

President Statement for March 2018

Congratulations U15 girls

Our young girls continue to do us proud. This time the U15 girls won the Jockey CGI Youth Football Tournament in Hong Kong in their age group.

The Bangladesh U15 team won 10-1 against Malaysia, 8-1 against Iran and 6-0 against Hong Kong, proving convincingly that they were completely in a different league.

Moreover, what really lifts the heart is the fact that our team did not depend on one or two strikers there were more than half a dozen players who found the net showing that it was indeed a team performance not a one man show, or rather one girl show.

Bangladesh comes back to hold Laos

The Bangladesh national team played their first international match in nearly 17 months on March 27 and delivered a decent display away from home.

Despite the lack of match experience, the team showed character and dug deep to carve out a draw from being 2-0 down.

Playing against Laos, currently ranked 14 steps ahead of Bangladesh, the team fought till the final whistle and goals from Jafar Iqbal and Sufil secured a draw for the Red and Greens.

The show of grit gives us hope of better days in football ahead.

Sabina-Krishna off to India

Star footballers Sabina Khatun and Krishna Rani Sarker flew to India on March 25 to take part in the Indian Women's League 2017-18, a franchise football league being played in Shillong.

Their club Sethu FC of Tamil Nadu decided to rest them for the first match on March 26 and lost the match 0-5 against KRYHPSA.

However, Sabina played in the second match against Gokulam Kerala FC on March 28 and scored a goal in a 2-0 victory. Krishna also played the last 15 minutes of the match and showed glimpses of her ability.

Sabina then continued her red hot form to hand Sethu four wins in five games so far where Sabina herself has scored 6 goals.

The BFF wishes them much success in their endeavour and I am sure they will make us proud.

Coaches' A Diploma course sees successful completion

The BFF AFC A Certificate Diploma Coaching Course 2018 came to a successful completion with the ending of the second phase on March 24, which had begun on March 10.

Attendees included BPL and BCL coaches. The candidate coaches completed two parts of the course being exposed to a range of modules in line with the AFC Course Competency model.

Candidate coaches were also exposed to a range of in and post course tasks which include research and evidence based, practical session coaching and coach observation.

In line with the BFF's strategic plan to develop better coaches to produce better footballers, the BFF will support, assist and mentor these coaches during the BFF AFC A Certificate process.

Following the 'B' and 'A' certificate courses, all students still have post course tasks to complete and practical coaching session practice. Tutorials of support are organized on a consistent basis for all students throughout this process.

To continue the process of training new coaches, the BFF will organize a 'C' Certificate Coaching Course from April 3.

After that, the BFF have arranged a Goalkeeping Level 1 course which will begin from April 25.

Chittagong, Khulna clinch Bangabandhu-Bangamata Gold Cup titles

Chittagong's West Uzantia Govt. Primary School, Pekua, Cox's Bazar and Khulna's Doharo Govt. Primary School, ShoiloKupa, Jhenaidah came through as winners of the Bangabandhu Gold Cup Primary School Football Tournament 2017 and Bangamata Begum Fozilatunnessa Mujib Gold Cup Primary School Football Tournament 2017 respectively.

The final round of the tournament ended with the final matches of the boys and girls division played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on March 28.

I want to congratulate the winners and also runners-up Rajshahi and Mymensingh for their brilliant performance.

The BFF, in collaboration with the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education is working to continue this tournament to find more talented footballers.

N'ganj's Rafi selected for Gazprom F4F

The 2018 Football for Friendship (F4F) will be held in Moscow, Russia, 8-15 June 2018.

In order to find out a footballer of 12 years of age (boy or girl), the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) held an open trial on March 12 in which a total of 200 players took part.

After the 4-hour trial, Rafi Ratan of Madanganj Football Academy, Narayanganj was selected by the coaches to take part in the Gazprom F4F programme.

F4F is the International Children's Social programme implemented by Gazprom— official partner of FIFA and World Cup in Russia later this year.

The goal of the programme is to involve the younger generation throughout the world in promoting the most important human values among their peers – friendship, equality, peace and respect for different cultures and nationalities.

211 countries and regions joined the Football for Friendship in 2018.

The final events of the season will be held in Moscow, Russia, 8-15 June 2018.

Clear Men Bangladesh U-17 Championship going strong

'Clear Men Bangladesh under-17 Championship' started from March 25, 2018.

Renowned shampoo brand Clear is the organizer of the tournament while BFF will help in every possible way as a partner.

The first rounds of Rajshahi and Rangpur Division were played on March 27 and 28.

After 3 rounds, the final phase of Rangpur division was completed on March 30 whereas the final phase of Rajshahi was completed the next day.

Matches in the other divisions will be played in the upcoming days.

A total of 272 teams are taking part in the nation-wide tournament.

With the participation of top schools of the country, the tournament will be a pathfinder for those who have high potential to be top-class footballers in near future.

All the schools will play several matches among themselves and the top 16 will head to the final round.

Top 26 footballers of the tournament will be given the chance to take part in BFF boot camp.

Rajshahi, Dhaka crowned Bangladesh Juba Games Football Champions

Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions came through as the champions of Bangladesh Juba Games Football 2018 in boys and girls section respectively.

In the finals played on March 14, Rashahi beat Sylhet 4-1 in the boys section and Dhaka beat Mymensingh 3-1 in the girls section.

In the final round, a total of 8 teams competed in the men's division and 7 teams in the women's.

Mahakhali lifts 3rd Shokhi Women's Football Tournament trophy

OrunadoyMahakhali lifted the trophy of 3rd Shokhi Women's Football Tournament 2018 beating DurbarMohammadpur 2-0 in the final match on March 8.

The third edition of Shokhi Women's Football Tournament began on March 4, 2018.

Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) organized the tournament with support from the BFF.

A total of six teams participated in the tournament in which Mahakhali trumped others to claim the championship.