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English Premiership  
Leicester City v Liverpool  
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# Jamal-Pune final today

## 'Don't want to be haunted by failure again'

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh Premier League champions Sheikh Jamal DC want to forget the heartbreak of IFA Shield by lifting the King's Cup in Bhutan as they square off against Pune FC in the final today. The match kicks off at 5:00pm at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu. The Dhanmondi giants have made it to their third final in three successive overseas tournaments and they are determined to return home with smiling faces. On their first attempt, they won the Safal Pokhara Gold Cup in Nepal in 2011 but suffered a heartbreaking defeat in the IFA Shield final against Kolkata Mohammedan earlier this year, which still haunts the players. "We are all determined to return home with the King's Cup trophy. We could not take the IFA Shield home despite going close. This time we don't want to make the same mistakes and be haunted by another failure," striker Shakhawat Hossain Rony told the Daily Star over phone yesterday. Rony was the unlikely hero of the semifinal as he scored the late equaliser in the semifinal against Manang Marshyangdi

Club before Landing Darboe grabbed the winner in extra time. The lanky striker lanky striker is likely to feature in the starting eleven today to fill the void of winger Shohel Rana, who is suspended for the final due to a red card he received orders. After serving a one-match suspension, Haitian forward Wedson Anselme will return to the side and will be partnered by Emeka Darlington and either Rony or Rubel Miah in a three-pronged attack. Jamal Bhuiyan, Monamem Khan Raju and Landing Darboe will likely make up the three-man midfield in front of four defenders -- Nasiruddin Chowdhury, Raihan Hasan, Yeasin Khan and Yeamin Munna. Skipper Nasir, who can also play as a defensive midfielder or pure centre-forward when needed, believes Sheikh Jamal have good team spirit and strength to left the trophy as ninety per cent of the players have been together for almost two seasons and have good understating between them. "They (Pune FC players) have physical advantage as they are tall and they have a few good players. But our team spirit is excellent and we are better both technically and tactically."

# Series starts in Adelaide

AFP, Sydney



Australia's four-Test series against India will now start in Adelaide on December 9 after Cricket Australia on Monday reworked the schedule following the tragic death of Phillip Hughes. The opening clash between the teams was due to start on Thursday at the Gabba in Brisbane but was put off following the death of Hughes in a freak on-field incident, with skipper Michael Clarke admitting his players were

emotionally shattered. India were scheduled to travel to Brisbane on Monday to prepare for the Test, but they remained in Adelaide, effectively ending any hopes that the Gabba Test may be pushed back by one or two days. With Hughes' funeral scheduled for Wednesday in his home town of Macksville, Cricket Australia Monday night listed a change of dates on its website, with Adelaide Oval now hosting the first Test. Instead of starting on Friday, December 12 -- as the second Test originally slated for Adelaide was scheduled to -- it will begin on December 9.

REVISED FIXTURES	
Dec 9-13:	First Test, Adelaide
Dec 17-21:	Second Test, Brisbane
Dec 26-30:	Third Test, Melbourne
Jan 6-10:	Fourth Test, Sydney

# Junior AHF Cup Bangladesh off to a flyer

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh U-21 hockey team made a flying start to the Junior AHF Cup campaign by handing a massive 7-0 defeat to Chinese Taipei at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday. The home side, which came into the tournament on the back of six wins out of seven during a tour to Punjab, took time to establish their authority in the match, but once they managed exposed the opposition backline, it became a one-way traffic. The hosts, featuring eight national players, had to wait till the 28th minute to break the deadlock when central defender Khorsshedur Rahman, having squandered two penalty corners earlier, converted the third one. Bangladesh looked more organised after resumption and snatched seven more penalty corners on the other side of the break. They brought variation in those penalty corners and managed to successfully convert four of those. Moinul Islam Koushik scored the second in the 39th minute, Mohammad Ashraful, Khorshed grabbed the third in the 44th minute and Khorshed again scored in the 45th minute. Milon snatched the fifth goal in the 48th minute to take the lead to 5-0. Two more goals came from open play as Koushik struck his second in the 53rd minute and Milon grabbed his second in the 55th minute to complete the rout. Today Bangladesh will take on Thailand, who also suffered a 0-7 defeat against Oman in the yesterday's first match. Today's match will begin at 3:00pm and will be telecast live on ATN Bangla.

# Barca steal a win

AFP, Madrid



Barcelona closed to within two points of leaders Real Madrid as Sergio Busquets's stoppage time handed them a 1-0 win at Valencia on a day La Liga was marred by the death of a Deportivo la Coruna fan who was pulled from a freezing river following violent clashes between rival supporters. The 43-year-old man was rescued by firefighters from the Manzanares river near the Vicente Calderon stadium, where Deportivo went on to lose 2-0 to Atletico Madrid, but died of cardiac arrest shortly afterwards. He also suffered head injuries and hypothermia. Police confirmed they made 24 arrests after the incidents in which another 11 people, including a police officer, suffered minor injuries. The Spanish football league said in a statement it had tried to postpone the game at the last minute, but it hadn't been possible. Among those arrested were members of the Atletico and Deportivo ultra groups, Frente Atletico and Riazor Blues, as well

## RESULTS

Atletico Madrid 2 (Saul 42, Turan 55) Deportivo La Coruna 0  
Sevilla 5 (Bacca 24, 79, Banega 65, M'bia 89, Gameiro 90+2) Granada 1 (El-Arabi 42-pen)  
Cordoba 0 Villarreal 2 (Vietto 24, Uche 70)  
Valencia 0 Barcelona 1 (Busquets 90+3)

ultras from the Bukaneros and Alkor Hooligans groups who follow Madrid-based sides Rayo Vallecano and Alcorcon. Atletico boss Diego Simeone insisted that Spanish society must deal with the problem rather than football clubs alone. "It is a social problem, not a football one. They are people that live for the shirt, that are fans of a team, but it is a societal problem," he said. On the field, Barca ensured their title hopes remained intact when Busquets volleyed home from close range three minutes into stoppage time to inflict Valencia's first home defeat of the season. However, there were more unsavoury scenes at Mestalla as Lionel Messi was struck on the head by a plastic bottle thrown from the crowd as Barca celebrated their winner. "We were lucky to score in the last minute. These are three points that will give us a huge boost," Busquets told Canal Plus.

# Bangladesh to play Pakistan & Ireland

REUTERS, Sydney



Bangladesh will play against Pakistan on February 9 and Ireland on February 12 as part of warm-up of the upcoming World Cup. The International Cricket Council (ICC) yesterday announced the schedule for the warm-up matches. Each of the 14 teams that have qualified for the World Cup will play two matches between February 8 and 13. The World Cup schedule had already been announced. The event gets underway on February 14 when New Zealand host Sri Lanka in Christchurch and Australia play England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, which will also be the venue for the final on March 29.

## WARM-UP SCHEDULE

Feb. 8 - India v Australia, Adelaide  
Feb. 9 - South Africa v Sri Lanka, Christchurch; New Zealand v Zimbabwe, Christchurch; England v West Indies, Sydney; Pakistan v Bangladesh, Sydney  
Feb. 10 - Ireland v Scotland, Sydney; India v Afghanistan, Adelaide  
Feb. 11 - New Zealand v South Africa, Christchurch; Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe, Christchurch; Australia v United Arab Emirates, Melbourne; England v Pakistan, Sydney  
Feb. 12 - West Indies v Scotland, Sydney; Ireland v Bangladesh, Sydney  
Feb. 13 - Afghanistan v United Arab Emirates, Melbourne



Juventus star Andrea Pirlo (R) celebrates his 93rd minute winning goal against Torino during their Serie A derby at the Stadio Olimpico on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

# Pirlo screamer settles derby

AFP, Milan



A last-gasp screamer from Andrea Pirlo saw Juventus stretch their impressive record over Torino in a 2-1 'Derby della Mole' win as Roberto Mancini suffered his first defeat back in the Inter hot seat on Sunday. Juve's 11th win of the campaign stretched their lead over title rivals Roma to six points, although Rudi Garcia's men restored their three-point deficit with a stirring 4-2

home win over Mancini's visitors at the Olympic Stadium. Torino's last victory over the 30-time Italian champions was back in 1994-95, when they beat Juve home (3-2) and away (2-1). At the end of a highly-entertaining clash between the Turin rivals, Massimiliano Allegri's hosts looked to be heading for a share of the spoils at rain-battered Juventus Stadium after Brazilian defender Bruno Peres levelled Arturo Vidal's 15th minute penalty for the hosts with a wonder-strike in the 22nd minute.

It was the first time Torino had scored against Juventus in the league since a 2-2 draw between the sides in 2002. But despite Torino showing plenty of enterprise in a thrilling second-half, the visitors were undone in the final seconds when Pirlo, from 25 yards, smashed Vidal's lay-off past goalkeeper Jean-Francois Gillet in the third minute of added time. Inter hoped to grab at least a share of the spoils away to Roma a week after battling to a 1-1 derby draw in Mancini's first game back

## Neuer on Ballon d'Or shortlist


AFP, Paris

Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi, who have between them won the past six world player-of-the-year awards, face opposition from Germany's World Cup winning goalkeeper Manuel Neuer on this year's Ballon d'Or shortlist announced by FIFA on Monday. Ronaldo is the present holder of the title, having also won it in 2008. Messi is the only player to have won the award four times. Neuer would be only the second goalkeeper to win the award, which is announced on January 12 in Zurich.

## RESULTS


Juventus 2 (Vidal 15-pen, Pirlo 90+3) Torino 1 (Peres 22)  
Roma 4 (Gervinho 21, Holebas 46, Pjanic 60, 90+2) Inter Milan 2 (Ranocchia 36, Osvaldo 57)

in charge after a six-year absence. But despite levelling twice thanks to Andrea Ranocchia and Pablo Daniel Osvaldo following strikes by Roma's Gervinho and Jose Holebas, the visitors were undone by a second-half brace from Miralem Pjanic.



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