

**Zahed powers Ctg Abahani**

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Ismail Zahed slotted a hat-trick to power Chittagong Abahani to an emphatic 3-0 win over Victoria SC in the Premier Bank Bangladesh Championship League at the Bishreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

After the barren first half, Zahed put Chittagong Abahani ahead in the 53rd minute before doubling the lead six minutes later. Zahed completed his treble in the 76th minute to wrap up the victory.

With the win, the port city club earned 6 points from 3 matches while Victoria remained with their previous collection 3 points from 3 matches.

**U-16 football**

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Brothers Union and Feni Soccer Club won their respective matches of the Grameenphone U-16 Football Tournament at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Brothers Union defeated Team BJMC with Raqibul Islam Dipto scoring the decider in the 11th minute while Feni Soccer also handed a 1-0 defeat to Sheikh Russel KC, thanks to the lone strike from Rasel.

**Sanjamul**

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at silly mid-off a defensive prod in Sanjamul's next over. Four overs later, Forhad Reza removed Central's key batsman Rokibul. Sanjamul was brought back into the attack following the wicket and the decision almost immediately paid off. He removed Mehrab Hossain Jr and Shuvagata Hom, both for ducks, in the 41st over. Central were struggling at 144 for 7 at that point.

A 74-run partnership between yesterday's hat-trick hero Mohammad Ashraful and wicketkeeper Nurul Hasan for the eighth wicket revived Central and took them past 200. Both Ashraful and Nurul were removed by Sanjamul in the 62nd and 66th overs respectively. A few hits from Shahadat Hossain towards the end helped Central take a lead of 250.

**Jahurul's**

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the indoor tournament, it was a clear violation of his central contract with the BCB. "We are expecting a report from his team manager soon. His act, if committed, is an audacious one and certainly a punishable offence."

Jahurul is one of the cricketers under the central contract system of the BCB, contracted in Grade C, and thereby subject to the code of conduct of the game's governing body.

**Siddikur**

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The nonchalant last day performance meant Siddikur dropped from overnight 31st to 39th position. Meanwhile, the title was won by Thailand's Chawalit Plaphol who snk two late birdies to finish on 18-under-par (270), staving off the challenge from Sri Lanka's Mithun Perera who scored 17-under-par (271).

**Muktijoddha**

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part in the IFA Shield even though the club never reached the final. To strengthen the squad, Muktijoddha Sangsad included three players from outside of their squad. They are -- goalkeeper Aminul Haque, midfielder Arman Aziz and striker Enamul Haque.

Muktijoddha Sangsad are likely to leave for Kolkata on March 2.



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Bangladesh captain Mohammad Sujan (3rd from R) displays a jersey of the national team during a Meet the Press session at the BFF House yesterday.

**AFC CHALLENGE CUP QUALIFIERS**  
**Booters fly to Nepal today**

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh national football team leave here today for Nepal to take part in the AFC Challenge Cup Qualifiers without a clear goal but Dutch coach Lodewijk de Kruij believes Bangladesh can at least, show a great deal of fight, if no qualify.

"I've had four training sessions and had a good impression of the players. I shared my ideas with them, what I want from them and what they want. There was determination and willingness among the players and they are willing to fight. We will fight in Nepal for what we want and what the people want," said Kruij at a press conference at the BFF House yesterday.

"From my background, I educated the players. I have an educated team and back-up. When you get a back-up, you will get results. You won't get results without doing nothing," said the Dutch coach.

The 43-year old coach will have to bank on a depleted squad to deliver the goods as experienced striker Zahid Hasan Emily, winger Zahid Hossain, defender Rezaul Karim and goalkeeper Mustaqur Rahman have been kept out of the 23-member final squad due to injuries. Striker Toklish Ahmed and midfielder Jamal Hossain have been included for the first time.

"Yes, we will miss a few players, who are the top players of the league but we can't do anything about injuries. I think all my 23 players are good and we got a few youngsters who are eager to show their worth at the top level. Let's see what they do."

Describing about the positives the coach had found during the training sessions, De Kruij said, "It is important to know where your nose is, we have to put our noses at the right direction. I have

found my players walking and crawling all over to fight it out. They were not taking any rest and everybody is willing to fight so overall impression is very positive."

Kruij rated Palestine the favourites in the group followed by hosts Nepal and said he had no idea about Northern Mariana Island.

"From the information, video footage and data I have, Palestine are the favourites in the pool. They recently beat India 4-2 and I think they have a good player who scored three times in that match. Nepal at home are also a difficult opponent. Nobody knows anything about Northern Mariana Island and my opinion is not to underestimate any opponent."

Captain Mohammad Sujan believes that they would be able to produce some good results as all the players were in action in the professional football league.

Assistant coach Rene Koster informed that the fitness level of players was pretty good as he tried a new workout for the players.

**GOALKEEPERS:** Shahidul Alam Shohel, Ziaur Rahman Zia, Mamun Khan.

**DEFENDERS:** Mohammad Sujan (captain), Atiqur Rahman Meshu, Ashraf Mahmud Linkon, Raihan Hasan, Kesto Kumar, Wali Faisal, Nasiruddin Chowdhury, Mamun Miah.

**MIDFIELDERS:** Mamunul Islam, Pranotosh Kumar Das, Shakil Ahmed, Abudul Baten Komol, Alamgir Kabir Rana, Shohel Rana, Mezbabul Haque Manik, Jamal Hossain, Maruf Ahmed.

**STRIKERS:** Shakhwat Hossain Rony, Toklish Ahmed, Mithun Chowdhury.

**BANGLADESH'S MATCHES**

2 March: Bangladesh v Palestine  
4 March: Bangladesh v Nepal  
6 March: Bangladesh v Northern Mariana Island

**Proteas' clean sweep**

Cricket

AFP, Centurion

South Africa completed a series clean sweep when they beat Pakistan by an innings and 18 runs on the third day of the third and final Test against South Africa at SuperSport Park on Sunday.

Pakistan were bowled out for 235 in their second innings, an improvement on their first innings total of 156.

But the margin of victory and the series result was a fair reflection of the dominance of South Africa, the world champions, playing in their home conditions.

Dale Steyn took four for 80 and was responsible for the run-out of Azhar Ali which sparked a collapse of the Pakistan middle-order.

For the only time in the series, the Pakistan lower-order showed some resistance and Steyn was frustrated in a final spell of eight overs after tea as the last pair, Rahat Ali and

Mohammad Irfan, played and missed or edged the ball out of reach of the fielders.

At the other end Kyle Abbott was unable to complete a ten-wicket haul on his Test debut, finishing with two for 39 after taking seven for 29 in the first innings.

Finally, captain Graeme Smith turned to left-arm spinner Robin Peterson who trapped Rahat leg before wicket with his sixth ball.

South Africa won the first Test in Johannesburg by 211 runs and the second in Cape Town by four wickets. None of the matches went to a fifth day.

An early finish seemed in prospect when Pakistan lost four wickets quickly after lunch to be floundering at 114 for six, but Sarfraz Ahmed (40) and Saeed Ajmal (31) batted enterprisingly and with a modicum of luck to put on 69 for the seventh wicket.

Azhar and Imran Farhat defied the South African bowlers for most of a morning during which only the wicket of Younis Khan fell.

They saw Pakistan through to lunch at 87 for two, with Azhar on 27, eked out over 110 balls.

**SCOREBOARD**

**PAKISTAN:** First innings 409 (De Villiers 121, Amla 92, Philander 74, Du Plessis 29, Peterson 28; Rahat 6-127, Adil 2-54)

**PAKISTAN:** Second innings (overnight 14-1)

Hafeez b Steyn 0  
Azhar run out (Steyn) 27  
Younis c Smith b Steyn 11

Farhat c de Villiers b Abbott 43  
Misbah c de Villiers b Kleinveeldt 5  
Shafiq c Philander b Kleinveeldt 6  
Sarfraz c Elgar b Steyn 40

Ajmal lbw b Steyn 31  
Adil c Kleinveeldt b Abbott 12  
Rahat lbw b Peterson 22  
Irfan not out 6

Extras: (b-9, lb-10, nb-2, w-11) 32  
Total: (All out in 78 overs) 235

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-39, 3-93, 4-107, 5-107, 6-114, 7-183, 8-202, 9-202

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Steyn	23	5	80	4
Philander	15	4	32	0
Abbott	17	7	39	2
Kleinveeldt	13	2	33	2
Peterson	10	2	32	1

**Result:** South Africa won by an innings and 18 runs and the three-Test series 3-0.

**Muktis held at home**

SPORTS REPORTER

Muktijoddha Sangad completed their home matches of the Grameenphone Bangladesh Premier League with a draw when they were held 0-0 by visiting Feni Soccer Club at the Sheikh Fazlul Haque Moni Stadium in Gopalganj yesterday.

Out of the eight home matches, Muktijoddha Sangad recorded two wins against Arambagh and Mohammedan, drawing four against Team BJMC, Abahani, Brothers and Feni Soccer while conceding defeats against Sheikh Jamal DC and Sheikh Russel KC.

With fourth draws in 14 matches, Muktijoddha Sangad remained on sixth position with 16 points while Feni Soccer, with eight points from 13, matches remained on eighth position.

**Women's cricket**

SPORTS REPORTER

Khulna rode on Rumana Ahmed's 73 to post 224 for five against Rangpur in the Women's National Cricket League (NCL) at the Shaheed Kamruzzaman Stadium in Rajshahi yesterday. A quick 95 from Lata Mondol was not enough for Rangpur as they suffered a 34-run defeat.

Away at the Rajshahi District Stadium, a five-wicket haul from Rajshahi's Bristy Roy saw Chittagong disintegrate to 61 all out. Rajshahi then overhauled the meagre total in 132 overs.

**Tale of two selections**

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bowler played his last Test against the West Indies in 2009, and despite consistent performances in the domestic arena, has been restricted to the fringes ever since.

"It feels really good to have made the team finally, after three years. I had to fight really hard this time and I hope I can make it count," Enamul told The Daily Star. "Ever since my last Test in 2009, I have learnt to enjoy cricket, no matter where I played and now that I am in the squad,

the rest is up to how I perform," he added.

The left-arm spinner echoed Mominul's views with regard to Shakib's absence. "Yes, it's true that his exclusion has given me the opportunity to make my mark, but it's quite obvious that his absence is a huge loss for the team. I never thought that he would be missing the tour. But now that I do have the opportunity, I want to make the most of it," said Enamul.

**Bangladesh**

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back to beat much-fancied China 3-2. They followed up the good work with a 4-1 drubbing of Oman and 8-4 mauling of lowly Fiji before suffering defeat against India.

Chayan was the most successful player for Bangladesh with seven goals from penalty corners while Rasel Mahmud Jimmy remained the source of inspiration behind all the victories with his mazy runs and dazzling stickwork.

**Mominul new pick**

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in 2010 and 2011 respectively. Anamul Haque Bijoy, who was a stand-in for Tamim Iqbal in Bangladesh's last Test against the West Indies in November, has been retained.

Speaking to reporters at Mirpur yesterday, chief selector Akram Khan said that they had discussed a number of names for Shakib's replacement. "He is our top bowler and batsman. After a long discussion we decided to take Enamul and Mominul," said Akram.

"Enamul's place was contested by Saqlain Sajib and Mosharraf Hossain, but at the end we went with Enamul as he has a lot more experience," he added.

Explaining the decision to include Mominul, Akram said, "We were in a bit of a tussle between Mominul and Marshall Ayub since both have performed very well in recent times. But then we thought that since we have three to four right-handed batsmen in the middle order, the left-handed Mominul would be a better choice. He would also be a better choice to counter the left-arm spin of Rangana Herath," said Akram, adding that Marshall, who had scored two double centuries in the last domestic season, was unlucky not to have made the squad this time.

Meanwhile, Akram indicated that Anamul is most likely to make his debut in Sri Lanka next month as Jahurul Islam, the only other opener in the team, has been selected as a stand-by. "As of now, Tamim, Bijoy and (Shahriar) Nafees are our top 3, and Jahurul is our stand by. Things will be confirmed after our practice match in Sri Lanka," the chief selector added.

Like the last Test squad picked for the West Indies Tests, the selectors have included two specialist spinners -- Shohag Gazi and Enamul -- in the squad. Unlike the last selection, Robiul's inclusion means that there are four pacers -- Shahadat Hossain, Abul Hasan and Rubel Hossain being the other three. "We are worried about our pace bowling performance. Our top pacers did not play in the Bangladesh Cricket League (BCL) and it's not possible to judge them based on the Bangladesh Premier League T20. We had to mostly depend on our coach's opinion."

With regard to Robiul's recall, Akram said: "Robiul has played well in the BCL and has done alright in National Cricket League. He did not get a team in the BPL. So he was in the academy for a month and according to the coach he has been improving day by day."

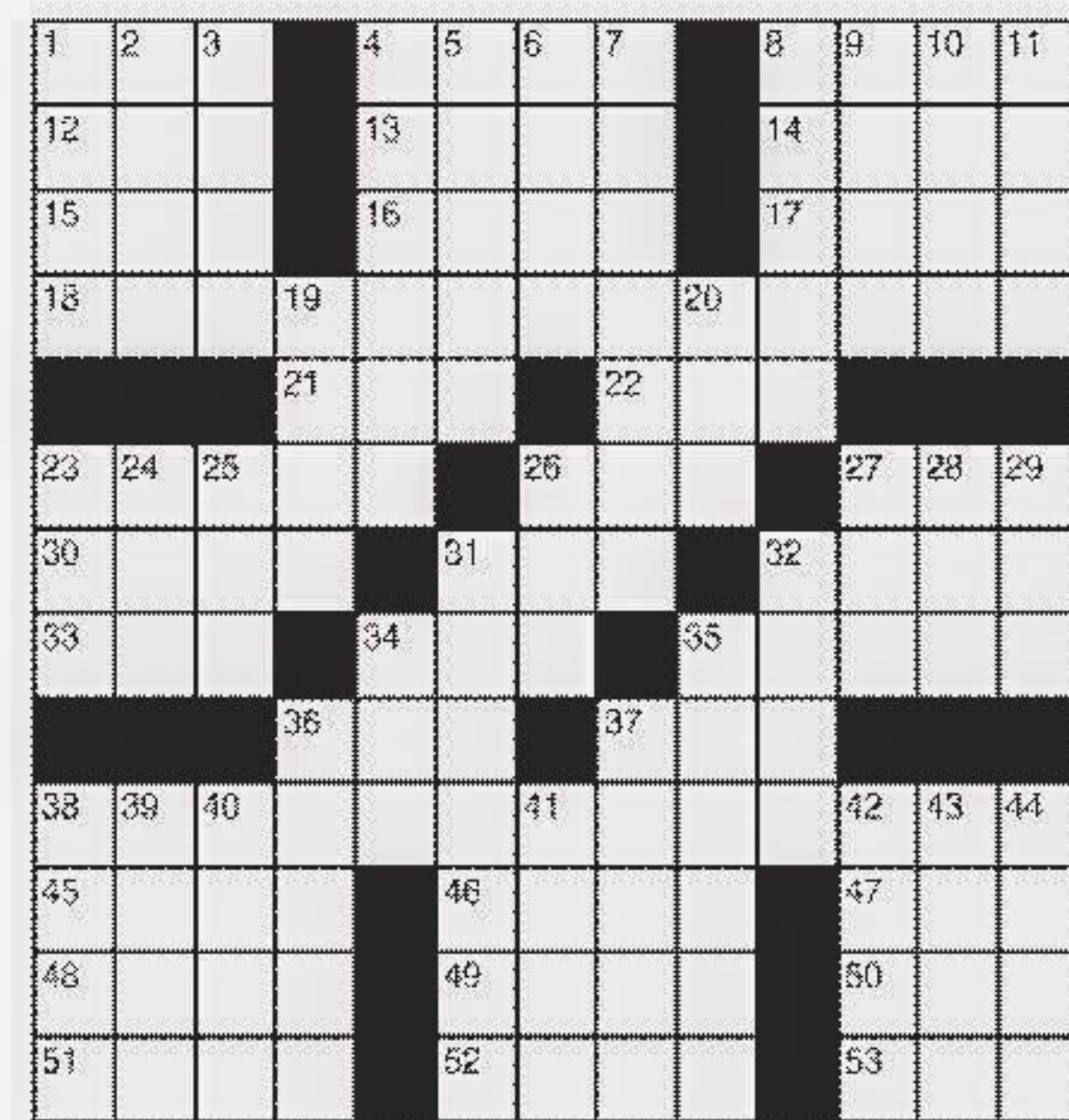
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34 Ump  
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