

# BFF summons Amer

## Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has said it would look into claims by Brothers Union manager Amer Khan of having forced to play a fixed match against eventual champions Abahani.

“The professional league committee will sit in an emergency meeting tomorrow (Thursday) to look into the claims of Brothers Union manager Amer Khan,” said BFF’s senior vice president and professional league committee chairman Abdus Salam Murshey.

Murshedy said, “We have asked Amer to appear before the emergency meeting and produce the evidence which he claimed during a TV interview and we will decide the next course of action after the meeting.”

The BFF vice president, however, said that he has learnt that the Brothers Union sent him a letter which dubbed the TV report baseless and deceptive.

Amer Khan made the claims in the TV

## Liu to go for op

AFP, London

Chinese hurdler Liu Xiang will go under the knife in London on Wednesday after a serious Achilles tendon tear put him out of the London Olympics, an official said.

The former 110m hurdles gold medallist, whose heartbreaking injury exit for the second Games in a row drew millions of messages of support from his home country, will return to China soon after the operation, he said.

“He will have an operation today,” Chinese Olympic committee spokesman Zhang Haifeng told AFP.

“Both Chinese and local doctors examined him yesterday. He’s almost broken his right tendon.”

Liu clattered into the first hurdle in his heat on Tuesday and fell heavily. After being helped to his feet, he bravely hopped the length of the track and symbolically kissed the last hurdle.

## BCB names

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during the Europe trip but recalled for the camp.

The Bangladesh team, under the banner of BCB XI, will fly on August 31 for Trinidad and Tobago to play a T20 tournament, after which they will go to Sri Lanka directly to take part in the World Cup.

The selected cricketers have been asked to report to the national team manager Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad at Mirpur on August 12 at 8:15am.

## SQUAD

M u s h f i q u r R a h i m , Mahmudullah Riyad, Tamim Iqbal, Imrul Kayes, Junaed Siddiqui, Jahurul Islam, Mohammad Ashraful, Shakib Al Hasan, Naeem Islam, Nasir Hossain, Shabbir Rahman, Abdur Razzak, Elias Sunny, Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, Forhad Reza, Shafuil Islam, Nazmul Hossain, Ziaur Rahman, Abul Hossain.

## MEDALLIST

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Sweden	1	3	3
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Czech Republic	1	3	1
Kenya	1	2	2
Mexico	0	3	2
South Africa	3	1	0
Jamaica	2	1	1
Ethiopia	2	0	2
Slovenia	1	1	2
Colombia	0	3	1
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Slovakia	0	1	3
Croatia	2	1	0
Switzerland	2	1	0
Georgia	1	1	1
Norway	1	1	1
Armenia	0	1	2
Azerbaijan	0	1	2
Belgium	0	1	2
Dominican Republic	1	1	0
Lithuania	1	0	1
Egypt	0	2	0
Estonia	0	1	1
Indonesia	0	1	1
Mongolia	0	1	1
Serbia	0	1	1
Tunisia	0	1	1
Greece	0	0	2
Qatar	0	0	2

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

interview at a time when his club, Brothers Union, were being investigated for playing two fixed matches against Rahmatganj MFS and Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club in the last edition of the Bangladesh Premier League though Brothers and Rahmatganj have been cleared of the allegation by football’s governing body on Wednesday.

However, the investigation on the second allegation against Brothers and Sheikh Jamal has not been launched yet, according to Humayun Khalid, chief of the BFF Fixed-Match Identification Committee.

Khalid told Daily Star that they could not get any concrete evidence on which they could identify the fixed match between Brothers and Rahmatganj.

The committee opined that the video footages and news reports were not concrete to identify the match as a fixed one.

But now that a responsible club official like Amer has come out in public to claim that they played fixed match, it should be taken as an incriminating evidence and should force the BFF to have a thorough investigation into the matter.

## Kohli, Pathan deliver T20 win



AFP, Pallekele

Virat Kohli cracked a half-century and Irfan Pathan bagged three key wickets to help India post an easy 39-run win over Sri Lanka in the one-off Twenty20 international in Pallekele on Tuesday.

In-form Kohli hit a 48-ball 68 for his maiden half-century in T20 internationals while paceman Pathan finished with 3-27 as India bowled Sri Lanka out for 116 after scoring 155-3.

Man-of-the-match Pathan jolted Sri Lanka’s top order when he dismissed skipper Mahela Jayawardene (26), Tillakaratne Dilshan (0) and Upul Tharanga (5) in his opening three overs to reduce the hosts to 35-3.

Seamer Ashok Dinda finished with 4-19, including three wickets in an over, as Sri Lanka lost their last six wickets for 20 runs. Angelo Mathews top-scored for Sri Lanka with 31.

Kohli earlier smashed one six and 11 fours before being caught by Lahiru Thirimanne at deep mid-wicket off debutant paceman Shaminda Eranga, who took 2-30 off four overs.

"I think we mastered our bowling and batting better than them," said India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

"We thought we were 15 runs short, but overall we were really good."

### SCORES IN BRIEF

INDIA: 155 for 3 (Kohli 68, Raina 34 not out; Eranga 2-30)  
SRI LANKA: 116 all out (Jayawardene 26, Thirimanne 20, Mathews 31; Pathan 3-27, Dinda 4-19)  
Result: India won by 39 runs

## Brownlees light up

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To put this into context, Mo Farah won his Olympic gold in the 10,000 metres in a time of 27 minutes and 30 seconds. Farah was at least spared the need to swim and bike before his record.

The cheer for the athletes was loud and joyous, as only 300,000 people can muster. But the athletes hardly heard it. Towards the end, their faces wore a grimace so pained you feared it might become a permanent expression. It leads you to think what these men put their bodies through. Whatever it must be, it’s certainly not good. As he crossed the line with a British flag draped across his shoulders, Alistair collapsed. The silver medallist Javier Gomez of Spain, also collapsed. Alistair managed to get up as his brother came through the finish. For a minute, he hugged him. Then Jonathan too fell. It was just a small indication of the level of endurance necessary to pull off a feat of such physical brilliance.

London, though, seemed to love the triathlon. As one journalist said, perhaps it is because each and every person feels that they have to perform a mini-version of it just to get to work every morning -- slogging on bikes through the rain or jogging through royal parks.

But as you saw the athletes get ready for the first leg of their trip, under the granite skies and the cool wind, the cameras focused on Alistair Brownlee. The Yorkshire native loved this; it reminded him of home. And so he proved, bringing home the gold.

## London diary

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### Football fan’s 450km mistake

One unlucky ticket holder missed out on watching Olympic football on Saturday as he turned up at the wrong venue -- 450km away from where he should have been.

The surprised football fan was told by a Gamesmaker when he arrived at St James’s Park in London ready to watch the men’s quarterfinals that he should have been at St James’ Park, Newcastle (note the extra ‘s’ in the capital’s version).

### Collins thrills the Main Press Centre

There are tribute bands -- Bjorn Again, Bootleg Beatles, Counterfeit Stones, No Way Sis et al -- and there are tribute bands who choose a name perhaps a bit too close to the real thing.

Widespread bemusement met Monday night’s announcement of an imminent set by Phil Collins at the Main Press Centre, which has hosted a variety of musical performances since the Games began. After further investigation, we can confirm that “Thrill” Collins were in the house. Disappointed? Not really. Confused? Definitely.

### Brownlee brothers’ unlikely warm-down

After winning gold and bronze respectively in a gruelling men’s triathlon on Tuesday, how did the brothers Brownlee, Alistair and Jonny (GBR), make their glorious exit from Hyde Park? Chauffeur? Horse-drawn carriage? Atop the shoulders of adoring British fans? By ambulance, even? After all, the medal ceremony was delayed so that younger sibling Jonny could be treated for exhaustion.

Actually, it was none of the above. Just moments after hearing their national anthem, the pair were seen by the Eye... cycling away from the scene of their triumph. As in on their bikes. Iron

## Fed Shield in three venues

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The Federation Shield, qualifying tournament for the Federation Cup, will be held in three separate venues in Chittagong, Sylhet and Faridpur.

Some 18 teams from universities, second-tier professional clubs and services are expected to take part in the Federation Shield, which is being introduced for the first time.

“Five to six teams, split into two groups, will take part in each of the three venues and finalists of all three venues will qualify for the Federation Cup,” said BFF’s acting general secretary Abu Nayeem adding that each of the venue champions will be awarded shields.

The BFF invited five teams of Bangladesh Championship League, six universities and four services teams and Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Institute. Besides, one local team will be included in all three venues.

So far seven teams -- BKSP, Navy, Uttar Baridhara Club, Beanibazar, Agrani Bank, Police and BUET -- confirmed their participation in the tournament, which is likely to be deferred by a week. The Federation Shield is supposed to get underway from August 30.

## Parag leads

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FM Mehdi Hasan Parag maintained his solo lead in the Open International Rating Chess Tournament at the close of the eighth round at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall room yesterday.

Parag defeated IM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar to secure 7.5 points from eight matches while IM Abu Sufian Shakil was in the second position with seven points after win over Uten.

Three players -- FM Debaraj Chatterjee, Mahtabuddin Ahmed Robin and Mollah Istiak Ahmed were in joint third position

## Gayle out of SLPL

CRICINFO, Colombo

Chris Gayle has been ruled out of the inaugural season of the Sri Lanka Premier League due to a serious groin strain. Gayle, the icon player and captain for the Uva Next franchise, was among the marquee players for the tournament.

Gayle had injured his groin while playing in the Bangladesh Premier League in February, but the injury was aggravated during West Indies’ second Test against New Zealand in Jamaica. The same injury had also prevented Gayle from playing in the MiWAY T20 Challenge in South Africa for the Dolphins franchise.

"Of course it's a blow to lose [Gayle]," CEO of the Uva Next franchise, Tushar Bedi said. "But we are very happy with the team that we've got and we're still going to win the competition." Gayle has signed a three-year deal with Uva, and will likely take part in the 2013 and 2014 tournaments, Bedi said.

Two other overseas players - Pakistan's Abdur Rehman and West Indies' Fidel Edwards - are also in the late withdrawals list that already includes Shakib Al Hasan, who was denied permission to play in the tournament by the Bangladesh Cricket Board last week.

## Sally, Taoufik's

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"It's just amazing. I can't believe it."

Hadadi, a world medallist last year, believed he should have won.

"It shouldn't be silver, it should be gold," said the globetrotting 27-year-old, who trains in Russia, Germany and South Africa.

"I respect him (Harting) and I'm happy for him, but, if I had his equipment, I could throw 85m, not 65m."



South Africa's Caster Semenya (L) runs ahead of the pack in the women's 800m heats at the Olympic Stadium in London yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

# 'Freeman inspired me'

AFP, London



Australia's Sally Pearson said she had been inspired by the victory of Cathy Freeman at the Sydney Olympics after she charged to gold in the Olympic 100m hurdles on

Tuesday.

Freeman won an emotion-packed 400m at the 2000 Games on home soil in Sydney, the spark that Pearson said had ignited in her the desire to win Olympic gold, which she sealed in 12.35sec.

"I really wouldn't have cared if I'd won in 14 seconds," said a beaming Pearson.

"I wanted that gold medal. I've been working for four years now to get that gold medal and it's been a dream of mine for 12 years since I watched Cathy Freeman win her gold in Sydney. So it's unbelievable."

The race was not all plain sailing for 25-year-old Pearson, who was pushed to the line and held her nerve to win with a powerful dip finish.

The Australian's time was an Olympic record and edged Beijing gold medallist Dawn Harper of the United States, who timed a personal best of 12.37sec. American Kellie Wells claimed bronze in 12.48sec.

"I don't even know how to describe it because it's like a dream right now," said Pearson, who has been based in Britain for the last six weeks to escape the pressure in Australia.

With the times so close, there was a nervous wait to see who had won the race, and when Pearson's name flashed up as the gold medallist, the Australian roared with delight before setting off on a lap of honour.

## Under-19s lose in tight finish

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(2-24) were the key wicket-takers.

Bangladesh -- who have been placed in Group D along with Sri Lanka, South Africa and Namibia in the 16-team competition -- will play their first group match against Sri Lanka on August 11, second match against South Africa on August 12 and the third against Namibia on August 16.

In the other warm-up matches, Sri Lanka Under-19s beat Ireland Under-19s by 50 runs, New Zealand Under-19s registered 19-run victory over Nepal Under-19s, Pakistan Under-19s thrashed PNG Under-19s by eight wickets, India Under-19s defeated Afghanistan Under-

19s by 52 runs, Australia Under-19s defeated Scotland Under-19s by 71 runs, England Under-19s posted a massive 131-run victory over Zimbabwe Under-19s and West Indies Under-19s outplayed Namibia Under-19s by 146 runs.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

BANGLADESH UNDER-19S: 213 all out in 49 overs (Al-Amin 60, Asif Ahmed 46, Liton Das 37, Noor Hossain 13; Solo Nqweni 2-46, Vincent Moore 2-5, Corne Dry 2-24)

SOUTH AFRICA UNDER-19S: 214-6 in 49.5 overs (Chad Bowes 104 not out, Murray Coetzee 38; Al-Amin 2-42, Noor Hossain 2-48)

Result: South Africa won by four wickets

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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### CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: I BECOME VERY

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Today's Cryptquip Clue: C equals I