

## SAFF U-17 C'SHIP

# Eight hopefuls set to skip SSC exams

SPORTS REPORTER

Eight promising footballers will skip this month's School Secondary Certificate (SSC) examinations due to national engagements in the SAFF U-17 Championship, with the Bangladesh U-17 team set to depart for Sri Lanka tomorrow.

From September 5, the Racecourse International Stadium in Colombo will host the youth championship -- which has been held six times in the past, thrice with U-15 teams and thrice with U-16 teams.

Two-time champions Bangladesh have been placed in Group A alongside Maldives and hosts Sri Lanka while three-time champions India, last edition's runners-up Nepal and Bhutan are in Group B.

The Bangladesh team is comprised of players from the BFF Elite Academy, which has been working with promising players since August last year. It will be their first test at the international level although nine players in the 23-member squad did play in the SAFF U-20 Championship in July.

Centreback and captain Imran Khan said that the experience from the SAFF U-20 Championship would help, but also underlined the sacrifices players were willing to make to chase success.

"Around eight players, including me, will not sit for the SSC examinations because we have a target; the AFC U-16 Qualifying Championship is approaching. If we sit for the examinations, we may lose fitness or the understanding with our teammates. So we are sacrificing our studies."

Khan added: "We are used to executing the game plan during training sessions at the academy, so we can hope to do the same smoothly in the competition. Our target is to contest the final."

Technical director and head coach Paul Smalley said his charges had the ability to reach the final and that they were concentrating on the tournament opener against hosts Sri Lanka in order to get the best possible start.



## 'LIV can be the IPL of golf'

AFP, New Delhi

The breakaway LIV series can do for golf what the IPL did for cricket, India's top player Anirban Lahiri has said after joining the lucrative Saudi-backed tour.

The new circuit has sparked a bitter split that threatens to tear golf apart and sparked accusations of "sportswashing" of Saudi Arabia's human rights record.

Saudi Arabia has drawn major criticism over the 2018 murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi and for cracking down on rights activists, many of whom have been jailed or banned from travel.

Despite that and the vast financial rewards being offered to lure players away from the more established US PGA and European tours, the defecting Lahiri said that LIV would benefit others along the way too.

Lahiri along with world number two Cameron Smith -- announced on Tuesday for the LIV Golf Invitational Boston this week. "I look at the Indian Premier League and T20. When it started, I remember the almost vehement opposition it received," Lahiri told Wednesday's Hindustan Times.

"Look at it now. The Board of Control for Cricket in India is laughing all the way to the bank and so are the players. The broadcasters are delighted because they get off-the-chart ratings," he said. "LIV can be the IPL of golf," the 35-year-old world number 92 said.



For us, he's (Paulo Dybala) great, and I can already see what is going to happen in Qatar. Maybe the Argentina coach should offer us a bottle of wine.

Roma coach  
**Jose Mourinho.**

## Dybala reaches 100 Serie A goals

AFP, Milan

Paulo Dybala shot Roma top of Serie A on Tuesday with a brace which sank Monza 3-0 while Inter Milan are one point behind Jose Mourinho's side after their 3-1 home win over Cremonese.

Argentina forward Dybala brought up his goal century in the Italian top flight after netting twice in the first 32 minutes at the Stadio Olimpico to put unbeaten Roma on 10 points from their first four games.

Roma, who also scored just after the hour through Roger Ibanez's header from a Lorenzo Pellegrini corner, are two points ahead of third-placed AC Milan after the champions were held to a drab goalless draw at Sassuolo.

"I really wanted to get a goal, and thankfully it happened here in front of our fans so I'm really happy," Dybala told DAZN, who added that it was "too early to talk" of a title challenge.

When asked which was his favourite of his 100 goals in Italy's top flight, Dybala broke out into a wide grin and said: "The next one."

## On a day of upsets, Swiatek cruises into second round

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Emma Raducanu's U.S. Open title defence ended at the first hurdle on Tuesday while Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina and twice U.S. Open winner Naomi Osaka were also ousted in the opening round.

British teenager Raducanu made a dream run to the title as a qualifier last year but her return to court at Flushing Meadows was less memorable as she fell 6-3, 6-3 to Frenchwoman Alize Cornet.

"Obviously really disappointing. Really sad to leave here. It's probably my favourite tournament," Raducanu said. "In a way I'm happy because it's a clean slate... The target will be off my back slightly."

Rybakina became the latest top seed to exit the tournament after suffering a shock 6-4, 6-4 defeat by French qualifier Clara Burel while Osaka, unseeded this year, lost 7-6(5), 6-3 to Australian open finalist Danielle Collins.

"I tried as hard as I could. I wanted to play without my back being in pain. I only really started serving two days ago," said Osaka.

World number one Iga Swiatek cruised into the second round after crushing Italy's Jasmine Paolini 6-3, 6-0, but two-time U.S. Open

winner Venus Williams bowed out after losing 6-1, 7-6 to Alison van Uytvanck of Belgium.

Rafael Nadal, returning to Flushing Meadows for the first time since winning the 2019 title, overcame an early scare to see

end like this. Sebastian is a great player, fights to the last ball and deserves better things," said the 19-year-old.

After a gruelling 83-minute second set, world number 37 Baez called the trainer for a medical timeout but gave up the fight two games into the third set.

"Last year was one of the best moments of my life," said Alcaraz who reached the last eight in New York with a ranking of 54.

"It's a such a special place for me to play on the biggest stadium in our sport."

### AZARENKA, KOSTYUK SET FOR BELARUS-UKRAINE OPEN CLASH

Belarus's Victoria Azarenka and Marta Kostyuk of Ukraine are set for a politically-charged US Open grudge match after advancing to a second-round showdown on Tuesday.

Former world number one Azarenka defeated Ashlyn Krueger of the United States in three sets while Kostyuk advanced to the second round with a straight sets win over Egypt's Mayar Sherif.

The results mean Azarenka and Kostyuk will face off against each other on Thursday against the backdrop of simmering recent player tensions caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

off 21-year-old Australian wildcard Rinky Hijikata 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

Third seed Carlos Alcaraz, who became the youngest man to reach the quarter-final in New York a year ago, advanced after his Argentine opponent Sebastian Baez retired when the Spanish teenager was leading 7-5, 7-5, 2-0.

"Nobody wants to see a match



## Starc nears milestone

ICC

Australia have leap-frogged a rival on the path to automatic qualification for the 2023 Cricket World Cup, with Mitchell Starc spearheading the team's assault.

With three wickets in Australia's win over Zimbabwe, Starc is one wicket away from becoming the sixth bowler to reach 200 men's ODI wickets in green and gold.

### MOST ODI WICKETS FOR AUSTRALIA

**Glenn McGrath** (1993-2007): 380 wickets.  
**Brett Lee** (2000-2012): 380 wickets.  
**Shane Warne** (1993-2003): 291 wickets.  
**Mitchell Johnson** (2005-2015): 239 wickets.  
**Craig McDermott** (1985-1995): 203 wickets.  
**Mitchell Starc** (2010-2022): 199 wickets\*

The win takes the Aussies to 90 points on the Super League table, overtaking the West Indies (88 points) and moving to seventh place. The top eight teams at the end of the competition go straight to India for the 2023 World Cup, with the bottom five moving to the Cricket World Cup Qualifier, held in Zimbabwe next year.

They have now taken a 2-0 unassailable lead in the three-match series.

A win over Zimbabwe in the third ODI would likely move the Australians into sixth, while Zimbabwe will feature in the Qualifier on home soil.



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728678	INF-2020-21-555255/02	Supply of 215 paris of H/L benches in eight educational institutions in Lalmonirhat sadar upazila.	OTM (Goods)

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the national e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the national e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank branches up to **18-09-2022**, **16:00** further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>)

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**Ten Hag insists Ronaldo stays**

AFP, London

Manchester United coach Erik ten Hag repeated on Wednesday that he was counting on Cristiano Ronaldo this season. "It's clear, of course, we need quality players," Ten Haag said when asked about his unsettled Portuguese star on the day before the summer transfer window closes. "You need more and to cover all the games to keep the consistency going, that's what we strive for," he told a press conference. Ronaldo has been pushing for a transfer since the end of last season when United failed to qualify for the Champions League. The 37-year-old Portugal striker is the all-time top scorer in the competition, 15 ahead of Lionel Messi, but the Argentine is more than two years younger and will be playing in the Champions League this season with Paris Saint-Germain.

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1.	728126	Construction of Doctors Dormitory at Dinajpur District Hospital, (Construction of 2-storied Doctors Dormitory Building with 6-storied Foundation including Civil, Sanitary & Electrical Works at District 250 Bed General Hospital, Dinajpur).	22-Sep-2022 11:00	22-Sep-2022 12:00
2.	728151	Construction of Nurses Dormitory at Dinajpur District Hospital, (Construction of 2-storied Nurses Dormitory Building with 6-storied Foundation including Civil, Sanitary & Electrical Works at District 250 Bed General Hospital, Dinajpur).	22-Sep-2022 11:00	22-Sep-2022 12:00

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