



Landslide victory for Salahuddin & Co

BFF POLLS RESULT 2020	PRESIDENT (POST: 1) Candidates (3): Kazi Salahuddin (Vote: 94), Badal Roy (Vote: 40), Shafiquel Islam Manik (Vote: 1)	Abdus Salam Mursheduy (Vote: 91), Sheikh Mohammad Aslam (Vote: 44)	Ahmed (Vote: 81), Ataur Rahman Bhuiyan Manik (Vote: 75), Tabith Awaal (Vote: 65), Mohiuddin Ahmed (Vote: 65), Sheikh Mohammad Maruf Hossain (Vote: 61), Amirul Islam Babu (Vote: 56), SM Abdullah Al Fuad (Vote: 48)	ELECTED MEMBERS : Zakir Hossain Chowdhury (Vote: 87), Abdul Wadud Pintu (Vote: 86), Bijon Barua (Vote: 85), Arif Hossain Moon (Vote: 85), Nurul Islam Nuru (Vote: 84), Mahi Uddin Ahmed Selim (Vote: 84), Tipu Sultan (Vote: 81),	Satyajit Das Rupu (Vote: 76), Iliyas Hossain (Vote: 75), Imtiaz Hamid Sabuj (Vote: 74), Mahfuza Akter Kiron (Vote: 70), Harunur Rashid (Vote: 70), Amer Khan (Vote: 69), Saiful Islam (Vote: 69) and Mohidur Rahman Miraz (Vote: 68).
	SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT (POST: 1) Candidates (2):	VICE-PRESIDENT (POSTS: 4) Candidates (8): Imrul Hasan (Vote: 89), Kazi Nabil			

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Three-time president of Bangladesh Football Federation Kazi Salahuddin retained his helm for another four years as delegates gave the former star player the mandate to run the show of game's local governing body for a fourth consecutive term.

The 66-year left two independent candidates -- Badal Roy and Shafiquel Islam Manik -- far behind in the presidential race by bagging 94 out of 135 votes which were cast, pouring cold water on the anticipation of a battle between him and Roy, who got 40 votes.

Manik ended in third position with a single vote as a total of 135 delegates out of 139 turned up in the much-discussed polls. Delegates of Chattogram Abahani, Sheikh Jamal DC, Sheikh Russel KC and Faridpur DFA did not turn up

An election was held and they passed it. That's all. To tell the truth, there was huge pressure on the delegates. You cannot always tell the truth and this kind of result is not unexpected.

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in the congress as well as in the elections.

Though general football fans, who also turned up yesterday in front of the election venue forming a small human chain, raised their voices on social media platforms and took to the street protesting against the incumbent president in the past, the delegates eventually chose Salahuddin as the president.

Salahuddin, also president of South Asian Football Federation, was the strong candidate

since the announcement of the withdrawal of Roy, who was completely silent during the election process. He had submitted his withdrawal letter after deadline but started communicating with the delegates on Thursday, just two days before the election.

Roy, who was paralysed followed a brain haemorrhage in 2017 and did not turn up to election venue yesterday, had urged the delegates to make

The result was not as expected as the delegates promised to me. The return of Badal Roy in the race and the influence on the delegates might have two major reasons. The result is not expected to me.

SHAFIUL ISLAM MANIK

it a silent revolution to bring change in the BFF leadership. But the delegates gave Salahuddin another chance to complete his unfinished work of past 12 years.

It was not only Salahuddin who shone in the much-hyped polls, his panel completely outplayed the integrated panel, who had called for a campaign to bring a change and was hopeful of seizing on the important posts. Instead the Salahuddin-

led panel secured the senior vice-president's post as well as three vice-president posts.

Abdus Salam Mursheduy, too, retained his leadership as the senior vice-president for the fourth successive term by outvoting Sheikh Mohammad Aslam by 91 to 44 votes.

Salahuddin's combined panel also won three out of four vice president posts.

Actually, it is the triumph of the voters, who brought this result. Many people said many things, but the delegates gave the answers, and I want to thank them.

I have been with football for 12 long years and I always ensured that it was held regularly, and so those involved with football supported me. Many current players came before the AGM to wish me and that helped me realise that

I was working well.

If you look back at the previous elections' results, the number of votes in favour of me has gradually increased, although a section doesn't want to see me at BFF.

We are not here to play politics; all of us are here for football... Those who have been elected from the opposition panel also love football and we will work together in the future.

---Kazi Salahuddin



Even though it was a two-day intra-squad practice match, Mominul Haque raised his bat to express happiness after making a hundred on the final day at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. Mohammad Mithun scored 62. Bangladesh Test captain Mominul however heaped praise on the pacers' effort. "I was bit nervous initially but later enjoyed my batting. I think our pace bowlers bowled brilliantly in this match," Mominul said after the match. The cricketers will play another two-day match from tomorrow.

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Old friends meet on the touchline for first time

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In a highly-anticipated first clash between two former stars of Italy and AC Milan now chasing coaching glory, Gennaro Gattuso's Napoli test their 'Scudetto' ambitions at Andrea Pirlo's Juventus tonight.

It was one of football's most successful midfield partnerships: on the one hand, the snarling, combative Gattuso, and on the other, the thoughtful, elegant, unflappable Pirlo. The pair formed the backbone of a memorable AC Milan team for more than a decade and helped Italy win the 2006 World Cup.

Tonight, the old chums will face each other on the touchline for the first time. Napoli has made an impressive start to the season, winning both of its opening games, while Juve, chasing a 10th successive Serie A title, began with a win and a draw.

While the coaches are good friends, there is no love lost between their teams. More than any other fixture in Italian football, it has come to be seen as a clash between the rich, industrial wealth of the north and the much poorer south.

Napoli has enjoyed the upper hand in the last two meetings, beating Juventus 2-1 in Serie A and winning last season's Coppa Italia final on penalties after a 0-0 draw.

It is a clash which Inter Milan coach Antonio Conte can't wait to see. "Juve v Napoli? I'll enjoy watching it," said Conte, who coached Pirlo as a player to the first three of Juventus's current run of nine Serie A titles. "Napoli are underestimated a lot," continued Conte.

"They are an excellent team, they are among the favourites for the Scudetto. They have a staff and a very good coach who will make life difficult for everyone."

In coaching terms, Gattuso, 42, has had a head start on his former team mate. He is already at his sixth club since embarking

on his new career at Swiss side FC Sion in 2013, where he was unceremoniously sacked after three months. The 41-year-old Pirlo, meanwhile, will be in charge of only his third game as a coach, having been handed the reins in August following the dismissal of Maurizio Sarri.

"He's lucky to be starting at Juventus, but this profession is one where a great playing career is not enough," warned Gattuso. "You have to study, work hard, and you don't get much sleep."

Despite their very different playing



styles, the two players complemented each other perfectly at Milan.

"When I saw him play it made me think I had to change profession," Gattuso once said. "I understood what I had to do, and he took care of the rest. He helped me much more in my career than I did him."

They would also play pranks on each other, with Gattuso's short temper making him a prime target.

Pirlo added: "We'd get out of his way when he got mad but once he'd calmed down and gone to his room, we'd come back out, pile up the sofas in front of the door and block his exit.



Leeds United's Rodrigo Moreno was ecstatic after striking his first goal for the club to earn a 1-1 draw at home to Manchester City in the Premier League on Saturday as Pep Guardiola was denied victory against one of the men (Leeds' Argentine coach Marcelo Bielsa) who inspired him to be a coach.

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Chilwell impresses as Chelsea storm Palace

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Chelsea beat Crystal Palace 4-0 at home in the Premier League on Saturday as Ben Chilwell marked his league debut for the Blues by scoring a goal and creating another for fellow defender Kurt Zouma before Jorginho sealed the win with two penalties.

Palace had stifled Chelsea in a goalless first half but Chilwell punished them for a rare defensive error, firing home from close range in the 50th minute after Mamadou Sakho fluffed a clearance, allowing Cesar Azpilicueta to line up a cross. Chelsea doubled their lead in the 66th minute when the visitors failed to clear a corner and Zouma rose above everyone else in the box to meet a cross by Chilwell and send a header past Vicente Guaita.

Jorginho made sure of the win when he converted two penalties in the space of five minutes late in the game.

Lampard made six changes to the team that salvaged a 3-3 draw after being 3-0 behind at West Bromwich Albion last weekend, four of them at the back as he gave league debuts to goalkeeper Edouard Mendy and left back Chilwell.

'Teammates make me want to work harder'

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Inter Milan's Romelu Lukaku was named the Europa League player of the season for 2019-20 after the Belgian forward led the Italian side to the final with goals in every knockout round.

Lukaku, who scored 34 goals in all competitions in his first season in Italy, scored seven times in the



Europa League.

"I want to thank my family and my agents for their support. I also want to thank my coach and the club staff, the board, and the president for their trust and for helping me throughout this season."

"Most importantly, I want to thank my team mates, who have been great with me from the first day I joined. They've been like brothers to me... Every day I come to training, I come with a smile... they make me want to work harder."