

BFF President's statement for February 2019

Greetings! Welcome to the briefing of February 2019

U16 girls in Myanmar to secure AFC finals qualification

Bangladesh U16 women's national team in Myanmar to take part in the second round of qualifiers of the AFC U16 Women's Championship 2019 Thailand. The players and staff members expressed their confidence in doing well. The team will be playing against China, Philippines and Myanmar Group B. In the first game the team beat Philippines 10-0 and are looking forward to their second game against the hosts.

Talent Identification the key to the development of Bangladesh Talent

The talent hunt to find talented U15 and U18 players for the Fortis BFF Football Academy reached the National phase at Kamalapur Stadium over a four day period. The Fortis BFF Academy in Dhaka's Beraid will host players from U15-U18.

Separate day-long trial camps for the U15 and U18 youngsters took place in several districts from throughout January. The primary phase of talent hunt continued till February 10 at the district level. Then the second phase of the trial process took place with the selected players on the divisional level from February 12-14. For this, the whole country was divided into 7 zones. Trials of Pioneer school football players and BKSP players took place on the 16th and 17th of February.

And then the final phase was held from February 19-22. I visited the ground to inspect the process on the final day with the U18 age group.

I believe the academy will play a vital role in building future football and providing opportunities for all talented players in Bangladesh. The BFF Football Academy will begin its journey hopefully once the building construction has been completed towards the end of March.

Primary U23 team announced for AFC qualifiers

The primary squad for AFC U23 Championship-2020 qualifiers scheduled in Bahrain from 22 to 26 March, has been decided. Before the tournament, the team will undergo a 10-day training camp in Qatar from March 11-20.

Primary Senior National team announced for the friendly versus Cambodia

A preliminary squad for a friendly versus Cambodia scheduled in Cambodia on the 9th of March, has been decided.

Our teams are all geared up to bring some good results. Best of luck to them.

BCL goes on alongside BPL

Bangladesh Championship League (BCL) 2018-19 edition began at Birshreshtha Shaheed Sipahi Mohammad Mustafa Kamal Stadium Kamalapur, Dhaka on February 10. The tournament kicked-off with the match between Farashganj FC and Dhaka City FC Ltd.

Several rounds have been played so far and the title race has begun to heat up.

RTV to broadcast Bangamata U19 Women's Int'l Gold Cup 2019

Private television channel RTV will broadcast all the matches of Bangamata U19 Women's International Gold Cup 2019. On February 12, a contract for the broadcasting rights of the competition was signed between competition rights holder K-Sports and RTV at the BFF House. The tournament will be held from April 23 to May 3 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. A total of six teams will play in the competition including Bangladesh.

Mirona becomes first female coach for men's team in Bangladesh

Mirona Khatun, a former national player, has become the first woman to become the head coach of a men's football team. The navy was appointed coach of City FC. Mirona got her AFC B level coaching license under the coaching and education programme initiated by the BFF.

I wish her the very best in her new endeavor.

Youth and Sports state minister pledges help for DFAs

State Minister for Youth and Sports Zahid Ahsan Russell has promised to provide support on various levels to develop football in both district and divisional levels. Presidents of district and divisional football associations (DFAs) sat for a discussion with the state minister on February 5 where the BFF presented its proposal regarding the district and divisional football associations.

Referees come from all over Bangladesh

We have recently held a week-long training course for referees from all over Bangladesh. This again is part of our Football strategy to introduce more referees to the game, support them and provide opportunities for them. It was refreshing to see over 70 referees involved in the training.

I wish them all the very best in their future endeavors.