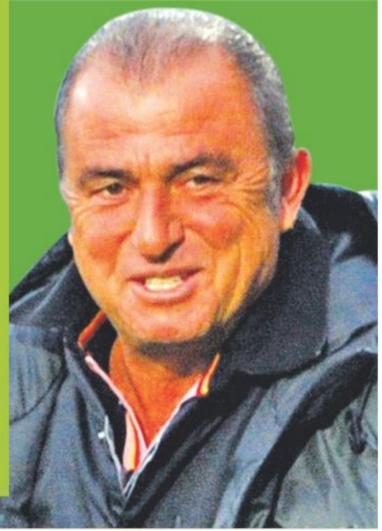


Terim banned for 9 matches

Galatasaray coach Fatih Terim was banned for nine matches on Thursday for criticising the referee during a league game against Mersin Idmanyurdu. Turkey's Football Federation (TFF) said Terim was guilty of insulting the referee and "unsporting behaviour" during the game while his two assistants received one- and two-game suspensions. The severe sanction means Terim will be barred from six games in the current season and three in the next. Terim was banished to the stands with a number of his coaching staff during Saturday's game, which Galatasaray won 3-1.



Gladiators shocked at CL snub

Dhaka Gladiators, the reigning champions of the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL), was shocked to find that they were not considered for the Champions League T20 tournament to be held in India from September 17 to October 7. "I still can't believe that in spite of all the positive vibes, we were kept out of the CPL T20 this year and to be honest I couldn't find any logic to that," said Dhaka Gladiators managing director Shihab Chowdhury in a statement yesterday after the schedule of the tournament was released. "We met ICC and we were waiting for another meeting with the organizers of the tournament but the fixture was released before we could make a move. We were informed that the Bangladesh Cricket Board was supposed to recommend and request BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India). But surprisingly this was never done," he added.

BPL governing council member secretary IH Mallick however said that they have little to do with the issue as it's not an ICC event. "Still we will communicate with the respective boards who are organising the tournament to consider the matter," said Mallick.

Zia wins again

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman returned to winning ways again in the 15th Dubai Open Chess Championship when he beat WIM Olsarova Tereza of Czech Republic in the fifth round held Dubai, UAE on Thursday. Zia, who has 3.5 points from five games, was scheduled to play against Indian GM Abhijeet Gupta in the sixth round last night.



Bangladesh Under-19s Mehedy Hasan (L) and captain Mosaddek Hossain cross for a single during their hundreds on the third day of the first four-dayer against visiting Sri Lanka Under-19s at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Double tons propel U-19s



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Mehedy Hasan and captain Mossadek Hossain slammed hundreds to cancel out AK Tyronne's impressive bowling as Bangladesh Under-19s dominated the third day of the first four-dayer against visiting Sri Lanka Under-19s at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Resuming the day on 56, Hasan finished his innings with a 171-ball 105 that contained 14 boundaries and shared a 166-run partnership with his skipper Mossadek for the fourth wicket stand as the home team were all out for 397 runs in reply to the Lankan's first innings total of 422.

Tyrone finished with a bowling figure of seven for 142 but still Bangladeshi boys were close to their opponents' mammoth total, thanks to Mossadek who occupied the crease for more than five hours to make 107 off 229 balls that saw 13 fours and three sixes. The visitors stretched

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**SRI LANKA UNDER-19S:** First innings 422 and second innings 67-2 in 21 overs (Mendis 25 not out, Bhanuka 21; Pradhan 1-23, Jubair 1-18). **BANGLADESH UNDER-19S:** First innings 397 all out in 119.2 overs (Nazmul 55, Yasir 27, Mehedy 105, Mossadek 107; Tyrone 7-142).

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Jummon Lusai to light the torch

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Jummon Lusai, iconic hockey player, will light the torch of the 8th Bangladesh Games while a host of former national players from different disciplines will take part in the torch rally which will start from the National Martyrs' mausoleum at Savar and end at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

"A celebrity player is generally selected to light the torch of such big events and Jummon Lusai was the only hockey player who represented Bangladesh in the World XI. He also played for the national team for many years. He had a colourful hockey career. He also represents Indigenous people. That is why we think the right person has been chosen for lighting the torch," said Bangladesh Games Steering Committee chairman Harunur Rashid at an official press briefing at the BOA Bhaban yesterday.

Before handing the torch to Jummon Lusai, former athlete Shamima Sattar Mimou, shooter Sabrina Sultana, former

footballer Sheikh Mohammad Aslam and former swimmer Wing Commander Mohammad Rafiul Islam will jog around at the BNS track on the opening day, April 20.

Besides, a ten-member squad comprising athletes Milzar Hossain, Mimou, Saiful Alam Rinki, Jummon, Rafiqul, Arif Khan Joy, Shahidul Islam, Jobera Rahman Linu, Niaz Murshed and Moinuddin Waliullah Zilan will carry the torch to Jahangir Nagar University from Saver while a 36-member squad will receive the torch at that point to bring it to BNS.

Interestingly, there are athletes from all disciplines in the torch rally but no cricketer has been included in the torch rally even though cricket is one of the 31 disciplines in the Bangladesh Games.

"We have considered selecting athletes from Olympic disciplines, but cricket is not an Olympic discipline," BOA's acting secretary general Ashiqur Rahman Miku said explaining the exclusion of cricketers.

Country's fastest man and woman Mohan Khan and Nazmun Nahar Beauty will conduct the oath of the Games.

Jibon powers Baridhara

SPORTS REPORTER

A treble from Jibon helped Uttar Baridhara Club take a solo lead in the Premier Bank Bangladesh Championship League as they inflicted an emphatic 4-1 defeat on Victoria SC at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

With four wins in seven matches, Uttar Baridhara went top of the eight-team table with 15 points, three ahead of second-placed Farashganj SC, who however played a match less than the leaders. Victoria stuck to their previous sixth position with six points.

Uttar Baridhara went ahead in the very second minute with a strike from Jibon, who then doubled the lead in the 27th minute and completed his hat-trick in the 32nd minute. Swapan also chipped

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Bangladesh end with a loss



SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh women's cricket team completed their maiden tour of India with a 58-run defeat in the third and final one-day international against the India women's cricket team at the Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad yesterday.

Bangladesh lost all three T20 Internationals and ODIs during their visit to the neighbouring country. Bangladesh's poor batting caused the heavy defeat in the third and final match of the tour as they were bundled out for 96 runs in reply to the hosts' 154.

But the Bangladesh bowlers did an excellent job after India chose to bat first. Panna Ghosh struck twice in as many overs to initiate a fightback after the opening pair added 37 runs. The home side lost wickets at regular intervals as Rumana Ahmed claimed four wickets conceding only 20 runs.

Smriti Mandhana (23), Harmanpreet Kaur (29) and Swagatika Rath (30) made it possible for India to put up a total of 154 before they were dismissed in the 49th over.

In reply, Bangladesh fell in trouble losing three wickets for 36 runs and they failed to recover from the early hiccup and captain Salma Khatun scored team highest 22 runs.

Poonam Yadav was the most successful bowler with 3 for 15 and she was well supported by Ekta Bisht's 2 for 19 and Rath's 2 for 15.

Athletics not the showstopper

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Athletics is one of the most exciting disciplines in any games and the events of athletics are usually played at the latter stages of any Games to keep the enthusiasm till the last. But there will be exception in the upcoming 8th Bangladesh Games where most of the athletics events will be completed at the early part of the Games.

The Bangladesh Games will feature 31 disciplines at 28 venues and most of those venues will have to stage more than one discipline. The main venue, Bangabandhu National Stadium, will host athletics, cycling and football. The reason for staging athletics events earlier has been learnt to be result of an ego clash between the general secretaries of athletics and cycling federations. The secretaries of the two federations, who are involved with ruling party

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Sunrisers outshine Daredevils

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Sunrisers Hyderabad pipped Delhi Daredevils by three wickets with four balls to spare in a low-scoring Indian Premier League (IPL) clash at Delhi yesterday.

Chasing a paltry Delhi target of 114, Hyderabad stumbled badly and only crossed the line through the help of bowlers Dale Steyn and Amit Mishra who scored 9 and 16 not out respectively. Kumar Sangakkara's 28 was the only other really notable score as Delhi kept it tight with some good bowling from Morne Morkel (2-27) and Shahbaz Nadeem (2-17). But it was still not enough as Hyderabad

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India fix SA tour



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India will tour South Africa for three Tests, seven ODIs and two Twenty20s beginning in December this year and extending to early 2014. This will be the teams' first meeting since two seasons ago when they battled for the No.1 ranking which India held onto under Gary Kirsten. Now, South Africa are mace holders with Kirsten in their camp.

There was talk of a fourth Test being built into the schedule but that has not materialised. Mike Gajjar, CSA's manager cricket operations, said it was only ever a "possibility" to have an additional Test and the two boards stuck to what was "entrenched in the FTP."

But there is some good news for fans of the longest format. ESPNcricinfo understands the traditional Boxing Day Test will return to Durban after it was cancelled previous season because CSA opted to play three festive T20s instead. Although the other venues have not been confirmed, it is a given that Cape Town will host the New Year's Test and either

Johannesburg or Centurion should get the third fixture.

Both teams will be short on Test cricket before the meeting. South Africa last played the format in February and will only meet Pakistan for two matches in the UAE before hosting India while their opposition will not play a single Test between now and then. India whitewashed Australia at home in March but have only fifty-over engagements until they fly to South Africa.

That includes seven ODIs against Australia after the Champions Trophy which adds to the glut of matches in the format. South Africa do not usually host ODI series of longer than five matches so India's scheduled seven is unusual. It should present an opportunity for some of the less visited grounds in the country, such as the Maritzburg Oval, the chance to host international cricket.

India's tour forms part of a bumper summer for South Africa. They also host Australia for three Tests in February-March 2014. Both series are among the more lucrative incoming tours with only England being the other team to bring in sizeable profits from television rights.



Delhi Daredevils skipper Mahela Jayawardene mistimes a lofted shot during his innings against Sunrisers Hyderabad in their IPL match in Delhi yesterday.

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