

Delhi keep semi hopes alive

INTERNET, Cape Town

A scintillating display by Delhi Daredevils' bowling attack and a controlled innings by Virender Sehwag helped Delhi Daredevils edge out Perth Scorchers by three wickets with three deliveries to spare in a low-scoring thriller at Cape Town on Sunday.

With this win, the Daredevils have kept alive their hopes of qualifying for the semifinals of the Champions League Twenty20.

In the second game at the same venue, Kolkata Knight Riders signed off from the tournament with a massive 99-run win over Titans.

Sent into bat, the IPL champions scored a commanding 188 for 5 with captain Gautam Gambhir hitting highest 44 off 36 balls in match where Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan did not take part. But the first victory of Kolkata was fashioned by Laxmapati Balaji who claimed 4-19. The home side were bowled out for 89 that put them in tricky situation for a place in the semifinals from Group A.

SCORES IN BRIEF
PERTH SCORCHERS: 121 for 5 (S Marsh 39, Katich 34; Morkel 3-19)
DELHI DAREDEVILS: 123 for 5 (Sehwag 52, Pathan 14; Beer 2-18, Mennie 2-21)
Result: Delhi Daredevils won by 3 wickets.

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS: 188 for 5 (Gambhir 44, Das 43 not out, McCullum 36)
TITANS: 89 all out in 16.4 overs (Rudolph 25; Balaji 4-19, Tiwary 2-8)
Result: Kolkata won by 99 runs.

Honours

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were not fit enough to bat. Dhaka began their second innings in much the same manner as their first as they slumped to 51 for 4 after 16 overs. They ended the day on 295 for 7 with Abdul Majid and Mohammad Sharif at the wicket.

SCORES IN BRIEF
CHITTAGONG: First innings 411 all out in 110.4 overs (Tamim 192, Mominul 120; Taskin 3-64, Elias Sunny 3-98); **DHAKA METRO:** First innings 237 for 3 in 61 overs (M Ayub 100 not out, Shamsur 56; Kamrul 2-51).

RANGPUR: First innings 295 all out in 113.2 overs (Naeem 137 not out, Mahmudul 60; Enamul 5-101, Nazmul 3-33); **SYLHET:** First innings 168 for 4 in 66 overs (Rumman 75, Kapali 47; Nasir 1-4).
KHULNA: First innings 314 all out in 97 overs (Soumya 96, Tusbar 69; Rasel 3-43, Monir 3-73).
Second innings 67 for 5 in 15 overs (Imran 16; Sohag 4-16, Monir 1-11); **BARISAL:** First innings 278 all out in 63 overs (Sohag 119, Nafees 60; T Ghosh 5-59, Rubel 2-45).
DHAKA: First innings 116 all out in 45.4 overs (Nurul 24; Saqlan 4-33, Sanjamul 3-22).
Second innings 295 for 7 in 78 overs (Mosharraf 69, Nurul 62; Sanjamul 3-122, Forhad Reza 2-53); **RAJSHAH:** First innings 178 for 8 dec in 50.5 overs (Forhad Hossain 43, Forhad Reza 39; Shahadat 3-51, Mosharraf 2-47).

Brother

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Afusi is also optimistic about the triumph and dismissed talk of any pressure ahead of the final.

"There is no pressure on us but there is a challenge to defend the title," said Afusi adding that he would love to see the same spirit what his boys put up in their previous matches.



Actor Ferdous Ahmed (R) speaks as ambassador for the Big Bangla Run, a 10 km run in Dhaka scheduled to take place in January 2013, at a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday.

Big Bangla Run

SPORTS REPORTER

In a quest to promote the country's sports, tourism, culture and heritage, some United Kingdom-based Bangladeshi expatriates under the banner of Big Bangla Run is going to hold a International 10km Run in Dhaka in January next year. The event also aims to raise funds for underprivileged children in Bangladesh.

This announcement was made yesterday at a press conference at the National Press Club where actor Ferdous Ahmed, Grandmaster Dr Yuree and former national booter Jewel Rana were present as ambassadors.

The event, which will be held on January 18 next year, will start at 6:00am from the Gulshan Ladies Club and end at Manik Mia Avenue via Gulshan-1, Tejgaon Industrial are, Mohakhali, Jahangir Gate, Bijoy Sarani and Khamarbari.

"Our aim to organise this event is to showcase tourism and promote Bangladesh's sports, cultural heritage," chairman of Big Bangla Run Abedur Rahman Shimu said. "Besides, it will also celebrate a day of harmony in democratic

Bangladesh as well as raise funds for the dispossessed and poor children of Bangladesh through the event."

Shimu revealed that Big Bangla Run have targeted raising 150,000 dollars through the sale of registration entries for the run.

"Big Bangla Run is also set to encourage healthy lifestyle choices, promote the development of community sports and inspire Bangladeshi athletes to succeed in the Commonwealth and Olympic Games," he added.

Organisers expect to attract some 5000 local and international participants. The foreign participants will have to pay 20 dollars while locals will be charged Tk 500 to take part in the event.

Tony Haseeb, publicity manager of the Big Bangla Run, informed that they would stage the second event titled Dhaka International Half Marathon in November 8 next year.

Actor Ferdous Ahmed sought assistance from the general public to make the event a success and uphold the country's image while Jewel Rana urged the organisers to complete the event successfully.

Wade or Haddin for keeper role

ANI, Sydney

Former NSW and Australia Test wicketkeeper Phil Emery believes Brad Haddin would be the better choice for the role of wicketkeeper for next month's opening Test against South Africa in Brisbane over incumbent first choice keeper Matthew Wade.

"If you were going to try and put both of them in the same side there's no reason why you couldn't pick Wade as a batsman, he scored a Test hundred, as has Haddin," the Sydney Morning Herald quoted Emery.

Mushfiq

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national team's captain was seen jogging around the field during the last session yesterday and seemed to have recovered from the blow.

Sajib, however, will not be able to play any further part in the game as he has been asked to rest for an entire week. "His medical reports are fine as well. They didn't indicate anything serious. He has been asked to take rest and not play this game," said Dr Debashish.

Rajshahi, the reigning champions of the NCL, are currently trailing the game by 233 runs in the second innings. The lack of available batsmen forced them to declare their innings after the fall of the eighth wicket with the score on 178 yesterday.

LOCAL snippets

SPORTS REPORTER

The election schedule of the National Shooting Federation of Bangladesh has been revealed yesterday with the election to be held on November 19.

The draft voters list will be published on October 23 while nominations will be distributed from November 3 to 4 and the deadline for submissions of nominations is November 6. Appeal and hearing will be held on November 12 and 13 respectively while the candidates can withdraw their nominations on November 13.

The final list of candidates will be published on November 14.

NIT Chess in India

GM Ziaur Rahman again climbed to the top of the table in the NIT Nagpur Grandmasters Chess Tournament at the close of the eighth round in Nagpur, India yesterday.

Zia however shared the lead along with Belarusian GM Aleksej Aleksandrov, Ukrainian GM Kravtsov Martyn and the Indian duo of IM Vidit Santosh Gujrathi and Stany GA with all having 6.5 points each.

GM Abdullah Al Rakib secured six points while IM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar and FM Taibur Rahman earned 5 points each. GM Enamul Hossain, IM Abu Sufian Shakil, FM Nasir Ahmed and FM Mehdi Hasan Parag have 4.5 points each.

Menzis new champions

Menzis Kirra Chakra became new champions in the Cute Premier Division Handball League with a 36-28 win over last edition's champions Narinda Prograti Boys Club in the last match at the Shaheed (captain) M Mansur Ali National Handball Stadium yesterday. Menzis is the fourth team to clinch the coveted title after Narinda Prograti, Surjodoy Boys Club and Bangladesh Rifles.

Pioneer Football

Raipur FA registered a massive 6-0 win over Kalachandpur Ekadosh in the Dhaka (North & South) City Corporation Pioneer Football League at the BG Press ground yesterday. In the day's other matches, Khilgaon Bondhu BKC thrashed Morapara SC 4-1, Gazipur City FA defeated Azampur Khelaghar 2-1, Academy of Sports beat Mark International 1-0 and GBHB outplayed Shaheed Buddijibi Smriti Sangsad 6-0.

Women's Chess

IWM Rani Hamid topped the table of the Prime Bank 7th International Women' Rating Chess Tournament at the close of the fourth round at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall room yesterday. Rani defeated Nazrana Khan Eva to secure maximum four points from as many matches. Tanjina Akter Tany and WFM Jakira Sultana were in second and third position with 3.5 and 3 points respectively.

Kremlin Cup Wozniacki's

Tennis

AFP, Moscow

Third seed Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark won the WTA Kremlin Cup here on Sunday beating Australian top seed Samantha Stosur in the final.

Former world number one Wozniacki won 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 for her 20th career title and second this year to level her head-to-head record with ninth-ranked Stosur at 3-3.

Wozniacki, currently 11th in the world, broke early for a comfortable 3-0 lead.

Stosur broke back in the fifth game but failed to level as the Dane produced two more breaks to take the opening set in 37 minutes.

Stosur, the 2011 US Open champion, fought back in the second set to level at one set all after one hour 20 minutes on court.

The 28-year-old Australian started the deciding set with an immediate break to grab the 2-0 lead but Wozniacki broke back in the sixth to level at three games all.

In the 12th game Wozniacki made the deciding break to win the set and the match in 2hr 13min when Stosur, who survived two match points, sent the ball off the court with a forehand cross.

"It was a tough match and it could have gone either ways," Wozniacki said in Russian after the match. "You win some, I win some but that's sport," she said to Stosur.

Wozniacki received a silver Cartier trophy and a \$122,000 cheque, while runner-up Stosur pocketed \$66,250.

The men's final between second seed Andreas Seppi of Italy and Brazilian fourth seed Thomaz Belucci will complete the tournament's schedule.

BCB president

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constitution, provided by the NSC with some interesting additions, said that the games governing body has restored the councilorship of 15 cricketers

who played first-class matches) will be nominated by the NSC. While the BCB president will select 5 cricketers from former national captains," said the director who did not wish to be named.

"The NSC also asked for the post of three directors in the board in the recommendation," said the BCB director adding that while scrutinising the constitution it has also fixed some spelling mistakes.

electd president which has been a popular demand and set to fulfil an ICC (international Cricket Council) guideline for all its members to have an elected body. The tenure of the present board ends this November.

Besides, by reinstating the former cricketers in the category of councillors the NSC effectively doused widespread criticism that the board has been facing since its passing of the amendment in March.

However, a fresh controversy, it seems, is just round the corner especially after NSC's wish to have more representatives in the board when the ICC preaches minimum or no interference from the government. Besides, over the years it has been felt in the sports community that a board should be small in size to be more effective. Twenty seven will be too big for comfort.

Mendis fitness a concern

CRICINFO, Colombo

Ajantha Mendis' fitness remains a concern for Sri Lanka as they prepare to take on New Zealand in a series of Tests, ODIs and a one-off T20 international starting October 30. "Ajantha is still recovering from a side strain which he suffered during the World T20. That is our only concern right now," Sri Lanka's team manager Charith Senanayake said on Saturday.

Mendis picked up the injury during Sri Lanka's opening World T20 game against Zimbabwe on September 18 but only missed the rain-affected group match against South Africa. He finished as the top wicket-taker in the competition with 15 wickets at an average of 9.80. "Ajantha played these matches taking painkillers, he has still not recovered 100 percent from the injury.



Players of the Bangladesh women's cricket team leave the BCB headquarters in Mirpur on their way to China to take part in the Asia Cup Twenty20.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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9 Poker-winning hand
10 Weeding tool
11 Shriill bark
19 Sinbad's flier
21 Half of XIV
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24 Yule refrain
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27 Horse-play?
28 Yarn
32 Strip of icons
33 Bug
35 Sgt.'s subordinate
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