

ONE-DAYERS IN WI U-19 team leave here tomorrow

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The Bangladesh under-19 cricket team will leave for the West Indies tomorrow to play seven one-day matches against their Caribbean counterparts in Guyana. Mehedy Hassan Miraz will lead the 15-member team on the tour while Jasim Uddin is his deputy. The matches are scheduled for October 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 19 and 21.

SQUAD

Mehedy Hassan Miraz (captain), Jasim Uddin (vice-captain), Shadman Islam, Najmul Hossain, Munim Shahriar, Yasir Ali Chowdhury, Musaddek Hossain, Saeed Sarkar, Joyraj Sheik, Abu Hider, Rifat Pradhan, Nahid Hasan, Nihaduzzaman, Jubair Hossain and Rahatul Ferdous.

Siddikur 27th

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Siddikur Rahman finished joint 27th in the Asia-Pacific Panasonic Open which concluded at the Ibaraki Country Club in Osaka, Japan yesterday. Siddikur played an even par (71) round on the last day – with only two bogeys and two birdies -- to take his tally to three-over-par (287) for the event. In the end he was 12 shots off the winner Masahiro Kawamura of Japan, who took the title with nine-under-par (275) after a brilliant four-under-par 67 in the last round. With the 27th-placed finish, Siddikur earned a paycheque of 10,200 dollars but still remained in 17th position on the Asian Tour Order of Merit. However, a good showing in his next event, the Mercuries Taiwan Masters which starts on Thursday – may prop him up towards the top ten of the leaderboard which is quite congested after the first ten.

Otago win in super over

IANS, Jaipur

Otago Volts' went to the top of Group A courtesy a super over win against Highveld Lions in a Champions League Twenty20 encounter at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium here Sunday. Otago with 10 points leapfrogged Rajasthan Royals who are on eight points but have played a game less. Lions are out of the tournament having lost three consecutive matches. Both teams scored 13 runs in the super over but Otago won by the virtue of losing no wickets to Lions two.

SCORES IN BRIEF
HIGHVELD LIONS: 167 for 4 in 20 overs (Van der Dussan 17, De Kock 109 not out, Symes 20; Beard 2-31)
OTAGO VOLTS: 167 for 7 in 20 overs (Rutherford 32, De Boorder 32, Neesham 52 not out; Tsotsobe 2-30, Tahir 2-28)
Result: Match tied (Otago won the one-over eliminator)

Yet Srinivasan re-elected as BCCI chief

AFP, New Delhi

India's embattled cricket chief N Srinivasan won a third term in office Sunday even though a Supreme Court order bars him from taking charge immediately due to a corruption scandal, sources said. The 68-year-old cement tycoon was elected unopposed for another year.



Titu Mia of BKSP on his way to winning the 100m butterfly gold on the concluding day of the Bashundhara National Age-Group Swimming Championships at the Syed Nazrul Islam National Swimming Complex in Mirpur yesterday.

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Papon's clubs panel

Promises an 'ideal constitution' if elected

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Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB's) incumbent president Nazmul Hassan Papon on Sunday promised to deliver an ideal constitution for the board if he is elected to power through the coming elections.

The BCB boss made the announcement soon after presenting his 14-member 'preliminary' panel, only for Category 2, for the October 10 elections during a programme titled "Election Projection & Introduction of Sonmilito Parishad Panel" at a city hotel. Papon however didn't announce the final panel as the final councillors' list is yet to be published.

"If I get elected as president, I will present an ideal constitution for the board to put

try's cricket fraternity. Many still believe that there was no need to bring in changes to the 2008 constitution, except incorporating the clause of an elected president.

And then what the National Sports Council (NSC) approved in 2012, under which the elections are going to be held, has hardly gone with the spirit of the ICC's (International Cricket Council's) desire of a board free from government interference.

The Supreme Court recently ruled in favour of only holding the elections as per the amended constitution. So, an ideal constitution is a real far cry.

Apart from presenting an ideal constitution, Papon also promised ensuring professionalism and corporate governance in the board if he is elected. And he appeared well on his way to the hot seat and as a show of strength he produced 42 out of 58



Incumbent Bangladesh Cricket Board president Nazmul Hassan Papon (R) announces his 14-member preliminary panel for the October 10 board elections during a press briefing at a city hotel yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

end to all the talking regarding this issue. Not only will I talk with the board members and councillors, but also with the people who are now raising questions about the constitution," said Papon.

He however stands a good chance to become the first elected president of the BCB and fulfil his dream of winning the electoral battle in line with the 2012 amended constitution of the board.

In lead-up to the polls of the country's richest sports body, the main controversy centred on the board's constitution. All the problem started when the BCB, in an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) on March 1 last year, had dissolved two clauses from the constitution to cancel the councillorships of 15 former players. This was suggested by an amendment committee led by then board director Dewan Shafiqul Arefin and was widely criticised in the coun-

Dhaka Clubs or Category 2 councillors in the presentation ceremony. Twelve directors will be elected from this category.

But one major point was that the BCB boss's name was not on the 14-member list. Questioned, Papon smilingly asked the reporters to guess from where he could come as a director. And the guess was he would be one of the three NSC nominated directors. The two other NSC directors will be nobody other than those two defeated candidates on this preliminary panel.

PAPON'S PANEL

Afzalur Rahman Sinha, Mahbubul Anam, Ahmed Sajjadul Alam, Enayet Hossain Siraj, Ahmed Iqbal Hasan, Jalal Yunus, Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan, IH Mallick, Gazi Golam Mortuza, Tanzil Chowdhury, Nazmul Karim Tinku, Najib Ahmed, Hanif Bhuiyan and Shawkat Aziz Rasel.

Shakib set for DPL 'debut'

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Ace all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan is all set to make his debut in this year's Dhaka Premier League (DPL) today.

Shakib, who has been cleared by Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB's) medical team to play in the competition on a 'protected participation' basis, will also play his first game today for his new club Kalabagan Krira Chakra against Khelaghor SKS in the fifth round at BKSP.

"I'm looking forward to playing the match. In the last three days, I practised really hard and I felt no pain in my thumb," said the all-rounder yesterday.

The return of the country's champion all-rounder to the field will come as a big relief for the national team management ahead of the Tigers' home series against New Zealand, who arrive here tomorrow to play two Tests, three ODIs and a T20 International.

Shakib missed the previous rounds of the league due to his left thumb injury he suffered in the West Indies during the Caribbean Premier League.

Rakib in lead

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GM Abdullah Al Rakib took the lead in the Berger Paints 39th National 'A' Chess Championship after overnight leader GM Ziaur Rahman lost against FM Mehdi Hasan Parag in the 8th round at the Media Centre of Bangladesh Olympic Association yesterday. Rakib, who beat FM Mohammad Javed in this round, took his tally to 6.5 points from eight games.

Zia, GM Enamul Hossain Razib and IM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar were sharing the second position with 6 points each. Razib beat Shafiq Ahmed while Sagar drew against reigning champion GM Niaz Murshed in this round. Niaz was in fourth position with 4.5 points.

Scrap voters' list, appeals Saber

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Saber Hossain Chowdhury, one of the two high-profile candidates of the much-talked about polls of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), yesterday demanded

the cancellation of the ongoing election procedure until the election commission obtained a certified copy of Appellate Division's verdict on BCB constitution.

Saber also demanded a fresh draft list of voters under the supervision of the election commission, claiming that present list of councillors has been prepared and provided by the BCB, which has no constitutional rights to prepare such a list.

Saber made these serious allegations to the election commission at the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday, the day for filing objections and hearing on the draft voters' list of the BCB polls.

According to election commissioner Abdur Rahman the commission accepted nine objections against 14 disputes.

"I wanted to know from the members of the election commission whether they had the certified copy of the Appellate Division verdict [on the BCB constitution]. Because, activities cannot proceed without the Appellate Division's written copy which is considered like a law and it has an importance.

"As they have no copy, the schedule of the polls must be cancelled or suspended until the certified copy is collected. The next steps regarding polls should be taken after analysing the verdict of the Appellate Division," Saber told the crowded press conference, emerging from the hearing of the election commission.

Saber also said that he wanted to know the terms of reference of the election commission but the commission showed him only a circular of the NSC which has instructed the commission to hold the polls in line with the amended 2012 BCB constitution.

"As per article 19 of the BCB constitution, the election commission will do everything regarding the polls and the commission will prepare the guidelines, but it has not done so," said Saber. "I want to make it clear that the BCB, as per the constitution, has no jurisdiction, authority and power regarding holding the elections. It can only inform its affiliated organisations in a bid to form the general council but they have asked to send councillors for forming both the general council and for the forthcoming BCB elections, but it has no legality."

Saber said that there was no opportunity to proceed on the basis of the existing voters' list, which has been prepared by the BCB instead of the election commission.

The former BCB president also alleged that a vested group was not following any rules and regulations, but he wanted a free-fair and sustainable election which would not create any confusion in future and would not be criticised at home and abroad.

Abdur Rahman, chief election commissioner, meanwhile said that they would give their decision on the objections tomorrow after analysing every aspect. However, he opined that the commission didn't need to have a certified copy of the Appellate Division as it had been working as per the directives of the NSC circulation.

Swimming ends with BKSP's reign

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The Bashundhara 29th National Age-group Swimming Championships concluded at the National Swimming Complex in Mirpur yesterday, with complete dominance of Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protishthan (BKSP). BKSP grabbed 58 gold, 44 silver and 29 bronze medals in 100 events and were distantly followed by Bangladesh Ansar in second position, which won 15 gold, 19 silver and 15 bronze medals.

Ariful Islam of BKSP became the best swimmer among boys after clinching 13 gold medals while Marium Khatun of the same institution became the best swimmer among girls with eight gold, one silver and three bronze medals. Marium also set two new records. Apart from these two, Zahidul Islam and Titu Mia, both of BKSP, won eleven gold each while Nayan Ali of Lalon Shah Swimming Club and Rasheda Khatun of Meherpur Swimming Club won six gold each.

A total of eleven new records were set in the three-day meet.

Kaler Kantho win media cricket

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Bengali national daily Kaler Kantho became champions of the Pran-Frooto BSJA Media Cup Cricket Tournament after beating Channel 9 by three wickets in the final at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday. Kaler kantho reached the winning target of 63 with three overs and three wickets to spare. Jamal Hossain of Kaler Kantho was adjudged the man-of-the-final while Atiqur Rahman of the same newspaper was adjudged man-of-the-tournament.

Former captains of the Bangladesh national team Khaled Masud and Naimur Rahman and chief operating officer of Pran-RFL Group Anisur Rahman distributed prizes among the winners.

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