

## Tamim penalised over Hales incident

SPORTS REPORTER from Sylhet

Fortune Barishal skipper Tamim Iqbal received one demerit point along with a warning for breaching Level 1 Article 2.6 code of conduct during his side's fifth Bangladesh Premier League T20 match against Rangpur Riders on Thursday.

Match referee Neeyamur Rashid Rahul confirmed the development to The Daily Star on Friday morning and added that they took the decision based on the umpires' report and evidence. Tamim accepted the charges, which means there was no need for any hearing.

"As per evidence, we sent the CoC [Code of Conduct] against Tamim Iqbal. We have given him a warning with one demerit point," Neeyamur said.

After the match between Barishal and Rangpur, a heated exchange of words between Tamim and Rangpur's English batter Alex Hales took place at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium.

Tamim was visibly more aggressive during the altercation while Hales also seemed to have said something to him.

"We have also heard about Hales [Alex]. But we had no evidence against him. What Hales said in the press conference, we can't count it as it would be a one-sided thing," Neeyamur said, adding that Tamim was not given any fine for the incident.

After the match, Hales had said that Tamim was asking him about some past incidents.

"I don't know. He was upset about something. He was getting very personal. He was asking if I was embarrassed for getting banned over drugs in England. He was saying if I was still taking drugs. And he was very very rude and that was really a shame," Hales told Channel 24 during an interview.



## 'It's been tough to get over the heartbreak'

Dhaka Capitals had high expectations from their star English batter **Jason Roy** in the ongoing Bangladesh Premier League but the 34-year-old batter disappointed as he could make only 19 runs in two matches, both in losing causes. After only two matches, Roy left for Dubai yesterday to take part in **ILT20** for Sharjah Warriors. Before leaving Bangladesh, the 2019 World Cup winner talked to **The Daily Star's Samsul Arefin Khan** regarding his short stint in BPL, his observations on the evolution of the tournament and his plans with international and franchise cricket. Here are the excerpts from the interview:

**The Daily Star (DS):** You had a short stint in this year's BPL. How was it for you overall?

**Jason Roy (JR):** Obviously disappointing to lose two games. I think tonight [Thursday] was a big one for us. We should have probably won this one. But a heavy amount of dew was out there. It was incredibly difficult for the bowlers to control the ball. I would like to come here for a bit longer next time so that I can get a bit of feel for the team and really help produce some match-winning stuff. But it's been really enjoyable overall.

**DS:** You have played in the BPL in the very early stage of your career in 2011-12. Now it's the 11th edition. Have you found any differences or changes after all these years?

**JR:** It's always a good standard and it's always great. More often, the pitches have been good. And the crowd absolutely love it. It's always nice to play in front of passionate people.

I've played for Chittagong Kings twice [also played for Sylhet Sixers before]. This year it's just different environment, different pitches and different everything about it. It's nice to say that I have played all over the world and I have done well in all those franchise tournaments. That's a very nice feeling for me. And one day when I have to sit in six to seven years later, I can look back and be very proud of the effort.



**DS:** You have played for England for so many years. Along with your personal milestones, you also won 50-over and T20 World Cups for England. With the ICC Champions Trophy coming up, do you have any regrets over missing out on playing in the tournament?

**JR:** There is no regret. This is not my decision. I would love to still be there. In my head, obviously I feel I can still perform incredibly well at that level, especially in the 50-over stuff. But they are strict about picking younger players and that's completely fair. So it's been difficult to take. Obviously the last few years have been hard to get over. It's a bit of a heartbreak you know, like losing a nice girlfriend or something like that. It's been tough to get over the heartbreak but I'm really enjoying my lifestyle now. My life is now looking after my family and travelling around the

world to do something that I love.

**DS:** Who, according to you, are the favourites for the Champions Trophy?

**JR:** England win and that's easy (laughs). Who knows? Actually I have no idea what's going on. There are lots of international teams playing incredible cricket. It's hard for me to put finger on a team as all teams have some incredible players. So if they can fire, it's going to be a great tournament.

**DS:** Do you have any plan to retire from international cricket anytime soon?

**JR:** I have no plan to retire from international cricket. If I get selected, I'm free to play. I can't just go, turn up and play unfortunately, as much as I wish I could. I'm going to get some performance, play a lot of cricket and do well so that I can get selected again.



## Mohammedan stay perfect in BPL

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Title contenders Mohammedan Sporting Club handed a 3-1 defeat to Rahmatganj MFS in Munshiganj yesterday, extending their winning streak to seven matches in the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL).

The outcome leaves Mohammedan in pole position with a maximum 21 points, six points ahead of second-placed Rahmatganj, who have played seven matches as well.

Having suffered a bitter elimination from the Federation Cup group stage following a 1-0 defeat against archrivals Abahani on Tuesday, Mohammedan shifted their full focus to the league. Determined to claim their maiden professional league title, the Black and Whites also avenged a 1-0 defeat to Rahmatganj in their Federation Cup opener.

At Birshrestha Shaheed Flight Lt Matiur Rahman Stadium, Mohammedan had to wait until the extra time of the first half to break the deadlock through Razu Ahmed Zisan, before Malian forward Souleymane Diabate provided a 2-0 cushion in the 64th minute. Five minutes later, Nigerian Emmanuel Sunday put the game to bed.

For Rahmatganj, Ghanaian Samuel Boateng -- who struck six goals against Dhaka Wanderers Club -- netted a consolation goal to raise his tally to 11 goals in seven matches.

In the day's other matches, Brothers Union handed a 4-1 defeat to Wanderers in Gazipur -- climbing up to third position with 14 points -- Fortis FC drew 1-1 with Bangladesh Police FC in Mymensingh, and defending champions Bashundhara Kings came from behind to inflict a 4-1 defeat on Fakirerpool Young Men's Club at Dhaka's Kings Arena.



## TRIUMPH AT COURTSIDE

### Bishwa Ekadosh win DS Futsal Tournament 2025

SPORTS REPORTER

At the picturesque artificial football turf at Courtside in the capital's Madani Avenue, The Daily Star employees yesterday spent an enthralling day at The Daily Star Futsal Tournament 2025, and, at the end of it all, the sports department's team, Bishwa Ekadosh, emerged victorious.

A total of 13 teams of newsmen-turned-amateur booters gave their all on the battlefield, demonstrating passion, enthusiasm, and a spirit of camaraderie in 17 games of seven-a-side action, beginning in the morning.

As the players strove for victory on the field, their colleagues and family members cheered them on from the sidelines, while children frolicked around in the open fields at Courtside, the event's venue partner.

Eventual winners, Bishwa Ekadosh, had a bumpy start, drawing 0-0 against Digital Strikers in their campaign opener, but they bounced back against Copa Shamsu,

beating them 1-0 in a must-win game to qualify for the last four as group champions.

In the first semifinal between Bishwa Ekadosh and Snap Shooters, comprised of photojournalists, both teams failed to score in the stipulated time, and the penalty shootout also ended 2-2 after five attempts apiece. In sudden death, the Bishwa Ekadosh keeper saved a shot and then converted from the spot to send his teammates into raptures.

In the final, Bishwa Ekadosh outclassed business development's Sales Warriors -- who arrived into the match after thrashing HR and admin department's Myrmidons 3-0.

The regular time, however, saw no goals despite a one-sided affair, and the final went down to the penalty shootout, which Bishwa Ekadosh won 2-0 to claim the inaugural tournament.

The intra-office tournament was held as part of the celebrations for The Daily Star's 34th Anniversary on January 14.

## Neuer back for Bayern

REUTERS, Berlin

Bayern Munich goalkeeper Manuel Neuer will make his comeback on Saturday at Borussia Moenchengladbach after a rib injury, but his replacement Daniel Peretz will be sidelined for several weeks, coach Vincent Kompany said on Friday.

Neuer broke a rib during a rough challenge that also earned him his first career red card in their German Cup loss to Bayer Leverkusen on Dec. 3.

Israel international Peretz stepped in until the winter break, but he twisted his ankle in training earlier in the week and will now be sidelined for several weeks.

"There is good luck that Manuel is back with us and bad luck that Daniel will be missing for some weeks," Kompany said. "We don't know yet for exactly how long. Hopefully at the end of the month or start of next month, Daniel will be back."

Bayern are in top spot on 36 points as the Bundesliga resumes after the three-week winter break, with a four-point lead over champions Bayer Leverkusen.

They also travel to Feyenoord in the Champions League on Jan. 22.

The Bavarians have lost five of their last nine away games at Gladbach, more than against any other team in the same period.

Kompany will also be missing in form Jamal Musiala - the attacking midfielder, who has scored nine league goals so far, is out with the flu.

"I have said it before that Jamal...cannot be replaced one-for-one," Kompany said.

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