

SHORT CORNER

**Maradona's Golden Ball trophy goes to auction**  
Diego Maradona's Golden Ball trophy won for being named the best player at the 1986 World Cup will be auctioned in France in June, the Aguttes auction house said on Tuesday. This is the first Golden Ball to go for auction and while the value is still to be confirmed, the auction house expects it to fetch millions on June 6.

**Rejuvenated Amir back for 'unfinished work'**  
Rejuvenated fast bowler Mohammad Amir said he has "unfinished work" at next month's T20 World Cup, 15 years after dazzling as a teenager when Pakistan last lifted the trophy. The 32-year-old, who was jailed for spot-fixing in 2011, came out of retirement last month and is grateful to have another crack at the World Cup.

**WC cricket is a lot different to IPL: Fraser-McGurk**

Batting sensation Jake Fraser-McGurk has shrugged off his omission from Australia's T20 World Cup squad, saying he felt he had not earned a place yet despite his sparkling form in the Indian Premier League (IPL). Some Australian cricket writers have bemoaned Fraser-McGurk's omission because plenty on the 15-man squad are battling fitness or form issues.

**Shastri expects Dube to set T20 World Cup alight**

Former India coach Ravi Shastri expects big-hitting Shivam Dube to set the T20 World Cup alight and says the 30-year-old batting all-rounder will be key to India's hopes of racking up big totals in the tournament next month. Dube, who is also a handy medium pacer, has established himself as one of the most destructive middle-order batters in the IPL. "He hits sixes for fun, and when it comes to spin bowling, he can kill you," Shastri told the ICC.

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## The Liton Das headache

ABDULLAH AL MEHDI

Liton Das's batting yesterday against Zimbabwe encapsulated Bangladesh's worries going into the T20 World Cup in June, with the top order failing to find rhythm in the game's shortest format.

Liton is expected to shine in the format. Indeed, his exploits against India in the 2022 T20 World Cup match in Australia serves as a reminder as to why Bangladesh are eager to get Liton back to his best.

Whether that is forthcoming is another matter but the team management continued to keep their faith, hoping for that one good innings for him to get his mojo back. This year, Liton has scored 79 runs in six T20Is, averaging 13.16 at a strike rate of 97.53.

The manner of dismissals, too, has been quite the topic of debate. Before the latest one, Liton charged a bowler on the first delivery in a Test against Sri Lanka Test. Yesterday, he tried to fashion a scoop shot off Zimbabwe pacesman Blessing Muzarabani on three consecutive deliveries, finally managing to deflect one to his stumps.

Such has been the raging debate, that Towhid Hridoy, a saviour yesterday with a 38-ball 57 and quite at the opposing spectrum in terms of form compared to Liton, said that no one gives away their wickets internationally.

Along with captain Najmul Hossain Shanto's form, the top-order has become a headache.



**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**Bangladesh:**  
165-5 in 20 overs (Hridoy 57, Jaker Ali 44; Muzarabani 3-14)

**Zimbabwe:**  
156-9 in 20 overs (Akram 34, Marumani 31; Saifuddin 3-42, Rishad 2-38)

**Result:**  
Bangladesh win by nine runs

**Player-of-the-match:**  
Towhid Hridoy

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

"No-one willingly gives away their wickets. Liton bhai and other top-order batters are trying to give their best. A good player will not always play well. In the recent past there have been lots of talks regarding Liton bhai's strike rate but if you check you will find his strike rate is still among the top three in Bangladesh," Hridoy told reporters in the post-match press conference.

"Whether or not you are the best batsman in the world, you will not play well in all the matches in a series. I am hoping those who are not among runs will get back to runs soon. In one game if he does well, he will make a comeback and it can very well be that he can change the scenario in a big game. We have to keep the faith and it will not help if we lost the faith," Hridoy added, highlighting the belief in the side that Liton is just one good knock away.

Liton's lack of form, however, will not be downplayed by the team management for

long so close to the World Cup.

The 87-run stand yesterday between Hridoy and Jaker Ali saw Bangladesh gather wind in their sail. Hridoy, who felt that Bangladesh were a few runs short on what can be termed a pretty good batting wicket, said partnerships are important and the top-order partnerships can change momentum much faster.

"When a side puts up one or two big partnerships, the momentum will change. Had the partnerships come at the top, the game would be different. It developed in the middle and we tried to contribute and the execution was good. There are areas where it could have been better," Hridoy stated.

As of now, the Bangladesh team management appear to be in a limbo regarding Liton the batter, much like Liton himself, who was doing the same thing thrice yesterday and expecting a different result.

## Bayern look to thrive 'on knife's edge' at Bernabeu

AGENCIES

Six-time Champions League winners Bayern Munich head into Wednesday's second semi-final at Real Madrid, looking to change the narrative surrounding their disappointing season.

Bayern drew 2-2 at home against Real in the first leg and need a win to progress to Wembley, the site of their famous victory over rivals Borussia Dortmund in 2013.

The Champions League remains their only chance of a trophy this season, having suffered elimination in the German Cup at the hands of third-division Saarbruecken last year before Bayer Leverkusen ended the Bavarians' 11-year Bundesliga title streak in April.

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti, meanwhile, is searching for the formula to take his team's performance up several notches to get past the Bavarians.

Madrid come into the match on the back of sealing the La Liga title after a 3-0 win over Cadiz on Saturday, but with the Champions League second leg in the forefront of their minds, celebrations were put on ice.

The record 14-time Champions League winners, instead, had their sights firmly set on achieving a fifth La Liga and Champions League double.

To reach the final at Wembley, Ancelotti must find a way to restrain Bayern's wingers Leroy Sane and Jamal Musiala, who caused Madrid a constant headache in the first leg.

"It was important when we began to defend with collective commitment," Ancelotti reminded his players when speaking about the side's improvement this season.



▶ Bayern Munich are winless in their last eight Champions League meetings against Real Madrid (6L 2D) who have won six of their past seven encounters against the Bavarians at home, with the other fixture ending in a draw.

▶ Carlo Ancelotti is plotting to reach a record-extending

sixth Champions League final, while his counterpart, Thomas Tuchel, could become the first manager in the competition's history to reach the final with three different clubs.

▶ No other player has more goal involvements in the Champions League than Vinicius Jr - 31 (16 goals and 15 assists) - since the start



of Real's triumphant 2021-22 campaign.

▶ Ancelotti has never lost against Bayern in the Champions League, with six wins and three draws in nine meetings. The streak is the longest for any coach who has remained unbeaten against an opposition in Champions League history.

▶ Harry Kane's 11 goal involvements - eight goals and three assists - is the most by an English player in a single campaign in Europe (European Cup/Champions League). With 29 goals in the Champions League so far, Kane needs two more to surpass Wayne Rooney to become the all-time leading English goal-scorer in Europe.

If Ancelotti's planning fails, Madrid always have the "magic" of the Santiago Bernabeu to fall back on.

Their remarkable string of home comebacks to reach the 2022 Champions League final is fresh in the memory, with players quick to highlight the stadium's legend and mystique.

"It's time to have a magical night at

the Bernabeu," said Vinicius Junior after the Bayern draw, of the kind 'Madridistas' have enjoyed so many times before.

On the other camp, Thomas Mueller, a two-time Champions League winner who has lifted almost every team honour available, said on the club's website on Monday that efficiency would be key in Madrid.

"It's a game on equal terms, on a knife's edge. Football is about being effective. It's a question of millimetres, whether we are effective in the moments where we have opportunities.

"Now it's about getting over the finish line in Madrid. (Real are) extremely dangerous but very playable. Whether they are beatable is for us to determine."

## Is time up for Ten Hag?

AFP, LONDON

Erik ten Hag insists he is the man to revive embattled Manchester United after they hit a new low against Crystal Palace. But will he even be there for the FA Cup final?

Monday's embarrassing 4-0 defeat at Selhurst Park left the team languishing in eighth place in the Premier League and increasingly unlikely to qualify for Europe next season.

The bare statistics make grim reading for United fans and show how far the 20-time English champions have fallen since they dominated under Alex Ferguson more than a decade ago.

The team have now lost 13 games for the first time in the Premier League era and have conceded 81 goals in all competitions - the highest number in a single campaign since 1976/77.

United have only failed once to qualify for European competition since the 1989/90 season but with Newcastle and Chelsea finding form in the league, they may have to beat Manchester City at Wembley later to find a route to continental football.

The embattled Ten Hag is adamant he "absolutely" remains the right man to restore the club's fortunes as new co-owner Jim Ratcliffe steps up his revamp of the club's leadership structure off the pitch.

He told Sky Sports after the defeat at Palace that: "It is very disappointing. Under-performing. Definitely the worst defeat. We should have done better."

Ratcliffe has not wasted any time in reshaping the club's structure as he tries to lay the groundwork for a United resurgence. But now the INEOS boss faces his biggest decision so far.

Does he stick with Ten Hag and accept a potentially humiliating end to the season or cut his losses now and deprive Ten Hag of a day out at Wembley?



## 'Self-belief' steering MSC's revival, comeback wins

ANISUR RAHMAN

Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club advanced to the Federation Cup final with a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over Bangladesh Police in the first semifinal in Munshiganj yesterday.

Despite dominating the match from the start, the Black and Whites conceded a 47-minute lead against the run of play, with Uzbek defender Akhrorbek Uktamov slotting a header home at Shaheed Birshreshtha Flight Lt Matiur Rahman Stadium.

The 11-time champions, however, showed their fighting nature once again to mount huge pressure on Police, and the equaliser popped up in the 68th minute through a side volley from Nigerian forward Emmanuel Sunday.

Saharir Emon, afterwards, nodded the winning goal in the 79th minute to take Mohammedan to the second final of the season following the Independence Cup, where they surrendered the lead to suffer a 2-1 defeat to Bashundhara Kings in the final.



Interestingly, Mohammedan have now reached the final of three tournaments in succession after having ended a 10-year wait for a title last season.

Yesterday's comeback victory was not unexpected from Mohammedan. This season, in five Federation Cup outings, they rallied from behind to emerge victorious on four occasions.

Mohammedan, who had undergone an extended lean period prior to the last season, also demonstrated their never-say-die spirit in two matches of the ongoing Bangladesh

Premier League, where they are still unbeaten after 14 league fixtures.

Moreover, the Motijheel-based outfit also came from behind twice to draw against Bangladesh Army and Fortis FC in the group stage of the Independence Cup. "Since the Federation Cup triumph last season, the players regained self-belief... and the comeback wins have been the outcomes of it. All credit goes to the players who are giving their best on the pitch," head coach Alfaz Ahmed told the Daily Star after the match, on the way back to Dhaka.

"This group of players have been playing together for the last three to four years and, so, they have good understanding among them. Besides, everyone from the coaching staff to the team management is actively involved with the squad, and a strong bond between the players and officials is playing a role behind such performances," said the former national striker. In the title decider, Mohammedan now await either Kings or Abahani, who will face off next Tuesday.

**বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল**  
২০৩, শহীদ সৈয়দ নজরুল ইসলাম সরণী  
পুরাতন ৮৬ বিজয়নগর, ঢাকা-১০০০।

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ডাঃ বান মোঃ সাইদুল আমান, কন্সাল্টেন্ট, রেসপিটোরি মেডিসিন বিভাগ, ইউনাইটেড হাসপাতাল লি., প্রট: ১০৫, রোড: ৭১, গুলশান, ঢাকা-১২১২। উক্ত চিকিৎসক এর বিরুদ্ধে অভিযোগকারী মিঃ মোহাম্মদ মোস্তফা, স্যুটি : সিএ ২, বাড়ি: ৬, রোড: ১৫ (নতুন), ধানমন্ডি আ/এ, ঢাকা তাহার পিতার চিকিৎসা কার্যে অবহেলা জনিত কারন উল্লেখ করে অত্র কাউন্সিলে অভিযোগ দাখিল করেন। উক্ত অভিযোগের প্রেক্ষিতে কাউন্সিল অভিযোগকারী এবং চিকিৎসক উভয়ের সাক্ষাৎকার গ্রহন করা হয়। পরবর্তীতে কাউন্সিল কর্তৃক তদন্ত কর্মটি পূর্ন পূর্বক তদন্তে প্রমিত হয় যে, একজন কন্সাল্টেন্ট চিকিৎসক হলেও GB Mass (Carcinoma) বিষয়টি জানার পর তাহার Prescription Pad - এ তাহার উল্লেখ করেনি এবং রোগীর কোন আত্মীয়-স্বজনকে Gall Bladder Cancer এর বিষয়টি অবগিত করা হয়নি। ইহা বিবেচনায় স্তম্ভুর অপরাধ এবং চিকিৎসা কার্যে চিকিৎসকের যথেষ্ট গাফিলতি ও অবহেলা ছিল, তাহা প্রমাণিত হয়।

এমতাবস্থায় বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল আইন, ২০১০(৬১ নং আইন) এর ২৩(১) ধারায় প্রদত্ত ক্ষমতাবলে নিম্নলিখিতসি হইতে প্রদত্ত তাহার রেজিস্ট্রেশন (A-15952 Date of Registration: 05.05.1987) ৬ (ছয়) মাসের জন্য স্থগিত করা হইল যাহা ০৮/০৫/২০২৪ইং তারিখ হইতে কার্যকর হইবে। উল্লেখিত সময়ে বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল আইন, ২০১০ (৬১ নং আইন) এর ধারা ২২(১) অনুযায়ী তাহার রেজিস্ট্রেশন স্থগিতকালীন সময়ে নিজেই চিকিৎসক হিসাবে কোথাও কোন প্রকার চিকিৎসা সেবা প্রদান করিতে পারিবেন না। এমনকি উক্ত সময়ে তিনি নিজেকে চিকিৎসক হিসাবে পরিচয় দিতে পারিবেন না।

Hossain  
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