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Faye was in Belgium over this past weekend performing his role in the opening round of this year's WEC season at Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, which is scheduled to take place Sunday, May 1.

The Deputy Race Director works under the FIA Championship Race director, as appointed by the FIA.

They are its representatives that attend all the championship rounds and whose au-

thority is to control practice, qualifying and the race itself. They work closely with the Clerk of the Course and the Stewards.

The Race Director and his Deputy's general duties are ensuring the safe and fair running of the championship races within the prescribed regulations.

Faye's new role is a testament to Bahrain's rich motorsport culture and Bahraini expertise in the sport, as well as the trust the international motor racing community has in Bahraini talents.

His appointment adds to the many titles he currently holds as one of the leading motorsport officials in the region.

In addition to currently being on the Bahrain Motor Federation Board, Faye is also the Motorsports Marshals Club President. Furthermore, he has been a member of the FIA Circuit Commission since 2010, is an FIA Gold Track Inspector, and has been the Clerk of the Course for the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix since 2004.

Jayawickrama bowls Lanka to series victory

Praveen Jayawickrama's 11 debut wickets seal Sri Lanka win over Bangladesh

● Sri Lanka took just over an hour to claim the last five Bangladesh wickets with Jayawickrama claiming three of them

AFP | Colombo

Sri Lanka spinner Praveen Jayawickrama enjoyed a dream debut as he claimed 11 wickets to seal a 209-run victory over Bangladesh in the second Test at Pallekele yesterday.

Chasing a daunting 437 to win, Bangladesh were dismissed for 227 in the first session of the final day after resuming at 177-5 as Sri Lanka wrapped up the match, and the series 1-0, after 90 minutes of play.

The 22-year-old left-armer Jayawickrama was named player of the match after claiming 11-178 on his first Test appearance as he added five second-innings wickets to his six in the first.

Jayawickrama said it was a dream come true just to get a place in the Test team.

"It was a childhood dream to play for Sri Lanka one day," Jayawickrama said. "To get 11 wickets in the game is simply unbelievable."

He thanked senior players for their encouragement.

"They just told me not bother when the batsmen go after the bowling, just to be patient and do the basics right," he said. "I



Sri Lanka appeal for the wicket of Liton Das

am glad that it all worked today."

Skipper Dimuth Karunaratne, who was named player of the two-match series for scoring 428 runs in three innings, said Jayawickrama and off-spinner Ramesh Mendis worked well as a team.

"Ramesh also gave him (Jayawickrama) a lot of help from the other end, in terms of building pressure," Karunaratne said. "That bowling partnership was good, and they had an understanding because they also play for the same club."

Off-spinner Ramesh Mendis dismissed four batsmen as all 10 Bangladesh second-innings wickets were taken by slow bowlers.

Jayawickrama struck in the third over yesterday, taking his ninth wicket of the match when he trapped Liton Das lbw with a ball that went straight on and

setting a Sri Lankan record for a Test debutant, surpassing Akila Dananjaya's 8-44 against the same opposition in Dhaka in 2018.

Mendis was replaced after a 15-over spell during which he took two wickets and the bowling change worked immediately as part-time spinner Dhananjaya de Silva struck with his second delivery.

Tajul Islam, on two, attempted a late cut, but only managed to edge it to wicketkeeper Niroshan Dickwella.

Mendis returned to have Taskin Ahmed caught by Dimuth Karunaratne off a top edge as the fielder moved to his left from cover point.

Jayawickrama then mopped up the tail. Mehidy Hasan fell first to take the young bowler's match haul into double figures, before Jayawickrama sealed



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the Test and the series three balls later when he trapped Abu Jayed leg before.

Bangladesh skipper Mominul Haque said despite the series defeat, he was pleased with the team's batting in the first Test.

"There are certainly a lot of positives," the Bangladesh skipper said. "Losing the series doesn't mean I lost everything. There will of course be criticism but we did well as a batting group in the first Test."

He said winning the toss was also crucial as the wicket did not offer much for the bowlers on the first two days when Sri Lanka batted.

"From the third day onwards, there was lot of help for bowlers," he added.

Jayawickrama is the 16th Test cricketer to take 10 wickets or more on debut but only the second this century after Australia's Jason Krejza, who took 12 wickets against India at Nagpur in 2008.

The first Test was drawn after an avalanche of runs, the two sides scoring 1,289 for the loss of just 17 wickets over the five days.

IPL match postponed after two players positive for Covid-19

AFP | New Delhi

The Indian Premier League was forced into its first coronavirus postponement this season yesterday after two players tested positive despite the tournament's bio-secure "bubble".

The Kolkata Knight Riders' match against Virat Kohli's Royal Challengers Bangalore was called off just hours before its start in Ahmedabad after Varun Chakaravathy and Sandeep Warrier became infected.

The positive cases come as India's massive coronavirus surge raises questions about the IPL and concerns over the country's hosting of the Twenty20 World Cup in October and November.

Chakaravathy and Warrier "have isolated themselves from the rest of the squad" after testing positive, an IPL statement said.

"All other team members have tested negative for Covid-19," it added.

The league set up bio-secure bubbles around the eight teams before the tournament as a devastating wave of cases swept across India.



Kolkata Knight Riders' Sandeep Warrier reacts during a match

The IPL said its doctors were in "continuous touch" with Chakaravathy, a 29-year-old spinner, and 30-year-old fast bowler Warrier, and were monitoring their health.

Media reports said the pair may have been infected when they left their team hotel for injury check-ups.

"The medical team is also determining the close and casual contacts of the two positive cases during the 48 hours prior to collection of the sample that returned the positive test results,"

said the statement.

All IPL games so far have been held behind closed doors, but after three Australian players left the tournament last week, organisers sought to reassure the remaining foreign stars that they are "totally safe".

Adam Zampa, Andrew Tye and Kane Richardson left their IPL teams before the Australian government imposed a ban on arrivals from India.

The Australian Cricket Board has said it is in daily contact with the Australian players still

at the IPL.

A number of players, including Bangalore's Australian all-rounder Daniel Sams and Delhi Capitals spinner Axar Patel, tested positive for the virus before the league started on April 9.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India has stepped up coronavirus security as the surge has worsened.

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Lukaku celebrates with Inter fans after 'best year of career'

AFP | Milan

Belgian international forward Romelu Lukaku took to the streets of Milan to celebrate with Inter fans on Sunday after capping "the best year" of his career with the Serie A title.

Lukaku's Inter sealed the 'Scudetto' for the 19th time after nearest rivals Atalanta were held 1-1 at Sassuolo.

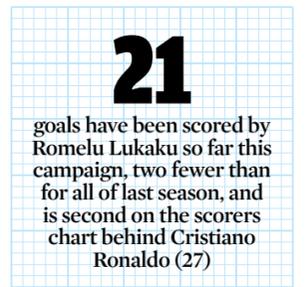
The 27-year-old was pictured on the streets of Milan in a car, waving the team flag and greeting 'Nerazzurri' fans.

"This is the best year of my career," Lukaku told Sky Sports Italia.

"I'm truly proud to play for Inter. I'm really happy for all the Inter fans around the world.

"Now is the time to celebrate with the fans. I went out because I wanted to see

Romelu Lukaku



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them on the streets.

"For many players in the squad, this was their first title.

"We did well last year too, but we improved a lot this season and hope to continue in this manner.

"I'm obviously really happy and want to thank the Inter fans. How great is this!"

The former Chelsea, Everton and Manchester United striker joined Inter in 2019 after coach Antonio Conte's arrival.

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