

# BCB names 30-man squad for NZ series

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The Bangladesh Cricket Board, in a rare move, announced a 30-member preliminary squad for the series against New Zealand -- due to begin in October this year -- almost four months before the scheduled start of the tour.

Mohammad Ashraful, who has been provisionally suspended by the BCB until the anti corruption unit's report, was not in the squad. Pacers Abul Hasan, who is recovering from a back injury and Nazmul Hossain, who recently underwent a surgery on his knee, also missed the cut. The selectors instead have put faith on some of the former regulars of the team by including the likes of batsmen Imrul Kayes, Junaed Siddiqui and Rokibul Hasan.

The squad will participate in a fitness programme which will begin at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on June 13 and will continue till the start of the Dhaka Premier League, on July 1. The decision was taken after a meeting between the Bangladesh Cricket Board's cricket operations committee, the selection panel and the

## PRELIMINARY SQUAD

Mushfiquur Rahim, Mahmudullah Riyad, Tamim Iqbal, Shakib Al Hasan, Nasir Hossain, Elias Sunny, Ziaur Rahman, Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, Jahurul Islam, Shafiqul Islam, Abdur Razzak, Naeem Islam, Anamul Haque, Shohag Gazi, Rubel Hossain, Musharraf Hossain, Mominul Haque, Shamsur Rahman, Marshall Ayub, Shahriar Nafees, Shahadat Hossain, Robiul Islam, Imrul Kayes, Rokibul Hasan, Farhad Reza, Saqlain Sajib, Mehrab Hossain, Nazmul Hossain

coaching staff of the national team.

A majority of the players for the Bangladesh A team's tour of England in August will be chosen from this squad, and some will also feature in the under-23 side that will participate in the ACC Emerging Cup in Singapore in mid-August.

Head coach Shane Jurgensen, who returned to Dhaka on Monday will head the fitness camp. Speaking to the media at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, Jurgensen said: "The focus of the camp is something we have been wanting to do for quite a while. The focus will be purely on fitness."

"We haven't had a dedicated time for fitness in quite a while, since before the 2011 World Cup. The guys will be assessed thoroughly in light of the injuries that we have had over the last few months. We will see how strong they are, and from there we will devise programmes specific to the skill set of each player," he added.

Regarding Ashraful's involvement in fixing, he said, "There was a little bit of disbelief there. I don't know the findings of the investigations, if he's banned and he's batting well, it will be a huge loss in the batting order for us."

"I expect we get into our fitness, work hard and hopefully all the issues will settle down. We have to move on with cricket," he added.

Meanwhile, a tour of Ireland in August which was on the cards following a proposal sent by Cricket Ireland is unlikely to take place, informed BCB's cricket operations chairman Enayat Hossain Siraj. "We don't have enough players to start with. Teams will be going to England and Singapore, it's unlikely as of now," he said.



India opener Shikhar Dhawan hits one savagely on way to an unbeaten 102 against West Indies in their ICC Champions Trophy match at The Oval in London yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

# BFF members in dug-outs again!

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The executive members of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) are set to sit at the dugouts of their respective clubs during the matches of the upcoming Super Cup after the professional league committee yesterday lifted restriction they imposed on the

executive members before the start of the season.

"We decided to lift the ban on the BFF members to enter the field after Abahani and Mohammedan applied to withdraw the restrictions," said BFF vice president and league committee chairman Abdus Salam Murshedy. BFF president Kazi Salahuddin was also present at the meeting and gave his consent to the proposal.

The withdrawal of restriction means BFF executive member Amirul Islam Babu, also manager of Mohammedan SC, executive member Satyajit Das Rupu, manager of Abahani, BFF vice president Arif Khan Joy, director of Team BJMC, BFF vice president Tabith M Awal, patron of Feni Soccer Club, can now accompany their respective clubs during any matches.

However, it has been learnt that except for Abahani and Mohammedan, the other clubs had no intention of lifting up the restriction while Sheikh Russel KC president gave a note of descent on the proposal.

Mentionable here that an unprecedented incident occurred during the Federation Cup quarterfinal this year when BFF vice president and BJMC official Arif Khan Joy entered the field with a firearm during the interval and threatened the referees.

The meeting decided to hold the players transfer for the next season from august 16 to September 30 for the local players and August 16 to November 15 for foreign players while the meeting also kept the foreign players' quota unchanged with four players eligible to play in a match against seven registrations.

# Mohammedan not too optimistic

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Two-time finalists Mohammedan Sporting Club are not too confident about their chances of winning the Super Cup after enduring a disappointing season. The Black and Whites have rather set a target of putting up a good show in the third edition of the money-spinning tournament, which starts from Friday.

Mohammedan, the champions of the inaugural Super Cup, have had a disappointing season so far as they were eliminated from the semifinal stage of both the Federation Cup and the Independence Cup and could only finish fifth in the professional league.

"We have had a disappointing season so far. However, we are getting another chance to prove our worth and we will be hoping to capitalise on this opportunity to do well," said Mohammedan's head coach Saiful Bari Titu at the club's official press briefing at the BFF House yesterday.

The Motijheel outfit initially wanted to skip the Super Cup due to unavailability of players but later changed their mind, and managed to assemble players at the eleventh hour.

Coach Saiful Bari Titu will have a number of issues to deal with, including fitness concern over some of the players, row over the unpaid wages and manage a host of players were alleged by the club to have given up a match against Feni Soccer. Titu decided to keep mum on the issue.

However, the club's assistant manager Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib is hopeful that Mohammedan are still capable of winning the Super Cup which they surrendered to Abahani two years ago.

"If you look back at past, some quality foreign players made the difference in every matches but this time all teams are almost equal without the presence of those foreign players. We have some promising young players, who can change the fate of the game and I am hopeful that Mohammedan can win the Super Cup," said the former national striker.

Meanwhile, Team BJMC have set a target of reaching the final, banking on a squad which is a mixture of youth and experience.

"Despite having only two foreign players in the starting eleven, we won the last three league matches this season, which is encouraging us to perform well in the Super Cup," said BJMC coach Jakarai Babu.



SAIFUL BARI TITU

# Kruif, Koster signed up

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The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has officially signed up Dutch coaches Lodewijk De Kruif and Rene Koster for a two-year period which will come into effect from July 1, informed BFF vice president Kazi Nabil yesterday.

"We have signed the contract papers with Lodewijk De Kruif and Rene Koster for a two-year period today (Tuesday) and sent it to them," said Nabil, who is also chairman of the National Teams Committee.

Before their official job starts in July, Kruif and Koster are scheduled to arrive in the capital on Thursday to watch the group stage matches of the Super Cup in a bid to pick up the players for the national team for September's SAFF Championship.

"Both of them will arrive in Dhaka on June 13 and watch 10 matches of Super Cup from June 14 to 18. They will leave Dhaka on the night of June 18 for their family engagement before returning to take charge of the national team from July 1," said Nabil.

# Jadeja, Dhawan power India

AFP, London



World Cup holders India marched into the Champions Trophy semifinals with an emphatic win over the West Indies on Tuesday that knocked arch-rivals Pakistan out of the race.

A career-best five-wicket haul by Ravindra Jadeja and a second successive century from Shikhar Dhawan lifted India to an eight-wicket victory at the packed Oval ground on a grim, overcast day in London.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni's men, backed by some 22,000 largely Indian supporters at the stadium, restricted the West Indies to 233-9 and then batted fluently to surpass the target in 39.1 over.

Left-hander Dhawan followed his 114 in the tournament opener against South Africa with an unbeaten 102, reaching his second one-day hundred with a six over third man off Dwayne Bravo.

Dhawan put on 101 for the first wicket with Rohit Sharma (52) and an unbroken 109 for the third with Dinesh Karthik, who made 51 not out and smashed the winning boundary off Keiron Pollard.

India's second successive win in group B ensured them a place in the last four even before their last league match against winless Pakistan in Birmingham on Saturday.

The West Indies and South Africa, who both beat Pakistan, clash in Cardiff on Friday to determine the second semi-finalist from the group.

Left-arm spinner Jadeja, who finished with 5-36, set up the win with three wickets for five runs to reduce the Windies from 103-1 to 109-4 after India won the toss and elected to field.

Johnson Charles smashed 60 off 55 balls, but it was a brilliant unbeaten 56 from 35 balls by former captain Darren Sammy towards the end that boosted the total.

Sammy plundered five boundaries and four sixes to lift his side from 182-9, making all the 35 runs from the last two overs as last man Kemar Roach watched from the non-striker's end without scoring.

India won the initial battle by getting rid of danger man Chris Gayle in the fifth over, caught at slip off Bhuvaneshwar Kumar, after he had scored 21 of the first 25 runs.

Charles brought up his team's 100 in the 19th over by lofting Ravichandran Aswin for a six, but fell six balls later when he was leg-before to Jadeja.

Jadeja won a leg-before decision from the television umpire to remove Marlon Samuels and then had Ramnaresh Sarwan caught down the leg-side by Dhoni as the West Indies slipped from 103-1 to 109-4.

Left-hander Darren Bravo scored a watchful 35 off 83 balls when he attempted to loft Ashwin, missed the line and was stumped by Dhoni to make the West Indies 140-5.

Pollard, kept scoreless for the first 10 balls, opened with two consecutive sixes off Ashwin before holing out in the deep off Ishant Sharma after making 22.

India retained the same side that defeated South Africa. The West Indies were without wicketkeeper Denesh Ramdin, who was handed a two-match ban for claiming a dropped catch during his team's victory over Pakistan at The Oval on Friday.

## SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES				Ashwin			
Gayle c Ashwin b Kumar	21	Kohli	9	2	36	1	
Charles lbw b Jadeja	60	Jadeja	4	0	26	0	
Darren Bravo st Dhoni b Ashwin	35	INDIA	10	2	36	5	
Samuels lbw b Jadeja	1	R Sharma c Charles b Narine				52	
Sarwan c Dhoni b Jadeja	1	Dhawan not out				102	
Dwayne Bravo c Jadeja b Yadav	25	Kohli b Narine				22	
Pollard c Kumar b Sharma	22	Karthik not out				51	
Sammy not out	56	Extras: (b-4, w-5)				9	
Narine c Karthik b Jadeja	2	Total: (For 2 wickets in 39.1 overs)				236	
Rampaul b Jadeja	2	Did not bat: Raina, Dhoni, Jadeja, Ashwin, I Sharma, Kumar, Yadav.					
Roach not out	0	Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-2)				8	
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-2)	8	Fall of wickets: 1-101, 2-127.					
Total: (For nine wickets in 50 overs)	233	<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	
Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-103, 3-105, 4-109, 5-140, 6-163, 7-171, 8-179, 9-182.		Roach	6	0	47	0	
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	Rampaul	6	0	28	0	
Kumar	8	Narine	10	0	49	2	
Yadav	9	Sammy	4	0	23	0	
Sharma	10	Dwayne	5	0	36	0	
		Samuels	4	0	17	0	

# IPL SPOT-FIXING Sreesanth, 18 others get bail

IANS, New Delhi

A Delhi court on Monday granted bail to suspended cricketer S Sreesanth, his Rajasthan Royals teammate Ankeet Chavan and 17 bookies who were booked under the provisions of Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) in the IPL spot-fixing scandal.

Additional Session Judge Vinay Kumar Khanna granted bail to the accused on a personal bond of 50,000 rupees each with one surety of the like amount.

The court said granting bail to accused indicted police for slapping stringent provisions of MCOCA and that there was no prima facie evidence to try them under the act.

# SNIPPETS

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## FAHAD STILL IN JOINT LEAD

Former national junior champion Mohammad Fahad Rahman shared the lead with two other player having earned five points after the sixth round of the under-10 group in the 14th ASEAN Age Group Chess Championships in Chiang Mai, Thailand yesterday. In the sixth round match, Fahad beat Muhammed Faqih Aminuddin of Malaysia. Earlier in the fifth round match on Monday night, Fahad drew against Ngo Duc Tri of Vietnam.

## AGRANI BANK AVOID RELEGATION

Agrani Bank avoided relegation after defeating Wari Club 1-0 in their last match of the Premier Bank Bangladesh Championship League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Milon scored the winning goal for Agrani Bank in the 18th minute of the match.

The win moved the bankers' club to 15 points from 14 matches, level on points with Victoria SC and four clear of last-placed Dhaka United, who have only one game in hand and have been ensured relegation after this result.

Wari Club finished their campaign on fourth position with 16 points.

# Not after Fed record

AFP, Madrid



Eight-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal said in an interview published on Tuesday that he is not setting his sights on Roger Federer's record of 17

Grand Slam titles, despite claiming his 12th at Roland Garros last weekend.

A comfortable three-set victory over compatriot David Ferrer moved Nadal into joint third on the all-time list of Grand Slam winners alongside Australian Roy Emerson.

That came after he only recently returned from seven months out with a knee injury.

But Nadal claimed he was happy just to be on the court again.

"It is something that right now I see as light years away, it is not something I am planning," he said of Federer's record in an interview with Spanish sports daily Marca.

Nadal's form since returning to the tour in February has been remarkable. He has reached nine consecutive finals, winning seven tournaments in the process and said he was delighted with how his knee has reacted to such a heavy workload

throughout the clay court season.

"Three months ago I was limp. At the start I was very sore but with the competition the feelings didn't get worse but better and this is great news," he added.

"In the next few days I will have the knee checked after many consecutive weeks without doing so. I hope that the results are satisfactory because it has held up very well."

Having retained his French Open title, the 27-year-old's attention now turns to trying to win a third title on the grass at Wimbledon.

The Spaniard will miss a planned warm-up event at Halle, Germany, to ensure he is well-rested on his arrival in southwest London, but admitted that could make him susceptible to an upset in the early rounds.

Nadal suffered the shock of the tournament last year when he was ousted by the then world number 100 Lukas Rosol in five sets in the second round and he was hoping to avoid a powerful hitter like the Czech in the opening rounds.

"To start with it will [be more difficult not having played a warm-up event on grass]. Afterwards you never know. We will see if I can have good training sessions there and manage to get through the first few rounds," he went on.

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