

BFF President's Statement for June

National coach Andrew Ord begins his tenure,

The Senior and U23 National Head Coach for Bangladesh, Andrew Ord arrived in Dhaka on June 4 to take up his new role here in Bangladesh.

Andrew worked closely with the Australian National Team as an Opposition scout for the (FIFA World Cup 2018 Qualifying Campaign). He has had youth development experience in Myanmar for Yangon United setting up the first full time Academy of the country. He has worked with Muang Thong United in Thailand as the U21 Head Coach, as well as the video analyst and opposition scout for the Thailand National Team and has had experience in the Thai Premier League as a head coach.

U23 training camp starts

The training camp for the U23 men started on June 7 with a view to capture some of the best young players and then building a team for the 'AFC U-23 Championship 2018' qualifiers which is scheduled for July 19-23, 2017 in Palestine.

The preliminary phase of the camp was held from June 7 to June 9 at Bangabandhu National Stadium, Dhaka.

A total of 54 players were selected after observing and evaluating performances.

The camp focused on physical, technical and football development with a view to select an initially expanded Bangladesh U-23 national squad.

The U23 national camp is still in full swing with the eager and effective participation of all players.

The camp has been arranged to monitor the players' performance, mentality and to further raise their ability levels which is vital in bringing good results for Bangladesh in the upcoming tournament.

The squad began its residential camp at BKSP on June 19.

Federation Cup 2017 ends

The Federation Cup 2017 has ended with Dhaka Abahani Lifting their 10th title.

Super League phase of Pioneer football held

The Super League phase of the Pioneer Football League 2017 began on June 8, 2017.

The top 20 teams of the preliminary round battled it out in the Super League, divided into 4 groups of 5.

All the matches of this phase were played at 2 venues — Kamapur Stadium and RAJUK Outer Stadium.

U18 camp starts

To capture the best young talented U18 male players, the BFF arranged a number of talent identification opportunities for U18 players.

The Bangladesh National U18 Football Team will participate in the upcoming 'SAFF U18 Championship 2017' from 18th – 27th September in Bhutan and the 'AFC U19 Championship 2018 qualifiers' scheduled from the 31st October – 8th November in Tajikistan.

The U18 players of the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) and Bangladesh Championship League (BCL) and also the selected players from the recently concluded 'U18 National Championship 2017' were invited.

U16 camp starts

To capture the best young talented U16 male players, the BFF arranged a number of talent identification opportunities for U16 players.

The Bangladesh National U16 Football Team will participate in the upcoming 'SAFF U16 Championship 2017' from 18th – 27th August in Nepal and the 'AFC U16 Championship 2018 qualifiers' scheduled from the 16th – 24th September in Qatar.

The U16 players throughout the country, an expanded squad from the talent hunt programs and players from the Pioneer League were invited. These opportunities will continue with a view of choosing the best 30 players.

U16 girls' Japan tour

The Bangladesh National U16 Women's team went on another tour to Japan to play four friendly matches and further hone their experiences, learning and development.

The U16 girls left on June 17 and attended training sessions at the J-GREEN Sakai National Training Center in Osaka, Japan.

The six-day training was held from June 18 to June 24 where the Bengal girls played inspiring football picking up a great victory in the final match after suffering three losses despite their spirited performances.

The Japan tour was arranged as part of the team's preparation for the AFC Championship later this year in Thailand.

Begum Sufia Kamal Award for U16 girls

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad honoured Bangladesh women's U16 team with this year's Begum Sufia Kamal Award for their performance.

BFF's head of women's football, Mahfuza Akhter Kiron, received the award on behalf of the U16 girls on June 20.

The U16 girls are the core of Bangladesh National Women's Team, which has leapt ahead 11 places in the latest FIFA rankings. The Bengal girls are now ranked 103rd among 177 nations.

Bangladesh participates in Gazprom Football for Friendship programme

Bangladeshi participants took off on June 25 to take part in Gazprom's 5th Season of the Football for Friendship Programme scheduled from June 26.

These participants are set to enjoy final match of the FIFA Confederations Cup 2017 live having taken part in several training programmes and workshops on football.

Notably, Bangladesh took part in the Football for Friendship Programme for the first time ever and was among the 64 countries at the event.