

Bumrah injury puts India in limbo

AFP, New Delhi

India's Jasprit Bumrah has been ruled out of the remaining two matches against South Africa due to a back injury and remains doubtful for the T20 World Cup starting next month.

Bumrah, who recently returned to the squad from injury, missed the team's opening T20 win over South Africa on Wednesday after he complained of back pain.

"He is out of the remaining two matches due to a back injury," a senior official of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) told AFP on condition of anonymity.

"He awaits scan reports for his participation in the T20 World Cup, so fingers crossed."

According to reports in the Indian media, the pace bowler has a stress fracture of the back and will miss the plane to Australia.

The BCCI, ahead of the T20 opener, said: "Jasprit Bumrah complained of back pain during India's practice session on Tuesday. The BCCI medical



BKSP put 12 past Narayanganj on the opening day of the Al Arafah Islami Bank 27th Youth Hockey Championship (Dhaka Zone) at the Maulana Bhashani National Hockey Stadium yesterday. Bangladesh Hockey Federation president and Air Marshal Sheikh Abdul Hannan declared the championship open after the opening game in which Dhaka district thumped Shariatpur 13-0 at the same venue. A total of 57 teams, split into nine zones, are taking part in the tournament which returned to action after a five-year hiatus.

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Franchise league taking shape

SPORTS REPORTER

Amid massive enthusiasm among the players, the inaugural Hockey Champions Trophy (HCT) is gradually taking shape to roll onto the turf on October 28, and the logo of the franchise-based hockey league is set to be disclosed today.

As the names of participating corporate houses and the local and foreign coaches have already been named, the organisers now wait for the auction of the players, who are undergoing fitness tests – the first time in domestic hockey competition's history – to become eligible for the auction.

Apart from the players of the national hockey team, who in the recent past had played three international tournaments, most of the players sat idle for 11 months since the completion of the Dhaka Premier Hockey League, which ended in November last year. The extended break had prompted the organisers to make players go through a multi-stage fitness test, also known as the beep test.

"To be honest, many players had taken their initiatives to work on fitness and get the teams in the Hockey Champions Trophy. Whereas, previously the players

used to get fit in the camp of the clubs during the premier hockey league," Imran Hasan Pintoo, former national defender, told The Daily Star yesterday.

As many as 194 players already had their beep tests on September 23 and 24, with more than 80 players – including renowned ones such as Puskor Khisha



Mimo, Hasan Jubair Niloy, Prince Lal, Rabbi Salehin Rocky, Abu Sayeed Nippon, Khalilur Rahman Rocky, Taher Ali, and many others – had failed to cross the standard threshold in the beep test.

Those who could not pass, however, will get another opportunity to retake the beep test on October 6. Pintoo is willing to see the positive side of the beep test.

"As the players are going through the beep test to become eligible for the tournament, I think no team will be the clear favourite in the tournament," Pintoo said. "From now on, the players will also be aware to keep themselves fit before the next edition of the HCT if they want to earn some bucks from the tournament."

Sajad AA Adel, the chairman of the players' draft committee of HCT and the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) vice president, explained the need of having the beep test for the players.

"Only the fit players will be available in the players' draft because the franchises don't want to rope in unfit or injured players since they are investing a lot. It is also being done because of ensuring quality matches as the players were out of action for a long time," said the BHF vice president.

Adel also added that the five categories of players – Icon, A+, A, B, and C – will be decided only after the completion of the beep test. Moshirur Rahman Biplob, coach of Rupayan Group, informed that they have to wait for the players' draft to rope in players as they initially planned to start their training on October 10, around 18 days before the start of the HCT.



team assessed him. He is ruled out of the first #INDvSA T20I."

It will be a blow to India if he misses out and the team may have to fall back on their standby players including pace bowler Mohammed Shami for T20's showpiece event in October-November.

The 28-year-old Bumrah played two T20 internationals against Australia recently but was not at his best.

The team has missed Bumrah's death bowling expertise in the crucial final overs.

All-rounder Ravindra Jadeja was forced out of the World Cup due to a knee injury that made him pull out of the Asia Cup midway through the tournament.

Neymar swept up in Brazil vote battle

AFP, Brasilia

Football superstar Neymar was swept up in Brazil's presidential election campaign after posting a video on social media Wednesday thanking President Jair Bolsonaro for visiting the player's charitable children's foundation.

The Paris Saint-Germain and Brazil striker did not get into politics in the brief message to Bolsonaro, posted four days out from Sunday's voting.

But that did not stop Bolsonaro's camp from playing up the video from one of the country's biggest stars as the far-right incumbent seeks a come-from-behind win against leftist ex-president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (2003-2010), who leads in the polls.

"Hello, President Bolsonaro... I wanted to thank you for your illustrious visit," Neymar, 30, said on Instagram.

"I would have loved to be there with you, but unfortunately I'm too far away... I hope you enjoyed your visit to the institute, which is the greatest goal of my life."

Communications Minister Fabio Faria and Bolsonaro's senator son Flavio promptly reposted the video on Twitter.

The message came after ex-army captain Bolsonaro visited the Neymar Jr. Institute, a charitable foundation the football star founded in 2014.



WC fans won't need Covid vax

AFP, Doha

Coronavirus vaccinations will not be mandatory for the million-plus fans going to the World Cup in Qatar this year, authorities in the Gulf state said on Thursday.

All visitors aged over six will have to produce negative Covid-19 tests before taking flights to Qatar for the tournament that starts November 20, the authorities said in new health guidelines.

The 29-day tournament will be the first major global sporting event with fans since the eruption of the pandemic in December 2019. But Qatar organisers and FIFA have warned that health guidelines will change if the threat blows up again.

Golden girls celebrated at home

STAR SPORT REPORT

A host of Bangladesh's golden girls were accorded grand receptions as they returned to their hometowns following a maiden triumph in the SAFF Women's Championship with a 3-1 win over Nepal in the final in Kathmandu earlier this month.

Eight champions hailing from the Kalsindur village in the Dhobaura upazila were accorded a two-day reception organised by the Mymensingh District Administration and District Football Association.

Sanjida Akter, Sheuly Azim, Marzia Akter, Shamsunnahar Senior, Shamsunnahar Junior, Tahura Akter and Sajeda Akter began their journey from the Bangladesh Football Federation

After a break for refreshments there, the girls were taken to the venue for the reception in horse-drawn carriages. In the afternoon, a grand reception was held at the Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Park in the afternoon.

On a day of festivities, five footballers from Rangamati were also accorded receptions in the Kawkhali Upazila at the Ghaghra High School, where Ritu Porna Chakma, Rupna Chakma, Monika Chakma, Anai Mogini and Anuching Mogini began their footballing journey.

They were at the centre of a one-kilometer parade from the Ghagra Bazar to the Ghaghra High School, where they distributed sweets and cut cakes.

Later, the five champions went

present alongside their childhood mentor Birsen Chakma and coach Shantimoni Chakma.

Celebrations also took hold of Rangpur, where forward Sirat Jahan Shopna, Shopna Rani and Sohagi Kisku had their reception.

Shopna, who scored four goals in the SAFF Women's Championship, and her teammates arrived at the Sydpur Airport at around 11:00am from Dhaka.

A number of people lined the



Dinajpur-Rangpur highway to catch a glimpse of the champions before they reached a crowded Public Library Ground around 1:30pm.

Soon, Shopna set off for another reception in Palichara before two women's teams from greater Dinajpur and greater Rangpur played a match at the Palichara Stadium on Thursday afternoon.

Celebrations also overtook the streets of the Shahjadpur upazila in Sirajganj as Akhi Khatun made a triumphant return as the Shahjadpur upazila administration and the sports association organised a reception at the upazila auditorium.

Akhi's father Akter Hossain could not contain his emotions.

"Because of my poor background, I had no dreams. But my daughter changed everything with her brilliant sporting performances. Akhi is now renowned across the country. As a father, I feel proud of her," he said.

(Our correspondents from Rangamati, Dinajpur, Pabna and Mymensingh contributed to this story.)



premises in the capital's Motijheel this morning and reached around 11:00am.

After being received with garlands, they rode on an open-top vehicle, which carried them towards the Mymensingh Circuit House after lapping the city's thoroughfares.

to Ritu Porna's village home in Moghachori for another reception, arriving to a host of people lighting up the main road to the village with torches in hand. Ghagra High School Headmistress Dharoshmoni Chakma and teacher Chandra Mohan Chakma were

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