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Landslide victory for Salahuddin & Co

PRESIDENT (POST: 1) Candidates (3): Kazi Salahuddin (Vote: 94), Badal Roy (Vote: 40), Shafiqul Islam Manik (Vote: 1)

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT (POST: 1) Candidates (2):

Three-time president

Football Federation

retained his helm for

another four years

66-year left two

as delegates gave the former star

player the mandate to run the

show of game's local governing

body for a fourth consecutive

independent candidates -- Badal

Roy and Shafiqul Islam Manik

-- far behind in the presidential

race by bagging 94 out of 135

of a battle between him and Roy,

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

who got 40 votes.

Bangladesh

Salahuddin

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term.

Sheikh Mohammad Aslam (Vote: 44) **VICE-PRESIDENT** (POSTS: 4) Candidates (8):

Abdus Salam Mursheduy

(Vote: 91),

Imrul Hasan (Vote: 89), Kazi Nabil

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),

it a silent revolution to bring

change in the BFF leadership. But

the delegates gave Salahuddin

of seizing on the important

posts. Instead the Salahuddin-

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

thank them.

(Vote: 69), Saiful Islam (Vote: 69) and Mohidur Rahman Miraz (Vote: 68). led panel secured the senior vice-

president's post as well as three

Satyajit Das Rupu (Vote: 76),

Iliyas Hossain (Vote: 75), Imtiaz

Akter Kiron (Vote: 70), Harunur

Rashid (Vote: 70), Amer Khan

Hamid Sabuj (Vote: 74), Mahfuza

another chance to complete his Abdus Salam Murshedy, unfinished work of past 12 years. It was not only Salahuddin too, retained his leadership as the senior vice-president for who shone in the much-hyped the fourth successive term by polls, his panel completely outplayed the integrated panel, outvoting Sheikh Mohammad Aslam by 91 to 44 votes. who had called for a campaign to Salahuddin's combined panel bring a change and was hopeful

vice-president posts.

also won three out of four vice president posts.

since the announcement of the withdrawal of Roy, who 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. **BADAL ROY**

in the congress as well as in the elections.

Though general football fans, votes which were cast, pouring who also turned up yesterday cold water on the anticipation in front of the election venue forming a small human chain, raised their voices on social Manik ended in third 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 Jamal DC, Sheikh Russel KC and South Asian Football Federation, the strong candidate was

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 t 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

I was working well. Actually, it is the triumph of

the voters, who brought this If you look back at the previous elections' results, the result. Many people said many things, but the delegates gave number of votes in favour of the answers, and I want to me has gradually increased, although a section I have been with football 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

A peaceful AGM that belied the discontent underneath



The annual general meeting is a forum where delegates capitalise on the opportunity to reflect on the obstacles and achievements of the past year, and to voice their opinions on decisions that will affect the direction of the sport

But yesterday, on the day of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) elections, the BFF's AGM at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel was marked by a distinct lack of voices questioning or opposing the decisions of the past year.

The scenes were in stark contrast to the chaotic ones during the 2016 elections as a calm and quite environment prevailed in the 2020 AGM yesterday. This time around the elective congress saw a peaceful end, with only a couple of councillors asking the incumbent committee why the federation did not come forward to help destitute footballers and stakeholders during the pandemic.

Another requested the AGM to provide voting rights to all clubs involved in the lower division leagues. Although there have been a lot of questions and criticism from different quarters over the declining state of the country's football, the forum apparently was not interested to shine

a spotlight on this crucial issue.
"I never saw such a peaceful AGM before. We have done good work in the past and everyone supported us and 98 percent of delegates were cheerful," said incumbent executive committee member Harunur Rashid.

Bashundhara Kings president and vice-president candidate Imrul Hasan said, "I have participated in two BFF AGMs, including this one, and it was a disciplined meeting compared to the last one. The delegates were excited and in a festive mood and the AGM ended and in a peaceful way.

"The AGM passed everything the incumbent committee presented before us because the election is on everyone's mind. There were a lot of things to ask about but no one raised questions, worrying about how voters would take it ahead of the polls. That's why everyone was silent at the AGM," said Mymensingh Divisional FA president and vicepresident candidate Abdullah Fuad Redwan.

"The annual general meeting was held in a quiet and calm environment unlike the previous ones which was always held in a chaotic way. This time around, all decided not to raise voices because we have to meet each other at the end of the day," said Nilphamari FA president, former national captain and incumbent executive member Arif Hossain

Moon, who is now competing against Salahuddin's panel. However, former national footballer Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury was not happy about how the AGM was conducted. "BFF can't build a gymnasium in 12 years citing financial constraints but they are well capable of holding the AGM lavishly and keeping all delegates in such an expensive hotel. It is not possible to develop football with

such mentality," said Gaffar.

There were whispers in the hotel regarding one panel's disbursement of money to buy some delegates to ensure their triumph, but Brothers Union manager and member candidate Amer Khan said he had no idea about it.

"I have no idea about it or I haven't heard such a thing," said Amer. "If they come into football spending money, let them come into football. I want to welcome them and hope they will continue spending money for the development of football."

In the end, many felt that this kind of silence was not good for any organisation. "You know, nobody wanted to be singled out by raising their voice, so you have to understand the reality," said a delegate who preferred not to be named.

Faridpur DFA did not turn up

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.

Old friends meet on the touchline for first time



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

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,

on his new career at Swiss side FC Sion

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. PHOTO: REUTERS

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, 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."