering his previous time of 24.53 seconds in the 50m freestyle event. "I will be pleased if I can improve my timing. I will try my best to improve my timing," said Sagor, who will carry the Bangladesh flag in the opening ceremony.

Mohan echoed the same sentiment as Sagor and focussed on an improved performance in the 100m sprint. Mohan's best timing is 10.56 (hand timing).

General manager AK Sarker, Bangladesh Olympic Association delegates Anisur Rahman Dipu, Sanaul Haque Bakul, swimming coach Mahfuza Rahman Tania, sprint coach Mizanur Rahman, archery coach Nisith Das are accompanying the athletes.

Monaco wins Hamburg title

AFP, Hamburg

Argentine Juan Monaco defeated home hope Tommy Haas 7-5, 6-4 to claim his third title of the season in the ATP clay-court event in Hamburg on Sunday.

The 28-year-old Monaco, ranked 14th in the world and seeded third here, added to his titles from Vina del Mar in Chile and Houston, Texas on clay this year to bring his career tally to six.

Sylhet BKSP finally under BFF spotlight

Football

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The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) finally turned their attention to the football academy in Sylhet as the BFF high-ups yesterday met State Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarker in a bid to upgrade facilities at the Sylhet BKSP.

A six-member delegation led by BFF president Kazi Salahuddin met Ahad Ali Sarker to seek assistance in starting the Sylhet BKSP, which was handed over to the BFF last December. The sports minister instructed the National Sports Council officials to meet the BFF requirements accordingly.

"We have requested him (the sports minister) to equip the gymnasium with instruments, provide swimming pool filtration and make the field playable and the minister agreed to do it," said BFF vice president Kazi Nabil Ahmed yesterday.

"As it will take some time to start a full-fledged academy, we will install minimal furniture at the dormitory, administration and other buildings at our own cost in a bid to carry on the activities of the academy for the time being," BFF senior vice president Abdus Salam Murshedy said. "The government may reimburse the expenditure in future."

Other than some steel beds, there is no furniture or equipments at the five-storey

dormitory, three-storey administration building and the two five-storey officer and staff quarters.

Nabil, who is also chairman of the National Teams Committee, said that it would take one-and-a-half to two months to complete the upgrade.

He also added that BFF technical director BA Jubair Nipu and BFF member Iqbal Hossain were sent to the Sylhet BKSP on Saturday night to evaluate the current state of the academy in Sylhet.

"We will start scouting from next month and it will be an open trial for all," said BFF vice president Badal Roy, who however could not ensure whether the trial would be Dhaka-based or district-based.

Badal, chairman of the Development Committee, said that two groups of players (14 to 16 and 16 to 18) would be picked through the talent hunt but he could not confirm how many players would be picked for the first batch of the BFF academy.

BFF president Kazi Salahuddin had earlier said that the final selection of the boys would be conducted by a foreign technical director, a key person in the academy, who is however yet to be appointed with the BFF still searching for a suitable candidate.

It is expected that the foreign technical director will be assisted by a few selected personnel from BFF's 19 contracted coaches.

Dhoni & co fined heavily

CRICINFO, Hambantota

Mahendra Singh Dhoni and India have been fined for maintaining a slow over-rate during their win in the first ODI against Sri Lanka in Hambantota. Dhoni has been fined 20 per cent of his match fee, and the rest of his team 10 per cent, after they were ruled to be an over short when time allowances were taken into consideration.

Dhoni has got into trouble for over-rate breaches in the past. In January this year, he was suspended from the Adelaide Test against Australia due to a slow over-rate in the previous Test in Perth. Dhoni had also been on notice after India were found short in Barbados in June-July last year.

His woes, aside from the team's poor form in Australia, didn't end there. He was again suspended in February, this time for an ODI, after India fell short by two overs in a game against Australia in the CB series.

The fine was imposed after a full disciplinary hearing with the match-referee Chris Broad.

Marion in final

Tennis

AFP, Carlsbad

Top seed Marion Bartoli reached her second final of the season Saturday, battling back to beat Taiwanese qualifier Chan Yung-jan 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 at the WTA Carlsbad tournament.

The world number 10 from France will square off on Sunday for the title against second seed Dominika Cibulkova, who beat Russian Nadia Petrova 7-6 (10/8), 6-1.

Bartoli passed her third consecutive three-set test, and has been on court in excess of nine hours this week.

Cibulkova, in contrast, has yet to go past two sets and said that her light workload may benefit her title bid.

"I feel really fresh and good. I didn't have a three set match and all the other girls, they played crazy long matches," said the 14th-ranked Slovak. "So I'm feeling really good for tomorrow, and I think it can be my advantage for me."

Bartoli, who has played with a sore hip, struggled mightily in the opening set and Chan, ranked 161st in the world, profited from the top seed's 20 unforced errors.

Bartoli said it wasn't, in fact, her troublesome hip that bothered her in the early going but an ankle.

"The doctor gave me some anti-inflammatories before the match started, and it took 45 minutes before they started to kick in," she said. "I was feeling a lot better in the second and the third set, but obviously maybe I had a bit of fatigue from yesterday's match when I finished really late."

"She was also playing very well in the first set, so maybe the combination of the two made the first set 6-1 to her," Bartoli added.

Just when she looked headed for a quick exit Bartoli's physical complaints faded away and she slowly began to take charge of the match against her less experienced opponent.

Bartoli earned and then surrendered an early second-set break but broke again for a 5-3 lead on her way to levelling the match.

Amla creates SA history

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to stop a single but the batsman played a rare lofted drive for four over cover to earn a prolonged standing ovation from the crowd.

Kallis reached his 43rd Test century in measured style off 227 balls but then went on the attack as South Africa took the match far beyond England's reach. By tea he had faced 326 balls and hit 23 fours and a six.

Amla reached his double century off 392 balls and needed only another 123 deliveries to reach 300 with his 35th boundary.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First innings 385 (Cook 115, Trott 71, Prior 60; Morkel 4-72)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 403-2)

Extras: (b-5, lb-4, nb-2, w-2)
Total: (For 2 wickets dead in 189 overs) 637

Did not bat: De Villiers, Rudolph, Duminy, Philander, Steyn, Morkel, Tahir

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-260

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anderson	41	7	116	1
Broad	34	6	118	0
Swann	52	10	151	0
Bresnan	37	2	140	1
Bopara	18	1	78	0
Pietersen	3	0	13	0

Bangladesh A off to India

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including skipper Shahriar Nafees, his deputy Rokibul Hasan, Imrul Kayes, Shuvagata Hom Chowdhury, Naeem Islam, Enamul Haque Jr, Shahadat Hossain and the latest inclusion Robiul Islam.

But Nafees said yesterday that they would take this as a tournament and not as an experiment to give everyone a game. "We will play our best elevens in every game. We will definitely treat this as a competition and try to play in the final," he said.

"The squad includes several all-rounders like Naeem and Shuvagata so the two specialist spinners are enough in sub-continental conditions," added Nafees.

KSCA President's XI, Mumbai Cricket Association XI, Rajasthan Cricket Association XI and Hyderabad Cricket Association XI are the other teams in the tournament.

SQUAD

Shahriar Nafees (captain), Rokibul Hasan (vice-captain), Mominul Haque, Md Mithun, Shamsur Rahman, Imrul Kayes, Shuvagata Hom Chowdhury, Farhad Hossain, Naeem Islam, Enamul Haque Jr, Shohag Gazi, Shahadat Hossain, Alauddin Babu, Dollar Mahmud, Robiul Islam.

Mohammedan easy winners

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Mohammedan SC extended their winning spree in the Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League with an emphatic 4-1 win over Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

The ninth straight victory put Mohammedan on top of the 11-team table with 27 points, three more than fellow contenders Abahani, who will face Mohammedan on Wednesday in the last match of the first leg.

Mohammedan went ahead with a penalty stroke by Mamunur Rahman Chayan, but youthful Mariner came back in the match five minutes later through a field goal by Mostafizur Rahman.

Then on, the Black and Whites struggled to break the backline of Mariner before they went ahead again one minute from the break. This time too, Chayan found the back of the net with a penalty corner.

After resumption, Golam Mostafa made it 3-1 in the 50th minute while Kamruzzaman Rana sealed the match in the 64th minute striking a field goal.

Bolt ready to roll in London

AFP, London

Usain Bolt insisted he was ready to defend his Olympic 100m and 200m titles after recovering from a mystery problem which has hampered his preparations for London.

Bolt, who finished second to compatriot Yohan Blake over both distances at the Jamaican trials earlier this month, was later forced to withdraw from the Monaco Diamond League meeting citing a "slight problem".

However the sprint superstar insisted he was fit and ready to take on his rivals in brief comments late Saturday as he ventured out of his Birmingham training base to watch Batman blockbuster "The Dark Knight Rises".

"I got checked out and it's alright," Bolt said, without specifying the nature of his fitness concern.

"I am training hard and looking forward to the start of the Games."

Bolt's private cinema visit came just two days after 12 people were shot dead at a screening of the film at a theatre in Colorado.

The cinema was swept by security prior to the visit of Bolt and his teammates, who were whisked into the venue after arriving by bus.



PHOTO: AFP

Ferrari's Spanish driver Fernando Alonso celebrates on the podium after driving to a flawless victory in the German Grand Prix at the Hockenheimring circuit in Hockenheim yesterday.

German GP Alonso's

AFP, Hockenheim



Formula 1

Fernando Alonso extended his lead in this year's Formula One drivers' world championship on Sunday when he drove to a flawless victory for Ferrari in the German Grand Prix.

The 30-year-old Spaniard started from pole position and dominated the 67-lap race in consummate style as he came home 3.7 seconds ahead of local hero, defending champion Sebastian Vettel of Red Bull.

Briton Jenson Button of McLaren, who had proved the potential of his revamped car for a long spell in the race, came home third after being passed by Vettel, who ran wide and off the track, on the penultimate lap.

The race stewards announced they were investigating Vettel's passing move, a statement that left the result unconfirmed pending the result of their decision and any chosen sanction.

Finland's Kimi Raikkonen finished fourth for Lotus ahead of Japanese Kamui Kobayashi and his Sauber team-mate Mexican Sergio Perez, who came home sixth.

Seven-time champion and German hero Michael Schumacher, 43, finished seventh for Mercedes ahead of Australian Mark Webber in the second Red Bull and another German, Nico Hulkenberg, who was ninth for Force India.

Another German, Nico Rosberg, in the second Mercedes, finished 10th.

It was Alonso's third win this year after his triumphs in Malaysia and at the European Grand Prix and it moved him 34 points clear of Webber in the title race with 154 points to the Australian's 120.

"That was fantastic, again," Alonso told the Ferrari team on their radio. "Tonight we make some parties on the plane!"

First World Pains

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alternate at a staggering 19 pounds but since that would only take me to Paddington from where I would need to take the Underground again, I initially decided against it. Luckily, I also managed to locate two other people willing to share a cab with me to the King's Cross station from where we could each continue our respective journeys. Unfortunately, cab fares, high to begin with, were steeper still and we were told that it could take longer since the M4 was out of commission due to a crack in a bridge along the way. So to the Heathrow Express it was and that started off a two and a half hour journey across London's crisscrossing and ailing Underground system with two 30 kg bags. It was hardly pleasant, having to track your way across the Express, onto the Bakerloo, over to the Victoria, on to the Central and back to the Piccadilly trying to get ahead of the signal failure. The lady in the train sitting next to me summed it up best, "this is messed up," she said in that inimitable British accent, "Come the Olympics, it's going to be apocalyptic!"

We can't say we haven't been warned.

Nadal now sets sights on 2016

AFP, Madrid

Tennis ace Rafael Nadal has set his sights on becoming Spain's flag-bearer at the 2016 Olympics after injury deprived him of the opportunity at the London Games.

The 26-year-old announced last week that he was pulling out of the London Olympics due to injury, meaning he would also miss out on the honour of carrying Spain's flag at the opening ceremony on Friday.

"It was the most difficult decision which I have taken in my career and possibly the saddest," he told Spanish public television on Sunday.

"It was a unique opportunity so obviously I am sad. My goal now is to continue to work hard to try to have another chance in Rio in 2016. I hope I will be prepared to compete there and have another opportunity to carry the flag."

Nadal, the gold-medal winner in Beijing four years ago, said he was pleased with the choice of basketball player Pau Gasol of the Los Angeles Lakers as his replacement to carry the Spanish flag.

Whitewash

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the final leg of their tour, taking on Scotland on July 25 and the hosts the following day in Twenty20s.

Bangladesh won the first game by their biggest margin in T20 Internationals so far, 71 runs, but the next two went down to the last over with Bangladesh winning by one run and two wickets respectively. "The last two games were probably a better reflection of where both teams are. Ireland were out of sorts in the first game but the last two, both went down to the wire," said Pybus.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: REALITY SHOW TO SEE WHO WILL PREPARE THE MOST APPETIZING STARCHY GRAIN: "THE AMAZING RICE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals O



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PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is for kind information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Social Islami Bank Ltd. in its 273rd meeting held on 22nd July, 2012 has approved the Un-Audited Financial Statements for the period ended at 30th June 2012 and disclosed the following information related to the same in compliance with SEC's letter No. SEC/CFD/Misc/233/2004/615 dated February 02, 2010:

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF SOCIAL ISLAMIC BANK LTD. AS ON 30.06.2012
(Fig. in Crore)

Sl.	Particulars	30.06.2012	30.06.2011
1.	Profit after Provision (January - June, 2012; 2011)	95.06	72.01
2.	Net Asset Value (NAV)	995.88	874.29

(Fig. in Taka)

3.	Earning Per Share	0.85	*0.64
4.	Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	1.10	*5.01
5.	Net Asset Value Per Share	15.58	13.67

* EPS & NOCFPS for prior period have been restated based on current period's number of shares.

B. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF SOCIAL ISLAMIC BANK LTD. AS ON 30.06.2012
(Fig. in Crore)

Sl.	Particulars	30.06.2012	30.06.2011
1.	Profit after Provision (January - June, 2012; 2011)	96.03	71.75
2.	Net Asset Value (NAV)	991.10	873.74

(Fig. in Taka)

3.	Earning Per Share	0.86	*0.64
4.	Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	1.11	*5.02
5.	Net Asset Value Per Share	15.50	13.67

* EPS & NOCFPS for prior period have been restated based on current period's number of shares.

For Social Islami Bank Ltd.
Sd/-
(Mahamud Hassan)
EVP & Company Secretary

July 22, 2012