

BFF to apprise  
FIFA on fixing  
rules

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The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has recently been requested by world football's governing body FIFA to send it the guidelines related to match-fixing. BFF has recently inserted in its bylaws, said BFF's senior vice president Abdus Salam Murshed yesterday.

The Early Warning System, a legal wing of FIFA, has been conducting a survey on the rules and regulations regarding match-fixing and all members of FIFA have been asked to send their guidelines.

The BFF has just included a new clause in its bylaws at the end of last season after the league committee found ultimate league champions Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club and Rahmatganj MFS having played a 'compromised match'.

The bylaws of the Bangladesh Premier League authorises to form a 'high-power committee to identify the fixed matches, to take video footages of matches, forfeit the matches and additional six points to be reduced if the match is proved as well as impose monetary punishments, suspension and stadium ban for the liable players or officials.'

**Niaz, Reefat  
in lead**

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GM Niaz Murshed and GM Reefat Bin Sattar shared the lead in the Healthcare Pharmaceuticals Ltd 38th National 'A' Chess Championship at the close of 12th and penultimate round at the Media Centre of Bangladesh Olympic Association yesterday.

Both Niaz and Reefat earned 9.5 points each from 12 matches as Niaz beat Mohammad Sherajul Kabir while Reefat beat FM Debaraj Chatterjee yesterday.

Holder GM Ziaur Rahman was in the second position with nine points after playing out a draw against FM Taibur Rahman while IM Abu Sufian Shakil was occupying the third position with 8.5 points as he beat FM Medhi Hasan Parag.

**Booters win**

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head home a corner from the right wing.

Khyril put the ball in the net again in the 34th minute, but was rightly flagged offside. As the half wore on, Bangladesh came into the game more and had two off-target long range efforts by wingers Shakil Ahmed and Zahid Hossain. Bangladesh registered their first effort on target in stoppage time as Waly Faisal again took an attempt from distance, only to see the Malaysian keeper gather it comfortably.

The second half was a much quieter affair with Malaysia creating a few more near-chances, which were cleared by either the defence of the goalie. It seemed Bangladesh were out of the game when Pranotosh was sent off with twelve minutes left on the clock. But the 10-man Bangladesh bit back as substitute striker Mithun ran through on goal and was recklessly clattered by Irwan Fadzli inside the box. Emily did the rest to ensure a heartening draw for the men in red and green.



Eshita Afroz of Bangladesh makes a forehand return against Deshmukh Sharlee of India during the first round match of the ITF Junior Tennis Championships at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna yesterday. Eshita won 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

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**Korean  
coaches  
on radar**

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The significant development of youth football in South Korea has attracted the Bangladesh Football Federation to search for Korean coaches for its football academy as well as the national team.

Till Monday, the BFF had been searching for European coaches, especially from the Netherlands, Germany and England but they have now included Korea as an option in their lists in line with the recommendation of FIFA president Sepp Blatter.

"I have got a good idea about the youth development in Korea after talking with FIFA president Sepp Blatter in Bangkok. You see a lot of Korean footballers have been playing in the top-level leagues in Europe which means Korea has been producing a lot of world class footballers. The Korean method may help us produce good footballers too," said Salauddin yesterday at his office.

"I am yet to decide whether to recruit Korean coach or not, but a list of Korean coaches is expected within two weeks. However, I have kept my tabs on coaches in Germany, Holland and England too," informed Salauddin adding that they were planning to rope in coaches – academy coach, national team coach and two scouting coaches -- by January.

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**ITF JUNIOR TENNIS  
Mixed day  
for locals**

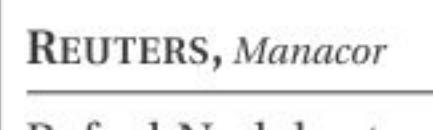
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Bangladeshi players had a mixed day in the Focal Point 26th Bangladesh ITF Junior Tennis Championships at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna yesterday. Eshita Afroz and Sharmin Alam Sharda won their respective matches in opening round of the girls' group while Jamil Bhuyan was the only Bangladeshi boy making it to the third round after beating a compatriot.

Eshita beat Deshmukh Sharlee of India 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; Sharda defeated Namrata Dutta of India 3-6, 7-5 (retd) while Ayesha Sultana lost against Sruta Kirti Gunuganti 0-6, 0-6, Jhilik Chakma lost against Aboli Goghari of India 0-6, 1-6 and Moumita Jannat lost in straight sets against Hsu Ting Ya of Taipei 0-6, 0-6.

In the boys' group, Jamil Bhuyan defeated Ashik Khan of Bangladesh 6-0, 6-1 but Kawsar Ali lost against Kim of Korea 2-6, 2-6; Hanif Munna lost against Jensen of Netherlands 4-6, 2-6 and Biplob Ram lost against Mannealli of India 6-4, 3-6, 3-6.

**Rafa starts  
training**



REUTERS, Manacor

Rafael Nadal returned to the training court and started hitting balls again on Tuesday for the first time since the latest in a series of knee injuries forced his withdrawal from the US Open at the end of August.

The 11-times Grand Slam singles champion, who has not competed since being stunned by Czech Lukas Rosol in the second round at Wimbledon in June, completed a session under the supervision of coach and uncle Toni Nadal at an indoor facility in his home town of Manacor on the island of Majorca.

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**Big occasion for Tigers**

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**PONTING LOOKS TO ADELAIDE OVAL**

**2nd Test from tomorrow**



Cricket

AFP, Adelaide

Ricky Ponting is hoping a return to the Adelaide Oval, his favoured hunting ground, will kill his run of ducks against South Africa in Thursday's second Test.

The former Test skipper was out for nought in Australia's massive first innings of 565 for five declared in last week's drawn first Brisbane Test -- his third duck in four Test innings against the Proteas.

"I don't shy away from it," Ponting told reporters on Tuesday.

"I've been around enough and played in enough high pressure situations, whether it's a big game or a game where you're under pressure because you haven't scored runs yourself."

South Africa celebrated a big wicket when they had Ponting out edging to the slips early off Morne Morkel at the Gabba.

"I was disappointed last week with all the work I put in pre-season and to make a little error like that and have your game

over and done with in five balls was disappointing," he said.

"But it's a fresh start this week. When it's my turn to bat I must make sure I'm one of the guys who contributes."

Ponting, who turns 38 next month and is playing his 167th Test match this week, has the weight of statistics on his side to bounce back into form.

Ponting has scored eight centuries in amassing 2100 runs in 24 Tests against South Africa at an average of 51.21.

He ranks second only to India's maestro Sachin Tendulkar for more runs (13,346) scored overall in Tests at a career average of 52.54.

But the Australian great has a particularly prolific record at the famous Adelaide Oval where he has accumulated 1,723 runs with six hundreds at 63.81, the most runs by an individual at any Test venue in Australia.

"I've got some good memories here, good recent memories with a double hundred last year and some good runs early in the season in the Shield game [for Tasmania]," Ponting said.

**Proteas target Clarke**



Cricket

AFP, Adelaide

Imran Tahir is likely to replace paceman Rory Kleinveldt, ineffective and wicketless on his debut.

Australia all-rounder Shane Watson, who missed the first Test, has been battling to prove his fitness from a calf injury.

A decision will be made on Wednesday or the morning of the match on his inclusion, but former captain Ricky Ponting said Watson could not play if he was anything less than 100 percent fit.

"There will be a certain amount of running he will have to do to prove that he's right to play a Test match," Ponting said Tuesday.

"No one can go into a Test match 70 percent fit. I don't care if you're a batsman and a slip fielder. If you can't bat at 100 percent, then you are putting pressure on other blokes as well."

Rookie batsman Rob Quiney, who was added to the squad when Watson pulled out of the series opener in Brisbane, is expected to play if Watson fails to prove his fitness.

Local spinner Nathan Lyon, who took four wickets in the first Test, is expected to bowl plenty of overs on his home ground, which is renowned for big totals.

Australian coach Mickey Arthur has likened the Adelaide wicket to those on the subcontinent.

"Adelaide's been pretty consistent, Adelaide's a very, very good wicket," he said.

"You know what you get, it's almost like the subcontinent. It's very slow for the first three days then quickens up towards the back end."

"It goes from being the best batting wicket in the world to being pretty difficult to bat on in days four and five. So, big first innings are the way to go there."

South Africa last won in Adelaide in January 1964, beating Bobby Simpson's team by 10 wickets. They have subsequently lost two and drawn one at the Oval.

The final Test starts in Perth on November 30.

**F'pool beat  
Mahakhali**

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Young Men's Club of Fakirerpool defeated Mahakhali Ekadash 2-1 in their Popular Life Insurance Senior Division Football League match at the Birshreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Jewel Rana put Mahakhali ahead in the third minute to take a 1-0 lead to the breather. But Mohammad Nayan of Fakirerpul equalised in the 54th minute while Riad scored the winning goal for them in the 81st minute.

**BAF, BGB  
win**

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Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) won their respective matches of the Walton Motorcycle Super Seven Services Kabaddi League matches at the Kabaddi Stadium yesterday. BAF defeated Bangladesh Fire Service & Civil Defence by 19-08 points with one creditable lona while BGB eked out a 15-12 point win over Bangladesh Navy in the second match. The third match of the day between Bangladesh Police and Bangladesh Army ended in a 11-11 draw.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

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