

QUOTES
OF THE DAY

The younger guys started crying, I started crying. My last 400 free relay ever, it feels damn good to get a win.

Michael Phelps gets emotional after winning his 19th Olympic gold medal

I just proved to them that even after the war, even after we survived a war, if they want something they can have it. If they want to be Olympic champions, they can be.

Judo world champion Majlinda Kelmendi wins tiny Kosovo's first ever Olympic gold medal

Each day, day-in day-out, I just gave it absolutely everything. It's not just in the pool that I've given 110 percent, it's out of the pool as well and I can finally enjoy this bit now.

Adam Peaty after setting a world record in the 100m breaststroke to become Britain's first male Olympic swim champion in 28 years

Wu rewrites diving records

AFF, Rio de Janeiro

China's Wu Minxia splashed into the Olympic record books on Sunday, passing legends like American Greg Louganis and "big sister" Guo Jingjing as the most decorated diver in history.

Wu became the first person with five diving gold medals thanks to a no-doubt victory with partner Shi Tingmao in the women's synchronised 3m springboard that kicked off the Rio Games competition and China's hopes of an eight-medal sweep.

"I'm really happy to get this medal. We all wished that the Chinese divers would have a good performance during the Olympic Games," Wu said afterward.

The result establishes her as one of the great all-time Olympians and sets a number of new diving milestones.

She passed the now-retired Guo to become the first man or woman with seven total diving medals, and is now the only diver to win four golds in a single event.

At the age of 30, she also became the oldest women's winner in Olympic diving history, and Wu said: "I thought about giving up before these Olympic Games because I got injured for a month and I thought it would take a lot of time to recover."



PHOTO: REUTERS

The Chinese women's pair of Wu Minxia (Top) and Shi Tingmao set the tone for their nation's ambition of a clean sweep in diving when they won the synchronised 3m springboard event at the Maria Lenk Aquatics Centre yesterday.

Baki fumbles after strong start

ATIQUE ANAM from Rio de Janeiro

Up till 40 shots of the qualification round of the 10m air rifle event -- that is two-thirds as it is a sequence of six series of ten shots each -- Abdullahel Baki's name was hovering in between 4th and 8th position on the giant screen of the Olympic Shooting Centre in Deodoro, Rio de Janeiro on Monday morning.

Baki, the 2014 Commonwealth Games silver medallist, scored 416.8 points in the first four series of shots, including a brilliant 105.4 in the third series. Bangladesh team officials and journalists got excited sensing the ace shooter might create something special today. Even Professor Muhammad Yunus, the founder of Grameen Bank and Nobel laureate for peace, watched with great appreciation from the stands.

But then disaster struck as the 27-year-old shooter from Gazipur shot a poor 100.6 in the fifth series, all but ending his hopes of being among the eight men for the final round. He scored 103.8 in the sixth round, which only salvaged the respectability of finishing 25th among 50 competitors.

"I wanted to give my full effort and shoot to full satisfaction," the ace shooter told reporters after wrapping up the round with a total of 621.2 points as compared to his best of 624.8 three months ago in Munich.

"I had a good practice session yesterday [Sunday] where I



Smalley takes the job

SPORTS REPORTER

British Paul Smalley arrived yesterday morning to take up the job of the Bangladesh Football Federation's (BFF) technical and strategic director.

Smalley, a footballer-turned-coach, will be country's first foreign official for the sport since the formation of the game's governing body in 1972. They had appointed two local technical directors before-- Shahidur Rahman Shantu and BA Jubair Nipu after 2008.

"We know Bangladesh is behind the established teams of the world. But there is no reason to sit idle. My job is to begin the procedure by following the way the big football-nations do their development works. We need the assistance of FIFA and AFC to implement the plan and I think they will provide help to Bangladesh," Smalley told reporters after meeting with BFF president Kazi Salahuddin.

Abahani hold off Muktis

SPORTS REPORTER from Mymensingh

Title aspirants Abahani had a close shave yesterday as they just managed a 1-1 draw against Muktijoddha Sangsad in their JB Bangladesh Premier League encounter at the Rafiq Uddin Bhuiyan Stadium, Mymensingh.

Nigerian Sunday Chizoba provided Abahani the lead just 13-minutes into the game with a volley but only to have it cancelled out by Manjur Rahman Manik who equalized the margin with a perfect header in the 47th minute.

Both Muktijoddha Sangsad and Abahani respectively had the opportunity to top the 12-team table with an outright victory, but now the two must be content with sharing the lead with Chittagong Abahani as all three have an equal eight points from four outings.

Though the turnout of spectators was poor compared to the opening match, the match was wrought with spirit and speed as, despite conceding the lead, a much weaker Muktijoddha Sangsad managed to come back and hold the giants.

"We could have won the game but I am really happy with the results, especially the way my boys pressed their opponents comprising eight national players and three foreigners," said Muktijoddha Sangsad coach Sentu, who announced they will now play the remaining matches with victory in mind.

As Englishman Lee Tuck--termed the 'engine' of the midfield by coach



Ace Bangladesh shooter Abdullahel Baki showed a lot of early promise before subsiding in the 10m air rifle qualifying round at the Deodoro Shooting Complex in Rio de Janeiro yesterday.

PHOTO: MONIRUL BHUIYAN

Shakib's Jamaica conquer CPL

STAR SPORT DESK

In terms of winning competitions, year 2016 has been a good one for Shakib Al Hasan. After winning the Dhaka Premier League -- the country's premier 50-over competition -- with Abahani, Shakib went on to ace the Caribbean Premier League with the Jamaica Tallawahs.

The comfortable nine-wicket win over the Guyana Amazon Warriors at Warner Park in St. Kitts yesterday added yet another feather to his cap.

Coming on as first change after Tallawahs chose to bowl, Shakib scalped two crucial wickets, those of Chris Lynn and Jason Mohammad, after which Guyana were bundled out for just 93. After the exchange

Chris Gayle hammered six sixes during a whirlwind half-century to lead Jamaica to the championship in style.

After a bright start to the season, the left-armed was not performing too well in the lead-up to the final. There were two ducks and two matches where he went wicket-less. However, he returned to form just when Jamaica needed him. Jamaica needed a win against Trinidad and Tobago to qualify for the final on August 5 and he contributed with 19 runs and a three-wicket haul.

Yesterday, Gayle made Shakib bowl all his four overs within the first nine and the left-armed did not disappoint. He finished with figures of two for 25. With the Warner Park wicket offering absolutely no turn, it was a lot more difficult for the left-armed to contain the batsmen. His ploy was to bowl straight and let the batsmen commit mistakes. While



WELCOME BACK: Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza (R) greets coach Chandika Hathurusinghe at the home of Bangladesh cricket in Mirpur yesterday. The Sri Lankan head coach of the Tigers arrived in Dhaka on Sunday to prepare his boys for the upcoming home series against England in October.

PHOTO: STAR



Ace all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan played a good part in Jamaica Tallawahs' crowning glory in the Caribbean Premier League this year.

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SCORES IN BRIEF

Guyana Amazon Warriors: 93 all out in 16.1 overs (Tanvir 42; Imad 3-21, Williams 2-12, Shakib 2-25)

Jamaica Tallawahs: 95 for 1 in 12.5 overs (Gayle 54 not out, Walton 25 not out; Emrit 1-13)

Result: Jamaica Tallwahs won by nine wickets.

Player of the match: Imad Wasim (Jamaica Tallawahs)

Player of the tournament: Andre Russel (Jamaica Tallawahs)

Lynn was caught at cover, Mohammad was trapped in front with a straighter delivery.

In 13 matches, Shakib scored a total of 160 runs at an average of 22.85. With the ball he scalped 12 wickets at a miserly economy rate of 6.94. His highlight of the tournament was during the group stages when he scored a match-saving half-century against the Warriors and helped Jamaica chase down 128 with a 47-ball 54. He had also scalped a wicket in that game.

While Imad Wasim was named as the player of the match for his three scalps, Andre Russel, who had a brilliant tournament and was also the key reason behind Jamaica's arrival in the final, was named the player of the tournament.

CSA bans four over match-fixing

AFF, Johannesburg

Cricket South Africa said Monday they had banned four players for involvement in match fixing practices during 2015.

The banned players were named as Jean Symes, Pumelela Matshikwe, Ethy Mbhalati and Thami Tsolekile, the former South African Test wicketkeeper.

"The banning of these four players follows a lengthy investigation," said the organisation in a statement.

The players have been banned from the sport for between seven to 12 years.

India bid to clinch series Third WI-Ind Test from today

IANIS, St. Lucia

After a remarkable fight-back by the West Indies on the fifth and final day of the rain-hit second Test, India will aim to re-group and win the third and penultimate Test starting here on Tuesday.

After a comprehensive victory in the first Test by an innings and 92 runs, India looked favourites to win the second one as well, but an outstanding batting display on the final day by Roston Chase (137 off 269 balls) helped the home side manage a draw and stay alive in the four-match series.

But despite the draw in the second Test, the visitors look a better side on paper to grab the series in the third match at the Darren Sammy Stadium here.

With the batting line-up faring well and posting big totals on both the matches, India's head coach Anil Kumble and captain

Virat Kohli will have to sort few things in the bowling department and come up with answers why they could not pick six wickets on the final day of second Test.

With pace trio Ishant Sharma, Mohammad Shami and Umesh Yadav contributing in both the matches, except the final day of the second Test, it is most likely that the combination will not be changed.

However a change can be expected in the spin department with left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja getting a chance in place of leg-spinner Amit Mishra. Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has already cemented his spot with a match-winning show in the first Test. The hosts will aim to make a mark with the bat after failing to do so in the first two Tests.

Senior batsmen Marlon Samuels and Darren Bravo will have to take the responsibility and score big to entertain any hopes of staying alive in the series.

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MEDALS TALLY

Country			
United States	3	5	4
China	3	2	3
Australia	3	0	3
Italy	2	3	2
Republic of Korea	2	2	1
Hungary	2	0	0
Russian Federation	1	2	2
Great Britain	1	1	0
Sweden	1	1	0
Japan	1	0	6
Thailand	1	0	1
Taipei (Cn Taipei)	1	0	1
Argentina	1	0	0
Belgium	1	0	0
Kosovo	1	0	0
Netherlands	1	0	0
Vietnam	1	0	0
Canada	0	1	1
Kazakhstan	0	1	1
Brazil	0	1	0
Denmark	0	1	0
France	0	1	0
Indonesia	0	1	0
New Zealand	0	1	0
Philippines	0	1	0
DPR Korea	0	1	0
South Africa	0	1	0
Uzbekistan	0	0	2
Spain	0	0	1
Greece	0	0	1
Poland	0	0	1

(The medals tally was updated at 10:00pm Bangladesh time)