

## Milon fails to qualify

SPORTS REPORTER from Incheon

Archer Emdadul Haque Milon continued his dismal show in international events as he was eliminated from the 70m recurve bow event of archery in the Asian Games after finishing third among four compatriots in the ranking round at the Gyeong Archery Field in Incheon yesterday.

Despite receiving seven-month long intensive training under a foreign coach, along with other archers, the 2009 Youth Archery Championship failed to make it past the qualification round yesterday.

However, 2014 Asian Grand Prix gold medallist Rumon Sana and promising archer Sojib Sheikh qualified for the elimination round with scores of 1286 and 1282 respectively as top two finishers out of four competitors from each country were given the chance to play in the qualification round.

Both Rumon and Sojib also got byes in the 1/32 elimination round to move into the 1/16 elimination round, which will be held on Friday. In women's recurve bow event, Mathui Pru Marma and Shamoly Roy moved into the 1/32 elimination round as top two archers of Bangladesh.

Marma and Shamoly scored 1269 and 1252 points respectively to put behind teammates Beauty Roy (1147) and Rabeya Khatun (1083). Marma will play against Mongolia's Enkhtuya Tanagerel while Shamoly will take on Indonesia's Ananda Choirunisa.

In Beach Volleyball, Bangladesh team comprising Monir Hossain and Horoshit Biswas suffered their third successive defeat to be eliminated from the group stage.



Bangladesh women cricketers are ecstatic after sending a Nepali batter back to the pavilion. The women in green thumped Nepal by 81 runs to storm into the semifinals of the Asian Games in Incheon yesterday.

PHOTO: BPJA

## Bangladesh women thrash Nepal

### Face Sri Lanka in semifinals today

ANISUR RAHMAN from Incheon



Bangladesh's bid to win the gold medal in the Women's Twenty-Twenty Cricket event in the Asian Games this year got off to a flying start as they thumped Nepal by 81 runs in the fourth quarterfinal at the Yeonhui Cricket Ground in Incheon yesterday.

Bangladesh will face Sri Lanka in second semifinal today after Pakistan take on China at the same venue. Salma Khatun and Rumana Ahmed shared six wickets to cause havoc in Nepal's batting order and bundled them out for just 26 runs in 15.2 overs. This was after Ayesha Rahman struck a sensible half-

century to take Bangladesh to a 107 for four in the stipulated 20 overs on a slow and low wicket.

Though there was a hidden fear of losing the match to an unfamiliar Nepal side following the sluggish batting performance, the bowlers ensured that there were no hiccups with their disciplined outing.

However, a much better performance with the bat is required from the Guangzhou 2010 finalists if they want to beat a formidable Sri Lankan outfit in the semi-finals today.

After being put in to bat, openers Ayesha and Shahnaz Parvin made a slow start against some disciplined bowling from Nepal's medium pacers.

The first wicket fell in the ninth over with Shahnaz getting caught

and bowled for 12.

Nepal then sent back two more batters in the next five overs to reduce Bangladesh to 69 for three in 13.3 overs. Ayesha stuck it out to rescue Bangladesh from ending on a meagre total with a 60-ball 51. She hit two fours in her innings.

While the total initially seemed reachable for Nepal, they however, failed to pose any threat whatsoever as they struggled against Bangladesh's spinners, who scalped eight wickets, in the second innings.

Jahanara Alam made the inroad after trapping Sarita Mager in front in the third over. She then removed Indu Verma in the second ball before Salma Khatun and Rumana Ahmed came in to take three wickets each.

Half-centurion Ayesha described

the difficulty of the wicket at the post-match conference.

"You may think that it was a low total, but it is not easy to bat here. If you play carefully though, then it is possible to put up a fighting score on board," said Ayesha.

"If we attempted to go all-out with the bat then I don't think we would have been able to cross the 100-run mark, since the deliveries were low and the outfield was slow as well. So we decided to depend on the spinners," added Ayesha.

#### SCORES IN BRIEF

**BANGLADESH:** 107 for 4 (Ayesha 51; Magar 2-19)

**NEPAL:** 26 all out in 15.2 overs (Nary 8; Salma 3-1, Rumana 3-4, Fahima 2-2, Jahanara 2-13)

**Result:** Bangladesh won by 81 runs.

## Mamunul rues HK loss

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Skipper Mamunul Islam believes Bangladesh missed a great opportunity to make a small piece of history as they came back from the verge of qualifying for the second round of the Asian Games in Incheon recently.

The 28-year-old midfielder, who returned on Tuesday night along with his teammates, was busy procuring his visa for India where he would join with his teammates in the Atletico de Kolkata franchise for the upcoming Indian Super League (ISL).

But amidst all those preparations, it was the 2-1 defeat against Hong Kong in their last group match of the Asian Games which is making him sad.

"We shouldn't have returned home so early if it was not for the costly misses against Hong Kong. The way we played, we should have won that match. Too many opportunities gone begging," said a rueful

Mamunul over phone yesterday.

But winning against Afghanistan, keeping the margin of defeat against a strong Uzbekistan side to 0-3 and giving Hong Kong a run for their money are the things that give Mamunul hope for future.

"We all tried with best of our abilities. I think we will do well if we get to play international matches regularly," said Mamunul, who is likely to leave for Kolkata on September 29.

While Mamunul will look to entertain the Indian crowd with his skills, his partners of the national team will get busy preparing for the Super Cup, which is expected to start in the middle of October.

The national team, however, will get together for the two international friendly matches against Sri Lanka, scheduled for October 24 and 27 in Rajshahi and Jessore. More international matches at home are being lined up. The onus will be on Mamunul and his colleagues to show that the respectable performance in the Asian Games is not a flash in the pan.

## Windies trio recalled for ODIs in India

CRICINFO, Port of Spain

West Indies have recalled a trio of experienced players - batsmen Marlon Samuels and Dwayne Smith, and fast bowler Jerome Taylor - for the one-dayers in India next month. Guyana batsman Leon Johnson, who made his Test debut earlier this month against Bangladesh, has also been called up. Chris Gayle will miss the series as he is still rehabilitating from injury. Others missing out are batsman Kirk Edwards and left-arm spinner Nikita Miller.

Samuels and Smith return after having missed out on the limited-overs legs of the home series against New Zealand and Bangladesh this year. Taylor is back after a more lengthy absence, having last played an ODI in 2010. A series of injuries had taken years out of his international career before he made a comeback in the home Tests this year.

Johnson has been out of the one-day squad even longer - having briefly made an appearance on the international circuit back in 2008 for a one-day tournament also featuring hosts Canada and Bermuda. He arrives as a reinforcement for the top order after Edwards failed in the Bangladesh ODIs, scoring 10 in two innings.

## BD A in control

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A half-century from Marshall Ayub and four-wicket hauls from leg-spinner Jubair Hossain Likhon and pacer Shahadat Hossain helped Bangladesh take a firm grip on the third day of the second-four day match against their Zimbabwean counterparts yesterday.

The visitors, who began the day on 91 for 6, were bundled out before lunch for 132 in 39.5 overs. In reply, Bangladesh reached stumps at a 108 for 5. They ended the day with a lead of 234 runs.

Shahadat Hossain took two wickets in the span of four overs in the morning session to push the Zimbabweans into deeper waters. Saqlain Sajib and Likhon took one wicket each to finish the innings.

The hosts however, fell into trouble after the turnover as they lost both their

openers at the end of 18 overs and were struggling at 34 for 2. Shahriar Nafees who missed out on a century by three runs in the first innings was dismissed for nought. Sadman Islam was caught behind for 18.

Marshall stuck in to dig out a fighting 53 and help the hosts extend their lead. He hit five fours and a six in his 123-ball innings. Rakibul Hasan added his share with a 47-ball 21. The hosts could have had a strong finish had both these batsmen managed to play out the rest of the day. However, they lost three quick wickets to leave Naeem Islam and Nurul Hasan—the last specialist batting pair—at the crease at stumps yesterday.

#### SCORES IN BRIEF

**BANGLADESH A:** 258 and 108 for 5 (Marshall 53, Rakibul 21; Manatsa 1-13, Masakadza 1-16)

**ZIMBABWE A:** 132 all out in 39.5 overs (Chari 47, Vermeulen 31; Shahadat 4-33, Likhon 4-49)



PHOTO: STAR

Marshall Ayub held Bangladesh A's innings at Fatullah yesterday with a gritty half-century to help his side take a 234-run lead over Zimbabwe A.

## Sk Russel bow out

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AFC PRESIDENT'S CUP

Sheikh Russel KC failed to reach the final of the AFC President's Cup as they suffered a massive 0-4 defeat against Rimyongsu Club of North Korea in their final Group B match at the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

Needing an outright win to qualify, Sheikh Russel barely made an impression and chased their shadows for most of the ninety minutes as the powerful North Korean outfit dictated terms right from the word go.

National team's goalkeeper Mamun Khan thwarted a couple of attempts but was helpless on the half-hour mark when Ri Jin-hyok latched onto a low cross from Ri Chang-ho with a flying header which nestled at the far corner of the net.

Defender Rezaul Karim then made a needless challenge at the edge of the box deep into added time of the first half to give away a free-kick, which was curled in over the wall by Pak Song-chol as the North Koreans went into the break with a 2-0 lead.

Rimyongsu made the scoreline 3-0 just six minutes after the restart as full-back Ro's smart combination with Ri Sang-chol saw the former played through on goal and he finished confidently past Mamun. Substitute Kim further increased the lead before the hour mark as Rezual, wary of an earlier booking, backed off the striker who advanced into the penalty area and slammed the ball home for his side's fourth goal of the afternoon.

With Sheikh Russel facing a mammoth task, and the heat beginning to take its toll on both sides, Rimyongsu were able to comfortably see out the remaining minutes of the match to seal another impressive victory and march on to Friday's final.

"I didn't expect a scoreline like this; we made a few mistakes and got punished. Rimyongsu are a very strong side and that's why they are going to the final," said Sheikh Russel coach Zakaria Babu after the match.

"We learnt a lot from this tournament and we will take on board these lessons and we will improve in the future," added Babu.



PHOTO: COURTESY

Sheikh Russel's Bosnian recruit Bojan Petric tries to dribble through the midfield during their 4-0 defeat to North Korea's Rimyongsu Club in Colombo yesterday.

## TT Fed Cup from today

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Shamsuzzaman Limited Table Tennis Federation Cup 2014 gets underway today at the Tajuddin Ahmed Indoor Stadium (TAIS) in Paltan.

A total of 100 participants, including male and female table tennis players of club and district teams from across the country, will participate in the three-day meet.

Khandoker Hasan Munir, general secretary of the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF), announced the details of the competition at a press conference at the TAIS on Wednesday.

"We have prepared a budget of Tk 3.57 lakh to run the tournament, where sponsors have confirmed to bear the lion's share of the budget," said Munir at the press conference.

## Atapattu named SL head coach

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka Cricket on Wednesday appointed former Test captain Marvan Atapattu as the head coach, making him the island nation's seventh coach in the last four years.

A selection committee interviewed Atapattu, 43, and one other candidate on Tuesday before recommending him for the job, a news release from Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) said.

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Pacer Al-Amin Hossain's bowling test appointment is expected to be rescheduled due to the player's side-strain injury. The Bangladesh Cricket Board communicated with the ICC regarding the issue yesterday. The date set by the ICC was September 3 and Al-Amin was scheduled to fly to the United Kingdom on September 1.

However, BCB trainer and doctors suggested that the bowler would require at least another four weeks to recover from his injury. The board has reportedly requested the ICC to set a date after October 18.

As per the rules of the ICC, the bowler—whose action was reported after Bangladesh's first Test against the West Indies earlier this month—needs to get his action tested within 21 days of being reported. However, with regards to Al-Amin's case, a new date is expected to be announced due to his injury.

"The bowling test will require him to bowl in the exact way that he bowls in a normal game. But he is going through a rehabilitation process due to his side strain. We have communicated this matter to the ICC and were awaiting a guideline from them," said BCB CEO Nizamuddin Chowdhury.

A confident Al-Amin hopes to ace the test, but wants some one to travel along with him to the UK in order to better understand the instructions given by the testing panel.

"I expect them (panel) to provide me with a lot of instructions during the test. So I hope the BCB can send some one knowledgeable along with me so that I can get moral support and understand what the panel are saying clearly," explained Al-Amin.

The bowler who bowled a total of 102 overs during the West Indian series, blames the huge amount of workload behind his injury.

"I think the one reason behind me getting injured is that I did not get enough time to warm-up to bowl again in the second Test. Our batsmen fell quickly," Al-Amin believed.

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