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<div> <div>DAY'S EVENT</div> <div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>Bangladesh Cricket League Final</div> <div>(Five-Day Match, Day 3)</div> </div>	<div> <div>BCB North Zone v Prime Bank South Zone</div> <div>Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur</div> </div>	<div> <div>Bangladesh Premier League</div> <div>BU v Uttar Baridhara</div> </div>	<div> <div>Time: 5:30pm</div> <div>Venue: BNS</div> </div>			

Koscielny signs new deal

AFP, London

Arsenal defender Laurent Koscielny signed a new long-term contract with the Premier League club on Friday.

France international Koscielny has been rewarded with the improved deal following an impressive campaign at the heart of the Gunners defence.

The 28-year-old made a slow start to life in England after signing from French side Lorient in 2010.

But over the last two years Koscielny has forged a strong partnership with fellow centre-back Per Mertesacker, helping Arsenal keep 15 clean sheets in his 31 Premier League appearances this term as they secured fourth place in the top-flight table and also reached the FA Cup final.

"I am very proud to have reached agreement with the club on a new contract," Koscielny told Arsenal's official website.

"I have enjoyed four great years at Arsenal already, and I look forward to continuing to help the team in the years to come."



A graffiti depicting Brazil's (L-R) Neymar, Daniel Alves, coach Luiz Felipe Scolari and Argentina's Lionel Messi in a suburb of Rio de Janeiro on Friday. Rio's residents are beginning to put the national colours in the streets to celebrate the World Cup that will run from June 12 to July 13.

Weightlifters win bronze

SPORTS REPORTER

Two Bangladeshi female weightlifters won bronze medals in the 12th EGAT king's Cup & 8th EGAT princess' Cup International Weightlifting Championship, which concluded in Khon Kaen, Thailand yesterday. Fayema Akter Moyna won bronze medal in the 58kg category on Thursday whileMabia Akter Simanta won bronze medal in the 63kg category on Friday, said a press release from Bangladesh Weightlifting Federation yesterday.

Immobile eyes Dortmund move

REUTERS, Berlin

Italian Serie A's leading scorer Ciro Immobile of Torino is interested in joining Borussia Dortmund, said club CEO Hans-Joachim Watzke on Friday but said no deal was done yet.

"I can only confirm that the player Immobile really wants to join us," Watzke told reporters. "That is all there is to be said on this. If everything was settled then we would have announced it."

City a point away

AFP, london



Manchester City will hope to avoid the nerve-shredding drama of the 2011-12 season's final day when they host West Ham United in their Premier League title decider on Sunday.

Two years ago, City needed to match Manchester United's result to take the title on the last day and only prevailed after Sergio Aguero scored a heart-stopping injury-time winner at home to Queens Park Rangers.

This time around the scenario is more straightforward, as although City lead second-place Liverpool by only two points, their superior goal difference means that a draw against West Ham will suffice.

City closed to within touching distance of a second title in three years by overwhelming Aston Villa 4-0 on Wednesday, but manager Manuel Pellegrini has warned his side that the job is not finished yet.

"It is important to be calm ahead of this game," said the Chilean, who has already led City to glory in the League Cup.

"We have experienced players and some of them played in the game when we last won the Premier League, but the situation is different, many of the team are different, and we are playing different opposition. I expect to win the match and I'm not thinking about a draw or anything else."

Liverpool's title challenge was compro-

mised by a 2-0 loss at home to Chelsea followed by a calamitous 3-3 draw at Crystal Palace on Monday, in which they let a 3-0 lead slip in the last 11 minutes.

However, if Liverpool win at home to Newcastle United and West Ham pull off a shock victory at the Etihad Stadium, the Merseyside club will secure their first English top-flight title since 1990.

"In terms of Sunday, all we can do is win our own game, and send the supporters away happy. They have been brilliant for us this year," said Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers.

"If we win our game and the (City) result goes against us, we'll end up finishing second. That shows how much we've progressed and we've actually pushed them all the way to the very end."

While City's rout of Villa took them to 100 league goals for the campaign, Liverpool are on 99.

Meanwhile, Liverpool's top scorer Luis Suarez, who has netted 31 times this season, needs one more goal to claim the record for goals in a 38-game Premier League season outright.

FIXTURES

Sunday (1400 GMT):

Cardiff City v Chelsea, Fulham v Crystal Palace, Hull City v Everton, Liverpool v Newcastle United, Manchester City v West Ham United, Norwich City v Arsenal, Southampton v Manchester United, Sunderland v Swansea City, Tottenham Hotspur v Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion v Stoke City

Mexico opt for experience

AFP, Mexico City



Mexico coach Miguel Herrera on Friday announced his 23-man squad for the World Cup, with the inclusion of veteran defender Carlos Salcido perhaps the biggest surprise.

Tigres player Salcido, 34, who featured at the 2006 and 2010 World Cups, had not previously been involved with El Tri since Herrera took over as coach last year.

The majority of the squad are based at home, including former Barcelona defender Rafael Marquez, now of Leon, who will be featuring at his fourth consecutive World Cup finals.

Javier 'Chicharito' Hernandez of Manchester United is the best known European-based player in Herrera's squad.

SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Jesus Corona (Cruz Azul), Alfredo Talavera (Toluca), Guillermo Ochoa (AC Ajaccio/FRA)

Defenders: Paul Aguilar, Miguel Layun (both Club America), Hector Moreno (Espanyol/ESP), Diego Reyes (FC Porto/POR), Francisco Rodriguez (Club America), Rafael Marquez (Leon), Carlos Salcido (Tigres)

Midfielders: Hector Herrera (FC Porto/POR), Jose Juan Vazquez (Leon), Juan Carlos Medina (Club America), Carlos Pena (Leon), Isaac Brizuela (Toluca), Luis Montes (Leon), Marco Fabian (Cruz Azul), Andres Guardado (Bayer Leverkusen/GER)

Forwards: Oribe Peralta (Santos Laguna), Javier Hernandez (Manchester United/ENG), Raul Jimenez (Club America), Alan Pulido (Tigres), Giovanni dos Santos (Villarreal/ESP)

2nd chance for Barca

AFP, Madrid



Four-time World Player of the Year Lionel Messi has urged his Barcelona teammates not to miss out on the second chance they have been gifted to retain their La Liga title.

Barca seemed all but out of the title race after conceding a last-minute equaliser to draw 2-2 at home to relegation-threatened Getafe last weekend.

However, leaders Atletico Madrid subsequently lost 2-0 away at Levante, whilst Real Madrid have drawn twice against Valencia and Valladolid in the past week to leave them in third place, four points adrift of Atletico with just two games to play.

Barcelona remain three points adrift of Diego Simeone's men themselves, but will win the league if they win their two remaining games away to Elche on Sunday and then when Atletico visit the Camp Nou on the final weekend of the season.

"We are in a better position today than we were a few weeks ago," said Messi.

"We can see that we have an opportunity to win the league. We need to take advantage of this moment and not let it escape."

Gerardo Martino's men are sure to face a tough task this weekend, though, as Elche are in need of points themselves as they sit just three points above the relegation zone and have yet to be beaten at home in nine league games so far in 2014.

Barca will again be without the injured

Gerard Pique, Jordi Alba and Neymar, although all three are hopeful of being fit for the potential title decider against Atletico next weekend.

However, should Barca fail to win this weekend, Atletico can mathematically seal their first title in 18 years with victory over Malaga at the Vicente Calderon.

Atletico have injury worries themselves as top scorer Diego Costa looks set to miss out due to a hamstring injury, which could yet endanger his participation in the clash with Barcelona and in the Champions League final against Real Madrid on May 24.

Diego Godin is also suspended for Los Rojiblancos, but right-back Juanfran returns from suspension having missed the defeat at Levante.

However, forward Adrian Lopez still believes home advantage should be enough to edge his side closer to the title.

"We know that we are very strong at home in front of our own fans," he said on Friday.

"It is a key game. With all that we are playing for to get three points on Sunday would be a huge step forward."

FIXTURES

(all times 1700 GMT unless stated)

Sunday

Athletic Bilbao v Real Sociedad (1500), Granada v Almeria, Real Betis v Valladolid, Espanyol v Osasuna, Celta Vigo v Real Madrid, Atletico Madrid v Malaga, Elche v Barcelona, Getafe v Sevilla

Chennai clinch a thriller

CRICINFO, Undated



It's a tight Saturday prime-time IPL match involving the two highest profile franchises in the tournament. MS Dhoni is perhaps the best finisher in the limited-overs game, and when Chennai Super Kings needed a big hit in the final over, he duly obliged. It came down to 11 off the last over, and Dhoni responded by calmly whacking a six over deep midwicket before wrapping up the victory with three balls to spare.

The last time Mumbai Indians lost an IPL game at the Wankhede Stadium was back in 2012.

Earlier, on a frustrating evening with four rain stoppages, sensational death bowling and a cameo from Naman Ojha set up an eight-wicket win (Duckworth-Lewis method) for Sunrisers Hyderabad against Delhi Daredevils at the Feroz Shah Kotla.

This was the fourth consecutive loss for Daredevils on their home ground in this IPL.

Sunrisers gave away just 22 in the last five overs, restricting Daredevils to 143 for 7, before their own chase was shortened first to 117 off 15 overs, then 97 of 12 overs and finally 43 off five.

SCORES IN BRIEF

DELHI DAREDEVILS: 143 for 7 in 20 overs (Karthik 39; Steyn 2-20)

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD: 44 for 2 in 4.2 overs (Ojha 13 not out)

Result: Hyderabad won by eight wickets (D/L method)

Player of the match: Dale Steyn

MUMBAI INDIANS: 157 for 6 in 20 overs (Rayudu 59; Ashwin 3-30)

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS: 160 for 6 in 19.3 overs (Smith 57; Malinga 2-15)

Result: Chennai won by four wickets

Player of the match: Dwayne Smith

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