Dhaka Premier League

Mohammrdan v Kalabagan KC, Venue: SBNCS

DETONE

Mamunul show caused

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football team's captain Mamunul Islam was recently served a showmisbehaviour with an employee of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF).

cause notice to him (Mamunul) after the BFF Press Relations Officer submitted a written complaint alleging that BFF general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag, who issued the show-cause notice.

Shohag said that Mamunul expressed his sorrow for his misbehaviour but demanded an enquiry into the PRO's misbehaviour towards him.

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Fresh from a win over first round, WIM Rani hands of Indian IM Vijayalakshmi tournament in Chennai,

WFM Zakia Sultana and Mahmuda Begum also suffered defeats in the second round but Mahmuda Haque Moly and Jahanara Haque Runu won their second-round games. All five Bangladeshi participants have now one point each from two games, said a press release

Agrani Bank youth hockey from tomorrow

National Youth Hockey Championship gets underway from tomorrow at two different venues with 21 teams fighting for the title.

the third occasion that a venue outside the capital has been selected in youth hockey history, while the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium will host the matches of

Rajshahi will face Natore in one of the three opening day matches at the Rangpur Stadium while hosts Rangpur, Rajshahi Division, Joypurhat, Panchagarh, Rangpur Division, Dinajpur and Noagaon will be playing in Rangpur from tomorrow.

Dhaka, Comilla, Feni, Faridpur, Satkhira, Patuakhali, Chittagong, Jessore, Kishoreganj, Sylhet, Narayanganj and Kushtia will be playing at Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium

from November 11. Meanwhile, champions BKSP are not participating in the championship as they are been playing in the Neheru Cup in India at the

moment. Tk 36 lakh for three years as title sponsors.



The Bangladesh national cause notice due to alleged "We have served a show-

Mamunul misbehaved and hurled abuses at him," said

WGM CHESS

Rani tastes defeat

Indian Raga Jyothsna in the Hamid tasted defeat at the Subbaraman in the second round of the WGM Chess India yesterday.

yesterday.

AFP, Paris

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The participating teams, divided into two venues and seven groups, will play round-robin league matches and the top team in each group will advance to the final round to be

held in Dhaka. Rangpur becoming one of the two venues marked

nine teams. Last edition's runners-up

Agrani Bank will provide



Spanish duo Barcelona and Atletico Madrid became the latest sides to qualify for the Champions League last

16 on Wednesday as Arsenal gained revenge on Borussia Dortmund with a fine win in Germany. Barcelona made it through to the

knockout stage for the 10th consecutive season as they beat AC Milan 3-1 at the Camp Nou in Group H in what was the eighth meeting of the clubs in just over two years. Lionel Messi - who had been criti-

cised in some quarters for not scoring in three games since the 1-1 draw in Milan last month - scored twice for the Catalans, converting a first-half penalty and then combining with Cesc Fabregas to net a superb goal late on.

In between, Sergio Busquets also scored for the hosts while Gerard Pique turned a Kaka cross into his own net to give Milan hope.

0 home win against Celtic, means that since 2008-09 after making it four wins Germany.

RESULTS

Emirates

Chelsea (ENG) 3 (Eto'o 31, 54, Ba 83) Schalke Basel (SUI) 1 (Sio 90+1) Steaua Bucharest

> (ROM) 1 (Piovaccari 17) Napoli (ITA) 3 (Inler 22, Higuain 24, 75) Marseille (FRA) 2 (A. Ayew 10, Thauvin 64) Borussia Dortmund (GER) 0 Arsenal (ENG) 1

(Ramsey 62) Atletico Madrid (ESP) 4 (Miranda 11, Raul Garcia 25, Filipe Luis 45, Diego Costa 82) Austria Vienna (AUT) 0

Zenit Saint Petersburg (RUS) 1 (Hulk 28) Porto (POR) 1 (Lucho Gonzalez 23) Ajax (NED) 1 (Schone 51) Celtic (SCO) 0

Barcelona (ESP) 3 (Messi 30-pen, 83,

Barcelona are five points clear at the top of the section and cannot now be denied a place in the top two with two

Busquets 40) AC Milan (ITA) 1 (Pique 45-o.g.)

The result, combined with Ajax's 1- the knockout stages for the first time

out of four in Group G to guarantee

top spot. Cholo Simeone's side outclassed Austria Vienna, winning 4-0 at the Vicente Calderon with Miranda, Raul Garcia and Filipe Luis scoring in the first half before Diego Costa - who had earlier had a penalty saved - scored his 16th of the season late on.

Behind Atletico, Zenit St Petersburg held on to second place by coming from behind to draw 1-1 with 2004 European champions Porto in Russia, Hulk scoring against his former side to cancel out Lucho Gonzalez's opener.

Hulk was a hero and a villain for Zenit, however, as he saw his secondhalf penalty saved.

Elsewhere Arsenal took a huge step towards the next phase with a fine 1-0 win away to Borussia Dortmund.

The Premier League side gained revenge for a 2-1 defeat when the sides met in London last month, soaking up plenty pressure and snatching a winner when in-form Meanwhile, Atletico are through to Aaron Ramsey scored his 11th of the season just after the hour mark in

Arsenal midfielder Aaron Ramsey celebrates his all-important goal against Borussia Dortmund during their Champions League clash in Dortmund on Wednesday. PHOTO: AFP

Rampant Rambo

REUTERS, London



During the long hours in the gym as he fought his way back to fitness from a horrific leg injury, Arsenal

midfielder Aaron Ramsey must have wondered whether he still had a future in football.

he shattered two bones in a tackle by Mirror. Stoke City's Ryan Shawcross, was a distant memory on Thursday as England's media hailed the 22-yearold Welsh international as Arsenal's Champions League hero.

Ramsey's headed goal in the 62nd Dortmund in their own backyard." minute gave the Londoners an important 1-0 win over last season's runners-

up Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday, putting them firmly on the road towards qualification for the last 16.

Inevitably dubbed "Rampant Rambo" by the tabloids, Ramsey celebrated his 11th Arsenal goal in 17 games this season, equalling his entire scoring tally from his previous five seasons with the club.

"Where on earth would Arsenal The February 2010 injury, when be without him?" asked the Daily

"Quite simply, the Welsh midfielder has taken everyone's breath away this season as he has been transformed into a world beater who last night stunned Borussia

While Dortmund tried to digest what coach Juergen Klopp called a

"nasty, vicious" defeat, Arsenal enjoyed the view from the top of Group F where they have nine points, equal with Napoli but ahead of the Italian side on goal difference.

A home victory against Olympique Marseille, who have yet to score a point, on Nov. 26 would all but clinch qualification for Arsenal whose domestic form has put them five points clear at the top of the Premier League.

Wednesday's win extended their unbeaten away record to 15 games and Ramsey, who has been at the club since joining from Cardiff City at the age of 17, was given much of the credit.

"Aaron Ramsey can do no wrong," said the Guardian. "Everything he touches turns to goals right now."

Messi back scoring

PHOTO: AFP

AFP, Barcelona



Barcelona coach Gerardo Martino has said he never doubted that Lionel Messi would soon be back amongst the goals as the Argentine

struck twice to put Barcelona into the last 16 of the Champions League with a 3-1 win over AC Milan.

Messi had failed to find the net for three consecutive games after scoring Barca's equaliser in the 1-1 draw between the sides in Italy two weeks ago.

But he ended his drought on Wednesday with a first-half penalty and then took his tally to six goals in just three Champions League appearances this season with a lovely dinked finish over Christian Abbiati seven minutes from time to seal the three points.

"I always saw him in the same way. Evidently, making comments about Leo when they are negative has its risks," said Martino.

"He played a phenomenal game. He had spark, speed, ability in one-on-ones, everything. He is one of the few players in the world that you have to be careful with when you see him in a bad light because he can turn everything around in three days and put in a performance like today."

Victory moved Barca onto 10 points after four games, five ahead of Milan with Ajax and Celtic one and two points further back respectively.

And with progress to the knockout stages assured, Martino wants to wrap up first place in the group when Barca visit Ajax in three weeks.

"To finish first is what we are looking for. Moreover, one begins to think, because there are no great surprises in the groups that the favourites will be the group win-

ners, but you never know who you might

Siddikur

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shares lead

Bangladesh golfer Siddikur Rahman fired a flawless six-

under-par 66 to share the

opening round lead at the

Hero Indian Open yester-

day after adopting a more

Rahil Gangjee of India

Mamat of Singapore, winner

attacking style of play.

saved par on the last and

was among the leaders

which included Mardan

of the 2004 Indian Open,

Asian Tour rookie Carlos

Pigem of Spain and Thai

Siddikur traded his

conservative approach with

a more attacking flair after

playing and learning from

Major champions Keegan

at the CIMB Classic in

the slightly built

Malaysia a fortnight ago.

Bradley and Bubba Watson

A victory this week for

Bangladeshi will sweeten his

impressive track record at the Delhi Golf Club where

he has six top-10 results

including two runner-up

finishes since 2011.

and Chapchai Nirat.

duo Pariya Junhasavasdikul

"What most interests us is finishing first to feel better in ourselves. More for our confidence than thinking about the future.' For Milan boss Massimiliano Allegri it

was another disappointing evening as, after

an awful start to their domestic campaign, the Italians slipped to their first European defeat of the season. However, he congratulated his players for

staying in the game until the final 10 minutes and is still confident of progressing along with the Spanish champions come the end of the group. "The team played a lot better in the sec-

ond half and we had various opportunities to equalise if we had been a bit better with the final pass," he admitted. "I have to congratulate the players

because it is never easy to play against Barcelona and it hasn't harmed our chances in the Champions League."

A huge part of the reason for Milan's turnaround after the break had to do with the introduction of Mario Balotelli from the bench after he had been surprisingly left out of Allegri's starting line-up in favour of Robinho.

However, Allegri defended the decision by highlighting Balotelli's lack of form and fitness so far this season.

"Mario is coming from a season in which he hasn't played very well. He has had injuries and hasn't played that many games. In the first game Robinho played very well but tonight he played less well technically.

"Balotelli is a very important player for us, but he also made a few errors in the final pass. He still has a lot to learn and we expect a lot more from him.

Feni's experiment with youth

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Like in the previous season, Feni Soccer Club once again formed an average side for the upcoming season with hopes of improving on last season's

seventh-placed finish in the professional football league. Feni Soccer Club, one of two teams from outside the capital, had produced good results in their 2010-11 debut season by finishing fourth in the Bangladesh Premier League but have since not been able to sustain their debut momentum -- finishing eighth in 2011-12 and seventh in 2012-13

season. They however managed to survive at the top flight as the lone non-capital team while teams like Chittagong Mohammedan, Chittagong Abahani, Shuktara Club of Narayanganj, Beanibazar SC of Sylhet were relegated. In the process also earned the creditable tagline of giant-killers at their home venue in Feni.

Feni Soccer Club beat powerhouses like Mohammedan, falling giants Brothers Union and held Abahani, Sheikh Jamal DC, Sheikh Russel KC in their own backyard. Some giants saw campaigns derailed after dropping points against Feni Soccer Club in

The club, however, is under pressure to uphold their home advantages as the big clubs are pressing the game's governing body to drop Feni as a venue. The officials of Feni Club however are determined to keep

their home venue intact. "Compared to the last season, this time we have formed a youthful side with the inclusion of six national players from the U-19 team as well as some good players from Sheikh Russel KC, Muktijoddha Sangsad and Rahmatganj MFS," said Feni Soccer Club's joint secretary Shakhawat Hossain Bhuiyan during the completion of the players' transfer formalities at the Bangladesh

Football Federation (BFF) House yesterday. Feni Soccer also retained the services of 10 players from last season and roped in two more players from Noakhali and Feni District leagues while appointing Gambian coach Omar K Sisse from Sheikh Jamal Football Academy.

"We have been searching for foreign players from Kenya and Nigeria and we believe the inclusion of five foreign players will increase our strength and improve our position in the 10-team table," said Shakhawat.