

Mushfiq, Nasir off to Colomobo

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Bangladesh captain Mushfiquir Rahim and all-rounder Nasir Hossain left for Colombo yesterday to take part in the inaugural Sri Lanka Premier League (SLPL), which will be held in Colombo and Pallekele from August 10-31.

Shakib Al Hasan was also among the five Bangladeshi players who were picked up by the franchises via a draft system, but the all-rounder was advised by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) to rest in order to recover from a recent knee injury.

Left-arm spinner Elias Sunny is likely to miss the early stage of the competition. Sunny was earlier included in the Nagenahira preliminary 24-man squad but the franchise on Thursday informed him that he could not make it to the 18-man squad.

Dashing opener Tamim Iqbal is yet to get his air ticket. "I'm not sure when I can fly for Sri Lanka. I will fly once I get my ticket," said Tamim.

Tamim will represent Wayamba while Mushfiquir and Nasir were scooped by the Nagenahira franchise.

Abahani finish third

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Abahani finished third in the Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League with a 3-1 win over Sonali Bank in their last match of the Super League at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Following a 1-1 draw against Usha on the previous day, Abahani took only five minutes to take the lead against a side they beat 8-3 in the first leg.

Hasan Jubair Niloy, Pakistani Kashim Ali and Puskhor Khisha Mimo scored for the Sky Blues while Mohammad Rubel reduced the margin for Sonali Bank, who finished fourth in the 11-team table with 21 points from 14 matches.

The win took Abahani's tally to 32 points, five and two points behind title contenders Mohammedan and Usha KC respectively.

Mohammedan and Usha KC meanwhile will face off today in the last match of the Super League to decide the title. However, if Usha beat Mohammedan, a play-off will take place to decide the champions as both sides will have equal points.

On the other hand, Mohamedan, who haven't yet tasted defeat in the league and drew just one match against Abahani, need only a draw to retain the title.

10 selected for Sahara-BCB camp

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The Bangladesh Cricket Board selected 10 cricketers for the Sahara-BCB National Cricket Academy preparation camp to be held from August 8 to 14.

The selected players have been requested to report at the Sahara-BCB National Cricket Academy at 5:00pm on Tuesday.

The players are Sanjamul Islam, Nazmul Hossain Opu, Mahmudul Hasan, Mysukur Rahman, Shaker Ahmed, Shabbir Rahaman, Kamrul Islam Rabbi, Fazle Rabbi Mahmud, Tanbir Hyder Khan and Tasamul Hoque.

Skipper Nafees

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After the umpire adjudged him out on the second day of the four-day against the Karnataka State Cricket Association XI. He was later summoned by the match commissioner and was warned.

Bangladesh A lost the second match after drawing the first game against Barda Cricket Association XI in the Safi Darashah Invitational Tournament.

London's parks offer unique treats

QUAZI ZULQUARNAIN ISLAM *from London*



While thousands of Londoners have been lucky enough to scalp a ticket to the Olympic Park, many other thousands have seen their dreams of watching high-quality live sport shattered. Ticketing issues related to empty VIP seats in various Olympic stadiums have been a recurring issue of debate between the International Olympic Committee, the media and the British Olympic Committee.

But while the chances of getting a ticket is similar to finding a four-leaf clover, the beauty of London is it's many alternative measures to enjoy an experience.

London's parks, long feted as must-visits for any tourist to the city, have been transformed for the Olympics into a medley of sporting activity. Hyde Park hosted the triathlon on Saturday and played host to a superb competition that achieved a photo finish amidst a superb atmosphere generated by the fans who had flocked to the venue for a chance of free action.

But even if live action is not exactly as forthcoming, Londoners have the ability to enjoy the Olympic and Paralympic Games on

big screens at iconic locations for free.

BT London Live, an initiative of British Telecom, is currently screening all the action from the Olympic Games at two of London's most popular parks -- Hyde Park and Victoria Park.

The live sites provide a great place to soak up the Olympic atmosphere in London. As well as the screenings, the sites offer live music, interactive sport zones and even free chocolate.

Hyde Park is also hosting free music gigs by top acts including Will Young, The Levellers, Alexandra Burke, Dodgy and McFly. It's also home to Cadbury House, where visitors can sample and find out more about the famous Cadbury chocolate.

Victoria Park in East London is also offering live music every day and lots of fun activities including a zipline, bungee trampolines, zorbing and a 55-metre observation wheel. There's also a programme of cultural activities including theatre, comedy and magic shows.

But best of all is that both sites are free and unticketed.

All one has to do is just turn up on the day with a chair and a drink. And presto, a fun-filled day of sport, sweets and Olympic action.

Clean sweep for WI

AFP, Kingston

West Indies sailed to a comfortable five-wicket win to complete a clean sweep of the two-match Test series against New Zealand at Sabina Park in Kingston yesterday.

Having resumed the day needing 72 to win and the pair of Shivnarine Chanderpaul and night-watchman Kemar Roach at the crease, the home side progressed serenely towards their target of 206. While Chanderpaul eliminated all risk as only he can, Roach entertained the fourth day crowd with a 60-ball 41 that featured four boundaries. He was New Zealand's only wicket of the day, caught by Tim Southee off Kane Williamson. Thereafter Narsingh Deonarine kept Chanderpaul company as the veteran took

the West Indies to their first clean sweep in over ten years.

Earlier on the third day, with bowler Narsingh Deonarine on a hot streak, the hosts bowled out the Black Caps for just 154 -- leaving the West Indies requiring only 206 and by the close in Kingston they had made 134 for four as they looked to seal a 2-0 series win.

Despite cheaply losing the wickets of Kieran Powell and Chris Gayle they were well on their way as Assad Fudadin and first innings centurion Martin Samuels took them to 56 for 2 before Neil Wagner bowled Fudadin for 27 with the score on 94.

Doug Bracewell then forced an edge from Samuels, who departed for 52 having been spilled by BJ Watling when on 20.

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 209 (Samuels 123, Sammy 32; Boult 3-58, Bracewell 3-46)

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings 154 (Guptill 42, Brownlie 35; Narine 3-19, Deonarine 4-37)

WEST INDIES: Second innings (overnight 135 for 4)

Gayle lbw b Boult 8
Powell lbw b Southee 6
Fudadin b Wagner 27
Samuels c Taylor b Bracewell 52
Chanderpaul not out 43
Roach c Southee b Williamson 41
Deonarine not out 15
Extras: (b 4, lb 2, w 8) 14
Total: (For 5 wickets in 63.2 overs) 206
Did not bat: Ramdin, Sammy, Narine, Best.
Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-20, 3-94, 4-113, 5-183.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Boult	12	1	46	1
Bracewell	13	0	38	1
Southee	14	4	30	1
Wagner	12	3	41	1
Williamson	7.2	1	18	1
Guptill	4	0	21	0
Brownlie	1	0	6	0

Result: West Indies won by 5 wickets and clinched two-match series 2-0.
Man-of-the-match: Marlon Samuels.

Magical Murray takes gold

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Games are in full swing in 2016, may wonder if he will ever get a chance to win the Golden Slam of all four majors and singles gold. For the time being, he has to settle for silver, while Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro bagged the bronze by beating Novak Djokovic 7-5, 6-4.

When Murray gave Federer two break points in the opening game, his response to the crisis, a series of perfectly-placed winners, was symbolic of his impressive form this week.

The Scot's new-found maturity and increased musculature are a potent package and he set about Federer with controlled fury in the sixth game.

A fine serve from Federer saved the first of two break points, but Murray came up with a searing return on the next and the Swiss could only direct his forehand into the net.

Everything that Federer threw at Murray

was sent back with interest by the Scot, who clinched the first set with a second break when he smashed a backhand winner down the line.

Murray had taken the first set in the Wimbledon final as well before missing a chance to break in the second and then running out of steam.

He wasn't going to make the same mistake again.

In the second game of the second set, Federer put an easy smash into the net before the Scot enjoyed a slice of luck as two net cords in quick succession went his way to secure the break.

Federer tried to stem the tide in the next game, an epic struggle that featured six break points for the Swiss. But Murray wouldn't be denied and found the right response on each occasion.

Ennis the star

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remaining, Ennis had a commanding lead.

In the modern Games, track and field and swimming have overtaken heptathlon as the most prized medal sport. But in ancient Greece, the person best able to complete the gruelling seven-sport contest was considered to be the greatest Olympian. With good reason too. The heptathlon includes the 100 metre hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200 metre, long jump, javelin throw, and finally the 800 metre, over a two-day period.

No wonder then that for any athlete worth their salt, winning this constitutes perhaps the biggest achievement in their careers. Winning the Olympic gold in front of 70,000 baying home fans then, is on another level.

"I don't know what to say really, I'm still in shock," said Ennis, following her long laps of honour around the Olympic Stadium. "It's been a brilliant couple of days. There was an expectation for gold before I got on the track. To have come here in one piece and delivered is a dream come true."

Ennis did not just deliver it. She dismantled the opposition, one step at a time. To be excellent in one Olympic sport is difficult. To be very good or world class at five of the seven in the heptathlon is phenomenal.

"The heptathlon is one of the toughest events, with so many highs and lows, but I came into the competition in good shape, I had the shape of my life," said Ennis. "I had the belief that I could do it. The crowd lift you so much, they support you so much. Starting so well with the hurdles, the momentum rolled into other events." In the 100m hurdles on Friday, Ennis set a heptathlon world best of 12.54 seconds -- not too far behind the best ever run in the single discipline, 12.21.

Ennis's gold sparked off an amazing day for Britain in the Olympics. Greg Rutherford won gold in the long jump and later, Mo Farah completed an amazing last-act victory in the 10,000 metres. It was Great Britain's most successful day in the Olympics for over a century.

While Farah and Rutherford were adequately toasted, the real affection, you feel, resides with Ennis.

"This is my first Olympics," a smiling Ennis had said in the mixed zones before her achievement. On this evidence, it certainly will not be her last.

Williams sisters win historic fourth gold

AFP, London

Venus and Serena Williams became the first tennis players to win four Olympic golds on Sunday after a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Czech pair Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka in the women's doubles final at Wimbledon.

The Williams sisters had already won doubles gold at the Sydney Games in 2000 and in Beijing in 2008, while Venus claimed the singles gold in Sydney and Serena won her first individual gold on Saturday, when she crushed Maria Sharapova in the women's final.

Venus and Serena also joined Spain's Conchita Martinez, who won silver in 1992 and 2004 and bronze in 1996, as the only tennis players to win medals at three different Olympics.

"It was so exciting to win the singles, but like I said at the beginning of the tournament my goal was to get gold in doubles here," Serena said.



PHOTO: AFP

England batsman Matt Prior anxiously follows the trajectory of the ball as he is about to be caught on the boundary, but not before scoring a vital 68 during the 4th day of the 2nd Test against South Africa at Headingley yesterday.

Booters give in to quota

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Booters seemed convinced with the explanations of BFF president Kazi Salahuddin regarding the foreign quota in the upcoming professional football league after they had a one-hour discussion with the BFF boss yesterday.

The BFF professional football league committee decided to keep the foreign players' quota to seven for registration and four eligible to play in a match for the upcoming season. However, booters under the Football Players' Welfare Association (FPWA) umbrella demanded a reduction of the quota to allow maximum three players in a game in a bid to make more opportunities for the local players. But their presence at the meeting yesterday was minimal.

"What he (Salahuddin) explained to us regarding the foreign players' quota is justified and we also believe that we have to fight against foreign players to secure our own places in the starting eleven," said national defender Wali Faisal.

FPWA president and BFF vice president Arif Khan Joy said that the president promised to increase the facilities of the national squad and that he would consider about the quota in future as this time everything including the bylaws have already been finalised.

SA openers hold fast

AFP, Leeds

South African opening batsmen Graeme Smith and Jacques Rudolph resisted some hostile bowling before a second rain stoppage on the fourth day of the second Test against England at Headingley on Sunday.

Only an hour of play was possible between lunch and tea as South Africa reached 39 for no wicket, a lead of 33.

There had been an earlier stoppage of two hours, which included the lunch break.

England wicketkeeper Matt Prior earlier gave his team a six-run first innings lead with a fluent innings of 68 off 89 balls.

England were bowled out for 425 shortly before lunch. South Africa were five for no wicket in their second innings when lightning and rain drove the players off the field three balls into what would probably have been the last over before lunch.

England lost top-scorer Kevin Pietersen to the second ball of the day when he was trapped leg before wicket by Morne Morkel without adding to his overnight score of 149.

But Prior took over the attacking role played by Pietersen on Saturday, cracking eight fours before he was ninth man out, top- edging a sweep against leg-spinner Imran Tahir to deep fine leg.

Tim Bresnan helped Prior add 45 for the seventh wicket

before Tahir wrapped up the innings, taking the last three wickets at a cost of nine runs to finish with figures of three for 92.

South African captain Smith took the field with his left knee strapped after suffering an injury late on Saturday.

He did not appear to be hampered in his running between wickets as he and Rudolph batted watchfully against disciplined bowling under a heavily overcast sky before a second thunder-shower moved in.

Rudolph was promoted in the order in place of first innings century maker Alviro Petersen, who did not field because of a hamstring injury and will be unable to bat until five wickets have fallen.

South Africa suffered a further injury blow when all-rounder Jacques Kallis could not take the field on Sunday because of back spasms.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 419
ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 351-5)
Strauss c De Villiers b Steyn 37
Cook lbw b Philander 24
Trott c Smith b Steyn 35
Pietersen lbw b Morkel 149
Bell c Smith b Kallis 11
Taylor b Morkel 34
Prior b Steyn b Imran Tahir 68
Bresnan c Smith b Philander 9
Broad c sub (Du Plessis) b Imran Tahir 1
Anderson b Imran Tahir 8
Finn not out 0
Extras: (b-7, lb-17, nb-11, w-14) 49
Total: (All out in 126.4 overs) 425
Fall of wickets: 1-65, 2-85, 3-142, 4-173, 5-320, 6-351, 7-396, 8-407, 9-420.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Morkel	32	9	96	2
Philander	30	10	72	2

Steyn	28	8	102	2
Kallis	12	3	34	1
Tahir	23.4	0	92	3
Duminy	1	0	5	0

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings
Rudolph not out 21
Smith not out 17
Extras: (lb-1) 1
Total: (For no loss 17 overs) 39
To bat: Petersen, Amla, Kallis, De Villiers, Duminy, Philander, Steyn, Morkel, Tahir.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anderson	6	4	4	0
Broad	6	0	18	0
Finn	3	1	4	0
Steyn	2	0	12	0

Fraser-Pryce

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final, a record for this event, with American Tianna Madison fourth and former 200m world champion Allyson Felix fifth.

Gold for Fraser-Pryce, handed a six-month-doping suspension in 2010 after medication she was taking for toothache was found to be on the banned list, means sprinting powerhouse America's wait for women's 100m gold goes on.

Croatia's two-time European champion Sandra Perkovic won the women's discus.

The 22-year-old Croat, who served a six-month doping ban in 2011, threw a best of 69.11 metres, a national record, with Russia's Darya Pischalnikova claiming silver with 67.56m, and China's Li Yanfeng taking bronze (67.22).

Briton Greg Rutherford won the men's long jump title to finally win gold after twice taking silver in other championship finals.

Britain's Mo Farah won the men's Olympic 10,000m on Saturday, giving the host nation their third athletics gold medal of the night.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: SINCE A RECLUSE PUT A TOP ON THIS CONTAINER TIGHTLY, I'D IMAGINE IT'S HERMITICALLY SEALED.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: W equals A