

YOUTH CITY 2030 COMES TO A CLOSE

Over 1600 youngsters attend the programme

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Youth City 2030 came to a successful close yesterday with about 1600 students attending its training programmes.

Hundreds of students took part in Bahrain's largest summer camp which was launched last month. Experienced trainers taught various arts and sciences at the sixth edition of Youth City 2030. The camp was categorized into four sections namely Art, Science, Leadership and Media – with classes for painting, leadership, public relations, cooking, fashion designing, technology, writing, video production, photography and other subjects on offer. It was organized at Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre in Sanabis.

"We offered 3000 training opportunities, every student was allowed to register in more than two courses. There was a huge interest and we were able to meet the interest. We had professional trainers who contributed greatly in providing the perfect experience for the students. The volunteers at the venue also played a crucial



Marwa Buhaila, a trainer

role in the success of the programme," an organizer said.

Sharing a similar view, Youth City 2030 Media Committee Head Abdallah El Hamy said "I think every student who took part will take away something special from their experience at the camp. The camp provided a great learning experience with classes for various subjects. Youth City 2030 is unique in that respect, there are so many different subjects covered."

"We even had elections which decided heads of each category. The elections experience helped the youngsters understand basics of democracy, leadership and persuasion. Prizes were also distributed to the outstanding students who won the various competitions which was held during the camp," he added.

Marwa Buhaila, who volunteered to teach at the



From the art and crafts session



At a carpentry training session

camp said the response from the children was perfect. "I worked in a class where we taught students leadership qualities. The students were extremely cooperative and happy to learn. Some students were very

reserved at first but after we conducted some activities they started to express themselves. We could easily see the change in the students, after only a few days they already started being more open and expressive."



Youngsters at the training programme

Wide Angle



Joel Indrupati

'That's not Cricket'

England regained the 'Ashes' this week, on 24 August, after their fifth cricket test match against Australia, played at The Oval in London.

By winning this five-match 'Ashes 2015' series, 3-2, they got the trophy back from the touring Australians.

But, as I watched the news, somehow, my mind went back to the traditional over-a-century-old England-Australia cricket rivalry.

It had, actually, given rise to the very term 'Ashes' since 1882, when an English newspaper had written a mock obituary stating that English cricket had died, and that "the body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia!"

My mind particularly went back to England's role in Ashes 1932-1933 series. A series about which I had read much, and I had watched much. And I now thought it might worth a revisit by us.

Almost a century has passed since that controversial tour of Australia by English cricketers, but the 1932-1933 series, which had caused a huge diplomatic upheaval, will always be remembered for the revisions of the laws of Cricket it had soon evoked.

I remember watching 'Bodyline', a wonderfully-made BBC mini-series on television that showed the controversy surrounding the strategy of England's Captain Douglas Jardine of having his bowlers use some completely ungentlemanly tactics to get the great batsman Don Bradman out.

Jardine's attack was a revenge-seeking one because, earlier in 1930, England had lost the series to the touring Australians.

And the Australian Don Bradman, during that time, was riding high on the crest of his career.

In fact, Australia had, in 1930, won the five-Test series 2-1, with Don Bradman scoring 974 runs at a batting average of an astounding 139.14, an aggregate record that still stands, even today.

By 1932-33, Bradman's average had hovered around 100, approximately twice that of all other world-class batsmen of that time. Then aged 24, Bradman clearly was not going to retire anytime soon.

Therefore, he became the prime target of the English bowlers.

Apparently, as soon as Jardine was named captain for the 1932-33 English tour of Australia, Jardine met up with his two fast bowlers Harold Larwood and Bill Voce at London's Piccadilly Hotel to discuss a plan to combat Bradman's extraordinary skills.

They knew that Bradman gets uncomfortable facing deliveries which bounced higher than usual at a faster pace, and that he would step back out of the line of the ball.

And thus was born a new form of bowling delivery called "Bodyline" created by them. The ball was bowled close to, or at, the batsman.

It was bowled towards the body of the batsman on the line of the leg stump, in the hope of creating leg-side deflections that could be caught by one of the several fielders in the quadrant of the field behind square leg.

The English wanted to reduce Bradman's scoring, or get him out, but this dangerous bowling had actually led to a large number of serious injuries on the Australian team.

England won the series 3-1. But it made Australians bitter. And what followed was a huge protest that strained England-Australia relations. Soon cricket laws were revised and Bodyline bowling tactics were banned soon after the series.

An occasional short-pitched ball aimed at the batsman (called a bouncer) has never been illegal and is still in widespread use as a tactic.

But a direct bodyline delivery is just not cricket, which is, after all, a gentleman's game.

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Mobile Snatching: Ruling on Aug 31

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A new ruling date was announced yesterday in the trial of a man accused of robbery.

The accused reportedly robbed a 52-year-old woman of her mobile phone before selling it for BD40 here.

He was scheduled to hear

his verdict yesterday, before the High Criminal Court delayed it to August 31.

The robbery occurred on November 8 last year, where the accused allegedly snatched the phone from the Russian pedestrian.

The accused, in car stopped by the victim. "He asked in English if I was in need for

help, and I politely asked him to leave," the woman told prosecutors in her statement.

"But he suddenly snatched my mobile phone which was in my jacket."

"I tried to resist him and grab the phone back. But, he overpowered me and bolted in his car. I grabbed on to the window of his car

when it started moving and I fell down," she added. The woman suffered a broken nose, wounds to her lips as well as bruises to her face on account of the incident, according to a medical report.

The Bahraini suspect was arrested after eight days of the robbery at a Juffair hotel, according to court files.