

Nasri banned for 3 matches

The French Football Federation says it has banned midfielder Samir Nasri for three matches because of his behaviour toward a journalist at the European Championship. Nasri issued an expletive-laced rant following France's 2-0 defeat to Spain in the quarterfinals. He previously made a sarcastic gesture with his finger over his mouth and yelled "Shut your mouth!" at another journalist after scoring in the opening Group D match against England. He will miss an exhibition against Uruguay next month and 2014 World Cup qualifiers against Finland and



Sharmin shoots today

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Sharmin Akter Ratna, Bangladesh's lone shooter in the London Olympics, will be hoping to put on her best show when she takes the field for the 10m Air Rifle event at the Royal Artillery Barracks in London today.

The 24-year old SA Games gold medalist, who has been undergoing extensive training in Bristol under Bangladeshi coach Shoyebuzzaman for more than two months, will be among 55 shooters from different countries taking part in the event.

Ratna, one of the five athletes from Bangladesh; all of whom went on wild cards -- is considered to be the best chance for Bangladesh to put up a good show in this year's Olympics.

MSC go six clear

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Malaysian forward Tunku Ahmed Tajuddin slotted a hatrick as title contenders Mohammedan SC recorded a convincing 5-0 win over Shadharan Bima at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday, to extend their lead in the Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League to six points.

The eleventh straight win put Mohammedan on 33 points, six ahead of second-placed Usha KC and nine clear of Abahani, both of whom have played a match less.

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South Korea's Im Dong-Hyun is elated after breaking his own 72-arrow world record in the archery ranking round with a score of 699 at Lord's yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Blind archer breaks world record

Milon ranks 61st

QUAZI ZULQUARNAIN ISLAM from London



Bangladeshi archer Emdadul Haque Milon will come up against Great Britain's Larry Godfrey after finishing 61st out of 64 competitors at the Men's Ranking round in the archery event of the London Olympic Games held at Lord's yesterday.

They will face-off in a winner takes all contest which will be held at the same venue at 5:30 pm British standard time on July 30. Milon was drawn against the great British hope after managing a total score of 636 in the 72-arrow ranking round. Godfrey managed a respectable 680, to finish fourth in the over-all rank.

But Godfrey's mark was still far behind South Korea's Im Dong-Hyun. The 'legally blind' archer broke his own 72-arrow

world record in the archery ranking round for the London Olympic Games with a score of 699 on Friday.

Im and his teammates Kim Bub-min and Oh Jin-hyek also broke the team world record for 72 arrows with a score of 2087.

The archery event was marred by a number of incidents before the start of play. Dozens of spectators were left disappointed as they were denied entry into the first London-based action of the Olympics. Many had thought that since the ranking round was a non-ticketed event, they could catch a glimpse of the action of a first-come, first-served basis, similar to what is scheduled for cycling road race. But stewards were not permitted to allow access to the 50 or so fans who had gathered by the time the competition got underway.

The Lord's venue manager Vanessa Bellamy said: "This has always been a SEE PAGE 17 COL 5



Ashes at Lord's

QUAZI ZULQUARNAIN ISLAM from London



Even at the best of times, archery is a low-key, quiet affair that requires intense concentration. As such there is often little hubbub surrounding the sport and none of the passion that sets apart sports like football.

But yesterday at the Lord's Cricket Ground, it was archery that kicked-off the non-football events on a day when the whole of London was more fixated on the opening ceremony. It was with a mild amount of surprise then that a small corner of the ground was found to be quiet noisy. And with good reason too. Lord's, the home of cricket, had bought together two of its most famous sons.

Far to the left of the nursery stood two men who in the past had fought many battles against each other, many too in this very ground. A slightly more greying, but no less graceful Michael Atherton, once captain of England, stood chatting to another slightly greying gentleman dressed in a baggy green

cap. That man was the former Australia captain Steve Waugh.

It was almost too surreal. Two former cricket captains, standing side-by-side in an archery event at the Olympic Games. It takes quite a bit of imagination to put that together.

Atherton, now a full-fledged journalist for London Times, summed it up best in the first thing that he said to Waugh, "What in the world are you doing here?"

The answer to which, of course, is that Steve Waugh is acting as one of three athlete liaison officers with the Australian team. And true to type, it is a role he has filled with some controversy.

Waugh had apparently clashed with another liaison officer, Kieren Perkins, the swimming legend, over the use of 'sledging' in archery or other sports. Waugh had apparently claimed that there was always room for such to destabilise opponents in any game.

But yesterday, Waugh swiftly brushed off those claims saying instead that his comments were off-the-cuff, said as a joke, and taken completely out of context.



Former cricket captains, Steve Waugh (C) of Australia and Mike Atherton of England, were on a different mission at Lord's yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Caesar all set for bow

SPORTS REPORTER from London



Syque Caesar really wants to meet Usain Bolt. He also wants to meet Michael Phelps and although he has already seen the great man in passing, he would like the

time to properly get introduced to the swimmer and perhaps indulge in the commonplace Olympic hobby of badge swapping.

For now though, Syque is focused solely on Saturday where he aims to hit perfectly the gymnastic routines that he has practiced over the course of this year.

"As of right now, I'm just concentrating on my gymnastics, once I'm done I'll go and try to meet as many people as I can," he told The Daily Star on Friday.

But concentrating has not been easy. This, after all, is the Olympics.

"I've been trying to approach this competition as I would for any other competition except that I definitely have to try a lot harder mentally to not get distracted by all of the cameras, noises, and even images of the Olympic rings everywhere," admits Syque.

Life at the village too is surreal perhaps because of the buzz around it.



SYQUE CAESAR

"There is definitely a huge Olympic spirit in the village which is nice. But I'm trying to keep the nervousness down to a minimum. My excitement level is probably higher than my level of nervousness," says Syque.

A recent bicep injury has put a dent into Syque's preparations for the Olympics and the University of Michigan gymnast admitted that it has led to some changes.

"I've had to drop still rings and pommel horse for the time being," he says before adding quickly that he is still practicing in the other events on full difficulty.

"I've been very diligent with doing a lot of treatment on my bicep and keeping it's feeling as good as it can. As of right now, it feels great," says Syque, allaying any fears that many might have harbored.

Intriguingly, Syque will come up against his college roommate Sam Mikulak, who will be turning out for the US national team, but perhaps that will give an altogether more homely feeling to the competition.

"I've been training and competing with and against Sam for two years already. I'll be cheering Sam on as he competes and I'm sure he'll be cheering me on as I compete, just like a typical collegiate competition," says Syque.

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Enamul's three helps BD A



SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh A team dominated Baroda Cricket Association XI on the opening day of the Dell-KSCA Shafi Darashah cricket tournament at Alur in Bangalore yesterday.

In the rain-interrupted opening day, the local side were bowled out for 202 runs in 70.3 overs in the first innings.

Left-arm spinner Enamul Haque Jr. took three wickets for 67 runs while pace bowlers Robiul Islam, Shahadat Hossain and Dollar Mahmud and Shahadat Hossain picked up two wickets each.

Anupam Gupta made 52 off 199 balls with the help of five boundaries while Aditya Waghmode (43) and Pinal Shah (25) made some contributions for Baroda.

But the second string side couldn't bat due to time constraints on the first day of the four-day match.

The Shafi Darashah tournament is the only four-day tournament prior to Ranji Trophy, India's major first-class competition.

SCORE IN BRIEF

BCA XI: First innings 202 all out in 70.3 overs (Anupam 52, Waghmode 43, Shah 25, Enamul 3-67, Dollar 2-18, Robiul 2-30, Shahadat 2-37).

DAY GUIDE

Saturday, July 28
Gold medals awarded: 12
If all goes to plan for Great Britain, Mark Cavendish will win his first gold medal of the Games as he crosses the finish line at The Mall in the Men's road race event. Britta Steffen and Germany will look to beat off Great Britain to claim the 4x100metre freestyle relay in the pool. Michael Phelps needs three medals of any colour to become the greatest Olympian of all time. He will open his account with the 400m individual medley at the Aquatics center.

Highlights

- Men's road race (cycling)
- Women's 4x100m freestyle relay final
- Men's 400m individual medley final
- Women's 400m individual

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For New Zealand horseman Mark Todd, 56, being one of the oldest competitors at his seventh Olympic Games has caused some embarrassing moments.

"I keep getting on the bus and people are saying, 'This bus is only for athletes'. I constantly have to say that I am an athlete," he laments.

"Since I've been here I keep getting questioned as to what team I'm an official for."

A COUPLE'S BATTLE

Australia taekwondo fighters Carmen Marton and her fiancé Safwan Khalil have been preparing for marriage -- and the Olympics -- by sparring with each other.

As Marton explains, no quarter is given. "It does get quite competitive, especially if I land a head kick or two," she said.

Khalil seems to take it easier on his future wife because he has something important at stake.

"We do like to push each other in training but we also like to look after each other, especially if I want dinner that night," said Khalil.

BETTER WAY TO LONDON

High jumper Dragutin Topic has saved himself the price of a few beers and some tickets to a Champions League football match by appearing at the Olympics.

That was what he would have owed the famous German sports doctor Hans-Wilhelm Muller-Wolfhart had he failed to compete in London.

"It was in January 2011. I was visiting Dr Muller-Wolfhart. He asked me why I wasn't competing and I said I'd got pain in my back. He said he'd treat me for free if I made the Games. I'm glad I did otherwise I would have a big bill to pay.

"I said there has to be a limit to what I have to pay if I lose, otherwise I could have ended up paying him two million euros.

"The bet also included some beers and some tickets for a Champions League game."

SAFETY FIRST

It has been rumoured that the London 2012 organisers have laid in a record stash of condoms at the Olympic Village.

Sources suggest this is to avoid the embarrassment of some previous organisers who had to send out for emergency deliveries after the original supply proved inadequate to meet demand.

নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

একটি সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত ইউ পিভিসি পাইপ ও ফিটিংস্ এবং প্লাস্টিক সামগ্রী উৎপাদনকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের জন্য নিম্নে উল্লেখিত পদ সমূহে নিয়োগ প্রদান করা হইবে।





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