



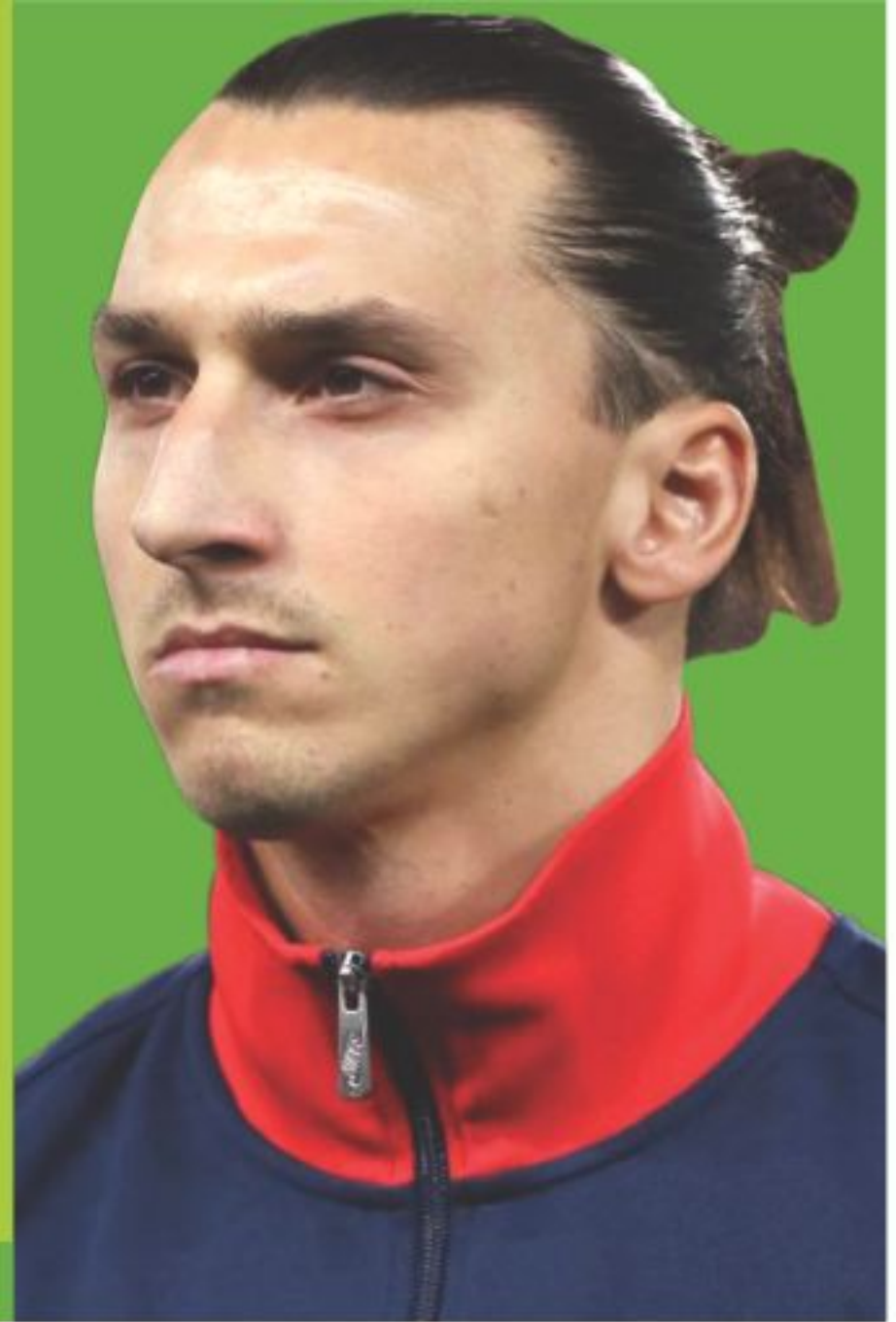
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Zlatan verb in dictionary

Sweden captain Zlatan Ibrahimovic has already written his name large in his country's sporting history books and now he is in the Swedish dictionary as well.

The Swedish Language Council has included the verb "zlatanera" - meaning "to dominate" - in its list of new words from 2012, it said on its website.

The verb "to zlatan" was originally coined by a satirical TV show in France, where Ibrahimovic plays for Paris Saint Germain. The word has been in common use in Swedish ever since.



Hockey Constitution Amendment proposal rejected

SPORTS REPORTER

The proposed amendment to the constitution of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) was rejected at its executive committee meeting at the federation office yesterday.

The amendment, prepared by the Constitution Amendment Committee aimed at barring entry to inexperienced organisers at the federation's chief positions, was rejected by the EC, said the federation's vice-president Sajed AA Adel.

"The proposal was not aimed at barring any particular person, rather it was to bar inexperienced organisers from the governing body, for the greater good of the game," said Adel who is also a

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Badda close to title

SPORTS REPORTER

Badda Jagoroni Sangsad took a giant step towards the Popular Life Insurance Senior Division Football League title when they came from behind to defeat Sunrise Krira Chakra 3-2 at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium yesterday.

Mohammad Raju gave Sunrise the lead in the 13th minute before Alam Nabi equalised on the half-hour mark. Sumon gave Badda the lead in the 53rd minute, only to be cancelled by Shahin in the 70th minute. Rubel Mia then scored in the 75th minute to give Badda all three points from the match.

The win took Badda closer to the title as they may become champions

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Central Marshal-ling



Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Walton Central Zone's Marshal Ayub dominated the third day of the first-round Bangladesh Cricket League (BCL) match against Prime Bank South Zone with a fluent 125 at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. Central Zone eventually declared at 433 for 9 and at the end of the day's play were leading the game by 59 runs after restricting South zone to 31 for 1 in their second innings.

The right-handed batsman, who was batting on 65 overnight, reached his century with a cover drive off Shohag Gazi through deep extra cover in the 60th over.

Ayub, who was the highest run-scorer in the recently concluded National Cricket League (NCL), seemed to be in good nick as he consistently drove in front of cover throughout his innings. It was a mix-up that eventually led to his fall as he was run-out by Tushar Imran in the 77th over.

"It was a misunderstanding, it was my call, but he stopped a little and so did I," said Ayub at the end of the

day's play. "I am happy with my form and I am trying to make full use of it. The wicket is good too. I could have scored more but unfortunately I got run out."

The day's other match at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra, between Islami Bank East Zone and BCB North Zone was reduced to just 46 overs due to unplayable conditions created by the morning fog. North Zone declared at 499 for 6 and reduced East Zone to 143 for 4 at the end of the day's play. The match though is headed towards a tame draw.

PRIME BANK SOUTH ZONE v WALTON CENTRAL ZONE

South Zone's bowlers toiled hard all day on a pitch that seemed to have nothing in it for the bowlers. The day began on an aggressive note with both Ayub and Mahmudullah Riyad hitting a flurry of boundaries. Riyad was the more aggressive of the two as he ended up scoring 66 runs off 82 balls before being trapped in front by Murad Khan. Contributions from the tail helped South Zone take a lead of 90 runs.

Wicketkeeper Nurul Hasan upped the tempo towards the end with a quickfire 27, which included three

consecutive boundaries off Shohag Gazi. Mosharraf Hossain remained unbeaten on 43. New national recruit Shohag Gazi bowled 46 overs for his four wickets, while Robiul Islam and Murad Khan took two wickets each. In reply, South Zone lost their skipper Imrul Kayes towards the end of the day as he was caught off Riyad while attempting to pierce a boundary through cover.

BCB NORTH ZONE v ISLAMI BANK EAST ZONE

East Zone seemed to be finishing the third day's play in a healthy position before they lost a couple of wickets, including that of the well-set Mominul Haque just before stumps. Mominul scored 54 and was caught by Jaharul Islam off Sohrwardi Shuvo in the 44th over. Shuvo got the wicket of nightwatchman Enamul Haque Jr in the same over as East Zone slumped from 136 for 2 to 136 for 4 in the space of four deliveries.

East Zone had lost both their openers early in the day as they slumped to 49 for 2 within 22 overs. An 87-run partnership between Mominul and skipper Alok Kapali, provided a much needed boost before they lost

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4-star Jamal go top

SPORTS REPORTER



Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club joined leaders Abahani at the top of the Grameenphone Bangladesh Premier League with a 4-0 drubbing of Arambagh KS at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. A brace from Nigerian striker Sunday Chizoba, a goal from his compatriot Mike Otorjeri and one from winger Shakil Ahmed ensured a comfortable victory for the only unbeaten club of the season so far. The win took Sheikh Jamal to 13 points from five matches, level on points with defending champions Abahani, who however played a match more than the former champions. Arambagh stayed at second from bottom with three points from five matches.

Elsewhere, Muktiyoddha Sangsad beat hosts Feni Soccer Club 2-1 at the Bhasha Shaheed Salam Stadium to take their tally to 10 points from six matches, and confining Feni to three points their five matches.

Nigerian striker Antoni put Feni ahead in the 9th minute as the hosts took a 1-0 lead to the break. But Muktiyoddha came back strongly in the second half as Nigerian striker Chigozie Darlington levelled the margin in the 51st minute before Rokunuzzaman Kanchan scored the winning goal for Muktiyoddha in the 61st minute.

At the BNS, Sheikh Jamal dictated terms against an opposition who were reluctant to come out of their own half. Most of the goalmouth action in the first half was confined to a four-minute spree after the half-hour mark. Sheikh Jamal winger Shakil Ahmed floated a free kick which Arambagh keeper Mitul Hasan failed to collect as the ball rolled towards goal before Abul Kashem made a goalline clearance. Another defender cleared the ball for a corner which was the source of the first goal. Shakil himself took the corner and Mike headed in powerfully to open the scoring.

The next three minutes yielded two more chances, one of which was floated

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Two Dutch coaches for BD football

SPORTS REPORTER

Two Dutch professional football coaches have been all but confirmed for the Bangladesh national football team and for the position of the head of the Sylhet Football Academy, said a Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) official yesterday.

Lodewijk de Kruif, a former player-turned-coach has been contacted for the job of the head coach of the Bangladesh national team while another Dutch coach named Rene Koster is being touted as the assistant to Kruif as well as the head of the coaching staff of the BFF Academy.

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Tony Greig no more



Cricket

SHAFEEH MAJID

Cricket commentator and former England player Anthony William Greig passed away in Sydney yesterday afternoon. Greig, who had been diagnosed with lung cancer in October, succumbed to a heart attack at the age of 66.

Known in cricketing circles primarily as "Tony", Greig's booming voice has become well known to cricket's television audiences. Enthusiastic, effusive, witty and for the most part fair, Greig's brand of colour commentary appealed not only to expert watchers -- for whom he could dissect the nuances of the on-field action -- but also to casual fans, for whom he would cheerfully explain the difference between an inswinger and an outswinger. Greig had been in the commentary box for over 30 years.

Long before his commentary stint, however, Greig was a quality player in the England sides of the seventies. He played as an all-rounder and can boast many fine performances with both bat and ball at the Test match level, as well as fielding and captaincy contributions.

In pure numbers, Greig played in 58 Test matches for England. In these he scored 3,559 runs at an average of 40.43, took 141 wickets at an average of 32.20 and held onto 87 catches.

To put Greig's figures into perspective, it should be noted that the difference between his batting and bowling average (8.23) -- a common measure used to assess the effectiveness of all-rounders -- is greater than that of Sir Ian Botham (5.14), Kapil Dev

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Shakil Ahmed takes a celebratory run after hammering the second goal in Shiekh Jamal Dhanmondi Club's 4-0 rout of Arambagh Krira Sangha during a Grameenphone Bangladesh Premier League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

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1ST ODI TODAY

Dhoni speaks highly of Pak bowling

PTI, Chennai

India skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni rates the visiting Pakistani side, especially its bowling, quite high but feels the side which remains more consistent has better chances to do well in the one-day international series, beginning here on Sunday.

"Overall, Pakistan is a very good team. Its combination is such that they have specialist bowlers and have five bowlers for a match. In a way I feel they have complete bowling attack and they have experienced batsmen who can bat well in any conditions. Specialist spinners are also performing well," Dhoni said at the pre-match press conference here yesterday.

"When it is compared to Indian team it is a very balanced side with talented players. Overall, which ever the team bats and bowls well for a long period of time will turn out to be well," Dhoni added.

Today's will be the first ODI that India will play post Sachin Tendulkar's retirement and Dhoni said his immense experience will be missed but youngsters will get a chance to showcase their talent.

"If you look at the last one year or so, he has been picking and choosing ODI matches to play. Yes, We are missing him a lot. He has such experience and he always leaves a solid impact on the minds of the youngsters in the team in the dressing room. We all miss that. Also, when we look at important series afresh, youngsters need to get chances and perform well," he said.

Dhoni also made it clear that he is not a big fan of the new rules brought in the one-day format.

Div I Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Salahuddin Pappu hit a hundred to outshine Ahmedul Kabir as Partex Sporting Club secured a four-wicket victory over Uttara Sporting Club in the First Division Cricket League at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Uttara Sporting Club rode on Kabir's hundred to make 232 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs.

In reply, Pappu responded with a hundred as Partex Sporting Club posted 236 for six in 42 overs.

In the day's other match, Young Pegasus Club posted a 14-run victory against Bangladesh Boys Club at the Jahangirnagar University Ground.

SCORES IN BRIEF
UTTARA SPORTING CLUB: 232-9 in 50 overs (Ahmedul Kabir 100, Sadaf Sarkar 25; Nahid Uzzaman 3-40, Monirul Islam 2-50)
PARTEX SPORTING CLUB: 236-6 in 42 overs

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