

Senior Div football kicks off

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Dhaka Wanderers Club and Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club played out a goalless draw in the opening match of the Popular Life Insurance Senior Division Football League at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium yesterday.

Both teams tried to break the deadlock but all their efforts were in vain due to lack of good finishing. The Senior Division Football League began after a one-year gap with the participation of seven clubs.

Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu declared the league open where BFF president Kazi Salahuddin was also present. Jatrabari KC will face Sunrise SC at the same venue today.

INDIA-ENG SERIES

'Name it Pataudi Trophy'

CRICINFO, New Delhi

Sharmila Tagore, the widow of former India captain Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, has written to the Board of Control for Cricket in India asking for the upcoming series between India and England to be recognised as the Pataudi Trophy.

Pataudi, who died in September 2011, played 46 Tests for India, captaining in 40, and scored 2793 runs at an average of 34.91. Pataudi's father, Iftikhar Ali Khan, represented both England and India in Tests.

In her letter, written on November 2, to BCCI President N Srinivasan, Tagore said that she was disappointed that the board had not instituted a Pataudi lecture and the Pataudi Trophy. "As you are aware, next week India-England test series begins," Tagore said. "I am given to understand ECB has already written to BCCI requesting to make the trophy official."

"You will recall my previous mail to you where I had mentioned our disappointment at the close of the Test series at the Oval and had urged you to take the matter forward and formalise the trophy."

The MCC had commissioned the Pataudi Trophy in 2007, to be presented to the winning captain at the end of future England-India Test series. It was conceived to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the first-ever India-England Test series that took place in 1932, named after the Pataudi family for their contribution to Anglo-Indian cricket. The BCCI, though, never gave its official stamp of approval to the naming of the trophy.

Tagore said that the matter should be fast-tracked as the India-England series is only days away.

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after clinching the Federation Cup last month.

Meanwhile, Midfield, a sports management firm in Bangladesh who mediated agreements with the players and club, sent three Moroccan players, who came here to play for Muktijoddha Sangsad and Team BJMC, as their replacement.



Organisers inaugurate the Popular Life Insurance Senior Division Football League at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Gary plays mental game

Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

South African pace spearhead Dale Steyn is aiming to use his ex-coach's jibes to motivate him ahead of this week's opening Test, the Proteas' current mentor Gary Kirsten said on Tuesday.

Kirsten said the world's number one Test bowler was fired up after he was reminded of Australian coach Mickey Arthur's assessment of Steyn's apparent weakness bowling against left-handers.

"It's no secret that Dale [Steyn] hasn't bowled well to left-handers," Arthur, a South African who coached his homeland from 2005-2010 had told reporters ahead of the Gabba Test this Friday.

"Let me just rephrase that. He's bowled a lot better to right-handers than to left-handers," he added.

Asked if Arthur's comment would motivate Steyn, Kirsten said: "Put it this way, we will use it as good motivation."

Steyn, who has snared 287 Test wickets at 23.5, leads an attack that Proteas fast bowling great Allan Donald has rated South Africa's "best ever".

But Kirsten, perhaps mindful of providing incentive to an Australian side hoping to snatch the world number one Test ranking from South Africa in the coming three-Test series, was not so sure.

"I am mindful of saying it is the best ever -- there's been a lot of Test cricket around in the last 100 years," he said.

"They are an experienced bowling attack, there is good variety within the attack and most importantly they back themselves in certain situations."

While the focus has been on Steyn, Morne Morkel and Vernon Philander -- the same pace attack that routed Australia for 47 in Cape Town a year ago -- Kirsten raised the prospects of spinner Imran Tahir playing in the Brisbane Test.

"A lot will depend on the wicket and what it is come Friday but looking at it now it looks like a pretty good wicket," he said.

"A spinner always plays a role in a Test match in my experience. Any coach will tell you that they would like a spinner in the team."

For the Australians, Rob Quiney has come into the side for his Test debut for the injured Shane Watson.

CAS to hear Asif & Butt's appeals

Cricket

AFP, Karachi

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) on Tuesday confirmed it will hear appeals from Pakistan cricketers Mohammad Asif and Salman Butt, two years after they were banned for spot-fixing.

The CAS website and both players said the appeals against the International Cricket Council (ICC) bans will be heard between February 5-8 next year.

"Asif's appeal will be heard between 5-7 February while Butt's appeal will be taken up on February 8," the CAS confirmed from its headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Captain Butt and fast bowlers Asif and Mohammad Aamer were all banned by the ICC for contriving to bowl deliberate no-balls during the Lord's Test between Pakistan and England in August 2010.

Butt was banned for 10 years, with five suspended, Asif for seven years with two suspended and teenager Aamer for five years.

The trio were also jailed by a British court over the scandal in November 2011. All three were released earlier this year after completing half of their sentences.

Asylum seeker bowls to top Aus batters

Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

Australia on Tuesday used the leg-spin bowling of a Pakistani asylum seeker in their first net practice session ahead of this week's first Test against South Africa in Brisbane.

Fawad Ahmed, who is awaiting a decision from the Australian government about his refugee protection claim, bowled against Australia's top batsmen as a preparation for South African spinner Imran Tahir ahead of Friday's Gabba Test opener.

Ahmed, who plays Melbourne club cricket and has previously bowled in nets sessions to Australia's batsmen, was flown to Brisbane due to the similarities of his bowling action.

National chess sans Rajib, Rakib

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In Vizag, Rajib led the way from the fifth round and remained on the top till last round to clinch his first-ever tournament win abroad even though he said he did not dream of winning the tournament before the start. But once he took solo lead in the ninth round, he started to think about the title.

The federation has declared that the national team would be formed according to the standings in the national championship which means both Rakib and Rajib would not be able to represent the national team in the next one year.

"It is up to the committee (Bangladesh Chess Federation) to decide the formation of the national squad. However as far as I know national squads in other countries is formed taking other things in consideration as well, such as rating, performance etc," said Rajib.

"I am not worried with the formation of the national team as I have to accept the reality if I skip the national chess championship," was Rakib's response.

Healthcare Pharmaceutical will bear all the expenses of the championship where all 14 participants will get appearance fee and Tk 50,000 will be distributed among top five finishers.

Athlete of the Year Awards shortlisted

AFP, Paris

British heptathlete Jessica Ennis, New Zealand shot-putter Valerie Adams and US sprinter Allyson Felix are on the shortlist for the accolade of World Athlete of the Year, the IAAF announced on Tuesday.

All three won gold medals at the London Olympics.

Votes for the shortlist were cast from a panel of 2,400 people around the world comprising IAAF officials, top athletes and selected members of the international press.

The men's shortlist, which was announced on Monday, comprises Jamaican sprint king Usain Bolt, US 110-metre hurdler Aries Merritt and Kenyan 800-metre champion David Rudisha.

The winners of the 2012 World Athlete of the Year Awards will be announced at a ceremony in Barcelona on November 24.

Hockey team felicitated

SPORTS REPORTER

Members of the national hockey team have been given a reception at the Bangladesh Olympic Association Auditorium yesterday for qualifying for the second round of the newly introduced World Hockey League.

Bangladesh emerged group champions in September beating Singapore, Hong Kong and Thailand to qualify for the second round which is scheduled to get underway in February next year in India.

Meanwhile each of the 22 players and officials were given colour televisions by co-sponsors Walton.

As a part of preparation for the World Hockey League (2nd round), the national team will play two tournaments - Nehru Cup and Lal Bhabadur Shastri Cup - in India this month and the national team are scheduled to leave here for Delhi on November 13.

Gayle & co

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showers expected in the coming days, the tourists' preparations have been put in jeopardy.

Weather permitting, the visitors will have their first training session in Mirpur today.

SL gain 2-0 lead

Cricket

AFP, Pallekele

Sri Lanka defeated New Zealand by seven wickets in the third one-day international in Pallekele on Tuesday to gain a 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

Opener Tillakaratne Dilshan scored an unbeaten 102 as Sri Lanka achieved a rain-revised target of 197 with 11 balls to spare in a day-night match reduced to 33-overs-a-side due to rain.

Dilshan added 127 for the unfinished fourth-wicket stand with Angelo Mathews, who remained unbeaten with 54.

Opener Bradley-John Watling earlier cracked a career-best 96 not out to help New Zealand post a competitive 188-6.

The opener, who scored 55 in the last match, smashed 12 fours in his 88-ball knock in the day-night match reduced to 33-overs-a-side due to rain. He put on 71 for the

unfinished seventh-wicket stand with Nathan McCullum (22 not out).

James Franklin was the other main scorer with a 25-ball 26.

Sri Lanka lead 1-0 in the five-match series following their 14-run win in the second one-dayer on Sunday. The opening match was called off without a ball being bowled due to rain at the same venue.

New Zealand lost an early wicket after being put in to bat as opener Rob Nicol (seven) was caught by skipper Mahela Jayawardene in the slips in fast bowler Lasith Malinga's second over.

Sri Lankan seamer Angelo Mathews then claimed his 50th one-day wicket when he trapped hard-hitting batsman Brendon McCullum leg-before for 13.

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND

Nicol c Jayawardene b Malinga	7
Watling not out	96
B McCullum lbw b Mathews	13
Taylor run out	7

Oram lbw b Mendis	2
Franklin b Kulasekara	26
Williamson c Mathews b Mendis	5
N McCullum not out	22
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, w-7)	10
Total: (For six wks in 33 overs)	188
Did not bat: Mills, Southee, Boult.	
Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-31, 3-43, 4-49, 5-105, 6-117.	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Malinga	7	0	40	1
Kulasekara	7	1	45	1
Mathews	5	0	15	1
Perera	4	0	22	0
Mendis	5	0	34	2
Dilshan	2	0	9	0
Herath	3	0	20	0

SRI LANKA

Tharanga c Oram b Southee	10
Dilshan not out	102
Sangakkara c Taylor b Mills	15
Jayawardene c Oram b NL McCullum	5
Mathews not out	54
Extras: (lb-7, w-6, nb-1)	14
Total: (For 3 wks in 31.1 overs)	200
Did not bat: Thirimanne, Mendis, Perera, Kulasekara, Herath, Malinga.	
Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-65, 3-73.	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mills	6.1	0	35	1
Boult	5	0	29	0
Southee	7	0	50	1
Oram	7	1	43	0
McCullum	5	0	28	1
Franklin	1	0	8	0
Result: Sri Lanka won by 7 wickets (D/L method)				

Tendulkar AM

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team, has made an outstanding contribution to international cricket for more than 20 years," it said, describing his career as an "inspiration".

The 39-year-old batsman is the world's leading scorer in both Test and one-day cricket and has compiled an unprecedented 100 international centuries.

West Indies batting star Brian Lara was also honoured with membership of the Order of Australia in 2009.

Two other Indians, former attorney-general Soli Sorabjee and Mother Teresa, have previously been awarded Australian honours.

Tendulkar's popularity in the country was cemented when legendary cricketer Don Bradman said he was reminded of his own batting after watching the Indian play.

Announcing his honour in New Delhi in October, Gillard said Tendulkar deserved the "special honour" because he was a "very special cricketer".

"Cricket is of course a great bond between Australia and India. We are both cricket-mad nations," she said.

Braille chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Ajgor Ali took solo lead at the close of the eighth round of the Grameenphone 11th National Special Chess Tournament at the Bangladesh Chess Federation Hall Room yesterday.

Ajgor earned maximum eight points from as many games as he defeated Muzibul Haque in the eighth round.

Manik Chowdhury was in second position with seven points while four players were sharing the third position with 6.5 points each.



A member of the national hockey team receives a colour television from the president of Bangladesh Hockey Federation Air Marshal Enamul Bari during the felicitation programme held at the Bangladesh Olympic Association Auditorium yesterday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Frosty's "eyes"

5 Family member

8 Burden

12 Earthen pot

13 Alias abbr.

14 Crooner Jerry

15 Uncategorized (Abbr.)

16 Journey segment

17 Sicilian spouter

18 Bet collector

20 Of a heart chamber

22 Mag. staffers

23 Big bother

24 Channel marker

27 Re movement

32 Cleo's slayer

33 "Hail!"

34 Life time?

35 Sane

38 Trudge

39 Charged bit

40 Eco-friendly org.

42 Homes

45 Froot Loops spokes-bird

49 Hindu princess

50 Blond shade

52 Appellation (Abbr.)

53 Country that's an anagram of 49-

54 Carnival city

55 Cornfield intruder

56 Skilled

57 B&B

Solution time: 25 mins.

DOWN

1 Barber-shop item

2 A bit of everything

3 Too

4 Menial servant

5 Willy Loman, e.g.

6 A Turner

7 Long story

8 Exaggerate

9 Country-wide

10 Arm bone

11 Close tightly

19 Freudian concept

21 Skater

24 Prohibit

25 Oft-chanted initials

26 Not necessary

28 Eggs

29 On-air fundraiser

30 Way back when

31 Started

36 Cut

37 Indivisible

38 Beer belly, maybe

41 Italian river

42 Met melody

43 Zinger

44 Garment for 49-

46 Give a darn

47 Old Testament book

48 Information

51 Sermon subject

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SLATY SPECKS
HELP RAH
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BEFORE THE RACE BEGAN, THE FISH THOUGHT HE COULDN'T DO WELL, BUT HE WON IT AGAINST ALL CODS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals P