



With La Liga stakeholders reportedly clamouring for a restart, Real Madrid resumed training on Monday after the players had undergone coronavirus tests. However, Zinedine Zidane took no risks, keeping his mask on for the entire session.

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Kings join cancellation chorus

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The majority of stakeholders of the Bangladesh Premier League have reached a consensus regarding the cancellation of the season, which has been suspended since March 16 due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Although Bashundhara Kings and Abahani had initially been in favour of resuming the BPL, defending champions Bashundhara eventually joined the other clubs in not wanting to take part due to a worsening situation.

Representatives of all clubs had an online meeting on Monday, informed meeting coordinator and Chattogram Abahani football committee secretary Shakil Mahmud Chowdhury yesterday.

"The clubs discussed the current situation and the future of the league. They have all decided not to take part in the ongoing league as

different experts predicted infection and deaths to peak in June-July in Bangladesh. So, resuming will put all of us at risk and increase the financial risk of the clubs. So, we want the BFF to cancel the 2019-2020 season," Shakil said.

He added that Chattogram Abahani have already sent their

will be in financial strife in the post-corona era although we can afford it. Considering everyone's problems, we want BFF to cancel the ongoing season," Bashundhara Kings president Imrul Hasan told The Daily Star, adding they are still waiting for the BFF decision to reach a mutual understanding with

HIGHLIGHTS

» BFF seeking AFC guidelines on cancellation of BPL

» BFF executive committee to sit on May 17

» Only 24% of matches have been completed.

» Some foreign coaches and players have left the country

their foreign players.

"The clubs will also have to face a financial double blow as they have to manage money for the next season after the completion of the ongoing season," said Hasan, stressing that if the BFF resumes the league in the near future, they will have to do so in accordance to the bylaws.

"We can't see the end of the coronavirus and it really is not easy to reopen the league, so we can't wait for a long period in this uncertainty. Besides, our expenditure behind the foreign players is also going up. So, we are asking that the league be cancelled," said Saif SC managing director Nasir Uddin Chowdhury.

At last month's professional football league committee meeting, more than half the clubs wanted a cancellation while others wanted it to be held in a shorter timeframe.

The matter was referred to the executive committee, which is scheduled to sit on May 17 to take the final decision. In the meantime, the BFF secretariat wrote to the AFC asking what would happen if the league was cancelled, inquiring about AFC Cup quota, whether the current table would be recognised and if the BFF could give verdicts on players' contracts.

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Team training in Italy from May 18

AFP, Milan



Serie A clubs can return to team training from May 18 if they make adjustments to medical protocols, the Italian government announced on Monday.

The Italian Football Federation (FIGC) met with the government's technical scientific committee (CTS) last week to discuss details for a return to group training as the country emerges from a two-month coronavirus lockdown.

Italy's sports minister Vincenzo Spadafora and health minister Roberto Speranza said in a joint statement on Monday that the CTS had largely accepted the FIGC protocol for a resumption of group sessions.

"The opinion requested by the government from the Technical Scientific Committee confirms the line of prudence," the ministers' statement said.

"The indications of the CTS, which are to be considered stringent and binding, will be sent to the Federation for the necessary adjustments of the protocol in order to allow for the safe resumption of team training starting from May 18."

Football has been suspended in Italy since March 9 amid the pandemic which has killed nearly 31,000 people in the country.

The Italian government has allowed squads to return to individual training sessions in team facilities from May 4.

But there remain issues to be decided

such as the quarantine of players in case of positive tests for coronavirus.

Italian football bosses want to follow the example of Germany, which returns to action on May 16, and where only positive cases would be put into isolation.

But the CTS insists football must comply with the general rule of two weeks in isolation for those who have been in contact with positive cases.

There are still 13 rounds of football to be played for some teams between mid-June, when the FIGC hopes to return to action, and August.

Since the return to training last week, Fiorentina and Sampdoria announced 10 positive tests. In addition, a Torino player tested positive.

Spadafora later stressed the many tests that will need to be carried out on Serie A footballers would not be done "to the detriment of citizens".

"If these changes are made, there may be collective training from May 18," the sports minister told Italian television. "Whether the championship can resume, we will have to wait at least another week to see how the curve of contagion evolves and then be able to decide."

One by one players have returned to Italy, with Juventus forward Cristiano Ronaldo observing a two-week quarantine and Swedish star Zlatan Ibrahimovic returning to AC Milan on Monday evening. Italy on Monday reported fewer than 1,000 people in intensive care for COVID-19 for the first time since March 10.



AC Milan star Zlatan Ibrahimovic was pictured on his return to Italy on Monday after two months in his native Sweden. The Swede is expected to spend two weeks in quarantine before joining his teammates for group training, which is set to resume on May 18.

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Rose slams plans to restart PL

REUTERS

The Premier League should not restart until the number of new coronavirus cases has dropped significantly, Newcastle United defender Danny Rose said on Monday.

Clubs have been in discussions to finish the season and the hopes of a restart next month was given a boost when the government said elite sport could return after June 1.

"The government's saying 'bring football back



because it's going to boost the nation's morale," Rose said in a video, adding he did not care about the country's morale more than his own health.

"People's lives are at risk. Football shouldn't even be spoken about until the numbers have dropped massively ... I listened to the announcement yesterday, no football until June 1 or something, I don't even pay attention to any of that."

"I think I'm getting tested on Friday, so we'll just have to wait and see," Rose, who is on loan from Tottenham Hotspur until the end of the season, added.



Bangladesh's ace all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan posted this picture alongside his wife and their newborn child yesterday. The 33-year-old and his family are quarantined in the USA.

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Kohli and Smith are like Federer and Nadal: AB

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Former South Africa captain AB de Villiers said Virat Kohli's natural talent makes him a cricketing equivalent of Roger Federer while Steve Smith's mental fortitude matches that of Rafael Nadal.

In an chat with former Zimbabwe seamer Pommie Mbangwa, de Villiers spoke about the two batsmen and compared them with tennis greats Federer and Nadal.

"It's a difficult one, but Virat is definitely the more natural ball-striker, there's no doubt about that," de Villiers said. "In tennis terms, I'd say he's more like a [Rafael] Nadal."

"Smith is mentally very strong and figures out a way of scoring runs - he doesn't look natural, but he ends up writing records and doing amazing things at the crease."

"I think mentally, Smith is one of the

best I have ever seen. Virat has also scored runs all over the world and won games under pressure," he added.

The world knows Kohli as a prolific cricketer but for de Villiers, he is a friend, who has interests beyond cricket.

"He's much deeper than just a cricket player...I think most people realise after a while that there's more to life than just cricket," de Villiers said. "...Virat's always been a thinker, he experiments (with) a lot of things, he loves trying new things out - gym wise, what he puts in his mouth. He thinks a lot about life after life - what's to come, different religions, we talk about everything."

"Obviously, when it comes to the IPL, it's been more than friendship," De Villiers said, when asked who his best friends in cricket are. "Virat obviously - not only during the IPL, we chat throughout the year, which means it's different than just the IPL or cricketing friendship."

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Invitation for e-Tender

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Sl. No.	Tender/proposal package No.	Tender ID	Name of works/package description	Last date & time of selling documents	Last date & time of submission documents
1	e-Tender-01/Rev(XEN)/EED/SUN/2019-2020, Date: 12.5.2020	459620	Repair & Renovation Work of District Education Office Sader Sunamganj	27/05/2020 Time:15:00	28.05/2020 Time: 13:00
2	e-Tender-02/Rev(XEN)/EED/SUN/2019-2020, Date: 12.5.2020	459621	Overall Repair & Renovation Works of Two Storied Administrative Building at Sunamganj Govt. Women's College Sader Sunamganj	27/05/2020 Time:15:00	28.05/2020 Time: 13:00
3	e-Tender-04/Rev(XEN)/EED/SUN/2019-2020, Date: 12.5.2020	459623	Electrical Repair & Renovation Work of District Education Office Sunamganj	27/05/2020 Time:15:00	28.05/2020 Time: 13:00
4	e-Tender-05/Rev(XEN)/EED/SUN/2019-2020, Date: 12.5.2020	459624	Installation & Sinking of Deep Tube-Well at Govt. S.C Girls High School Sader Sunamganj	27/05/2020 Time:15:00	28.05/2020 Time: 13:00
5	e-Tender-06/Rev(XEN)/EED/SUN/2019-2020, Date: 12.5.2020	459625	Construction of Internal Road at Sunamganj Govt. College Sader Sunamganj	27/05/2020 Time:15:00	28.05/2020 Time: 13:00
6	e-Tender-07/Rev(XEN)/EED/SUN/2019-2020, Date: 12.5.2020	459626	Construction of Saheed Minar at Sunamganj Govt. College Sader Sunamganj	27/05/2020 Time:15:00	28.05/2020 Time: 13:00
7	e-Tender-08/Rev(XEN)/EED/SUN/2019-2020, Date: 12.5.2020	459627	Overall Repair & Renovation Works of Two Storied Academic Building at Sunamganj Govt. Women's College Sader Sunamganj	27/05/2020 Time:15:00	28.05/2020 Time: 13:00
8	e-Tender-09/Rev(XEN)/EED/SUN/2019-2020, Date: 12.5.2020	459628	Repair & Renovation Works of Kushiara Girls Hostel building at Sunamganj Govt. Women's College Sader Sunamganj	27/05/2020 Time:15:00	28.05/2020 Time: 13:00
9	e-Tender-12/Rev(XEN)/EED/SUN/2019-2020, Date: 12.5.2020	459631	Overall Repair & Renovation Works of Semi-Pucca Building at Govt. Jubilee High School Sader Sunamganj	27/05/2020 Time:15:00	28.05/2020 Time: 13:00
10	e-Tender-13/Rev(XEN)/EED/SUN/2019-2020, Date: 12.5.2020	459632	Construction of Saheed Minar at Tahirpur Govt. High School Tahirpur Sunamganj	27/05/2020 Time:15:00	28.05/2020 Time: 13:00
11	e-Tender-14/Rev(XEN)/EED/SUN/2019-2020, Date: 12.5.2020	459633	Construction of Saheed Minar at Swarupchandra Govt. High School Jagannathpur Sunamganj	27/05/2020 Time:15:00	28.05/2020 Time: 13:00
12	e-Tender-15/Rev(XEN)/EED/SUN/2019-2020, Date: 12.5.2020	459634	Overall Repair & Renovation Works of Semi-Pucca Building at Swarupchandra Govt. High School Jagannathpur Sunamganj	27/05/2020 Time:15:00	28.05/2020 Time: 13:00

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