

# Off-season camp for booters

 **Football**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday decided to run a football camp from August 25 in an attempt to prepare the two national teams, U-21 to U-23 squad and U-18 to U-20 squad ahead of their respective international commitments next year.

The decision was taken at the first meeting of the BFF National Teams Committee headed by chairman Kazi Nabil Ahmed at the BFF House as the SA Games is scheduled for December-January in India, AFC Challenge Cup Qualifiers is scheduled for March next year and an U-18 tournament is scheduled for January next year in Russia.

“We will initially call near about 60 players who will, divided into four groups, participate in a competitive tournament in September and afterwards some 30 players will be picked up on the basis of performance of the camp,” said Nabil adding that four separate coaches would conduct four different teams.

Bangladesh’s last national coach Nikola

Ilievski had conducted a similar camp before a tournament which comprised the senior squad, the U-21 and the U-19 squads prior to last year’s AFC U-19 tournament at home and SAFF Championship in India.

Nabil, also the vice president of BFF, informed that a squad comprising best performers is likely to be sent to a South Asian nation, probably Sri Lanka to take part in exhibition matches. However he did not clarify whether they will play against clubs or the national side.

“We have been in discussion with Sri Lankan Football Association for exhibition matches and they have all but confirmed hosting such matches,” said Nabil.

Nabil also said he would try to appoint a foreign coach in October before the start of the domestic season so that the foreign coach is able to watch the performance of the players in domestic circuit.

The post of the head coach of the national football team has remained vacant for the last seven months since the departure of Macedonian coach Nikola Ilievski in December last year.

## Female booters' camp from today

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The residential camp for the women's football team ahead of SAFF Women's Football Championship is set to get underway from today as 27 players out of the 32-member preliminary squad reported to coach Golam Rabbani Choton yesterday at the BFF House.

The second edition of the SAFF Women's Football Championship is scheduled to take place in Sri Lanka from September 7 to 16, with all eight nations of the region taking part. The inaugural edition of the championship was held in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh in 2010.

It has been decided by the Women's Football Committee (WFC) that the female booters will be residing and training from the BFF dormitory at the BFF House instead of the National Women's Sports Complex (NWSC) which has raised the question of security for the female booters.

“We have a three-step security measure and the girls will not be allowed to get out of the dormitory except for training. Besides, there will be a manager appointed for them for 24 hours a day,” said WFC chairman Sirajul Islam Bachchu adding that the BFF would be taking extensive care of the security matter.

Explaining the reasons behind choosing BFF dormitory, Bachchu said that they would have needed at least 8,000 taka per day as transportation cost for travelling from Dhanmondi to Motijheel had they stayed at the Women's Sports Complex. The pitch at the NWSC is not appropriate for training also, Bacchu added.

## Powerful Djokovic Serena solid too

AFP, London

Serbia's Novak Djokovic fired a warning to his Olympic rivals as the world number two crushed three-time Wimbledon finalist Andy Roddick 6-2, 6-1 in the second round on Tuesday.

While Roger Federer is the gold medal favourite after his recent Wimbledon triumph, Djokovic, a bronze medalist at the 2008 Games in Beijing, also has his sights firmly set on the top prize.

Next up for 2011 Wimbledon champion Djokovic is a last 16 clash with Croatia's Marin Cilic or Australia's Lleyton Hewitt.

Venus Williams underlined her desire for a fourth Olympic gold medal as the American raced into the third round with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak at Wimbledon on Tuesday.

## Usha blank Bima

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Usha KC closed the gap with leaders Mohammedan SC in the Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League when the Old Dhaka outfit blanked Shadharan Bima 4-0 in their Super League encounter at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Usha led the first half 2-0, thanks to a second-minute from Pakistani Shahbaz Ali before Moinul Islam Kaushik made it 2-0 five minutes from the break. Shahbaz struck his second goal in the 49th minute while his compatriot Mohammad Imran sealed the victory scoring in the 51st minute.

Usha now have 33 points from 12 outings, just three behind leaders Mohammedan, who will play against archrivals Abahani in a crucial match.

Abahani, who have 27 points from 11 matches, are all but out of the title race. However, if they win all four of their remaining matches they might make have a chance to catch up with the leaders, given the other results go their way. If Abahani manage to beat Mohammedan and Usha too beat Mohammedan in the last match of the Super League, then all those three teams will have equal points and the title will be decided in play-offs.

On the other hand, if Mohammedan beat Abahani today and Abahani defeats Usha on Friday, then Mohammedan will emerge champions with a match left to play.

## US ahead

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He did that in emphatic style, then made extra sure with a fearsome finishing lap.

It was Agnel's second straight victory over US star Lochte, who was anchoring the relay team when Agnel surged past him on Sunday for the win.

While Lochte couldn't add to his 400m medley gold and relay silver, Franklin was thrilled to follow up relay bronze with a gold that she hopes is the start of a collection.

Franklin barely had time to catch her breath after nabbing the eighth and last spot in the 200m freestyle final before she returned for the 100m back.

But she had plenty in the tank as she stormed past Emily Seebohm on the second lap to win in 58.33sec.

Seebohm, who flirted with the world record in the heats, settled for silver in 58.68 and Japan's Aya Terakawa earned bronze in 58.83.

## Medals

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tour with are mostly your father's age," he said.

Murray admitted that having brother Jamie along for the ride had made it a much more pleasant experience for him.

"It is nice when you have someone who knows your personality, who knows what you like and what you do not like. It's nice to be around someone who knows you from such a young age," he said.

For Murray, winning gold in the Olympics is the best chance to erase the bitter memories and tears of Wimbledon. But familiar foes stand in his way. Roger Federer continues unabated and Novak Djokovic yesterday mercilessly dismissed Andy Roddick in a startling display of tennis.

But with the home crowd on his back and luck on his side, there may be a golden smile in it for him yet.

MEDALLIST			
FROM PAGE 16			
Colombia	0	2	0
Mexico	0	2	0
Slovakia	0	0	2
Georgia	1	0	0
Lithuania	1	0	0
Slovenia	1	0	0
South Africa	1	0	0
Taiwan	0	1	0
Cuba	0	1	0
Denmark	0	1	0
Poland	0	1	0
Sweden	0	1	0
Thailand	0	1	0
Azerbaijan	0	0	1
Belgium	0	0	1
India	0	0	1
Indonesia	0	0	1
Mongolia	0	0	1
New Zealand	0	0	1
Norway	0	0	1
Qatar	0	0	1
Moldova	0	0	1

(The medal list was updated at 10:00pm Bangladesh time)

# Kohli ton seals series

 **Cricket**  
STAR SPORT DESK

Virat Kohli scored yet another century to take India to a 3-1 series victory against Sri Lanka by winning the fourth ODI of their five-match series by six wickets at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

Chasing a par score of 252 to win, India were in a spot of bother with the score reading 52 for two after the dismissal of Virender Sehwag in the tenth over when Kohli came to the crease. Soon it was 60 for three as struggling batsman Rohit Sharma fell soon after, before Manoj Tiwary went with the score on 109.

That was the last bit of joy for Sri Lanka as India's other in-form batsman Suresh Raina joined forces with Kohli to take the game away from the Lankans. Their unbeaten 146-run fifth-wicket partnership came from only 18.4 overs. Kohli remained unbeaten on 128 off 119 balls with eleven fours and one six while Raina hit an unbeaten 51-ball 58 with the help of four boundaries and one six to take India home with 7.4 overs to spare.

For Sri Lanka Lasith Malinga, Angelo Mathews, Nuwan Pradeep and Jeevan Mendis took a wicket each.

Earlier, part-timer Tiwary grabbed four wickets to help India restrict Sri Lanka to 251-8 after the home side chose to bat first.

The leg-spinner, playing his first match of the series,



India's sensational batsman Virat Kohli drives the ball through the off side during the fourth ODI against Sri Lanka at the R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday. Kohli's unbeaten 128 drove India to a 6-wicket victory.

PHOTO: AFP

finished with 4-61 off 10 overs to boost his team's hopes of clinching the five-match series. India currently lead 2-1.

Opener Upul Tharanga (51), Lahiru Thirimanne (47) and Tillakaratne Dilshan (42) were the main scorers for Sri Lanka, who were comfortably placed at 152-2 in the 32nd over after Tharanga and Dilshan adding 91 for the opening wicket.

Fast bowler Ashok Dinda broke the stand when he removed Dilshan, who was caught behind after cracking seven fours in his 48-ball knock.

Indian off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin took two wickets and part-time spinner Virender Sehwag one in the day-night match.

Tharanga, who pulled Dinda for the first six of the match, fell soon after completing his half-century, stumped by skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni off Ashwin. He also hit four boundaries in his 73-ball knock.

Dinesh Chandimal (28) and Thirimanne put on 50 for the third wicket before Tiwary struck in his opening over, having Chandimal

caught by Irfan Pathan at square-leg.

Off-spinner Sehwag got a big wicket when he had skipper Mahela Jayawardene caught behind for three to reduce Sri Lanka to 155-4.

The last match of the series will take place on August 7.

**SCOREBOARD**

**SRI LANKA**

Tharanga st Dhoni b Ashwin	51
Dilshan c Dhoni b Dinda	42
Thirimanne b Ashwin	47
Chandimal c Pathan b Tiwary	28
Jayawardene c Dhoni b Sehwag	3
Mathews c Kohli b Tiwary	14
Mendis b Tiwary	17
Perera c Raina b Tiwary	2
Herath not out	17
Malinga not out	15
Extras: (lb-2, w-13)	15
Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs)	251
Fall of wickets: 1-91, 2-102, 3-152, 4-155, 5-190, 6-213, 7-218, 8-219	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zaheer	6	0	36	0
Pathan	6	0	27	0
Dinda	6	0	28	1
Kohli	2	0	7	0
Sehwag	8	1	38	1
Ashwin	10	0	46	2
Tiwary	10	1	61	4
Sharma	2	0	6	0

**INDIA**

Gambhir b Malinga	0
Sehwag c sub Senanayake b Mathews	34
Kohli not out	128
Sharma lbw b Pradeep	4
Tiwary lbw b Mendis	21
Raina not out	58
Extras: (lb-2, w-6, nb-2)	10
Total: (For 4 wkts in 42.2 overs)	255
Did not bat: Dhoni, Pathan, Ashwin, Zaheer, Dinda.	
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-52, 3-60, 4-109.	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Malinga	8	1	41	1
Perera	6	0	51	0
Mathews	6	1	18	1
Pradeep	8	0	52	1
Herath	7	0	44	0
Mendis	6	0	37	1
Dilshan	1.2	0	10	0

## Emdadul blown away

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The lightweight archer had struggled intensely to cope with the wind. The baying crowd rooting for his opponent must not have helped either, even as Bangladeshi cricketers Mohammad Ashraful and Mosharraf Rubel turned up to cheer on their compatriot. "I told him -- whatever you do, don't miss the board," said a cheeky Ashraful later.

In truth, there was little danger of such affecting Milon. The 20-year old is a talented archer but a lack of international exposure and the alien conditions put paid to his hopes of springing an upset.

"My training does not prepare me for this," said Milon. "If you come to BKSP, you will see where we train. It's like a coop. Wind conditions don't factor at all," he lamented.

It would be too easy to just blame the wind for Bangladesh's latest 'failure' but the blustery conditions certainly did not make it any easier for Milon.

"The wind almost blew me off my feet," he said, perhaps a bit dramatically. But it was easy to imagine the young man of slight frame being swayed somewhat by the conditions. And plus, with archery, even millimetres matter.

To give him some credit, Milon kept pace

with Godfrey in the first set, but by the time the last shots were being doled out in the third, the Briton was miles ahead.

"He is a good lad," Godfrey said later. "I am an old man. I have been shooting arrows 27 years. He isn't even 27," said Godfrey summing up the event.

Milon though seemed extremely distraught at the result. "I was hoping for better," he said. "My target was to be amongst the top ten in the world."

Those are heady words but Milon, who was once ranked top in the world in the youth levels, was vehement that it was possible.

"Bangladeshis can do everything. I believe in that. I wish we had better training facilities. What if we could practice at the Bangabandhu Stadium or even in Cox's Bazar? We could have been better prepared."

In the end though, Milon's story is similar to perhaps all the other Olympic athletes from Bangladesh. Much has been made of Bangladesh being the most populous nation to never have won a gold in the Olympics. But if we are indeed to achieve that seemingly impossible goal, the focus first needs to be on helping athletes like Milon qualify. It is easy to forget that we haven't even achieved that yet.

## She will wear something on her head

AFP, London

Saudi Arabia judoka Wojdan Shaherkani was given the go-ahead Tuesday to fight at the Olympics after a row over the wearing of a hijab was resolved, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) told AFP.

The Saudis had threatened to pull the fighter out of the Games if she was forced to compete with her head uncovered.

However, a compromise had been found.

"The judo federation will allow her to wear something on her head which will not compromise her safety and which I think they use for competitions in Asia. It is a solution that is acceptable to all parties," said a spokeswoman.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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18 Perch	56 Carte	8 Made of clay	35 —
19 Count-down follow-up	57 Sandwich cookie	9 Advertising award	-tac-toe
21 Hawaiian garment	58 A Gabor sister	10 50 percent	38 Tier
24 Homer's interjection	59 Nervous	11 Not kosher	40 Medic
	60 Crystal gazer	12 Not kosher	43 Mexican entrees
	61 Lair	16 Muppet master	45 Winter ailment
		Henson	46 Ready for anything

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### CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THOSE ADORABLE LAP DOGS ARE BECOMING ALL THE RAGE IN TEHRAN. PEOPLE CALL THEM POM-IRANIANS.  
Today's Cryptoquip clue: D equals F