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Krishna, Sabina power Kings to 12-goal win

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Kings Bashundhara cruised to a 12-0 victory over Anwara Begum SC as the Women's Football League kicked off at the

Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday. The big-spenders, who roped in 19

players from different age level national teams, slammed five goals in the first half before adding seven more against unheralded Anwara Begum SC. National team striker Krishna Rani Sarkar scored four while Sabina Khatun,

the most prolific and experienced female footballer in the country, bagged a hattrick, ensuring the reigning champions of the men's league lived up to the hype as titlefavourites for the women's league too. Mishrat Jahan Mousumi, another national team forward, bagged a brace

while Maria Manda, Sheuli Azim and Nargis Khatun -- all national team players -- got on the scoresheet in the one-sided The result was quite expected as the

formation of the seven teams have been too lopsided, with only one team apart from Bashundhara Kings boasting national team players.

Anwara Begum SC were only relying on their locally-groomed players and were far too short of skill and stamina. While the Kings had at least five shots come off the woodwork aside from the 12 goals, Anwara Begum SC failed to get a shot on target in 90 minutes, exposing the massive gulf between the two sides.

Bangladesh Cricket League

South Zone v East Zone

Five-day Final, Day 2

Krishna said they wanted to score as many as they could. "Our target was to attack right from the start and we did not ease up once we were getting those goals," said the striker who played a single match in the last edition of the league in 2013.

The third edition, which is featuring neither of the two former champions Abahani and Sheikh Jamal nor some established names in domestic football, might prove to be a cakewalk for the Kings given the performance.

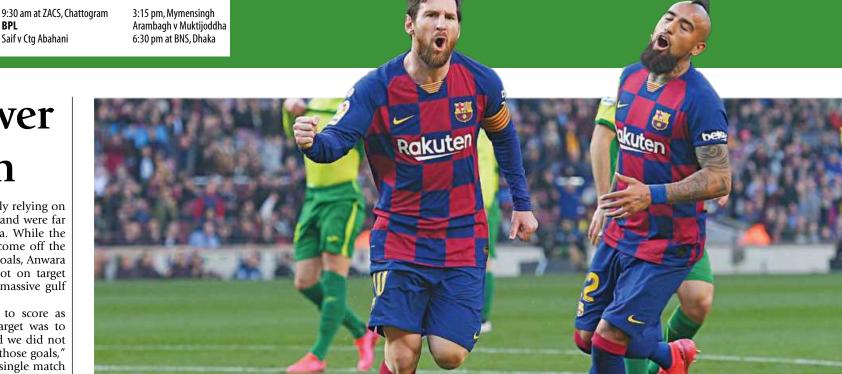
Asha Karmakar, the hapless goalkeeper of Anwara Begum FC who was brought on after first-choice keeper Tahera Khatun had conceded three goals within the first 11 minutes, was unfazed by the outcome.

'I knew we were playing against a team full of national players, so I expected it. I'm not disappointed. I'm excited to have played in such a big match," the 15-yearold from Chapainawabganj said.

To her credit, Asha made a number of excellent saves, or else the margin of defeat might have been far bigger.



Bashundhara Kings striker Krishna Rani Sarker (2nd from L) celebrates one of her four als against Anwara Begum SC during their opening match of the Tricotex Women's Football League at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.



After going four games without a goal, a fired-up Lionel Messi returned to form at the perfect time against Eibar, scoring just as many in Barcelona's 5-0 thrashing of Eibar that provisionally took Barcelona top yesterday.

Lampard bests Mourinho

AFP, London



Olivier Giroud and Premier Marcos Alonso came **League** in from the cold to inspire Chelsea's 2-1

win against Tottenham as the Blues cemented their grip on fourth place in the Premier League on Saturday.

Giroud and Alonso had been reduced to fringe figures in Frank Lampard's first season as Chelsea manager. But Lampard restored both veterans to the team at Stamford Bridge in a gamble that paid rich dividends.

With Tammy Abraham only fit enough to make the bench, Giroud started for the first time since November and the striker's fine finish opened the scoring in the first half.

The 33-year-old could have joined Tottenham had Chelsea signed a forward in January, but instead he netted his first club goal since August and his first in league since April.

Alonso, 29, maintained the theme of exiles getting back in favour as the left-back struck in the second half of his first league start since Chelsea's win at Tottenham in December.

too late to ruin Chelsea's first win who was beaten by Lampard for the in five league games, moving them second time this term.

four points clear of fifth placed Tottenham in the race to qualify for the Champions League.

Ending Tottenham's three-game winning streak in the league was the perfect response to Monday's home defeat against Manchester United. It

> Frank Lampard completed a historic double over his former manager as Chelsea became the first team to defeat a side managed by Jose Mourinho both home and away in a single league season.

was no more than they deserved after a vibrant performance that finally answered Lampard's call for a killer

instinct in the final third. Tottenham have now won just once in their last 34 visits to Stamford Bridge, away in his notebook before the making it a painful return for their interval, but there was no discernable Antonio Rudiger's own goal came former Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho, change in Tottenham's toothless

Mourinho ramped up the mind games on Friday when he claimed to know Lampard was planning to use the same five-man defence that helped them win at Tottenham this season.

Mourinho was spot on, with Lampard making four changes in a return to the system he predicted, but he could not come up with an effective solution.

Lucas Moura and Steven Bergwijn led a makeshift Tottenham attack in the absence of Harry Kane, Son Heung-min and Dele Alli, who was dropped after reacting angrily to his substitution in the midweek defeat against Leipzig.

Giroud's physical style and clever movement were crucial to the opening goal as he held off Toby Alderweireld to reach Jorginho's pass for a shot that Lloris saved with his foot.

The rebound fell to Ross Barkley but his scuffed effort in the post and cannoned back to Giroud, who lashed a blistering strike past Lloris at his near post.

Mourinho had been scribbling display as Alonso increased Chelsea's lead in the 48th minute.

Messi scores four in rout

AFP, Madrid

Lionel Messi scored four goals as Barcelona began a crunch week in their season by thrashing Eibar 5-0 in La Liga on Saturday.

Barca play away at in-form Napoli in the Champions League on Tuesday before facing title rivals Real Madrid next weekend, with pressure on the team, and Messi, amid a period of political turbulence at the club.

Yet, Messi showed no sign of distraction as he completed the second fastest of his 36 hattricks, after 40 minutes at Camp Nou. Messi added a late fourth after being teed up by Martin Braithwaite, Barcelona's emergency signing who enjoyed an excellent cameo off the bench by claiming two assists.

Braithwaite's contribution and Messi's return to form delivered a timely boost ahead next week's Champions League tie against Napoli and a Clasico in La Liga.

Real, Barca make clubs tremble: Pep

AFP, Manchester

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola says clubs "tremble" when Real Madrid or Barcelona come calling after Raheem Sterling expressed his admiration for Real.

The 25-year-old, who is under contract at the Etihad until 2023, described Real as a "fantastic club" in an interview. The forward was photographed with a City shirt on one shoulder and a Madrid shirt on the other.

City and Real meet in the first leg of their Champions League last-16 tie at the Bernabeu next week, so the timing has raised eyebrows.

Sterling is one of City's key assets and his future could be up in the air if the club fail in their appeal against a two-year ban from European competitions for breaching UEFA's financial fair play rules

Guardiola said Real and Barca, the club he used to play for and manage, were true giants of the game.

"All the clubs have to know that when Real Madrid or Barcelona knock on the door the other clubs must tremble," he said on Friday. "They will be in a little bit of trouble.

"Barcelona and Real Madrid are maybe the strongest and most powerful teams in terms of their history and how good they are. That is normal and I understand completely."

Guardiola also said he would talk to the City owner about extending his contract, which runs out after next season.

'Joyous' Neymar reveals he will miss Brazil carnival

Neymar revealed on Friday that he will not be travelling to Brazil for the carnival season after receiving criticism for attending in previous years while injured.

"It is with immense joy that I won't be going to carnival in 2020," the Paris Saint-Germain forward said in a video on Instagram.

"This is good, no controversy this

The world's most expensive player returned to his home nation for the world famous carnival festivities in 2018 and 2019 after picking up foot injuries, but was seen partying and dancing on both

occasions. He stays in France this year after being rested for four matches ahead of Tuesday's 2-1 Champions League defeat at Borussia Dortmund, in which the 28-year-old scored the

Ligue 1 leaders' only goal. After the loss Neymar expressed his disappointment at being left out of those matches following a rib injury picked up against Montpellier at the start of the month, with PSG coach Thomas Tuchel later admitting that his star man "lacked rhythm"

Wazza marks 500th with cheeky Panenka

Wayne Rooney celebrated his 500th appearance in English league football with a goal before Aleksandar Mitrovic saw second-tier high-flyers Fulham to a 1-1 draw away to Derby on Friday.

Former Manchester United star Rooney, England's all-time leading goalscorer, struck from the penalty spot after Tim Ream handled early in the second half at Pride Park when he cheekily chipped the ball over Fulham goalkeeper Marek

I hate tennis, says World No. 55

Kazakh tennis ace Alexander Bublik has made a shocking confession during the Open 13 tournament in France, revealing that he hates the sport he has been practicing since childhood.

Speaking to L'Equipe, the 22-year-old said that he only plays tennis for financial reasons, admitting that he would retire if he earned enough prize money.

"I hate tennis with all my heart," the player, currently number 55 in the world ATP rankings, was quoted as saying by RT. "To be honest, I don't see something positive in being a tennis player. I only play for money. If there was no money, I would stop playing tennis instantly. "I haven't earned enough money, [otherwise] I would have already retired."

U-17 football's final phase from Monday

The final phase of the second edition of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman boys' [U-17] and the first edition of Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib girls' [U-17] National Gold Cup will get underway at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow.

Eight divisional champions in both boys' and girls' sections will compete in the final phase. The finals of both events will be held at the same venue on February 29.

The champions and runners-up in each section will receive Tk two lakh and Tk one lakh respectively as prize money.

The upazila phase of the tournament started in September, 2019 featuring 98,730 boys from 4,828 teams and 11,826 girls from 581 teams. -- Sports Reporter



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Erling Braut Haaland scored his 40th goal of the season as the teenager continued his phenomenal scoring streak in Borussia Dortmund's 2-0 win at Werder Bremen yesterday. The win took them to second in the Bundesliga.

Abahani held by **Brothers**

SPORTS REPORTER



Six-time champions Abahani were held to a 1-1 draw by Brothers Union in their Bangladesh Premier League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The Sky Blues took a deserved lead through Kervens Belfort in the 36th minute, but Brothers mounted late challenge to eke out a point, thanks to Vali Jonov Otabek's 76th-minute equaliser.

The draw denied Abahani the chance to join leaders Saif SC at the top of the table as the Sky Blues, who had beaten Bangladesh Police 2-0, moved to four points from two matches. Brothers, meanwhile, moved to two points after holding Sheikh Russel to a 1-1 draw in their opening match.

Abahani had the lion's share of possession in the first half, with Belfort, Sunday Chizoba and Nabib Newaz Jibon threatening the opposition. Sunday and Belfort though failed to connect to Saad Uddin's inviting cross on 28 minutes.

Jibon had a shot cleared off the goalline by Brothers defender Lancine Toure on the half-hour mark, but he set up Belfort for the opening goal six minutes later.

The local marksman dribbled past a defender and delivered a superb cross for Belfort, which the Haitian smashed home from inside the box.

Abahani took the slender lead into the break but failed to keep the momentum after the restart as a couple of substitutions, including the withdrawal of midfielder Edgar Bernhardt, handed a spirited Brothers side the initiative.

> **Brothers 1-1 Abahani** Otabek 76' Belfort 36'

Belfort had a chance to extend the lead when he rose high to meet substitute Mamunul Islam's cross, but the header went straight at the opposition goalie.

Brothers were threatening to equalise all the while and it came in the 76th minute when Otabek raced onto a header from Kingsley Chigozie before finding the back of the net with a diagonal shot.