

Star SPORT

DHAKA MONDAY JANUARY 28, 2013, E-MAIL: spo

Referee breaks player's nose

Germany midfielder Daniel Bierofka had his nose broken by the referee after being hit in the face in a freak accident during a friendly match for his second-division club 1860 Munich.

The 33-year-old was playing for 1860 Munich against VfR Aalen when the referee spread out his arms to stop play early in the second-half, hitting Bierofka in the face.

The midfielder was forced to come off moments later, as his team went on to win 3-0 on Saturday, and was taken to hospital for an x-ray.

"I never thought the referee can injure a player," said 1860 coach Alexander Schmidt.



Serbian world No. 1 Novak Djokovic kisses the Australian Open trophy after defeating Britain's Andy Murray in the final in Melbourne on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

BCB CONSTITUTION

NSC changes illegal: HC

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The High Court on Sunday declared the amendment to the constitution of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) 'illegal'.

The HC bench of Justice Sarah Mahub and Justice Abdur Rab, while delivering the verdict, also said that the National Sports Council (NSC) has no authority to amend the constitution of the BCB.

The verdict came following a petition jointly filed by Yousuf Jamil Babu, president of the Bangladesh District and Divisional Sports Organisers' Association, and Mobasher Hossain, a former BCB director, on December 13.

"The NSC on November 29, 2012 through a letter sent an amended

constitution to the BCB. That letter along with the amendments has been declared null and void, said Mahub Shafique, lawyer of the petitioners.

"As per article 26 of the BCB constitution the NSC has no authority to amend the constitution. And according to article 11.1, they have the authority to approve the proposed amendments sent to them by the BCB," he added.

The High Court's order implies that the amended constitution of 2008 -- the previous uncontested constitution -- has been upheld. In November last year, the NSC made four major amendments to the BCB constitution after rejecting some questionable amendments adopted in a BCB EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) in March 1 last year.

In the amendments, the NSC

increased its directorship in the BCB from one to three, increased the councillorship of the six 'Super Six' Premier Division clubs from one to two, inserted the clause of electing a BCB president through the votes of BCB directors (there are 27 directors according to the amended BCB constitution 2012) and added a paragraph in the article 9.1 (KA) and (KHA) which read: But on condition that former cricketers/cricket organisers will get priority while selecting councillors from every regional cricket association and will be nominated by the president of that district/divisional sports association.

The petitioners claimed that the NSC illegally brought the amendments that contradicted the BCB constitution, where the article 26 clearly stated that any amendment

SEE PAGE 17 COL 1

MSC booters stay away from training

SPORTS REPORTER

The disgruntled Mohammedan booters refrained from training for a second consecutive day as the management stuck to its decision not to pay the players' dues until the investigation regarding Mohammedan's 4-1 loss against Mukhtijoddha Sangsad is completed.

The players had skipped training on Saturday in protest of unpaid wages and the club management said that they had stopped the salary of December due to the investigation.

However, the team management sat with the players to discuss the matter yesterday and it is expected that the players may resume their training from today ahead of tomorrow's Bangladesh Premier League encounter against Brothers Union.

Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan, directors in charge, said, "We had paid 70 to 80 percent payments to the players and 30 to 20 percent is given as monthly salary but we did not clear the payment of December due as an investigation in running and we still stick to our decision."

Lokman also said that they would launch another investigation regarding the players' revolt.

However a source inside the club, on

SEE PAGE 17 COL 5

Port city ready for BPL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

After waiting for seven long years, Chittagong's MA Aziz Stadium will once again step into the international cricketing spotlight with the matches of the second season of the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) beginning at the venue today. In the first match the Chittagong Kings will take on Sylhet Royals, and in the evening match the Barisal Burners will face off against Duronto Rajshahi.

Unlike the lack of crowd interest for most of the games in Khulna, organisers believe that matches in Chittagong will witness a good turnout over the ten matches stretching from today till February 2 with a break on January 30. According to Omar Goni

Chowdhury, member of the ticket distribution committee, 15,000 tickets for the first day have already been sold. MA Aziz Stadium's maximum capacity is 20,000.

The sale of tickets began on January 24 and will continue in three branches -- Nizam road, Dampara and Kadamtali -- of United Commercial Bank Ltd (UCBL), and

GO CATCH THE EXCITEMENT...

To know latest match update, type **Crk** and **SMS** to **2002**

Charge Tk. 2/SMS (+15% VAT) For details, www.grameenphone.com

go bevoid

five Airtel outlets. Fans can also buy tickets on the day of the matches from the Gymnasium building and another booth adjacent to the venue. Tickets will also be available in 10 private outlets set up at

SEE PAGE 17 COL 6

Novak creates Open history

AP, Melbourne



The Grand Slam of Asia/Pacific

Novak Djokovic returned to his dominant best to win his third consecutive Australian Open title, denying Andy Murray a second major championship with a 6-7 (2/7), 7-6 (7/3), 6-3, 6-2 victory Sunday

at Rod Laver Arena. The top-ranked Djokovic is the first man in the Open era to win three straight Australian titles -- nine others have won back-to-back but were unable to win three in a row.

"I love this court," Djokovic said. "It's definitely my favourite Grand Slam. It's an incredible feeling winning this trophy once more."

He has won four of his six majors titles at Melbourne Park, where he is now unbeaten in 21 matches.

Born a week apart in May 1987 and

friends since their junior playing days, the two played like they knew each other's game very well in a rematch of last year's US Open final won by Murray. There were no service breaks until the eighth game of the third set, when Djokovic finally broke through and then held at love to lead by two sets to one.

Djokovic earned two more service breaks in the fourth set, including one to take a 4-1 lead when Murray double-faulted on break point.

The 25-year-old Serb didn't rip his shirt off this time, as he did to celebrate his epic 5-hour, 53-minute win over Rafael Nadal in last year's final. He just did a little dance, looked up to the sky and then applauded the crowd after the 3-hour, 40-minute match.

Murray's win over Djokovic in the US Open final last year ended a 76-year drought for British men at the

MATCH FACTS

DJOKOVIC		MURRAY	
8	Aces	7	
63%	1st serves	60%	
3	Double faults	5	
47	Winners	29	
61	Unforced errors	46	
75%	1st serve win %	81%	
66%	2nd serve win %	46%	
3/11	Break points won	0/4	
35/41	Net points won	9/15	

SEE PAGE 17 COL 2



Rangpur Riders all-rounder Nasir Hossain signs autographs for fans during the team's training session at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

India regain top spot in one-dayers

PTI, Dharamshala

India on Sunday snatched the number one rank from England in one-dayers, courtesy their impressive 3-2 series-win over the visitors.

India lost the fifth ODI in Dharamshala on Sunday by seven wickets but it was a dead rubber.

India, who started the series in third place at 117 ratings points, ended at 119 to re-claim the top spot in the ICC ODI Championship table after

SEE PAGE 17 COL 5

2nd leg begins today

SPORTS REPORTER



Holders Abahani and former champions Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club will be looking to topple Sheikh Russel KC when the second phase of the Grameenphone Bangladesh Premier League begins today after an eight-day break at the end of the first phase.

Three-time champions Abahani, who play away to Feni Soccer Club at the Bhasha Shaheed Salam Stadium today, are currently in third position with 17 points, two points off leaders Sheikh Russel KC. The four-time champions will be looking to get back to winning streak after their goalless draw against Mukhtijoddha Sangad in the last match.

Feni Soccer Club, at the other hand, are desperate for survival as they lie in bottom with only three points. The hosts have never beaten Abahani in the professional football league having lost six times and drawn only once in seven previous outings. They were thrashed 3-0 at the hands of Abahani in the first-leg match. The hosts though will be pinning hopes on their latest recruits from the mid-term players' transfer window to snatch points from the champions.

Champions of the 2010-2011 season Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club are in second position with 18 points as they face Team BJMC at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in the second match of the day. Sheikh Jamal DC had strengthened their squad after signing up five

SEE PAGE 17 COL 6

UP TO **20%** Cash Discount
Get Scratch Card
Instantly on Any Purchase

new year offer 2013

Any Product Available Against Cash or Easy Instalment

Available at our following Show Rooms : 27, 78, 97 Bangabandhu National Stadium Market, Dhaka, Phone: 9550207, 9551767, 9562726, Uttara : 8958692, Mohakhali : 8857569, Bijoysharani : 8154835, Rumpura : 8314341, Shewrapara : 9101727, Mirpur-1 : 9008690, Mirpur-10 : 8053135, Panthapath - 9139258, Elephantroad : 9677338, Naya Palton (VIP Tower) : 8311737, Boro Mogh Bazar : 9342579, Lalbagh : 9677259, Dholairpur : 7449322, Dholairpur (Discount Shop) : 7451913, Zinzira : 7773066, Keranigonj (Chunkutia) : 7763508, Gazipur : 01813-928228, Saver : 7742146, Tangail : 0921-62240, Mymensing : 091- 61191, Bhairab : 9471322, Comilla : 081-64634, Sylhet : 0821-719260, Moulavi Bazar : 0861-63570, Chittagong -1 : 031-626924, Chittagong -2 : 031-741201, Cox's Bazar : 0341-52016, Khulna -1 : 041-721551, Khulna -2 : 041-722858, Rajshahi-1 : 0721-776186, Rajshahi-2 : 0721-771601, Nator : 0771-66552, Pabna : 0731-64875, Bogra : 051-62533, Naogaon : 0741-81175, Gobindagonj : 05423-75395, Birampur : 05322-56393, Dinajpur : 0531-66350, Saidpur : 05526-72748, Chowadanga : 0761-62902, Madaripur : 0661-62647, Also Available in our SSDC & Authorized Dealers all over Bangladesh.

Sales & Marketing Office : 39 Purana Palton, Majumder House (6th Floor), Dhaka-1000, Phone : 7169086, 9566004, 7175447