

Mumbai edge past KKR

STAR SPORT DESK

Mumbai Indian rode on a 45-ball 62 from opener Dwayne Smith to beat Kolkata Knight Riders by five wickets in their IPL T20 match at the Eden Gardens yesterday. Smith, opening the batting with Sachin Tendulkar, powered the chase hitting three boundaries and five sixes during his monstrous knock. Sachin's (2) early dismissal and four more wickets down the line did little to halt the run chase as Rohit Sharma (34) and Keiron Pollard (33) made sure the chase was within reach. Only Sunil Narine made an impact on the batsmen with his miserly spell of 3 for 17.

Earlier, Kolkata Knight Riders failed to cash in on the initial momentum as Mumbai Indians bowlers came back strongly to restrict the defending champions to 159 for six. After being hammered for 46 runs in the first three overs, MI bowlers led by Pragyan Ojha (2-22) and Lasith Malinga (2-25) took full advantage of the slowish track giving away only 113 runs in the next 17 overs.

SCORES IN BRIEF
KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS: 159 for 6 in 20 overs (Kallis 37, Tiwary 33; Ojha 2-21, Malinga 2-25)
MUMBAI INDIANS: 162 for 5 in 19.5 overs (Smith 62, Sharma 33, Pollard 33; Narine 3-17, Senanayek 1-50)

Result: Mumbai Indians won by 5 wickets.
Player-of-the-match: Dwayne Smith.

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gold with a score of 546, 12 points more than silver medalist Miti Dewan of Dhaka RC.

TENNIS
Ishita Afroz was crowned new champion in women's singles of tennis when the girl from BKSP defeated Sharmin Alam Sharda 6-3, 7-5 and 6-1 in the final at the National Tennis Complex in Ramnayer yesterday.

It is the first crown for Ishita, who was forced to retire from the last national championship final against Sharda due to injury.

However, Sharda had some consolation as she pairing with Sathi Sarker won gold medal in women's doubles beating Afrana Islam Prii and Shah Safina Laxmipair 6-4 and 7-5.

BODYBUILDING
Four gold in body building were decided at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday with Bangladesh Ansar grabbing all four gold.

Nazmus Sakib, Titu Das, Abu Sayeed and Suman Chandra defeated their respective rivals to win gold in 60kg, 65kg, 70kg and 75kg categories respectively.

It'll be tit

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afternoon when they clearly prefer to get started earlier in the morning -- to the provision of sufficient net bowlers and adequate facilities at the ground, with the better equipped High Performance Ground reportedly off limits because it is no longer tied to Zimbabwe cricket.

Controversy

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Army's Shahidul Islam on BGB's Mohammad Sajib during the run, as Shahidul tried to pave way for his teammate Shishir Mahmud to finish first. Despite written protest from BGB about the incident, Bangladesh Athletics Federation upheld the result as it happened, citing that there was no objection raised by the line judges during the race.



PHOTO: STAR
Bangladesh Army players embark on a lap of honour after regaining the Bangladesh Games' men's hockey title after 29 years with a 6-2 win over Faridpur in the final at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Army rule in hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Army regained the hockey title in the Bangladesh Games after 29 years when they handed a 6-2 defeat to Faridpur in the final at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

BKSP won the bronze medal beating Dhaka 2-0 in the place-deciding match.

The 1984 champions Bangladesh Army, also defending champions of the National Hockey Championship,

were clearly superior against Faridpur, a side which comprised four current national players (Mimo, Koushik, Niloy, Kamruzzaman), three former national players (Isa Mia, Musa Mia and Yeamin) and promising players. Despite this, they never looked to turn the tables throughout the game.

Army went ahead in the 11th minute with a strike from Sabbir Hossain before Enamul leveled the margin through a penalty corner but Army went into the break with a 2-1 lead after Milon flicked home from close range.

After the resumption, Army widened the margin with two successive strikes from national striker man-of-the-tournament Abdul Malek and Milon Rahman before national striker Hasan Jubair Niloy reduced the margin to 3-2 for Faridpur, who then gave up the game after conceding a penalty stroke. Later Army added two more goals to finish in style.

"Unity, team spirit and determination were the key to our successes and we proved that Army is the best," said Army captain Sirajul Islam.

Haddin back as deputy



AFP, Sydney

Veteran wicketkeeper Brad Haddin was recalled to the Australia squad Wednesday as vice-captain for the upcoming Ashes tour to England as selectors opted for experience against their fiercest rivals.

Haddin, 35, who has played only one Test since January 2012, replaces Shane Watson as Michael Clarke's deputy in a 16-man squad for the five-Test series starting in July at Trent Bridge.

Australia, who dominated England for so long in the Ashes but have lost three out of the past four contests, are ranked fourth in the world after a 4-0 drubbing at the hands of India last month.

Cricket chiefs have targeted a return to the number one ranking but the retirements of modern-day great Ricky Ponting and Mike Hussey, until lately a stalwart of the batting lineup, have left the team struggling in key areas.

Chris Rogers, 35, has also been recalled, with chief selector John Inverarity admitting experience was an important factor in the absence of Ponting and Hussey.

Watson is in the squad but stood down from his role as vice-captain over the weekend to concentrate on his batting

and bowling following his controversial axing in India for disciplinary reasons.

Inverarity said Haddin was now his first-choice wicketkeeper, with former gloveman Matthew Wade likely to carry the drinks.

"In regards to the vice-captaincy, we feel it's important to have a senior, seasoned player support Michael at this time," said Inverarity, with few other obvious candidates in the absence of Watson, Ponting and Hussey.

"When Shane Watson advised of his decision to stand down, the selectors viewed Brad as the exceptional candidate to step into this leadership void."

Clarke said Haddin's experience would be crucial after the humbling in India.

"His leadership, his experience will play a big part in this group. He's a senior player and experienced player and having the vice-

captaincy is something he'll enjoy," he said.

Haddin will captain the Australia A squad, which will play matches against Scotland, Ireland and Gloucestershire before the Ashes series.

Rogers has also been selected, five years after he earned his one and only Test cap against India. He has played extensively in England and been in prolific form.

Tigers' chance to come back

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men will take on more responsibility and a lot of them will be successful," he added.

Another question surrounding the last match is the possible combination of the bowling attack. In the first Test, Robiul Islam's stellar performance, nine for 155, led to questions about why three seamers were not played in seam-friendly conditions. With some rain in Harare yesterday and overcast conditions forecast for today, the captain indicated that three seamers was a definite possibility. Home skipper Brendan Taylor also said on Tuesday that the pitch would be similarly grass-covered like in the first match.

The identity of those three seamers, if three are picked, is still uncertain. There have been some injury issues -- Shahadat Hossain has flown back home because of a knee injury, while Rubel Hossain is expected to be rested because of a shoulder niggle. That leaves Robiul, who will spearhead the attack, with two of Sajidul Islam (who last played a Test in January 2008), Shafiu Islam and Ziaur Rahman (yet to play a Test and considered a limited-over specialist) expected to take the

remaining slots. The latter two arrived after the injuries to Shahadat and Rubel.

Getting Taylor, who scored just eight runs fewer than the entire Bangladesh team in the first Test, out early will also be on the captain's mind. He was counting on his bowlers to bowl a bit better at him. Coach Shane Jurgensen also indicated on Tuesday that perhaps they paid Taylor too much respect, allowing the Zimbabwe skipper to settle in while attacking the batsmen at the other end. So in today's match there might be a more aggressive approach while bowling to the star performer of the first match.

On the spin-bowling front, Shakib Al Hasan's return to full time bowling may see either one of Enamul Haque Jr or Shohag Gazi sitting out, thus allowing for the third seamer.

The batting order that failed spectacularly is likely to change too. If Tamim comes in, it may spell an exit for Shahriar Nafees, while vice-captain Mahmudullah Riyad has been under pressure because of bad form over his last three Tests. If he does sit out, young Mominul Haque will slot in for the third Test of his career.

Tamim fit

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manage where he fields during the match."

Vibhav however let team management know that fast bowler Shafiu Islam, who along with Ziaur Rahman, came in as cover for the injured duo of Shahadat Hossain and Rubel Hossain, should not play the second Test.

"He just recovered from a side strain, and I let the team management know that it will be risky to make him play a Test match because he last played Tests two years ago," revealed Vibhav. "He will be fine for the limited-over matches, but an injury like a side strain can flare up easily, especially with the heavier workload of a Test."

Taylor

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make it a little bit harder for him to take wickets. But he bowled really well, for a guy to bowl 50 overs in a Test match, there are not many seam bowlers who have done that."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Sachin going strong at 40



PTI, Kolkata

Sachin Tendulkar turned 40 on Wednesday with cricket administrators and his fans lining up a series of events to celebrate the senior Indian batsman, who will also appear in an IPL match here.

The Mumbai Indians batsman, who happens to be here for his IPL team's clash against Kolkata Knight Riders, will begin the day with a customary cake-cutting ceremony at the team hotel.

Earlier, the Cricket Association of Bengal celebrated Tendulkar's birthday a day in advance by cutting a 10-pound cake in the presence of 100 blind students.

The blind students from Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission Blind School and Light House for the Blind cut the cake in the evening.

"We are overwhelmed with joy. We want Tendulkar to live 100 years," a message from the CAB read.

Today's 40-pound cake cutting ceremony will be a private affair near the dressing room. Tendulkar's wife Anjali

joined him last night along with team owner Nita Ambani for more celebrations.

The chocolate cake will be made up from special cocoa from Ghana and Madagascar. It will have an image of Tendulkar and it could be that of the World Cup-winning moment of April 2, 2011.

In a career spanning 24 years, Tendulkar has got almost all the batting record to his name other than Brian Lara's Test highest of 400 not out.

Tendulkar, who has called it quits from the ODI format to prolong his Test career, has a colossal 18426 runs from 463 matches with 49 hundreds at an average of 44.83.

In the leading run-getters list of Test matches, Tendulkar is sitting on 15837 runs with 51 hundreds, way ahead of South African veteran Jacques Kallis who with 13128 runs is the only playing batsman to be in the race at fourth place.

Tendulkar has played only one T20 for India as he has limited his Twenty20 ambition to his franchise Mumbai Indians in the IPL.



PHOTO: CRICINFO

Sachin Tendulkar turned 40 on Wednesday. Here the Indian batting maestro cuts a cake as his wife Anjali looks on in Kolkata yesterday.

New king, old queen

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on increasing his acceleration zone and increased it from 30m to 50m which has been a deciding factor I think. What I could not achieve, I made possible with my students," said Kafi, the silver-medallist in 2002 Bangladesh Games, who also coached the women's 200m and 400m champion Zakia Sultana and 100m and 200m runner-up Shirin Akter.

The two-time defending champion Mohan Khan said he was surprised at the success of the BKSP athletes.

"I am happy that these boys beat me, but am a bit surprised as well that they beat me by a distance," said Mohan, who however bettered his previous best timing of 11.22 sec by 0.10 seconds yesterday.

Women's 8-time champion Nazmun Nahar Beauty exacted her revenge over her younger opponents in the 100m after losing in the 200m crown. The 100m champion since 2005 clocked 12.51 seconds to beat Shirin Akter (12.56) of BKSP to second position and Zakia Sultana (12.61) of BKSP to third.

Beauty said she was happy that she retained her crown despite not having ample practice before the Games.

"I made a good start which helped me win the battle with the youngsters. I am happy with the gold, whatever the timing is," said the 29-year old BJMC lady.

Rowshan Ara Putul of BJMC became the best female track and field athlete of the Games after she grabbed her third and fourth gold in the women's 4x400m and 800m sprint respectively yesterday. She had also won a silver in these Games. Among the men, Mezbah was the best athlete as he won two individual gold.

Army and BJMC finished equal with 11 gold, 10 silver and nine bronze.

Butt ready

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a programme of anti-corruption education.

Asif received a seven year ban with two suspended while Aamer got five years.

The trio and their agent Mazhar Majeed were jailed by a British court in November 2011. All three players were released last year.

Butt appealed to the Swiss-based Court of Arbitration for Sports for a reduction in his five-year ban but his application was rejected.

Butt met Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) officials late Tuesday to discuss his rehabilitation programme.

"I have offered my availability for the rehabilitation and whenever the PCB wanted me to appear I will be ready," Butt told AFP.

ICC chief executive David Richardson on Tuesday urged the banned players to apologise in public.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I ASSUME FRIGHTFUL MONSTERS THAT ACCEPT ASTROLOGY OFTEN READ THEIR DAILY HORROR-SCOPES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals C