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Shakib Al Hasan and Mushfiqur Rahim (inset), both of whom turned up in Mirpur yesterday on a day of optional training, will have to step it up as Bangladesh face Sri Lanka in the first of the three-match ODI series tomorrow. (Bottom) The visitors played an intra-squad practice match in BKSP yesterday. PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED/BCB

'They have to deliver big-time'

MAZHAR UDDIN



Bangladesh ODI skipper Tamim Iqbal probably did the right thing as captain by backing his teammates when questions were raised regarding some of the areas of his team ahead of the Tigers' three-match ODI series against Sri Lanka.

Questions ranged from the ability of Mushfiqur Rahim as a wicketkeeper after the veteran dropped crucial chances in recent times to the potential of Liton Das and Soumya Sarkar, who are yet to prove consistency over the past five years or so.

An elegant batsman when on-song, Liton has failed to score consistently since making his international debut six years ago.

Despite an average of 28.88 in 42 ODIs and three fifties and three hundreds to his name, Liton has had a poor 2021, scoring just 76 in his last six ODI innings.

On the other hand, Soumya -- another highly rated talented left-hander -- has been seeking consistency and assurance despite apparently possessing all the tools

to become a world-class batsman.

Although a lack of consistency is still the concern for players like Liton or Soumya, Tamim believed the two have to deliver big time.

"I hope they take the lead. They have a tremendous amount of potential, but they have to deliver big time. We have seen glimpses from Liton and Soumya but if they do well now, it will help the team. They understand they should be more consistent - like Mushfiqur Rahim, for example. If they become consistent, we will

be a better ODI team at home and away," Tamim said during a virtual press conference ahead of the three-match ODI series yesterday.

Moreover, Bangladesh's fielding and catching are still a cause for concern.

Mushfiqur, who has been the most consistent batsman for the Tigers and has kept wickets in 347 international matches, remained sloppy behind the stumps on the New Zealand tour in March this year, dropping two chances in

the ODI series and also missing a crucial opportunity against West Indies at home in January.

Tampon opined that it is Mushfiqur's experience that makes him the top choice for the upcoming series.

"I am very happy with his wicketkeeping. (Half) chances and dropped catches are part of the game. I know how hard he works, so I have no complaints. The team management, coach and I definitely want him to keep wickets in the three ODIs.

"You are talking about some dropped catches but he has done a wonderful job as a wicketkeeper over the past 13-14 years. I have complete trust in him and give him my full support. I think he should continue to keep wickets for Bangladesh," he said.

Tamim will know that improving in these areas and ironing out small mistakes could be the deciding factor. But the Tigers' ODI captain will hope that his teammates prove him right and show some consistency as the Tigers aim to get back to winning ways. Otherwise, Tamim may have to return to defend his players again in the coming days.



Has Messi played his last for Barca?

AGENCIES

Lionel Messi has been given permission by Barcelona coach Ronald Koeman to miss this weekend's final La Liga match of the season against Eibar and take holiday, the club confirmed on Friday, meaning he may have played his last game for Catalan side.

"The striker can enjoy a rest before next month's Copa America after a season in which he is one of the



players in the squad who has played most," Barcelona said in a statement.

The Argentine's contract expires at the end of June and there has been no announcement on an extension. He requested to leave the club last year but ultimately stayed put for one more season.

Should Messi not sign a new contract then his final game for the club would be last weekend's dismal 2-1 defeat at the Camp Nou to Celta Vigo.

The 33-year-old has netted 30 times in La Liga this season and is set to win Spain's Golden Boot, however, Koeman's side can at best finish third, behind arch rivals Real Madrid and title favourites Atletico Madrid.

Atletico on cusp of glory but Real ready to pounce

AFP, Madrid



Barely a week has gone by this season without Diego Simeone pronouncing his mantra of "one game at a time" and now it really rings true, with Atletico Madrid one match away from winning La Liga.

If they beat Real Valladolid on Saturday, they will be crowned champions for the first time since 2014 and few could argue given they will have been top of the table since December.

But Real Madrid are lurking, only two points behind, and ready to dip their neck over the line at the last moment. They have not led La Liga since October 17.

Real Madrid will have to win at home against Villarreal to have any chance but the omens looks good for Zinedine Zidane's side, given their opponents may not be at full strength.

A draw for Atletico could mean the top two are tied on points but that would see the trophy returned to Real Madrid, who would sneak it on head-to-head.

In some ways, Atletico might benefit from the situation being clear. They will almost certainly have win to claim the title and can look for victory from the start.

Valladolid might have been relegated already had results gone against them last weekend but instead they are still fighting to be the one team out of three that survives.

Huesca and Elche are the others scrapping to finish 17th, with both of them two points ahead of Valladolid, the trio sandwiched between already-relegated Eibar and Getafe, who are safe.

It means only a win will give Valladolid hope, a scenario that could play into Atletico's hands if it encourages their opponents to attack, opening the spaces that were denied by the defensive approach of Osasuna, who so nearly spoiled Atletico's chances last weekend.

Luis Suarez's 88th-minute winner, which completed a stunning turnaround after Renan Lodi equalised only six minutes before, had the feeling of a pivotal moment, a dramatic twist to prove decisive in

who harnesses the prize.

Yet Real Madrid's priority on Sunday was survival and they beat Athletic Bilbao at San Mames to take Atletico to the last day, when the tension will be at its highest.

Simeone admitted "anxiety exists" among his players but in 10 years in charge he has tried to expunge the fatalistic tendencies that haunted the club for so long.

Real Madrid have benefitted before, when Atletico conceded in the 93rd minute in the 2014 Champions League final in Lisbon and lost in extra-time. Atletico went close in the 2016 final in Milan too, only to be beaten by Real Madrid on penalties.

Now Simeone's team are within touching distance again, the difference this time that Real Madrid have no control, their own success now depending on what happens at the Jose Zorrilla stadium, 200 kilometres away.

Win or lose, it could be Zidane's final game in charge and there are serious doubts around the future of Ronald Koeman as well, ahead of Barcelona's last match against Eibar.



(L-R) While Karim Benzema and his teammates will be desperate to retain the La Liga title, Luis Suarez will want to prove a point by bringing the title back to Atletico Madrid in his first season with the side on the final day of the campaign.

PHOTO: TWITTER/REUTERS

Success only for mixed team

SPORTS REPORTER

Although Bangladesh pulled a string of surprising wins to reach final in recurve mixed team event of the Archery World Cup, they were eliminated from both men's and women's recurve team events in Lausanne, Switzerland yesterday.

The men's team, comprising Ruman Sana, Krishna Saha and Tamimul Islam, got off to a fine start in pre-quarterfinal to beat 3rd-ranked Spain 57-54 in the first set before conceding defeats in next two sets (54-56, 54-58). Ruman and Co then bounced back in the fourth set to level things up with a score of 55-54, forcing the match to a tiebreak where they lost by 23-28 points.

In the women's event, the Spaniards dominated over Diya Siddique, Beauty Roy and Monera Akter to win the pre-quarterfinal by 6-2 set points. The 3rd-ranked Spain beat Bangladesh by 54-45, 44-53, 52-50 and 54-52 points.

Winning start for Niaz, Razib

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GM Niaz Murshed and GM Enamul Hossain Razib made winning start in the Asian Continental Individual Chess Championship, a qualifying event for FIDE World Cup to be held in Russia in July, at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall-room yesterday.

In the game of hybrid system online chess, Niaz beat Al Ibrahim Abdulrahman of Kuwait while Razib beat Tenuunbold Battulga of Mongolia.

IM Fahad Rahman lost to Chinese GM Lu Shanglei, a second-seed player of the competition while IM Abu Sufian Shakil lost to Uzbek GM Vokhidov Shamsiddin.

A total of 82 players including 20 GMs, one WGM, 20 IMs and four WIMs from 15 countries are participating in the tournament, with top seven slated to qualify for the World Cup.

Day wants two closed-door matches

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Head coach Jamie Day has asked Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) to arrange two closed-door practice matches at home to make up for the cancellation of a proposed Qatar camp for June's World Cup Qualifiers in Doha.

Day expressed his desire to play two closed-door practice matches on May 24 and 27 before they leave for Doha on May 30, though the initial plan was to play two practice matches in Qatar after leaving here for Doha today.

"Day has wanted to play two practice matches at home and I asked the BFF general secretary to learn from the coach about the type of the opponents he wants to play. If he wants club teams, then we will arrange it. Again, if he wants a foreign-player-studded team, then we will also be trying to assemble it," said national teams' committee member Satyajit Das Rupu.

He also informed that Abahani are also ready to play a match against the national team on May 28 as the players are scheduled to report on May 24 to resume the training following the Eid-ul-fitr vacation.

"Sheikh Russel and Sheikh Jamal are also supposed to resume their training within a couple of days, so the Federation will also communicate with those teams to



offer them to play practice matches," said Rupu, adding that Abahani may even resume their training a bit earlier for the sake of the national team.

Asked how the national team would be benefited by playing practice matches against local club sides whereas Afghanistan and India are supposed to face strong opponents in their preparation matches, Day said, "Well, it depends on how fit the local clubs are and if the foreign lads play?"

"India and Afghanistan seem to have better preparation at the moment than we do," admitted Day.

"I don't want the media there reporting on the games for other people [Afghanistan and India] to see," Day said. "Any coach would assess any games the opposition play before that's our job to do. One of our opponents played friendly games last year before our match against the club teams which we got to see and study."



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Request for Proposals

Reference No: RFP- BD21-011

19-May-2021

The International Organization for Migration (hereinafter called IOM) intends to hire Service Provider for the *Technical Assessment, Reports, Drawings and Recommendations of the Existing Electrical and Mechanical System in District Sadar Hospital, Cox's Bazar* for which Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued.

IOM now invites Service Providers / Consulting Firms to provide Technical and Financial Proposal for the following Services that are provided in Annex A - Terms of Reference (TOR) shared along with RFP.

The Service Provider / Consulting Firm will be selected under a Quality-Cost Based Selection procedures described in this RFP.

The RFP includes the following documents:

- Section I. Instructions to Service Providers / Consulting Firms
- Section II. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms
- Section III. Financial Proposal – Standard Forms
- Section IV. Terms of Reference
- Section V. Standard Form of Contract

The Proposals must be delivered by hand or through mail to IOM with office address at *Muktijoddha Building Complex, Baharchara, Motel Road, Cox's Bazar* on or **03rd June 2021, 14:00 hours**. No late proposal shall be accepted.

A complete set of Bidding Documents is available for issuance to Interested Bidders at <https://bangladesh.iom.int/opportunities/work-as-service-provider>

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