

Hard Work Increases Scope for Success -LITON DAS

Liton Das is one of the best young players in the Bangladeshi cricket team. He is both a batsman and a wicket-keeper. He made his international debut in 2015, and has been a constant in the national team since then.

Liton Das: *How do you view success?*

Star Showbiz: To me success is like a stairway I am climbing. I also see it as an inspiration to do more. Something that will make me more interested in doing something.

Liton: *How did you get involved in this field?*

Showbiz: Since my childhood I have loved cricket. At first I was just watching, and then I fell in love with playing the game. I loved it so much that it almost became an addiction. I have been addicted to cricket since I was eight or nine years old.

Liton: *Who motivated you to pursue a career in cricket?*

Showbiz: My family always supported me while I pursued to make it as a cricketer. Aside from my family, my coach in Dinajpur, Abu Samad Mithu also helped me a lot.

Liton: *What is the secret behind your success?*

Showbiz: I am not naturally gifted, so I knew that the only way I can

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make it as a cricketer was through immense hard work. I used to stick to the training I had to do, and eventually I started to see that my hard work increased the chances of success.

Liton: *Tell us a memorable event from your life.*

Showbiz: Scoring a century in the Asia Cup final has to be the most memorable event in my life. I was going through a run drought, and I had never scored a century in international matches before that. So when I managed to get a century against India, I was ecstatic.

Liton: *What are your future plans?*

Showbiz: In the future, I hope to remain honest and make my family proud. I also hope to become a much better cricketer.

Liton: *Do you have any advice for people who want to become professionals?*

Showbiz: To anyone that wants to become a cricketer or any sportsman, I would advise you to stay true to your intentions. And whatever you do, put your best effort into it. You also have to work very hard, and stick to your goal.

Liton: *Do you have any messages for our readers?*

Showbiz: I hope that the readers will continue supporting me. I love all my fans, and the support I get. I hope to keep you all happy with my performances.

Interviewed by Robab Rosan
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Victory Only Comes After Hardship

-MARIA MANDA

Maria Manda, the talented midfielder is one of the best footballers in Bangladeshi women's football. She was the captain of the Bangladeshi under-15 team that won the 'South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Cup'.

Star Showbiz: *How do you feel everytime you win?*

Maria Manda: Everytime we win a match or tournament, we feel very good. Winning is a result of us working very hard. Whenever we win, it is because we worked hard as a team. So, when we achieve victory, I am very happy.

Showbiz: *How did you get involved in this field?*

Maria: At first, I did not know much about football. When I was young, I would have fun kicking a ball around. The first tournament I played in was the 2011 Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Primary School Gold Cup Football Tournament.

Showbiz: *Who motivated you to pursue a career in football?*

Maria: My main motivation was my mother. Without her help, I wouldn't be able to be here today. Mofiz sir and Minti madam from my primary school also motivated me a lot. They would make us practice regularly. When we did well in a tournament, we were allowed to practice every day after school.

Showbiz: *What is the secret behind your success?*

Maria: After getting called up to the national team, my teachers, especially Choton sir helped us train. He made me work extremely hard, and that hard work made me successful.

Showbiz: *Tell us a memorable event from your life.*

Maria: In 2015, I went to play an under-14 tournament with the national team. There, an incident occurred that I will never forget. While we were discussing tactics in a hotel room, a big earthquake happened. That is probably the most memorable event in my life.

Showbiz: *What are your future plans?*

Maria: Right now, my only plan is to improve my playing. I want to become a better player so that I can get the chance to play for international clubs, and bring honour to my country. I also hope that I will be able to play in the world cup someday.

Showbiz: *Do you have any advice for people who want to become professionals?*

Maria: People who want to become professional footballers have to work extremely hard. We had to struggle a lot to come where we are, so if someone wants to do the same, they have to struggle like us. Only then can they become professionals.

Showbiz: *Do you have any messages for our readers?*

Maria: I would request the readers to pray for me. Your prayers will help me achieve something bigger. And the readers that play sports, I would request you all to practice regularly. You will surely be able to do something big if you do.

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