

Balotelli makes cover of TIME

Mario Balotelli makes the cover of TIME Magazine. Balotelli has an interesting story to tell – and it will be told in December's edition.

In the issue, the Ghanaian-Italian striker is portrayed as the central figure to explain Italy's changing national movement, ranging from issues of racism, politics, adoption and the nation's multiculturalism.

Basically, Balotelli is the modern poster boy of globalization and he is not afraid to 'say it as it is'.

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Tamim dominates again

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14th National Cricket League '12

It was once again a Tamim Iqbal show' that dominated the beginning of the second round of the National Cricket League. The dashing left-hander raced to his third consecutive century and became the only batsman in the history of Bangladesh's domestic cricket to score hundreds in three consecutive innings. Playing at the BKSP, Tamim's 183 came of just 187 balls, as the Chittagong captain looked at ease against mediocre Sylhet bowling attack.

Naeem Islam scored a timely century at the Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium at Khulna against the home side. The Rangpur batsman who scored his second hundred of the tournament will definitely provide the national selectors with some food for thought.

The Shahid Kamruzzaman Stadium at Rajshahi began its NCL campaign on a batting-spree as both the Rajshahi openers, Junaid

Siddiqui and Mizanur Rahman scored centuries and helped the reigning champions take a sizeable lead against their opponents, Barisal.

On the contrary, the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, witnessed another low-scoring affair. The game between, Dhaka and Dhaka Metro

WITNESSED 17 WICKETS FALL ON THE FIRST DAY.

CHITTAGONG v SYLHET

Tamim Iqbal continued on his merry way as he single-handedly lifted Chittagong to 367. The league's first foreign player, Milinda Siriwardana from Sri Lanka, made his presence felt with a quick half century. The slow-left armer also sent back Sylhet's opener Imtiaz Hossain later in the day. Enamul Haque Jr, once again proved his credentials as he ended the day with figures of 6 for 98. He also got the all important scalp of Tamim.

RANGPUR v KHULNA

Shakib Al Hasan, began his NCL tourney with two wickets at his home ground as he and his national colleague, Abdul Razzaq bowled the lion's share of overs on the first day of the match. Naeem Islam, however, continued on with his new-found motivation to stay at the crease as he remained not out on 109 after the end of the first day. He stayed at the wicket for close to five hours and

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Chittagong's opening batsman

Tamim Iqbal set a new record when he reached hundred, a third in three innings, against Sylhet in the Walton NCL match at the BKSP yesterday.

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Khulna's ace all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan bowls on the first day of their Walton NCL match against Rangpur at the Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium in Khulna yesterday. Shakib picked up two wickets in 25 overs on his return to the longer format of the game.

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Discipline leads to records

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It seems nothing can stop Tamim Iqbal at the moment.

His consistent effort at the top of the innings, at the National Cricket League, has given the national selectors, who have been reportedly struggling to find the ideal Test combination for Bangladesh's upcoming series, one less reason to worry.

Tamim has scored centuries in his last three outings and by doing so has created a new record in Bangladesh's domestic cricket.

"I just try to be as disciplined as possible while batting. I am focusing on keeping my temperament and taking it session by session," said Tamim, in a



Competitors run at the 100-metre sprint during the Talent Hunt Programme for the Special Olympics at the Chittagong BKSP ground yesterday.

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Siddikur continues to struggle

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Bangladesh's premier golfer Siddikur Rahman continued to struggle at the WGC-HSBC Champions as he dropped to 75th position among 78 competitors after the end of round two yesterday.

The 2010 Brunei Open winner, who turns 28 next week, racked a four-over 76 in the score in the second round, following his first round score of five-over 77 on Thursday.

The going proved harder as the day went on for Siddikur, as he fired two bogeys and two birdies on the front nine before carding four more bogeys on the back nine.

The lead was held by South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen who shot a majestic nine-under-par 63 to establish a new course mark and breaking the 36-hole tournament and World Golf

Club association on the cards?

Football

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In the quest of protecting the interest of the clubs and usher in professionalism, officials are musing about the formation of a club association with the involvement of nine clubs from the Professional Football League. They are scheduled to sit in a meeting tomorrow to take their plan forward.

All nine clubs including traditional powerhouses Abahani, Mohammedan and Brothers, new powerhouses Sheikh Russel KC and Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club are aware of the association. Manjur Kader, president of Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club and Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan, director in charge of Mohammedan SC Ltd, are the chief organizers behind the initiative.

"Professionalism has started in football a few years ago but still there is no professionalism in clubs, players, even in football federation and we want to bring all things to a system through forming the club association," said Manjur Kader yesterday.

"We don't want any injustice to be done towards us or to do the same to anyone since we spend a lot of money to make a football team," said Kader adding that clubs are often being affected by the bad decisions from referees.

"There is no system in the professional football league. There is no calendar, no neutral refereeing, no monthly payment system to players, no accord on releasing the players for the national teams, no consensus on suspending the league. And we think that if all clubs move together, those problems will be solved smoothly."

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