

Dhaka, July 25: The residential camp of an expanded U18 team at the BKSP ended on July 24.

With Bangladesh's top tier premier league kicking off from July 28, the players returned to their clubs. "But we will still be following them very closely," said Paul Smalley, BFF technical director.

The football federation hoped to get the youngsters back for another camp of 5-7 days in August. "In the meantime we will be working with respective clubs regarding the availability of these players."

Smalley said he was looking to work with an expanded squad of 25-27 players. "We hope to get them again about 10 to 14 days before the SAFF games."

Paul Smalley said the players' performance with the clubs would be monitored and watched closely as the BPL progressed.

The federation would also be working very closely with the clubs not just for availability of the players but also to ensure their grooming.

The U18 SAFF championship games are scheduled for September 18-27.