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## Becks to donate PSG salary

David Beckham on Thursday said that he would donate his entire salary from a five-month contract at French club Paris Saint Germain to a children's charity, in an unprecedented move from a top footballer. The 37-year-old, who signed a deal until June 30 with the Ligue 1 leaders, did not divulge how much he would donate nor the name of the organisation but it would be a significant amount. "That's one of the things that we're very excited about, to be able to give a huge sum to a children's charity in



Chittagong Kings batsman Brendon Taylor plays a reverse sweep during his knock of 69 against Khulna Royal Bengals in the BPL match at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

## India tour probable

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER from Chittagong

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Nazmul Hassan Papon said on Friday that he is hopeful that the Tigers will visit India for a maiden full-fledged tour this year.

Following discussions with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president N Srinivasan on the sidelines of the recent ICC first board meeting in Dubai, Papon said that the BCCI chief assured him that he will seriously try to host Bangladesh for a full series by the end of this year.

"I'm now focusing on how we can tour India this year. I'm very much hopeful because the BCCI president assured me that he will seriously try to host Bangladesh for a full-fledged series by end of this year," Papon, who returned home after attending his first ICC board meeting two days back, told the reporters at the MA Aziz Stadium.

Bangladesh played their inaugural Test against India in November 2000 in Dhaka but they have never been on a full tour of India since their Test status in 2000.

It should be noted that former BCB president Mustafa Kamal also said in June last year that he had received a positive response from N Srinivasan about Bangladesh's tour to India by the end of 2012 but that did not materialise.

Papon also informed that he explained the reasons behind the postponement of the cricket team's tour to Pakistan after Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) president Zaka Ashraf had raised the question during the ICC board meeting.



NAZMUL HASSAN

Full-fledged India tour likely this year

Pakistan tour currently not on the agenda

BCB president urges BPL franchises to comply with

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## District football

SPORTS REPORTER

Nabarun Sangha became champions in the Prime Bank Chapainawabganj District Football League with a 4-2 win over Joint Brothers in a shoot out in the final at the District Stadium yesterday.

The game rolled into a tiebreaker after the regulation time ended in a goalless draw.

Bangladesh Football Federation president Kazi Salahuddin witnessed the game and distributed prizes among the winners while sponsor Prime Bank chairman Sirajul Islam Mollah was present as special guest.

## Div I v'ball

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Jail recorded a 3-0 win over Nabojagorani Sangha in the Walton Air Condition First Division League at the Volleyball Stadium yesterday.

Dhaka Green and Uttara Sporting Club also registered identical 3-0 win over Sabolambi Society and Mathertek Mitalee Sangha respectively.

## Lara opens BMRE

SPORTS REPORTER

Chittagong Kings brand ambassador Brian Charles Lara inaugurated the BMRE (Balancing, modernisation, rehabilitation and expansion) unit of Elite Paint and Chemical Industries Factory in Chittagong yesterday. He was the chief guest in the inauguration ceremony held at the factory compound at Nasirabad Industrial area yesterday morning.

"Since I have been in Chittagong, from the moment I landed at the airport, went to the field, village and everywhere the people of Chittagong have taken me very close to their hearts," said Lara at the press conference.

Chairman of Elite Paint Selim Ahmed, Vice Chairman Firoz Ahmed, Directors - Sajir Ahmed and Rabej Ahmed, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer B B Shaha Roy were also present.

## Chittagong smile as Kings win

SPORTS REPORTER from Chittagong



It was a satisfactory night for the capacity crowd as Chittagong Kings finally emerged victorious in their home city with a comfortable eight-wicket win over the Khulna Royal Bengals in the second match of the Bangladesh Premier League at the MA Aziz Stadium last night.

On the back of four defeats in five matches, it



was Brendan Taylor who came out for the toss with regular Chittagong Kings captain Mahmudullah Riyad apparently needing a break to ease the pressure. For his part, the Zimbabwean led his team from the front to ensure their second win in the competition after their 21-run victory against the Barisal Burners in Khulna. The win came despite the absence of a popular face from the Chittagong dugout; Brian Lara quietly left Bangladesh yesterday.

Taylor though, entertained the cheering crowd by smashing seven fours and a six in his unbeaten 49-ball 69 which helped the Kings reach the 137 run target with two overs to spare. Netherlands batsman Ryan ten Doeschate

gave his captain the perfect support as he was not out on 41 off 34 balls with one four and two sixes.

Earlier, a late surge helped Khulna to put up a decent total of 136 after being sent into bat first. At one stage, reaching three figures even seemed a distant reality for Khulna as they were stranded on 49 for three at the end of ten overs. Left-arm spinner Enamul Haque troubled them most taking three wickets at a vital stage but Mahmudullah Riyad also helped with his off-spin to tighten the grip as he conceded only 13 runs in three overs.

Khulna however bounced back through late hitting from Riki Wessels (35 off 32 balls), Travis Birt (25 off 17 balls) and Daniel Harris (22 not out off 17 balls). West Indian pacer Kevon Cooper however bowled brilliantly in the death.

Chittagong Kings not only dropped few catches but also gave too many extra runs. Thankfully for their fans it was not to prove decisive in the final reckoning.

## Gladiators slay Rajshahi

BISHWAJIT ROY from Chittagong



The MA Aziz Stadium filled to the brim on the weekly holiday and the electrifying crowd saw Dhaka Gladiators continue their winning run in the port city as they beat Duronto Rajshahi in the day's first game of the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL).

Defending champions Dhaka Gladiators won the match, their fifth in six encounters, without star all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan, who watched the match from the dugout due to a hamstring injury which may even sideline him from today's match against Chittagong Kings.

Chasing a manageable 138 to win, the left-handed opener Tamim Iqbal entertained his home fans initially with a sparkling 18-ball 33 that saw six fours and a six. But the Chittagonian's good start went in vain as Duronto Rajshahi continued their poor middle order batting. Rajshahi were in a very strong position to win their third game in six matches as they required only 33 runs from last five overs with five wickets in hand but ultimately they finished their 20-over quota on 124-9.

"There was some turn in the pitch but it cannot be an excuse because it was a chaseable target. We got a start from Tamim but the problem remained same with the middle order. One from the middle order should have finished the game. Chamara Kapugedera and myself went for shots too early which was a mistake," said Rajshahi skipper Jahurul Islam.

But the Dhaka's bowlers especially Alfonso Thomas, Chris Liddle, Saqlain Sajib and Mosharrif Hossain also deserved some praise not only taking two wickets each but also for their tight bowling when defending a small total.

"The wicket was not easy for batting but Rajshahi got a start from Tamim. We were waiting for a wicket and it happened. Our bowlers did an excellent job," said

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## SCORES IN BRIEF

**DHAKA GLADIATORS:** 137-5 in 20 overs (Soumya 30, Anamul 25, Shah 43 not out, Cobb 14, extras 7; Nayeem 2-37, Taijul 2-24, Munaweera 1-18)  
**DURONTO RAJSHAHI:** 124-9 in 20 overs (Tamim 33, Munaweera 15, Kapugedera 31, Ervine 15, extras 6; Thomas 2-15, Liddle 2-27, Saqlain 2-17, Mosharrif 2-17)  
**Result:** Dhaka Gladiators won by 13 runs.



International Hockey Federation (FIH) president Leandro Negre (2nd from R) cuts a cake to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation at the BOA media room yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

## Negre calls for planned approach

Hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

In a bid to meet the request from the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF), the International Hockey Federation (FIH) president Leandro Negre suggested the Bangladesh Hockey Federation to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as soon as possible.

"My proposal to BHF, the BOA and the sports ministry is to make a strategic map for the development of Bangladesh hockey disclosing all the aspects and sign a Memorandum of Understanding between parties as soon as possible. This MoU will cover all the aspects of the development," said Negre at a press conference at

the BOA auditorium yesterday.

"Bangladesh is a key country for hockey because this country loves hockey. It is a very well located country with beautiful hockey neighbours and for this, the FIH considers Bangladesh as a key country for hockey in Asia," mentioned Negre, who played 32 matches for Spain including the 1968 Olympics in Mexico. Meanwhile, the BHF sought FIH's help on a number of fronts including astro-turf and floodlights along with the provision of a high-profile coach and opportunities for the Bangladeshi players to play in leagues in Europe.

"I can't make any promise at the moment but we will be working together to find out the way," said Negre. "We will try our best to pro-

vide artificial hockey pitches as the FIH has good contact with suppliers of artificial hockey pitches and lighting and we can make nice promotions here. The MOU should cover really the development here in the best possible way," said Negre, who was also president of the European Hockey Federation from 2003 to 2008. "I don't want to talk just for talking and I am a man who tries to achieve what I say," assured the Spaniard.

The FIH president praised Bangladesh's achievement in the World Hockey League (round-1) to advance to the second round and hoped that he would watch matches of Bangladesh in New Delhi. Negre advised the hockey federation to

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## Women's WC results

AFP, New Delhi

Results from the Women's World Cup matches on Friday:

In Mumbai, Sri Lanka beat England by one wicket.

**ENGLAND:** 238-8 in 50 overs (Jenny Gunn 52, Amy Jones 41, Heather Knight 38, Arran Brindle 31; Chamani Seneviratna 2-35, Eshani Kaushalya 2-49, Shashikala

Siriwardene 2-62)  
**SRI LANKA:** 244-9 in 50 overs (Chamari Atapattu 62, Eshani Kaushalya 56, Yasoda Mendis 46, Shashikala Siriwardene 34; Katherine Brunt 2-36, Georgia Elwiss 2-39, Arran Brindle 2-38).

In Cuttack, New Zealand beat South Africa by 150 runs.

**NEW ZEALAND:** 320-5 in 50 overs (Sophie Devine 145, Suzie Bates 72, Nicola Browne 40 not out, Sara McGlashan 32)

**SOUTH AFRICA:** 170 all out in 41 overs (Susan Benade 37, Shabnim Ismail 31, Mignon du Preez 29; Sian Ruck 4-31, Morna Nielsen 3-34, Lea Tahuhu 2-27).

At Cuttack, Australia beat Pakistan by 91 runs.

**AUSTRALIA:** 175 all out in 46.1 overs (Rachael Haynes 39, Sarah Coyte 35 not out, Lisa Sthalekar 32; Sadia Yousof 3-30, Asmavia Iqbal 2-36)

**PAKISTAN:** 84 all out in 33.2 overs (Bismah Maroof 43; Sarah Coyte 3-20, Holly Ferling 2-10, Ellyse Perry 2-18, Lisa Sthalekar 2-19)