

## BD A try to defend paltry target

SPORTS REPORTER

Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Colts XI were in the driving seat against the visiting Bangladesh A side at the end of the second day of their four-day match in the Safi Darashah (KSCA) Invitational Tournament in Bangalore yesterday.

Off-spinner Sohag Gazi claimed six wickets while left-arm spinner Enamul Haque captured three, but the KSCA Colts XI managed to score 223 all out in reply to Bangladesh's paltry 110, securing a lead of 113.

Facing a sizeable deficit, the second string Bangladesh side improved their batting in the second innings as Imrul Kayes made 43 off 93 balls and young Mominul Haque hit the team-highest 49 off 64 balls, but still they could only reach 232 before being bundled out.

For the Colts, Sunil Raju grabbed five wickets while Arjun Shetty picked up four to continue their good work from the first innings.

Chasing a 120-run winning target, KSCA Colts XI scored 12 runs for the loss of two wickets, both picked up by Gazi.

## Sonali Bank romp to 5-0

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Sonali Bank tasted their first victory in the Super League of the Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League with a 5-0 win over Shadharan Bima at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Sonali Bank led the first half 2-0 with two strikes from Mohammad Imran and Ajit Kumar Ghosh in the 19th and 20th minutes respectively.

After resumption, Shamsul Alam Sujon widened the margin in the 48th minute while Pakistani Imran made it 4-0 in the 54th minute.

Sujan then completed the rout scoring in the 60th minute, sealing Sonali Bank's first victory in the Super League and seventh overall in the league.

The triumph also kept Sonali Bank in their previous fourth position with 21 points while Shadharan Bima, who lost all four matches in the Super League, occupy last place with 15 points, which were earned during the first leg of the league.

## Shagor

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conditions and had developed a cold, which had not helped him in his preparations.

But he said that his parents would be extremely proud of his achievements.

"As a child, I remember my father, who was a freedom fighter in Sector 7, always saying that I would one day go on to do great things, visit great cities and experience different things. I think he is very proud today."

## Wilson

**FROM PAGE 16**  
Wilson is coached by Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum, a member of Dubai's royal family, who won the event at the Athens Games in 2004.

In double trap, two targets are released simultaneously from trap machines, travelling at different heights and angles. A round consists of 25 doubles. The shooters fire one shot at each target.

After the qualification round the top six competitors advance to the finals. Medals are awarded based on the sum of scores from the qualification and the finals.

After six days of shooting competition China, the United States and South Korea lead the way on two golds apiece. China have won the most medals overall.



PHOTO: AFP

South Africa batsman Alviro Petersen drives through the covers during his half-century on the first day of the second Test against England at Headingley yesterday.

# England fight back

### Hockey

AFP, Leeds

England claimed three wickets in the first afternoon of the second Test against South Africa at Headingley on Thursday, fighting back after a wicketless morning and a heavy defeat in the series opener.

South Africa, one-nil up in the series and challenging England for the top spot in the world Test rankings, were 163 for three at tea after being put in to bat, with opener Alviro Petersen on 76 not out.

Petersen and Graeme Smith, returning to the squad after attending the birth of his daughter, put on 120 for the first wicket before the captain flicked Tim Bresnan to backward square leg to be caught for 52.

Hashim Amla, who scored a South African record 311 not out in the first Test at The Oval, followed soon afterwards, run out for nine after a mix-up with Petersen.

England's third success came when Jacques Kallis was caught low down at second slip by Alastair Cook off James Anderson for 19.

Smith's wicket was the first success for England in six hours and two minutes of play, during which 497 runs were scored, 377 of them in an unbeaten third wicket partnership between Amla and Kallis in south London last week.

South Africa won the first Test by an innings and 12 runs.

After a wicketless morning, played in partly cloudy weather with sunny spells, the bowlers looked more dangerous as clouds rolled in and the light faded after lunch. Rain stopped play as the last over before tea was about to be bowled.

England had earlier endured a frustrating morning during which both opening batsmen had escapes against England's all-seam attack.

Petersen was dropped at second slip off Anderson when he had 29, with Cook -- in the slips in the absence of dropped off-spinner Graeme Swann -- putting down a straightforward chance just below waist height.

Three balls earlier Petersen edged Anderson at catchable height between third slip and gully for four.

In the next over fast bowler Steven Finn, who replaced Swann, was denied a wicket when Smith, on six, edged him to England captain Andrew Strauss at first slip.

But umpire Steve Davis had called "dead ball" because Finn broke the stumps at the bowler's end with his right knee.

It was the fourth time Finn's knee made contact with the stumps but the first time the umpire intervened. There were four further "dead ball" calls against Finn, with two of them denying boundaries for Smith.

### SCOREBOARD

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings  
Petersen not out 76  
Smith c Bell b Bresnan 52  
Amla run out (Bresnan) 9  
Kallis c Cook b Anderson 19  
De Villiers not out 4  
Extras (b1, lb2) 3  
Total: (For 3 wkts in 52 overs) 163  
To bat: Rudolph, Duminy, Philander, Steyn, Morkel, Tahir  
Fall of wickets: 1-120, 2-132, 3-157

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anderson	16	3	39	1
Broad	14	2	41	0
Finn	11	1	39	0
Bresnan	11	2	41	1

**ENGLAND:** Strauss, Cook, Trotter, Pietersen, Bell, Taylor, Prior, Bresnan, Broad, Anderson, Finn.

## Sagar, Taibur slip up

SPORTS REPORTER

IM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar and FIDE master Taibur Rahman slipped in the Open International Rating Chess Tournament after losing their respective second round matches at the Bangladesh Chess Federation Hall Room yesterday.

Shafiqul Islam Mithu beat Sagar and Avik Sarker defeated Taibur to go on top of the table with 24 more players at the close of the second round.

The leaders are IM Abu Sufian Shakil, FM Debaraj Chatterjee, FM Mehdi Hasan Parag, Mahtabuddin Ahmed, Golam Mostafa Bhuiyan, Monir Hossain, Uten, Abdullah Al Saif, Saimon Siddiquir Rahman, Arman Siddique Mithu, Abdul Momin, Masum Hossain, Sirajul Kabir, Gysuddin Mithu, Hafizul Islam Chapal, Ekramul Haque Siam, Harunur Rashid, Amir Hossain, Sharmin Sulatan Shirin, Rashed, Sujon, Anisuzzaman Mallik, Mokaddesar Rahman Sohan and Emdadul Haque.

## 'bo' calls Phelps!

AFP, London

US President Barack Obama decided a personal tweet to Michael Phelps wasn't enough, so he surprised the US Olympic swimming star with a personal phone call at the London Games.

"The craziest thing was just when I answered the phone and they were like, 'Michael?' And I said: 'Yes'.

"And they said: 'Please hold for the President of the United States' and I was, like, 'OK'!"

Phelps, whose perfect eight-gold campaign in Beijing had already given him the most gold medals of any Olympian, added a new line to his legend as he surpassed Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina's record of 18 career medals with a silver and a gold on Tuesday night that took his total to 19.

Obama offered his congratulations via social networking site Twitter in a tweet signed with his initials "bo" to indicate he composed it personally, and followed up with a phone call.

"He just got on and was saying how everyone is supporting me and is behind me at home and how proud everyone is of me," Phelps said. "That was pretty cool. And he finished by saying 'make sure you tell your mom I said hi,'" added Phelps, whose mother, Debbie, is a staunch supporter and fan.

"It was a good call," Phelps said.

# Serena, Novak in semis

AP, Wimbledon



To complement her booming serve and slingshot returns, Serena Williams tried a left-handed forehand Thursday at the Olympics.

She lost that rally but won most of the other points, beating former No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark 6-0, 6-3 to reach the semifinals at Wimbledon.

Williams, seeking the first singles medal of her career, has lost only 13 games through four rounds. She'll face top-ranked Victoria Azarenka of Belarus on Friday for a berth in the final.

Playing on sun-splashed Court 1, Williams swept the first seven games against the No. 8-seeded Wozniacki. Williams kept one exchange going with a desperation, off-balance left-handed shot.

"I haven't practiced it in a couple of months," she said. "I wish I could have hit it better."

Otherwise, Williams stuck to the basics. She lost only nine points on her serve, never faced a break point and hit 30 winners to seven for Wozniacki.

"I felt a little off today, believe it or not," Williams said. "But I'm really, really hard to please."

Williams has won 11 consecutive matches this summer at the All England Club, including her fifth Wimbledon title a month ago.

Azarenka beat No. 7 Angelique Kerber of Germany 6-4, 7-5 under the Centre Court

roof. Kerber eliminated Venus Williams on Wednesday, but Azarenka feasted on the left-hander's serve, winning more than half of those points and breaking six times.

Serbia's Novak Djokovic set up an Olympic semifinal showdown with Andy Murray after beating French fifth seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-1, 7-5 on Thursday.

Djokovic is bidding to win his first Olympic gold medal after taking home a bronze from the 2008 Games in Beijing and he remains firmly in the hunt after seeing off the big-serving Tsonga on Wimbledon's Centre Court.

British hopeful Murray also won his quarterfinal, delighting a Court 1 crowd that featured Prince William and wife Kate. Murray, seeded No. 3, became the first men's semifinalist by beating No. 11 Nicolas Almagro of Spain, 6-4, 6-1.

Murray hit 15 aces to one for Almagro and never faced a break point. He had 29 winners and just seven unforced errors.

Americans Bob and Mike Bryan advanced to doubles semifinals by edging Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram of Israel, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (10). Neither team managed a service break, and the Bryans sealed the victory on their fourth match point when Erlich double-faulted into the net.

The twins, who are top-seeded, won the bronze in 2008. Both are also entered in mixed doubles.

The United States was the only nation to still have an entry in all five events of singles and doubles.

# Fixing report due Monday

### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) will make public the investigation report on a suspicious Bangladesh Premier League encounter between Brothers Union and Rahmatganj MFS on Monday, but both the alleged clubs are likely to be let off the hook due to lack of evidence.

The announcement came yesterday after the BFF professional football league committee opened the five-page sealed report which was submitted on Wednesday by the Fixed-Match Identification Committee (FMIC), headed by Bangladesh Rural Development Board chairman Humayun Khalid, two and a half months after the start of the investigation.

"We officially opened the investigation report and saw it but we need to go into the details. So we will sit again on Saturday and make it public on Monday," said BFF senior vice president and chairman of the league committee Abdus Salam Mursheedy yesterday.

Having assured disclosure of all things in the investigative report, Mursheedy said that the FMIC have given their opinions and recommendations regarding the alleged fixed match and the league committee will give a decision based on those.

The FMIC first inspected video footage of the suspicious match played on April 25 2012 as well as other matches involving the two teams, newspaper articles of the match in question, and reviewed the report that penalised Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club and Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society for a 'compromised' match in 2011. Before drawing a conclusion they sought the opinion of an expert, BFF director BA Jubair Nipu who was appointed by the board.

It has been learnt that the final report was based on his expert view, which had found nothing wrong with the match in question. However, earlier in the investigative process Jubair expressed in the media that he thought there was something fishy about the match between Brothers Union and Rahmatganj.

As per the bylaws, the decision of the BFF professional league committee concerning the fixed match is final and binding.

If any match is proven to be fixed, the result and points of that match will be forfeited or nullified and additional six points will be deducted from the earned points of the teams concerned as per the bylaws.

## Bo-Bae's 2nd archery gold

AFP, London

South Korea's Ki Bo-Bae added the Olympic Games women's individual archery gold to her team title victory when she defeated Mexico's Aida Roman in the final at Lord's on Thursday.

Another Mexican, Mariana Avitia, claimed bronze defeating Khatuna Lorig of the United States, who was taking part in her fifth successive Olympics under a third different national flag.

## SA stuns the favourites for rowing gold

AFP, London

South Africa stunned favourites Great Britain and Denmark to claim their first ever Olympic rowing gold medal in the lightweight men's four on Thursday in front of a 25,000 crowd.

All eyes were on the host nation to follow up Wednesday's gold in the women's pairs, and Denmark, champions at the Beijing Games four years ago.

But the South Africa four - James Thompson, Matthew Brittain, John Smith and Sizwe Ndlovu -- gate-crashed their party in gripping fashion.

The 29-year-old Ndlovu who took up the sport at school in 1997, told AFP of the enormity of winning South Africa's first Olympic rowing title.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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30 Bay  
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32 Mentor  
33 Coloring agent  
34 Tina's "30 Rock" role  
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37 Cleo's slayer  
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### CRYPTOQUIP

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" F V R N A S B C T X X T R U R I S ? "

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** SINCE I DID AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE DEEP, NARROW RUT, YOU COULD CALL THAT A FURROW ANALYSIS.  
Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals F