



Members of the Bangladesh Under-23 team take part in training drills ahead of their AFC U-23 Championship Qualifiers opener against Jordan at the Faisal Al-Husseini Stadium in Palestine today. The match will start at 7:30pm (BST) today.

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Mushfiq to join Rajshahi Bangladesh Test captain
Mushfiq Rahim is moving to a new franchise after his recent problems with Barisal Bulls higher ups.

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Sweden, Bird vying for BD call up
Australia selectors have deliberately kept away from naming the 14th member of the Test squad for the Bangladesh tour.

Spain football chief arrested

AFP, Madrid

Police raided the headquarters of Spain's football federation on Tuesday and arrested president Angel Maria Villar as part of an anti-corruption probe.

Villar, a senior vice president of FIFA, was being held on suspicion of abusing his position to embezzle funds from the federation, among other charges, a source said.

FIFA declined to comment on the arrest, with a spokesman saying it was an "internal affair" for Spain despite Villar's years as a top international football administrator.

His son Gorka along with federation vice president and financial chief Juan Padron were also held in connection with the probe which notably focuses on allegations of skimming profits from international matches, the source told AFP.

An investigating magistrate from Spain's political and financial crimes court is leading the probe into allegations of "collusion, fraud, embezzlement and presumed forgery."

Police who carried out raids on the federation headquarters and other locations related said that Villar is suspected of organising matches as part of a scheme to embezzle funds.

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'GIVE A HUG TO CONTE'

Diego Costa has been filmed partying in an Atletico Madrid shirt and taking a swipe at Chelsea manager Antonio Conte. In an Instagram live video, the Spaniard is seen wearing his former club's colours, while he wrote in Spanish in the comments section "Give a hug to Conte". The striker's future is very much up in the air at Stamford Bridge, with Costa having revealed that he has been told by Conte that he is no longer needed at the club. Costa has been strongly linked with a return to Atletico and his latest performance on Instagram will undoubtedly excite fans of the Liga club, while his comments will likely infuriate Conte. Despite winning the Premier League title last season, all was not well with Costa, with the Spain international having been dropped by his manager back in January amid rumours of a move to China. And although the former Atletico forward decided to stay put, it now seems all but certain that he will leave Stamford Bridge in the summer transfer window.

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Fahad holds GM Rakib

SORTS REPORTER

FM Mohammad Fahad Rahman drew with GM Mollah Abdul Al Rakib in the Category A fourth round game of the SAIF Powerflex 2nd International Rating Chess Tournament at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall yesterday.

Fahad, playing with the black pieces, held Rakib along with 10 moves to share second position along with 10 other players on three points each. The others are GM Ziaur Rahman, GM Rakib, GM Enamul Hossain Razib, IM Abu Sufian Shakil, FM Aminul Islam, FM Taibur Rahman, FM Fahad, WM Shamima Akter Liza, SM Sharon, MAM Hossain and Md Siddiqui Rahman.

Meanwhile, IM Mohammad Minhaz Uddin maintained his solo lead with 3.5 points after drawing against GM Razib.

In Category B, eleven players shared the lead with the maximum 4 points.

FARAZ CHALLENGE CUP Southern, IUBAT score 5 ace piece

SORTS REPORTER

Southern University and IUBAT posted massive wins in the Walton Inter-University Football tournament yesterday. Southern handed an emphatic 5-1 defeat to Bangladesh Textile University at the Bangladesh National Stadium, also the venue of South East University's 3-1 win over Ashmullah University.

At the Bishreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium, IUBAT thumped Stamford University 5-0. UIAB played out a 1-1 draw with North South University and Sonargaon University drew against Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University.

The champions of the 20-team tournament will receive Tk two lakh and a trophy named the Faraz Challenge Cup.

'Need to capitalise on their mistakes'

Bangladesh face Jordan in opener today

SORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh are all set to start a fresh journey under new coach Andrew Ord with hopes of a better showing as the Under-23 side begin their campaign against Jordan in the AFC U-23 Championship Qualifiers today.

The match will start at 7:30pm (BST) at the Faisal Al-Husseini Stadium in Palestine, before the second Group F fixture between hosts Palestine and Tajikistan at the same venue.

It will be Bangladesh's first AFC-organised competitive tournament organised since the senior side's debacle against Bhutan in the Asia Cup Play-off Round last October.

The U-23 booters have been gearing up for the past three weeks and have played practice matches against Dhaka Abahani, and the Nepal U-23 and Qatar U-23 sides and, although they suffered defeats in the latter two, Ord believed the experience gained was of more significance.

From seven matches over the past two editions of the Championships, Bangladesh have failed to post any wins and four years ago Jordan inflicted a 3-0 defeat on their Bangladeshi counterparts in Kathmandu.

"We have reached a point where the majority of the players have played at least 70 minutes in a game, so they should be ready to play for 90 minutes. The first match of a tournament is always important and there will be pressure on Jordan to qualify as group favourites so maybe they will be complacent or nervous and we can gain an advantage," Ord was quoted as saying by a BFF statement yesterday.

Ord is mulling whether to play with a tight, compact defence to surprise 108th-ranked Jordan and cash in on any mistakes they make during the match.

"We have worked on pressing opponents high up the pitch but due to our physical state that is not going to be possible for the full match. So we have also worked on being compact and tight defensively, so we can play two different ways during the match," said the coach, who was seen playing a five-man backline in the practice match against Dhaka Abahani.

"Jordan are slightly more influenced by the European style. They play a quicker tempo and make a more physical approach. We need to capitalise on any mistakes they make and take advantage of our chances," Ord explained about the second seeded team.

"If we can go ahead I think the team is determined enough to keep a clean sheet. But let's not be under any illusions. Everybody needs to rise to the challenge and bring out the best in themselves," concluded Ord.



মার্কেটহিল ব্যাংক আব্দুল জলিল শিক্ষাবৃত্তি ২০১৬

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