

Angelo new SL captain

AFP, Colombo

All-rounder Angelo Mathews has been appointed Sri Lanka's new Test and one-day captain for next month's home series against Bangladesh, selectors announced on Thursday.

The 25-year-old replaced prolific batsman Mahela Jayawardene, who stepped down after leading on a recent tour of Australia where Sri Lanka lost the Test series 3-0 and drew a one-day series 2-2.

Dinesh Chandimal, named Mathews's deputy in Tests and one-day internationals, will lead the side in T20 matches.

Mathews and Chandimal will lead the teams until the end of January 2014, the Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) said in a statement.

Bangladesh will play two Tests, three one-dayers and a one-off T20 match. The Tests will be played in Galle (March 8-12) and Colombo (March 16-20), while Hambantota (March 23 and 25) and Pallekele (March 28) will host the limited overs games.

TEST SQUAD

Angelo Mathews (captain), Dinesh Chandimal (vice-captain), Tillakaratne Dilshan, Dimuth Karunaratne, Ashen Silva, Kumar Sangakkara, Lahiru Thirimanne, Mahela Jayawardene, Kusal Perera, Jeevan Mendis, Kithuruwan Vithanage, Ajantha Mendis, Suraj Randiv, Nuwan Kulasekara, Shaminda Eranga, Chanaka Welegedara, Nuwan Pradeep, Dushmantha Chameera, Rangana Herath, Tharindu Kaushal.

BOA to host

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this initiative to exhibit their heritage. The festival will include a rickshaw race of 60 participants, rural games, folksongs and rickshaw art.

To make the event a success, a three-member committee has been formed, naming BOA treasurer Kazi Rajibuddin Ahmed Chapal as the head.

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conceding 46 runs. Imranuzzaman was the top scorer for Khulna with 65 off 138 balls that featured eight boundaries.

Chittagong scored 71 runs for three wickets in their second innings. Pacer Mushtafizur Rahman initiated the early damage taking two wickets but Tanzid Ahmed Emon joined Rohan to start rebuilding the innings.

SCORES IN BRIEF
CHITTAGONG: First innings 271 and second innings 71-3 in 24 overs (Rohan 43, Tanzid 18 not out, extra 1; Mushtafizur 2-17)

KHULNA: First innings 175 all out in 66 overs (Sahjialal 28, Adnan 36, Noman 29, Imranuzza-man 65, extras 7; Rohan 6-26, Shamrat 3-46)

Clash of titans

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game. And the good thing is that even a defeat will not dash our hopes, so I hope our players can play their natural game," said Salahuddin.

"Team combination is our key strength against any team. I believe our boys will give their best tomorrow as they did in the previous matches. We want to focus on our performance rather than considering who we are playing against," he added. Sylhet will miss the services of Zimbabwean batsman Hamilton Masakadza, who was scheduled to fly for his country last night for national duty.

Blade kills girlfriend?

Athletics

AGENCIES, Pretoria

South African star sprinter Oscar Pistorius has been charged with the murder of his girlfriend and will appear in a Pretoria court on Friday, police have confirmed.

Pistorius, 26, is alleged to have killed his 30-year-old girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, who died of gunshot wounds at his home in a gated community in the city on Thursday morning.

Police spokeswoman Denise Beukes said earlier reports that the suspect had been surprised by his girlfriend and had thought she was an intruder did not come from police.

She said there had been reports from neighbours of shouting and screaming coming from the house earlier in the evening. She said police had been called to the house on previous occasions after reports of "a domestic nature".

Pistorius had been due to appear in court on Thursday, but at lunchtime officials announced his appearance been postponed until Friday at Pretoria magistrates court.

Police sources suggested that Pistorius himself had requested that he appear in court as soon as possible yesterday, but that the facilities might not be equipped for people with disabilities.

Police deny that they are giving him special treatment. A spokeswoman had earlier said Pistorius was being "treated like any other normal person".

"He will be bringing a bail application and we will be opposing bail," she said, adding that there were no other suspects in the case.

Police said they had opened a murder investigation after a 30-year-old woman was found dead in the upmarket Silver Lakes community on the outskirts of the capital, where the Paralympic and Olympic runner lives. It is believed she was shot four times.

"We found a 9mm pistol at the scene. A 26-year-old man was taken into custody," a police spokeswoman said.

There was speculation in the local media that Pistorius may have mistaken his girlfriend for a burglar and the shooting could have been a result of a Valentine's Day surprise gone wrong.

A police spokeswoman, Lieutenant Colonel Katlego Mogale, told the Associated Press that officers received a call in the early hours of the morning that there had been a shooting. When police arrived they found paramedics trying to revive the woman, who had been shot and died at the scene, he said.

There was a large police presence outside Pistorius's house and media descended on the estate. Earlier, a police spokesman had described the sprinter as being distraught. "We can't comment on his emotional wellbeing, but he is traumatised after losing someone close to him," he said.

Steenkamp, a well-known South African model, had been



PHOTO: AFP

VALENTINE'S VICTIM! Olympian sprinter Oscar Pistorius (R) and his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp are all smiles when they were pictured at Melrose Arch in Johannesburg last month. But on Thursday the famed South African 'Blade Runner' tried to hide his face (inset) while coming out of the Boshkop police station after being charged of shooting dead his model girlfriend at his upscale home.

dating Pistorius since November and was due to appear in a reality TV show called Tropika Island of Treasure. The law graduate from Port Elizabeth gave an interview to the Sunday Times in South

Africa last week in which she described her boyfriend as "an impeccable man who always has her best interests at heart".

In the last 24 hours she was tweeting about her hopes for Valentine's Day, writing: "What do you have up your sleeve for your love tomorrow?? #getexcited #ValentinesDay". In one of her last tweets she responded to one follower who said she was going to make her husband a card with her children. Steenkamp wrote: "That sounds amazing! Wow that's what it's all about! It should be a day of love for everyone :) may it be blessed!"

Steenkamp's publicist Sarit Tomlinson told Sky News that



Nadal out of Brazil Open

AFP, Sao Paulo

Rafael Nadal will not play his scheduled doubles match at the Brazil Open on Wednesday because of "knee overuse," organisers said.

But they said the Spanish star intends to play his opening singles match Thursday against Brazilian Joao Souza.

World number five Nadal had been scheduled to team up with Argentina's David Nalbandian in a second-round encounter against Argentine Horacio Zeballos and Oliver Marach of Austria.

Former world number one Nadal only returned to the tour in Chile last week, where he lost in the final, after a seven-month injury absence.

"Nadal thought it was preferable to stay in his hotel and prepare for his singles match tomorrow," a Brazil Open spokesman told AFP.

"He discussed the issue with Nalbandian and the two agreed not to play the doubles. It was a joint decision."

Nalbandian told reporters the conditions were "very difficult."

"The court is not in the best condition and the ball is very difficult to control," he added.

Younis, Asad hit tons

Cricket

REUTERS, Cape Town

Younis Khan and Asad Shafiq made fine centuries as Pakistan recovered from a poor start to reach 253 for five on the opening day of the second Test against South Africa at Newlands on Thursday.

Having been reduced to 33 for four before lunch, a 219-run fifth-wicket stand between Younis (111) and Shafiq (111 not out) made the South African bowlers toil in the sun after captain Graeme Smith had won the toss.

The hosts dismissed Younis shortly before the close to leave the match evenly poised.

Smith spoke had spoken about a "dangerous" Pakistan side and so it proved as Younis and Shafiq started watchfully before accelerating after tea.

Shafiq was dropped by Dean Elgar at short leg off-spinner Robin Peterson when on just 24, but otherwise gave a chanceless performance in reaching his third test century off 201 balls including 13 fours and six.

The experienced Younis reached his hundred from 192 balls with six fours and three towering sixes off Peterson. It was his 21st in tests and fourth against South Africa.

He was dismissed on review after an inside edge off Vernon Philander carried to wicketkeeper AB de Villiers. Morne Morkel was the pick of the bowlers with two for 37 from his 16 overs and Philander took two for 45. Dale Steyn deserved more than his one for 34 as he went past the outside edge on numerous occasions. It looked like it was going to be another batting disaster for Pakistan early on. Nasir Jamshed (3)

offered a catch to de Villiers with a loose front-foot drive off Philander, Mohammad Hafeez (17) tentatively pushing forward to a full ball from Steyn and Smith pounced the catch at first slip. Morkel had Azhar Ali (4) caught behind by de

Villiers and four balls later Pakistan captain Misbahul Haq fended a rising delivery into his ribs with his gloves and Elgar took the catch at short-leg.

South Africa lead the three-match series 1-0 after a 211-run win in Johannesburg.



PHOTO: INTERNET

Pakistan batsman Younis Khan drives down the ground on his way to a century against South Africa on the first day of the second Test at Newlands in Cape Town yesterday.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN: First innings Hafeez c Smith b Steyn 17 Jamshed c De Villiers b Philander 3 Azhar c De Villiers b Morkel 4 Younis c De Villiers b Philander 111 Misbah c Elgar b Morkel 0 Shafiq not out 111 Sarfraz not out 0 Extras: (lb-4, nb-3) 7 Total: (For 5 wks in 90 overs) 253 To bat: Gul, Ajmal, Tanvir, Irfan. Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-21, 3-33, 4-33, 5-252. **Bowler O M R W** Steyn 19 7 34 1 Philander 21 8 45 2 Morkel 16 6 37 2 Kallis 13 2 34 0 Peterson 19 0 85 0 Elgar 2 0 14 0 **SOUTH AFRICA:** Smith, Petersen, Amla, Kallis, De Villiers, Du Plessis, Elgar, Philander, Peterson, Steyn,

Barisal win

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Farveez Maharoof (34 not out) and Elias Sunny (30) after Hodge and Alok Kapali, who sustained an injury on his finger during the match, put on 32 runs in a brisk opening stand.

Saju Datta was the most successful bowler with three for 23.

"Yes, we had a good chance but it's part of the game. I'm happy with my team's overall performance if you consider our strength. Many had questions about our team strength but I believe we played good cricket," said Rangpur skipper Razzak.

Dhaka tune

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Marshal Ayub (32 off 26 balls) gave the Kings a hope of setting up the semifinal clash against Duronto Rajshahi on a winning note, but their 72-run second-wicket stand went in vain as they completed their 20-over quota at 139-9.

South Africa pacer Alfonso Thomas, Mosharraf Hossain, Shakib and Dilshan took 2 wickets each. Earlier, pacer Rubel Hossain gave Chittagong an early breakthrough removing Joshua Cobb for five runs but Dilshan and Anamul Haque shared a 63-run partnership for the second wicket to provide Shakib a perfect platform to accelerate.

Shakib executed his shots all over the park and clobbered nine boundaries in his 29-ball 59 not out. Darren Stevens contributed run-a-ball 21 with two fours.

After that Shakib struck with the ball, taking two for 25 from his four overs.

MSC-BJMC split points

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momentum in the face of several attacks from BJMC and were rescued once again by league top-scorer Morison.

"Inconsistency has been a big problem for Mohammedan. The players should have carried the spirit they showed against Sheikh Russel but they could not do it against BJMC. I am happy to get one lucky point rather than lose three points," said Mohammedan stand-in-coach Jewel Rana adding that they were targeting to finish the league either third or fourth.

After surviving two close calls inside the first 25 minutes, Mohammedan mustered their first attack in the 34th minute when winger Shariful Islam whipped a cross from the right for Morison, who just needed to beat opponent goalkeeper Arifuzzaman

Himel but miscued his header.

BJMC took the deserved lead in the 45th minute when Ismael Bangoura raced past two Mohammedan defenders from the right to cut it back for the unmarked Eleta Kingsley, who fired home from the edge of the six-yard box.

After the resumption, Mohammedan came close to leveling the margin but Morison headed a Shariful Islam cross from the right over the crosspiece in the 51st minute while Kingsley raced into the Mohammedan box to shoot wide with only the goalkeeper to beat in the 73rd minute.

When it seemed that BJMC were going to leave the pitch with a victory, Mohammedan equalised the margin with a close-range strike from Morison, who fired home from

inside the six-yard box after a header of Wahed Ahmed fell to him two minutes from time.

It was the fourth time that BJMC failed to cash in on their lead in the league. BJMC were leading 2-1 against Sheikh Jamal at one stage before suffering 2-3 defeat. They also suffered a 3-4 defeat against Sheikh Russel despite taking a 2-0 lead at one stage. BJMC also had to be content with two draws against Mohammedan despite leading the margin at one stage.

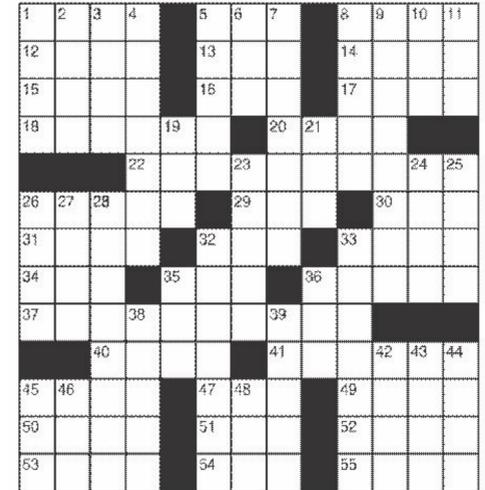
"The players always lose their concentration in the big matches though I motivated them well to keep their nerve. May be the players suffered from psychological breakdown in the big matches and we could not recover from the problem," said BJMC coach Jakaria Babu.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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