

DSC champs in DFA Cup

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Dragon Sporting Club (DSC) became champions in the DFA Cup Football Tournament as they defeated Dashara Palli Mangal Samity (DPMS) by 9-8 goals in tie-breaker in the final match at the Shahid Miraz-Tapan Stadium in Manikganj yesterday.

The match rolled on to tie-breaker after regulation time ended 1-1. Rubel scored the opening goal for DPMS in the 15th minute which was cancelled by a penalty shot from Delwar in the 30th minute.

All set for

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The crowd roared in approval when Bolt's name was announced at the stadium to the tune of Sweet Dreams by Eurythmics. "I travel the world and the seven seas, everybody is looking for something," went the words of the song. It was clear that at the Olympic Park on Saturday, the only thing everyone was looking for was Usain Bolt.

Soon there was a hush and then the starting gun went off.

Bolt started like he always does -- not very well. "We all know the last 50-meters is my strong point," he later said. And he should be glad that it is, as he seemed to saunter through in that leggy style of his with a time of 10.09 seconds. It was still enough to win his individual heat but it was still way off the marks set by his compatriots Asafa Powell and Yohan Blake.

In fact Bolt's time was the slowest amongst the winners of all the seven heats that took place in a brilliant and cool Saturday morning.

Tyson Gay won the first, clocking what seemed like a good time of 10.08. But Justin Gatlin blew that out of the water running a sub-10 second heat by clocking 9.97. And the USA continued their strong showing, as the relatively unheralded Ryan Bailey blew the competition away with a stunning 9.88. Powell posted 10.04 and Blake a flat 10.

But a competitor of Bolt's class will not have been fazed. The Jamaican knows that he is the marker by which everyone judges themselves and with a partisan crowd egging him on, the onus is on Bolt to grab these London Games by the scruff of the neck.

London 2012 has lacked any dominating characters like in Beijing in 2008, and while Bolt managed super-human feats in China, Beijing was also Phelps's Games. This time though, the void is palpable and waiting to be filled by someone.

The stage is now set for one of the most thrilling 100-metre races of all time. London 2012 will see four of the fastest men in the world together; a feat not witnessed since electronic timing was introduced. Bolt, Gay, Powell and Blake will be joined by Gatlin, whose non-drug-induced personal best of 9.80 ranks him at seventh in the all-time list. All are safely through to the semifinals and on Saturday's evidence all will safely make it through. The margins could not be any closer when the big final is contested tonight.

"Sweet dreams are made of this, who am I to disagree" goes the words of the song. If Bolt pulls something out of the bag tonight, no one will disagree.

London Diary

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Surrey after the swimming finishes on 10 August.

Ring, ring, who's there?

Muse may have produced the official song of the London 2012 Olympic Games, but most Games staff will agree that the default Samsung ringtone is the melody that will be stuck in their heads long after the Closing Ceremony. And when thousands of staff have the same model of phone and haven't bothered to change the ringtone, it's easy to grab the wrong handset, as one ONS gymnastics reporter found out when he received a voicemail asking him to pick up a relative of the Grand Duke of Luxembourg. It wasn't until he returned the call to confirm he wasn't a driver that he realised he had taken off with the wrong phone, which remains unclaimed.



PHOTO: STAR

Mourners pay last respect to the noted sports commentator and journalist Abdul Hamid after the namaz-e-janaza at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

SA prise out four

Cricket

AFP, Leeds

South Africa dismissed four England batsmen on an attritional third day of the second Test at Headingley on Saturday.

England were 183 for four at tea, with Kevin Pietersen, the only batsman able to score with relative freedom, unbeaten on 43.

Alastair Cook (24), Andrew Strauss (37) and Jonathan Trott (35) all fell to disciplined bowling after lengthy but not particularly productive stays at the crease.

South Africa struck a crucial blow shortly before the tea interval when Ian Bell was caught at first slip off Jacques Kallis for 11, leaving Pietersen to rebuild the innings together with new

cap James Taylor, who scored his first runs in Test cricket when he drove leg-spinners Imran Tahir past mid-off for four in the final over before tea.

Strauss and Cook had to combat some hostile bowling in a morning's play curtailed by rain, which stopped play for an hour and a half.

Philander made the breakthrough when Cook played around a straight delivery and was given out leg before wicket by umpire Steve Davis. Cook unsuccessfully sought a review which showed the ball was hitting his middle stump.

Strauss was caught behind off Dale Steyn after a two-and-a-half hour stay when he pushed at a ball from the fast bowler to edge a straight-forward catch.

Trott batted for two hours before losing patience and

flashing at Steyn to be caught at first slip.

Pietersen showed attacking intent from the start of his innings and hit seven fours in reaching 43 off 83 balls by tea.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 419 (Pietersen 182, Smith 52, Duminy 48 not out; Broad 3-96, Anderson 2-61)

ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 48-0)

Strauss c De Villiers b Steyn	37
Cook lbw b Philander	24
Trott c Smith b Steyn	35
Pietersen not out	43
Bell c Smith b Kallis	11
Taylor not out	4
Extras: (b4, lb13, nb3, w9)	29
Total: (4 wkts, 63 overs)	183
Fall of wickets: 1-65, 2-85, 3-142, 4-173	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Morkel	18	6	40	0
Philander	17	6	42	1
Shaydon	15	5	43	2
Kallis	8	3	14	1
Imran Tahir	5	0	27	0

Petersen down with hammy

AFP, Leeds

South African opening batsman Alvaro Petersen suffered a hamstring injury while batting in the second Test against England at Headingley on Saturday that could rule him out of the rest of the match.

The injury occurred in the later stages of Petersen's top-scoring innings of 182 on Friday, during South Africa's first-innings 419.

A scan confirmed a grade one strain that should sideline him for between seven and ten days, but South African team manager Dr Moosa Moosa said on Saturday that the 31-year-old could be called upon to bat again.

"This type of injury usually requires a recovery time of approximately seven to ten days, however if he is needed to bat in the Proteas' second innings he will do so," Moosa said.

Faf du Plessis replaced Petersen in the field.

Petersen is expected to be fit for the third and final Test which starts at Lord's on August 16.

Serena's

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dreaming of hearing "The Star Spangled Banner" from the top of a podium.

It wasn't until recently that professional players were allowed to compete in the Games, making her dream unlikely.

When it finally came, Serena on top of her game, in a familiar venue, with gold at her finger tips, she was absolutely dominant.

Serena will look for a second gold later this week-end playing women's doubles with her sister, Venus.

NZ ahead despite Samuels ton

Cricket

AFP, Kingston

West Indies, looking to win their series 2-0, posted a first innings deficit after the second day of their second Test against New Zealand on Friday, bowled out for 209 and hugely indebted to a century from Marlon Samuels.

By the close, the Black Caps were 59 for 2 for a lead of 110 with Martin Guptill missing a fourth straight half century - and Bradley John Watling the men out, both falling lbw to Narsingh Deonarine inside three overs late in the final session.

Guptill, 97 in the first innings of the first Test at North Sound, made 42 and Watling 11.

Earlier, the tourists had served notice of their intent to level the series in netting three top order wickets, including the prized scalp of Chris Gayle, in the opening session and their aggressivity in the field continued thereafter.

Gayle, recalled after 18 months out of the Test loop due to a standoff between

himself and the West Indies officials over comments he made after a sponsorship row, fell to the bowling of Neil Wagner, who drew a top edge towards point that Watling caught with aplomb.

Marlon Samuels showed some resistance in the afternoon and went on to make 123 after the hosts were at one stage faltering at 83 for five before he holed out to deep point, caught by Wagner off the bowling of Doug Bracewell.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul fell, edging Southee to Taylor at slip for nine, while Narsingh Deonarine was caught behind for a duck off Boulton.

Samuels drove Boulton to the boundary for his 50 off 93 balls and for a while he had support from Denesh Ramdin, who made 15 before Wagner induced an edge to Kane Williamson at Guj.

Skipper Darren Sammy made 32 in building a stand of 49 with Samuels as the West Indies laboured toward the Black Caps' opening of 260 - only to fall lbw to Southee and Samuels' demise ended their tilt

before the hosts resumed in the field.

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 260 (Guptill 71, Taylor 60, Wagner 23; Roach 4-70, Best 2-40, Deonarine 2-43)

WEST INDIES: First innings
Gayle c Brownlie b Wagner 10
Powell c Brownlie b Boulton 5
Fudadin lbw b Boulton 10
Samuels c Wagner b DJ Bracewell 123
Chanderpaul c Taylor b Southee 9
Deonarine c van Wyk b Boulton 0
Ramdin c Williamson b Wagner 15
Sammy lbw b Southee 32
Narine c Guptill b DJ Bracewell 1
Roach c Guptill b DJ Bracewell 1
Best not out 6
Extras: (b4 w2) 0

Total: (all out in 64.3 overs) 209
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-17, 3-53, 4-82, 5-83, 6-113, 7-162, 8-177, 9-183, 10-209

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Boulton	17	2	58	3
Bracewell	15.3	3	46	3
Southee	19	5	70	2
Wagner	10	3	24	2
Williamson	3	0	7	0

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings

Guptill lbw d Deonarine 42
Watling lbw b Deonarine 11
Wagner not out 2
McCullum 1
Extras: (lb1, nb2) 3
Total: (for 2 wickets in 21 overs) 59
To bat: Taylor, Williamson, Brownlie, van Wyk, Bracewell, Boulton, Southee

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Roach	5	1	17	0
Best	5	1	16	0
Sammy	6	2	19	0

Usha keep hopes alive

Hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Usha KC kept their hopes of Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League title alive with a 1-1 draw against Abahani in their penultimate match at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The draw took the Federation Cup champions' to 34 points, three behind leaders Mohammedan SC, both having played 13 matches. The two title-aspirants will face-off in the last match of the league on Monday.

A win or even a draw will crown Mohammedan champions while Usha will need to

beat Mohammedan to force a play-off.

However it looked like Mohammedan would be crowned before that day as Usha trailed Abahani by 0-1 in the first half, thanks to a 20th-minute penalty corner conversion from Pakistani recruit Kashim Ali. To make matters worse, Usha missed a penalty stroke at the stroke of half time as Abahani veteran goalkeeper foiled Aktar Ali's feeble attempt.

But to their credit, Usha kept persisting and earned the equaliser in the 58th minute, through Shahbaz Ali's penalty corner conversion.

The draw did joint-holders Abahani little good as they remained in the third position with 29 points 13 matches.



PHOTO: STAR

Usha KC goalkeeper Rasel Khan dives to foil an attempt by Abahani during their Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League match at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

India win 4-1

Cricket

STAR SPORT DESK

India won the 5-match ODI series against Sri Lanka by a 4-1 margin, winning the fifth ODI by 20 runs at the Pallekelle International Cricket Stadium yesterday. Fighting innings by Lahiru Thirimanne and Jeevan Mendis were not enough to seal a face-saving victory for Sri Lanka, who were all out for 274 chasing India's 294, with paceman Irfan Pathan taking 5 for 61.

Led by Angelo Mathews in the absence of regular skipper Mahela Jayawardene and star player Kumar Sangakkara, Sri Lanka were jolted by the early loss of danger man Tillakaratne Dilshan, who succumbed for a duck to Pathan.

After a 48-run partnership between Upul Tharanga and Thirimanne, the home side suffered a

collapse, falling to 102 for five, before Jeevan Mendis constructed a momentum-changing 102-run sixth wicket partnership with Thirimanne in quick time.

Earlier, Gautam Gambhir and Mahendra Singh Dhoni hit half-centuries to help India post a challenging 294-7.

Gambhir cracked an impressive 88 and skipper Dhoni made a brisk 38-ball 58 after the tourists won the toss and elected to bat in the day-night match in Pallekelle.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA
Gambhir c Malinga b Senanayake 88
Rahane lbw b Perera 9
Kohli lbw b Pradeep 23
Sharma b Pradeep 4
Tiwarly c Perera b Malinga 65
Raina c Thirimanne b Malinga 0
Dhoni c Chandimal b Malinga 58
Pathan not out 29
Ashwin not out 2
Extras: (lb10, w6) 16
Total: (for 7 wickets in 50 overs) 294
Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-77, 3-87, 4-197, 5-

197, 6-213, 7-290.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Malinga	10	0	64	3
Perera	10	0	53	1
Mathews	5	0	29	0
Pradeep	10	0	63	2
Senanayake	10	0	50	1
Mendis	5	0	25	0

Sri Lanka
Tharanga c Rahane b Pathan 31
Dilshan c Khan b Pathan 0
Thirimanne run out 77
Chandimal lbw b Dinda 8
Kapugedera run out 13
Kapugedera lbw b Khan 9
Mendis c Dhoni b Pathan 72
Perera c Kohli b Pathan 18
Senanayake b Pathan 7
Malinga c Raina b Dinda 10
Pradeep not out 0
Extras: (b-2, lb-14, w-13) 29
Total: (All out in 45.4 overs) 274
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-61, 3-74, 4-89, 5-

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zaheer Khan	9	1	53	1
Pathan	10	0	61	5
Dinda	7.4	0	55	2
Kohli	1	0	3	0
Ashwin	9	0	37	0
Sharma	6	0	23	0

Mohan's exit ends

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Tome and Principe.

No wonder then that Bangladeshi sprinter Mohan Khan, who was also on the list, admitted before the race that most of the sprinters were from nations that he had never even heard of.

For Mohan, whose Olympic preparations were patchy at best, after he was handed a wild-card quite late in the piece, it was an opportunity to show that the fastest man in 160 million in Bangladesh was at least decent on the world stage.

The Bangladeshi certainly started well, his reaction times after the starting gun suggesting that he might be able to spring a surprise.

But running into a headwind of 0.9 m/s was never going to be easy for Mohan and he faded to finish on 11.25. It was still a personal best and from Mohan, asking anything more would have been pushing it.

Running in lane six, the army sprinter finished fifth out of the seven competitors.

He was similarly pragmatic while summing up his achievement.

"Even Indians and Pakistanis train for over a year coming into the Olympics. I trained for one and a half months. Given that, posting

my personal best, I can be satisfied," he said. Mohan admitted that he was struggling with the conditions. The infamous blustery English weather has put paid to many a better competitor in the past, but the Bangladeshis especially seem to have struggled.

Mohan's statements mirrored those of Bangladeshi archer Emdadul Haque Milon and swimmer Mahfizur Rahman Shagor.

"There is a distinct lack of training," he said. "If we could train properly and invest in the sport then maybe Bangladesh could achieve something on the world stage."

For now though, there is no such sunshine forthcoming.

Mohan's exit meant the end for Bangladesh's participation in the Olympic Games. As the most populous nation without a medal in the Games, there have been numerous whispers in the international media about Bangladesh.

Perhaps this will drive some positive change in numerous sports in Bangladesh where infrastructural investment and training can be relatively minimal but lead to greater things for the country on an international stage.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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12 Lamb's mother
13 Chicken (Sp.)
14 Former acorn
15 Bright hue
17 Attempt
18 Fuss
19 Kind of inspection
21 Appliance at a movie snack counter
24 Farmer's home, in song
25 Prince — Khan
26 15-Across, e.g.
28 Body powders
31 Latvia's capital
33 Aachen article
35 Surrealist Joan

DOWN
1 Gun the engine
2 Shock and —
3 Apiece
4 Miss Muffet's frightener
5 Used crayons
6 Boxer Muhammad
7 Vital fluid
8 14-line poem
9 Formal ball
10 Homer's son

11 Terrier type
16 Atlas entry
20 Bang the door
21 Pizzeria cheese, for short
22 Hodge-podge
23 Play that became "My Fair Lady"
27 Lair
29 Actress Penelope
30 Angry
32 Bullets et al.
34 Theft
37 Away from the mouth
39 Cave-dwelling giants
42 Last Greek letter
44 Hooter
45 Charitable donations
46 Suitor
50 Auction action
51 "— Im-possible"
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