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Bomb threat for Hulk?

A fake home-made bomb, hidden in a bag, has been found at Zenit St Petersburg's training ground along with a picture of striker Hulk, Russian media reported on Friday. While checking the device, police found the picture of the new signing with the accompanying words: "Hulk out!". Reports have said several senior Zenit players are unhappy after the wealthy club splashed out more than \$100 million on Brazil forward Hulk and Belgium midfielder Axel Witsel just before the transfer deadline this month. "We're not denying this story but



Luke gets Eng right

REUTERS, Pallekele

Luke Wright blasted 76 off 43 balls as England kept alive their title defence with a six-wicket victory against New Zealand in a World Twenty20 Super Eights match here on Saturday. Wright, who made 99 against Afghanistan in the group stages, hit five massive sixes and an equal number of boundaries and added 89 runs for the third wicket with Eoin Morgan (30) as England reached their target of 149 with seven balls to spare. New Zealand spinners Daniel Vettori and Nathan McCullum dismissed the openers cheaply to put England's chase under pressure but the partnership between Wright and Morgan shut them out of the match. England pacesman Steve Finn picked up three wickets for 16 runs as New Zealand were restricted to 148 for six after captain Ross Taylor won the toss and opted to bat first. The lanky seamer dismissed the dangerous Martin Guptill and Brendon McCullum in his first spell to put New Zealand on the backfoot from where they never recovered. "It was very important for us to get a win tonight and some individual performances to go with that," England captain Stuart Broad said at the post-match presentation ceremony. "First Steven Finn set the tone for us fantastically with the new ball and then obviously Luke Wright and Eoin Morgan batted beautifully as well. "[Pitch was] Lot drier. We knew that from ball one. So it did turn a little bit. We are obviously delighted to have won today and we have got a huge game coming up on Monday now. "We have got a job to do and hopefully try and build on the positives from tonight. There are areas to improve as well." Left-hander James Franklin (50) hit some lusty blows

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India cricketers test their football skills during a training session in Colombo yesterday. India will take on arch-rivals Pakistan in a World T20 Super Eights encounter today.

PHOTO: AFP

Indo-Pak battle today

BISHWAJIT ROY from Colombo

The fixity of purpose is often not good enough when India and Pakistan lock horns in any format of the game because it requires more than that. There will likely be no exception to that general rule when the two perennial rivals meet in a crucial Super Eights match of the ICC World Twenty20 at the R Premadasa Cricket Stadium today. The relative skills and strengths at times takes a back seat in a match of this magnitude, which is why the word 'pressure' has taken centre-stage in discussions before this vital clash that will start from 8pm Bangladesh Standard Time. Talk may have revolved around this being a battle between a formidable batting side and a fearsome bowling attack but no, the big question concerned who among the two subcontinent giants would be better able to perform under pressure.

The fact that a defeat on Sunday night will almost certainly eliminate India, who are burdened with a poor net run rate of -2.506 after conceding defeat to Australia with 5.1 overs to spare in their first match, added more spice to the battle.

This particular battle fires up the players like no other but both captains -- MS Dhoni and Mohammad Hafeez -- were conservative while

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Played: 61 Won: 37
In 2012 In 2012
Played: 11 Won: 8
Won: 7 Won: 4

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KEY PLAYERS

SAEED AJMAL YUVRAJ SINGH

Matches: 45 Wickets: 65
Runs: 627 / Wickets: 12
Best Figures: 4/19 Highest Score: 70
Bowl Average: 15.64 Average: 29.85/20.83 (B)

talking at the pre-match press conferences. Instead, they wanted to keep faith on their boys ahead of the marquee clash.

Top favourites Pakistan have a slight edge today as they not only go into the match on a winning streak but have also defeated their traditional

rivals in a warm-up encounter before the competition at the same venue. There is also the small matter of India -- the 2007 champions -- not winning any Super Eights matches in the last two versions of the T20 mega event.

On the other hand, Dhoni's men can draw inspiration from the fact that Pakistan are yet to beat them in an ICC multinational tournament. But as everyone knows, records are there to be broken and history will count for nothing when the two sides take the field.

The India skipper wanted only one thing from his side -- that they express themselves during the crucial encounter against Pakistan.

"The team has got the potential to win the remaining two matches and enter the semifinal but we will have to implement it on the field. But what is also important is that we go out and express ourselves because we may not lose badly, you may not have a worse game than what happened against Australia," hoped Dhoni.

"Let's play some big shots and go in with a lot of confidence. Whatever the result may be, let's not fear the result. You know it's a very different format and you cannot do a lot of planning, you can't say you will do this, do that. Just go out, you have the talent, you have to express yourself," he added.

The Indian skipper was hardly bothered with the word 'pressure'.

"We are always at the top of the pressure chain."

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England all-rounder Luke Wright smashes one for six during his side's six-wicket victory over New Zealand in the World Twenty20 Super Eights match at the Pallekele Stadium on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

BCB extends tender for WI tour

SPORTS REPORTER.

After not having received a suitable offer for its worldwide media rights, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has launched a separate tender for the media rights for the upcoming West Indies tour to Bangladesh, which is scheduled to take place from November 5 to December 11 this year.

As per the new deadline set by the BCB, companies are required to send in their offers by October 10. One of the conditions of the tender requires interested applicants to pay a security deposit of 25,000 dollars.

Earlier, the BCB were unsuccessful in selling its worldwide media rights after negotiations between the board and Virgo Media, the only applicant to have accepted all the conditions

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Sheikh Jamal hoping high

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club feels the side is a force to reckon with as the former professional league champions completed their players' registration formalities at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) headquarters in Motijheel yesterday.

The Dhanmondi-based outfit, who emerged champions in their debut season in 2010-2011, finished at a disappointing fifth last season, 20 points behind eventual champions

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ICC WORLD T20 TODAY'S MATCHES

MATCH	TIME	VENUE
Australia v South Africa	4:00pm	Colombo
Pakistan v India	8:00pm	Colombo



Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club booters are in a festive mood after completing their registration formalities for the upcoming professional football league season at the BFF House yesterday.

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NEW ZEALAND	R	B	4	6
Guptill lbw b Finn	5	6	1	0
Nicol c Bairstow b Swann	11	15	1	0
B McCullum c Wright b Finn	10	10	2	0
Williamson c Kieswetter b Briggs	17	23	1	0
Taylor c Hales b Finn	22	23	2	0
Franklin run out	50	33	4	2
N McCullum not out	16	10	2	2
Bracewell not out	2	1	0	0
Extras: (b-3, lb-7, w-4, nb-1)	15			
Total: (For 6 wks in 20 overs)	148			
Did not bat: Vettori, Southee, Mills				
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-20, 3-42, 4-67, 5-107, 6-146				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Briggs	4	0	36	1
Finn	4	0	16	3
Bresnan	4	0	29	0
Swann	4	0	20	1
Broad	4	0	37	0
ENGLAND	R	B	4	6
Kieswetter b Vettori	4	14	0	0
Hales b N McCullum	22	15	3	0
Wright c Taylor b Bracewell	76	43	5	5
Morgan c Bracewell b Mills	30	31	1	1
Buttler not out	5	8	0	0
Bairstow not out	5	2	1	0
Extras: (lb-3, w-4)	7			
Total: (For 4 wks in 18.5 overs)	149			
Did not bat: Bresnan, Broad, Swann, Briggs, Finn				
Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-38, 3-127, 4-142				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mills	4	0	23	1
Southee	2	0	32	0
Vettori	4	0	20	1
N McCullum	4	0	22	1
Nicol	3	0	29	0
Franklin	1	0	12	0

Siddikur in 5th position

SPORTS REPORTER

Siddikur Rahman was in joint fifth position after the third round of the Mercuries Taiwan Masters with an aggregate score of one-over-par (217) on Saturday.

The 27-year-old golfer posted a one-over-par 73 on the third day in relatively calm conditions at the Taiwan Golf and Country Club after two windy and chilly days when he had posted matching even par scores.

Siddikur was nine strokes off the leader Tsai Chi-huang

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