

Sydney crush Yorkshire

CRICINFO, Cape Town

Newlands witnessed its second consecutive one-sided game as Sydney Sixers needed just 8.5 overs to breeze past Yorkshire's 96 and give the county side the rudest of welcomes to the main draw. The Sixers showed why they are among the better bowling units in this competition, keeping Yorkshire to a score below 100 under sunny skies. The seamers shared all nine wickets to fall, striking with such regularity that the innings failed to gather any momentum.

It was as if the teams were batting on different pitches. It was a collective struggle for Yorkshire as several across-the-line swipes failed to find the middle of the bat; punches and lofts hit the toe end of the blade and didn't have enough to clear the fielders. That only two batsmen went past the 20s - the highest score was Joe Root's 25 - was indicative of how tough it was. When Brad Haddin and Michael Lumb swung and swished, the ball hit the sweet spot more often than not and found the boundary 16 times during their association. Yorkshire managed only 11 boundaries in all.

SCORES IN BRIEF YORKSHIRE: 96 for 9 (Root 25, Jaques 21, Alyth 18; Cummins 2-13, Starc 3-22) SYDNEY SIXERS: 98 for 2 (Lumb 43 not out, Haddin 41, Watson 11) Result: Sydney Sixers won by eight wickets.

Shameful

FROM PAGE 16 against Mohammedan SC in the first half of the day's second quarterfinal. It was not only Joy, but BFF executive committee member Amirul Islam Babu, football manager of Mohammedan SC, BFF vice president Tabith M Awal, chairman of Feni Soccer's governing body were also seen to enter the field during the interval of their respective clubs' matches. Feni Soccer played against Sheikh Russel in the day's first match.

"The BFF members only can enter the field after the match and it is a punishable offence to enter the field during the interval of a game," said Bangladesh League Committee chairman and BFF senior vice president Abdus Salam Murshedy adding that they would take necessary steps against such activities.

Some Aussies

FROM PAGE 16 racism scandal?" Another journalist, Greg Baum (@GregBaum) said, "I love Sachin, but Order of Australia? I only ever saw him making disorder of Australia." Peter Chambers (@Wombatfinanc) described it as an insult. "Gillard's Order of Australia to Tendulkar is an insult to @CricInfoAust #MonkeyGate a racist attack on an Aussie. Remember Tendulkar?"

Investigators

FROM PAGE 16 on Monday. He told The Daily Star that he was confident of proving his innocence and that the committee's final verdict would be in his favour. "Things will become a lot clearer once the investigation is done," said Shah.

Channel 9

FROM PAGE 16 launching another tender in order to sell its worldwide media rights following the series against the West Indies. The West Indies are scheduled to arrive in the city on November 5 to play two Tests, five ODIs and one T20I. The second Test and the first two ODIs are expected to take place in Khulna, while the rest of the games will take place in Dhaka.

Second win for Lions

INTERNET, Cape Town

Indian teams continued with their bad run at the Champions League as Chennai Super Kings suffered their second straight loss in the tournament, this time to Highveld Lions. Of the four IPL teams playing, only Delhi Daredevils have won a game thus far against Kolkata Knight Riders.

The Highveld Lions produced yet another well-compiled chase, reaching their target of 159 with three balls to spare. A couple of nights ago, they had beaten the star-studded Mumbai Indians, with Quinton de Kock and Neil McKenzie smashing fifties. Tonight, it was Gulam Bodi's turn to be the hero with the bat.

The temperature at Cape Town was under 20 degrees Celsius. The conditions were chilly and damp again. With Chennai's spinners struggling to get a grip on the white ball, Bodi revived the innings after a poor start in which they had lost Alvio Petersen (LBW first ball) and de Kock cheaply. Both wickets fell to Doug Bollinger. De Kock had struck a pleasing fifty

against Mumbai, but tonight his brilliance was restricted to a delightful flick for four.

Bodi and McKenzie set up the chase beautifully. They added 93 runs in just 10.3 overs with Bodi doing the bulk of the scoring. Bodi, born in Hathuran, a village near the west Indian city of Surat, tore into Chennai's spinners. His and McKenzie's wickets didn't slow down the Lions. Jean Symes and Chris Morris finished off the job, scoring the 20 runs needed off the final two overs.

Chennai's stop-start innings gathered some pace in the end with Subramaniam Badrinath's quick 27 in which he clubbed sixes on either side of midwicket. Skipper Dhoni was with him, making 34 and adding 52 runs with Badrinath to finish off the innings satisfactorily. But despite a strong new ball attack, Chennai failed to defend the score.

SCORES IN BRIEF CHENNAI SUPER KINGS: 158 for 6 (Dhoni 34, Du Plessis 25, Badri 27 not out, Vijay 22, Raina 20; Phangiso 2-17) LIONS: 159 for 4 (Bodi 64, McKenzie 32, Symes 39 not out; Bollinger 2-18) Result: Lions won by 6 wickets.

Samuels bares his soul

Cricket

CRICINFO, Port of Spain

Marlon Samuels has said he didn't get the selectors' backing in the first decade of his career even though he had some good runs with the bat. Samuels has experienced a revival in his career after being reinstated in the team in 2011, culminating in the player-of-the-match winning performance in the World Twenty20 final earlier this month.

"I will insist that I wasn't allowed to [live up to my potential]," Samuels told the Indian Express. "I have had some good runs with the bat in the past too. But the system back home didn't let me build on them. I wasn't selected consistently enough."

"They're trying to back me again since my return. That's what they should have done back in 2002. Nevertheless, it's never too late. I am a survivor. A fighter. And once the sun rises from the darkness, the rainbow I see is red, green and gold."

Samuels was banned for two years in 2008 for "receiving money, or benefit or other reward that could bring him or the game of cricket into disrepute". Before the suspension, his average crossed the 30-mark only in ODIs. In the thirteen Tests since his return, he has averaged 50.25 and has also improved his ODI and Twenty20 averages. He has struck three centuries in all formats since his return.

His stony-faced appearance too has been one of the constant features, and he admitted that he still carries the "a lot of anger" for the two-year ban. "I carry it with me. It helps

to motivate me. It stems from the two years I was away. I've had a wonderful run across all three formats since my return," he said.

"When you see my face on the field, and I look angry, that means I am really focused. I am in my zone then. Once the match is over, I love to have a drink or two and laugh a lot. Chris [Gayle] and I sit around and talk a lot of rubbish. All day long, and all night long. But once I cross the ropes, and get onto the field it's war," he said, adding that the bigger change has been of his mindset rather than his game.

"There's not much I have changed about my cricket. It's the mindset that has changed. I have had many ups and downs, and I have fought through."

"If I wasn't strong enough, I would have given up the game a long time back. And now the time is here to express myself in the best way possible. I am playing free cricket and that's what is helping me now."

He said that he is aware of his responsibilities in the team and that is to construct a base for the middle-order.

"It's all about picturing every situation possible on the eve of the match. Good and bad. So that when you face them during the match, you are ready to overcome them. I call it playing the game before it starts."

"Having a daughter was one of the best things that could have happened to me. That's taught me how precious this life is. But being a senior member of the team has helped immensely."

West Indies tour Bangladesh next month where they play two Tests, five ODIs and a Twenty20.

'Battle of the best'

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Top order batsmen will face a "baptism of fire" in South Africa's upcoming tour down under as the world's two best pace line-ups face off. Australian coach Mickey Arthur said Tuesday.

Australia are hoping to reclaim cricket's world No. 1 ranking over a packed Test schedule in the year ahead, starting with the first of three against top-ranked South Africa in Brisbane on November 9.

"It's going to be about the batters," Arthur said of the series.

"It is going to be about which top six can adapt better, which top six is going to be more consistent over the three Test series. I think both top sixes are in for a real baptism of fire."

Arthur said the ability of the Australian batsmen to hold off South Africa's bowling line up, which includes pacemen Dale Steyn, Morne Morkel and Vernon Philander, was an opportunity to prove themselves.

On Australia's side, selector John Inverarity said there could be as many as five pace bowlers in the squad for the first Test at the Gabba, with James Pattinson, Peter Siddle, Ben Hilfenhaus and Mitchell Starc all in the mix.

"We're just delighted that we've got the pace bowling on tap that we have," Inverarity said.

The toughest choice for Australian selectors will be that of wicket-keeper and whether to name the more experienced Brad Haddin over Matthew Wade.

mer at home and the emergence of a new generation of rising stars such as Pattinson, David Warner and Pat Cummins.

"We have a massive opportunity here to get back to No. 1 in the world and that's what this series is going to be about," Arthur said.

Sk Jamal

FROM PAGE 16 performance from Ghanaians Awudu Ibrahim and Samad Yussif, Nigerian Yoko Samnick and Brazilian Santana -- all four foreign recruits were present in their defeat against Brothers.

In the day's other quarter-final, fresh from a 1-0 win over Abahani, a spirited Brothers Union will be looking forward to ensure a semifinal berth after a season's gap as they square off against a depleted Muktijoddha. However, Muktijoddha, who were one of the semifinalists in the last season, are no less determined to make it to the last four for the second season running.

Sk Russel

FROM PAGE 16 The forwards had little impact with Anwar Hossain missing an open net in the 18th minute while in-form Zahid Hasan Emily rattled the woodwork in the 37th minute.

Following the deadlock in the first half, Maruful was forced into a re-jig, sending on both Mamunul Islam and Aboukacem. Sony Norde returned to his proper position to create huge pressure on the Feni Soccer backline. But thanks to a superb performance by Feni goalkeeper Al Amin, who last season played for Sheikh Russel, they were kept at bay. And it took until extra-time and a fortunate effort from left-back Linkon to finally break the resistance and break the minnows hearts.



Winners of the Baizid Steel Federation Cup Open Table Tennis Tournament pose with Information Minister Hasanul Haque Innu at the Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Indoor Stadium yesterday.

Akmal to lead Pakistan in Super Sixes

AFP, Lahore

Pakistan on Monday named wicketkeeper-batsman Kamran Akmal to lead the side's defence of the Hong Kong Super Sixes title later this month.

Pakistan face arch-rivals India, Sri Lanka and the Netherlands in Pool B of the eight-team tournament, with Australia, England, South Africa and Hong Kong in Pool A.

Pakistan beat England in last year's final to secure their fifth title in the tournament, first staged in 1992.

The event will be held on October 27 and 28. The teams consist of six players with one player as substitute.

SQUAD Kamran Akmal (captain), Umar Akmal, Owais Zia, Hammad Azam, Yasir Shah, Junaid Khan, Tanveer Ahmed.

Tendulkar

FROM PAGE 16 Indies captain Clive Lloyd was made an honorary Officer of the Order of Australia, which ranks higher in the Australian honour system than the member of the Order of Australia, for his "outstanding and positive influence on the game in Australia".

Another West Indian, Sir Garfield Sobers, was also made a member of the Order of Australia in 2003, "for service to cricket as a player and supporter of young players, particularly from disadvantaged areas and groups, and to the community through support for charitable organisations". However, Sobers holds Australian citizenship through marriage, so his award was not considered "honorary".

Approximately 20 Australian cricketers have been given Order of Australia honours, including Sir Donald Bradman, Allan Border, Steve Waugh, Mark Waugh, Mark Taylor, Adam Gilchrist, Glenn McGrath, Matthew Hayden, Dennis Lillee, Max Walker, Bob Simpson, Keith Miller, Justin Langer, Bill Lawry, Ricky Ponting, Peter Burge, Ron Archer, Alan Davidson, Dean Jones and Belinda Clark.

LOCAL snippets

SPORTS REPORTER

The president of Sheikh Jamal Dhanmodi Club Manzur Kader was made chairman of the 14-member District Football League Committee of the Bangladesh Football Association yesterday.

It is the first time that such a committee has been formed in a bid to monitor the district leagues as well as the activities of the District Football Association (DFA) as the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president Kazi Salahuddin promised to pay extra attention to district football after being re-elected for another four-year stint.

Meanwhile, the organisers of the DFAs also formed a 41-member committee yesterday naming Chittagong DFA president AJM Nasiruddin its president and Jamalpur DFA president Abdullah Al Fuad Redwan as secretary general.

Women's Handball

Menzis KC registered a 38-10 win over Bharatiya Samaj Kalyan Sangha in the CUTE Premier Division Football League at the Shaheed (captain) M Mansur Ali National Handball Stadium yesterday.

In the day's other matches, Narinda Prograti Club thrashed Surjodoy KC 40-19 while Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club defeated Old Ideals 24-15.

Div-II Hockey

The Super Four lineup of the Green Delta Insurance Second Division Hockey League was completed when Dilkusha Club became the fourth team to move into the Super Four with a 7-0 win over East End Club from Group A at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

PWD from Group A, Shantinagar SC and Tejgaon Agragami from Group B ensured their Super Four berths. In the day's other match, Dhaka Hockey Club ended their campaign with a 3-2 win over Rayerbazar SC.

Table Tennis

Mahbubullah clinched the men's singles title of the Baizid Steel Federation Cup Open Table Tennis Tournament with a 4-1 win over Manosh in the final at the Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Indoor Stadium yesterday.

Mahbubullah of Sheikh Russel recovered from being one game down to post an easy four-game win over his teammate Manosh. He lost to Manosh 3-11 in the first game but won the next four games 11-2, 11-8, 11-7 and 11-7 points.

Earlier, Mahbubullah beat Tuhin of Armanitola 4-3 to set a final clash with Manosh who beat Parag of Ciciron 4-2 in the semifinals.

Mahbubullah pairing with Manosh also beat Ciciron 3-1 in the final of the men's team event.

Information minister Hasanul Haque Innu distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.

JPC TT

Syed M Mamun of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) retained the singles title defeating Kazi Rawnak Hossain in straight sets in the JPC Table Tennis final held at Jatiya Press Club (JPC) yesterday.

This tournament was part of the celebration of the 56th founding anniversary of Jatiya Press Club (JPC). Mamun outplayed Rawnak in the final by 11-7 and 11-

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with numbers 1-57.

CRYPTOQUIP

MJBWT XOQX VJGTF CJRRHDTN DW QDJGX Q BWUN WKOQGRXHMA VQUCWX HMRXQTTQXHHM: "QRHFHW TQNHMA."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WOULD A PROLONGED BITTER BATTLE BETWEEN TWO HEADSTRONG PHILOSOPHERS BE A FEUD FOR THOUGHT? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals T