

## Umps' urgency to expel racists wins over visitors

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There were high-fives and congratulations being passed on at the end of the day's play but rather than celebrating a win at the end of a match, it was the umpires who were at the receiving end of words of thankfulness.

Recently, racist chants against Real Madrid superstar Vinicius Jr. brought the problem of racism back into the limelight in the world of sport and in Sylhet, where only a few were present in the stands, racist remarks hurled at Windies A players on day two were a lot more pronounced due to the empty arena.

This time, unlike in the Vinicius incident, the umpires stepped in.

Visiting captain Joshua Da Silva inquired about the chants, not completely clear on what he was hearing, but on-field umpire Masudur Rahman's walkie-talkie was malfunctioning so he could not catch the attention of the groundstaff.

Soon, however, the umpire stepped in and brought it to the



third-umpire's attention quickly and the fans chanting racial slurs were evicted.

"There were some unfortunate chants coming from the stands on the second day and the Windies A skipper brought it to the umpires' attention. The situation was handled quickly. Since the matter falls under racism, we dealt with it according to ICC protocols. Thanks to the West Indies team, umpires as well as security officials," match referee Neeeyamur Rashid told The Daily Star.

"Their captain really appreciated how we dealt with the situation and the players personally came to shake my hand. After the day's play, their coach came and thanked me and the whole team of match officials. We were lucky that our people reacted quickly and handled the situation quickly," on-field umpire Masudur told The Daily Star.

Da Silva had commented at the end of the second day's play at Sylhet that he was a bit disappointed.

"It's always disappointing when those things [racist remarks] come about and I'm very happy it was dealt with in a very quick and speedy manner," Da Silva had told Cricfrenzy.

The camaraderie between the two sides was evident throughout the series and the umpires ensured that the game went on in the right spirit.

Since racist incidents are rare occurrences in the sports arena in the country, the umpires had a hard task on their hands, especially in terms of dealing with the matter strongly. As with occurrences of racism, often there is a tendency to sweep things under the rug. This time, things were done right. "They appreciated us and there were high-fives at the end of the day's play," Masudur added.



Premier League champions Manchester City will arrive at Wembley hoping to complete the second part of their incredible bid to a rare treble, with Manchester United, the only other English club to have ever achieved the feat, all set to wreck Pep Guardiola and his troops' dream in the FA Cup final on Saturday. Sir Alex Ferguson's United won the FA Cup, Champions League and the Premier League in 1999.

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# 'The boys saw how tough it can get at the next level'

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Although Mahmudul Hasan Joy's unbeaten hundred eventually rescued the third and final four-dayer for Bangladesh A and secured a draw, their visiting West Indies counterparts clinched the series 1-0 at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Joy's showed great patience during an unbeaten 114, which came off 268 balls and featured 14 fours. The right-handed opener batted for four sessions and was probably the only positive for the hosts in a series where their batters failed to make any sort of impression.

Bangladesh resumed the final day on 47 without loss with Joy at the crease on 28 with a mission to play out the day and save the game after the West Indies had posted a huge 461-run target.

Joy and Yasir Ali added 117 runs during a fourth-wicket stand before the latter was dismissed after scoring 67. But the



series for the hosts when it came to performances and displaying their longer-version mentality with both bat and ball as the visitors dominated the majority of the three games, winning the second four-dayer.

According to selector Habibul Bashar, it was a tough series where the visitors tested the hosts and posed a good challenge. "I think it was a good practice for the boys. The series showed the boys how tough things can get at the next level. I think the wicket was very good and the West Indies A team tested us and posed a good challenge," Bashar told The Daily Star

yesterday.

Interestingly, Joy's century in the third and final four-dayer was the only hundred scored by a Bangladesh A batter in the series although Shahadat Hossain Dipu also impressed with a few knocks.

Mominul Haque was included for the third and final game as part of preparations for the upcoming one-off Test against Afghanistan later this month but the left-hander was unable to make an impact. Although Bashar backed the proven campaigner, the former Bangladesh captain was disappointed by the performances of the top order in the series.

"It was a one-off game for Mominul and he missed out. It would have been good if he could have spent some time at the crease. But I am not worried about Mominul since he is a proven cricketer. But we did expect some better performances from the others. I am not happy with the batting, especially the top order, and I felt we could have done better. I think our bowlers could also have bowled better than they did," he said.

Despite the fact that Bangladesh lost the series, Bashar believed such tough outings against quality opponents helped selector gauge players better.

"As selectors, we follow a lot of things. Despite the fact that we count the performances in the domestic leagues, playing against an international opponent allows us to see whether they can replicate their performances in the domestic circuit onto the international stage. So from that aspect, such series give us ideas about who is prepared to play at the next level in future," Bashar added.

## Kings exact revenge on MSC

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Federation Cup winners Mohammedan fell to a 2-1 defeat against Bangladesh Premier League champions Bashundhara Kings in a league encounter under floodlights at the Bashundhara Kings Arena yesterday.

With Kings having ensured their fourth consecutive league title in the previous round, Abahani yesterday confirmed the runners-up spot with two matches in hand after beating Sheikh Jamal DC 3-0. Abahani now have 37 points from 18 matches, 11 more than third-placed Bangladesh Police, who have three matches in hand.

Meanwhile, newcomers Azampur FC were relegated from the top-flight despite playing out a 1-1 draw against Sheikh Russel yesterday. They could secure only five points from 17 matches.

Mohammedan came at the Kings Arena having regained the Federation Cup title after 14 years with a tiebreaker win over Abahani in the final. The Black and Whites had gotten the better of Bashundhara Kings 2-1 in the semifinals.

The visitors, however, could not carry the



momentum as coach Alfaz Ahmed brought a good number of changes in the playing eleven. Fed Cup final's four-goal hero Souleymane Diabate was one of those rested against Kings, who too rested league's top-scorer Dorielton Gomes and Iranian defender Reza Khanzadeh. The hosts, however, did not face much challenge from Mohammedan despite conceding an early lead.

Miguel Ferreira cancelled out a second-minute strike from Emmanuel Sunday in the 10th minute before Rakib Hossain struck the winner five minutes from the break. Promising midfielder Sheikh Morsalin set up both goals for Kings. Mohammedan played with 10 men in the last 10 minutes.



World number two Aryna Sabalenka booked her place in the French Open last 16 for the first time with a straight-sets win over Russian Kamilla Rakhimova at Roland Garros on Friday. Sabalenka is yet to drop a set in the tournament after a comfortable 6-2, 6-2 win against the world number 82. Sabalenka will face either former US Open champion Sloane Stephens or Kazakhstan's Yulia Putintseva in the fourth round.

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