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Nitol Tata to sponsor BPL

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday roped in Nitol Tata Group as title sponsors of the Bangladesh Premier League after 35 matches into the ongoing professional football league.

Nitol Tata Group, who had earlier sponsored the National Football Championship from 2000 to 2005, came forward to sponsoring the seventh edition of professional football league after Grameenphone decided not to renew their deal with the game's governing body.

It has been learnt that the amount Nitol Tata is giving to BFF is Tk 60 lakh, even though BFF did not officially disclose the amount. Nitol Tata will also provide some electronic goods to the champions, players and spectators.

It was disclosed at a press conference yesterday at the BFF House where BFF's senior vice president Abdus Salam Murshed and Nitol Tata Group chairman Abdul Matlub Ahmed were among other presents.

Cavani out for weeks

AFP, Paris

Club record signing Edinson Cavani is set to miss at least three weeks after picking up a hamstring injury in Friday's win over Bordeaux, his club Paris Saint-Germain said Sunday.

The news means the Uruguayan striker will miss the crunch top-of-the-table clash at Monaco on February 9.

It also means he could miss PSG's Champions League last 16 first leg clash at Bayer Leverkusen on February 18.

He will also miss the League Cup semifinal at Nantes on Tuesday, as well as the Ligue 1 reception of lowly Valenciennes on February 14, which is also his 27th birthday.

Cavani had to come off in the 76th minute of PSG's 2-0 win over Bordeaux after feeling his hamstring.

"El Matador", as he is known, has scored 13 goals this season and has struck up an effective partnership with Zlatan Ibrahimovic, the league's top scorer with 18 goals.



Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo leaves the pitch after he was shown red card during their Primera Liga match against Athletic Bilbao at the San Mames Stadium on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

Juve outclass Inter

AFP, Milan



Champions Juventus tightened their grip on Italy's Serie A on Sunday after outclassing Inter Milan 3-1 to claim deserved bragging rights from the 'Derby d'Italia'.

Inter travelled to Turin hoping to at least replicate their 1-1 draw with Antonio Conte's men in Milan during the opening half of the season.

But Juve, who had scored 16 goals in their five previous league games, flew out the blocks and had created several early goalscoring chances before Stephan Lichsteiner's diving header from Andrea Pirlo's chipped ball gave the hosts a 15th minute lead.

Juve piled on the pressure and only the safe hands of Samir Handanovic kept Inter from conceding more before the break.

Juve doubled their lead only two minutes after the restart thanks to defender Giorgio Chiellini, with an alert Arturo Vidal giving Juve a 3-0 lead on 55 minutes after pouncing on Paul Pogba's rebound.

Inter's efforts in a late but faint fightback were rewarded in the 71st minute when Rolando beat Marco Storari in the Juve goal although it was scant consolation for what

RESULTS

Atalanta 3 (Denis 47, 64, Moralez 70) **Napoli 0**
Catania 3 (Bergessio 61, Barrientos 75, Almiron 88)
Livorno 3 (Emeghara 50, 77, Paulinho 72-pen)
Chievo 0 **Lazio 2** (Candreva 6, Keita 70)
Roma v Parma - postponed due to rain
Sassuolo 1 (Floro Flores 90+2) **Verona 2** (Manfredini 50-og, Toni 86)

Juventus 3 (Lichsteiner 15, Chiellini 47, Vidal 55)
Inter Milan 1 (Rolando 71)

was a decidedly mediocre performance from Walter Mazzarri's side.

Juve's 19th win of the campaign took their lead on Roma to nine points although the Giallorossi's earlier encounter at home to Parma was rained off and has yet to be rescheduled.

Napoli are a distant third, 15 points adrift after a stunning 3-0 collapse at Atalanta, with Fiorentina a further three points off the pace.

Inter have now taken only eight points from their last 10 games and are sixth in the table, 26 points behind Juve and two behind Verona, who occupy the first Europa League qualifying place.

Kallstrom out for a month

AFP, London

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger revealed on Sunday that new loan signing Kim Kallstrom will be out for around a month with a back injury sustained before he joined the club.

Wenger reacted to a glut of injuries in central midfield by signing the 31-year-old Sweden international from Spartak Moscow on the final day of the January transfer window on Friday.

However, reports soon emerged that Kallstrom had hurt his back playing beach volleyball and might not be able to feature for Arsenal for around six weeks.

Wenger played down the gravity of Kallstrom's injury but admitted that it would keep him sidelined until late February at the earliest.

Ox fires Arsenal

AFP, London

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain scored twice as Arsenal moved back to the top of the Premier League table with a 2-0 victory over Crystal Palace at the Emirates Stadium on Sunday.

The midfielder, 20, was making just his second league start of the campaign after missing the first five months of it with a knee problem.

Wenger chose to deploy Oxlade-Chamberlain in central midfield and also turned to Lukas Podolski for just his fifth Premier League start of the campaign to add some creativity alongside Mesut Ozil and Santi Cazorla.

But Palace nullified them with surprising ease for 45 minutes as manager Tony Pulis opted to anchor Mile Jedinak and Kagisho Dikgacoi in front of his defence in the hope of stifling the home side.

The hosts fired an early warning when Ozil spotted left-back Nacho Monreal racing upfield and lifted a superb ball over the Palace defence.

The angle was tight for the Spain defender, but he still forced Julian Speroni into a fine stop with his legs.

Montreal's chance appeared to increase Palace's resolve not to let Arsenal go into an early lead and one of their former players nearly put the visitors in front on 14 minutes.

Marouane Chamakh has looked rejuvenated in recent weeks and when he received the ball in midfield, he easily skipped past Laurent Koscielny.

But just as he was bearing down on Wojciech Szczesny, his touch eluded him and the Arsenal goalkeeper dived at his feet to save.

The closest either side came in the opening half was on 34 minutes when Ozil's free-kick was met by the head of Koscielny.

The central defender got the faintest of touches, but as the ball looked destined for the corner of the net, Speroni fully extended himself to make a fine save.

However, all of Palace's first-half efforts counted for little just two minutes into the second half.

On the first occasion that Jedinak failed to close down Arsenal's midfield, Cazorla found space to clip a majestic ball over the Palace back line and Oxlade-Chamberlain ghosted into the area before lobbing over the advancing Speroni.

Usha punish Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER

Title contenders Usha KC defeated Abahani 2-0 at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday to finish top of the table at the end of the first-leg of the Green Delta Insurance Premier Hockey League.

The sixth straight win from as many matches means the Club Cup champions will start the Super Four stage with three-point advantage over Abahani, who have 15 points after tasting the first defeat in six matches.

Mamunur Rahman Chayan and Jahid Bin Talib Shuvo struck one goal apiece to guide Usha to their second win over Abahani in the season following their 4-1 win in the Club Cup final.

Both the giants were boosted by the inclusion of four Pakistani players each and it virtually turned into a match between the two sets of Pakistani players.

Abahani shared the lion's share of possession and earned nine penalty corners in the first half but Usha's Pakistani goalkeeper Imran Butt and defender Niaz Ashfaq thwarted all those penalty corners, which were taken by a combination of three Pakistani players.

On the other hand, Usha converted the first penalty corner they earned in the 31st minute when Chayan dragged and flicked home after it was set up by Sufiyan Rasul and Sarwar Hossain. Usha took control of the proceedings in the second half and doubled the lead in the 40th minute when Shuvo who fired a rebound from close range. Abahani earned five more penalty corners in the second half, but failed to convert any of them.

In the day's other match, Shadharan Bima and Ajax SC played out a 1-1 draw. Salman Sadik converted a penalty corner in the 47th minute to cancel Bima's 41-minute strike from Rajon.

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