

MANAGER BYPASSES BAN

As far as Poole Town manager Tom Killick is concerned, his six-game stadium ban from for yelling at a match official couldn't have come at a worse time. Killick's side are currently one point clear at the summit of the Evo-Stick Southern Premier division with both automatic promotion and a league title on the line. Realising that one of Poole's groundsmen happened to live just over the road from the stadium, Killick was able to observe Poole's 3-2 win over Cambridge City on Saturday afternoon in full from the upstairs skylight in Kelly's loft conversion.



Controversy mars Pioneer League

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The Super League of Dhaka City Corporation (South & North) Pioneer Football League gets underway across four venues tomorrow amidst allegations that some of the teams have qualified by fixing matches in the preliminary round.

Participating in the League will be the 20 teams who emerged champions in their respective groups. They will now be divided into four groups and play round-robin league matches again and the top team of each group will advance to the semifinals.

Before the start of the preliminary round, the Pioneer Football League committee selected around 2000 booters (out of 5000) of U-16 level for the participating 59 teams, but a couple of clubs adopted illegal means -- such as playing fixed matches and fielding unregistered players -- to see their team in the Super League where the top three teams will be promoted to the 3rd Division League.

Mojibur Rahman, coach of R&D Krira Chakra from Lalbagh, alleged he was forced to play a 2-2 draw against Uttaran Jubo Sangho in line with instructions from his club secretary, allowing Uttaran Jubo Sangsad to qualify for the Super League with one more point than R&D's 10.

Mojibur informed that he later verbally complained to the league committee's deputy chairman Bijon Barua but did not get justice.

"It was an internal problem. Because, the secretary of R&D KC also brought forth an allegation against the coach for the trading of points. We looked into the matter and found nothing wrong," said Bijon yesterday.

"We have already curtailed four points from Turjo SC after finding them guilty of fielding unregistered players in one of their matches as we are very strict towards such allegations," said the former national goalkeeper.

Zia, Liza advance to WC Chess

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Grand Master Ziaur Rahman and Shamima Akter Liza emerged unbeaten champions in their respective sections of the Asian Zonal Chess Championship yesterday to qualify for the first round of the World Cup Chess to be held in Azerbaijan in September.

Zia played a draw against Pakistani IM Mahmood Lodhi in the ninth and last round to earn 7.5 points from nine matches, while Liza also drew against Zenobia of Pakistan to achieve 7.5 points in the ninth round held in Kathmandu, Nepal yesterday.

WFM Nazrana Khan Eva became runner-up in women's section with seven points that helped her achieve a WIM norm from the zonal championship while WIM Rani Hamid finished third with 6.5 points.

GM Abdullah Al Rakib and GM Enamul Hossain Razib became second and third with 6.5 and 6 points respectively, said a press release from Bangladesh Chess Federation yesterday.

INDEPENDENCE CUP H'BALL BGB, Ansar triumph

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Border Guard Bangladesh and Bangladesh Ansar clinched men's and women's titles of the Independence Cup Handball tournaments respectively at the Shaheed (Cap) M Mansur Ali National Handball Stadium yesterday.

BGB thrashed Bangladesh Police 34-18 in the final while Bangladesh Ansar defeated Bangladesh Police 22-10 in the women's final.

BPL deferred again

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The Bangladesh Premier League is set to be deferred again as the participating clubs are sticking to their decision not to take part in the professional football league until the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) promises to give away Tk 25 lakh to each team as participation money.

Affluent Sheikh Jamal DC has demanded Tk 15 lakh more than last season's participation money and other clubs supported Sheikh Jamal DC's move.

"The league was scheduled to get underway from April 3 but it may be deferred by one or two days as the BFF president will sit with the clubs in a meeting on Friday to solve the matter," said BFF general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag.



England winger Andros Townsend (R) scores the equalising goal against Italy during their international friendly in Turin on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

Townsend rescues England

AFP, Turin



Tottenham winger Andros Townsend came off the bench to steal the limelight from club-mate Harry Kane with a late equaliser in a 1-1 draw against Italy in Turin on Tuesday.

England manager Roy Hodgson was forced to hand Spurs sensation Kane his full debut alongside Wayne Rooney due to injuries to both Daniel Sturridge and Danny Welbeck.

But while the 21-year-old Kane failed to shine, Townsend made the most of his 20-minute appearance beating Gianluigi Buffon with a fine strike 11 minutes from full time to level Graziano Pelle's 29th minute opener.

Hodgson -- whose side lost 2-1 to Italy when they met at the group stage in last year's World Cup finals -- admitted the first-half display had been short

RESULTS

Iraq 1 (Kasim 59) Democratic Republic of Congo 0
Netherlands 2 (De Vrij 13, Klaassen 16) Spain 0
Portugal 0 Cape Verde 2 (Fortes 37, Gege 43)
Ukraine 1 (Yarmolenko 35) Latvia 1 (Maksimenko 90+1)
Russia 0 Kazakhstan 0
Ghana 1 (BaDu 53) Mali 1 (Sako 71-pen)
Sweden 3 (Ibrahimovic 11, Berg 22, Toivonen 89)
Iran 1 (Nekounam 24-pen)
Italy 1 (Pelle 29) England 1 (Townsend 79)
Slovakia 1 (Duda 49) Czech Republic 0
Austria 1 (Janko 34) Bosnia-Herzegovina 1 (Hajrovic 48)
Switzerland 1 (Stocker 80) USA 1 (Shea 45)

of what he wanted but he was delighted with the performance following the break.

"I'm really happy with our second half, I thought we were the better team. That's pleasing in the sense that under (Antonio) Conte, Italy are a strong team," Hodgson said.

After what was an "emotional return" for former Juventus handler Antonio Conte, the 45-year-old coach admitted Italy remain a work in progress.

"Today it was prestigious friendly against a side with some top players, but we competed well and I'm happy with our performance," said Conte.

"Ultimately it was a fair result, because we struggled a little more in the second half."

At the end of an insipid opening half, Italy had most to cheer with Marco Parolo, new Italy recruit Eder and Pelle testing Joe Hart in the England goal prior to the Southampton striker's headed opener.

England's first real chance came before the half-hour when Kane rose above his marker at the back post. Although his header was blocked, the clearance fell for Rooney to fire a shot which bounced off the bar.

No revenge for Spain

AFP, Amsterdam



The Netherlands once again proved too good for an under-par Spain as goals from Stefan de Vrij and Davy Klaassen handed the hosts a 2-0 friendly win in Amsterdam on Tuesday.

Spain were hoping to exact revenge for the 5-1 thrashing they suffered at the hands of the Dutch at last year's World Cup, but their chances were undone by two goals in the opening 15 minutes.

De Vrij rose highest to head home Wesley Sneijder's in-swinging cross before Klaassen was given an alarming amount of space inside the box to fire home on the rebound after David de Gea had saved his initial effort.

Defeat means the European champions have now lost friendlies against three continental heavyweights France, Germany and the Dutch since being dumped out in embarrassing fashion after just two games at the World Cup.

"It seems impossible that we haven't scored," said Spain boss Vicente del Bosque.

"We paid for the first 20 minutes. We dominated the game, were on top of them and had a lot of chances, the only thing we lacked was a goal."

His Dutch counterpart Guus Hiddink said it was a good result but denied that it had been a crucial one for him even though it was only his third win in eight games since taking over after last year's World Cup finals.

"This result will boost the confidence of the team," said the 68-year-old, who is in his second spell with the national side.

"Is it a relief to me personally? No because I didn't have the impression I had a weight bearing down on me."

"I have been criticised but journalists have a habit of being scathing. We just get on with our work and everyone is pulling in the same direction."

Del Bosque made nine changes to the side that sneaked past Ukraine 1-0 in a Euro 2016 qualifier on Friday.

Argentina without Messi win again

REUTERS, East Rutherford



Argentina beat Ecuador 2-1 to notch a second straight Copa America warm-up victory without Lionel Messi at a freezing MetLife stadium in New Jersey on Tuesday.

In other friendlies in the United States ahead of the June 11-July 4 tournament in Chile, Mexico beat Paraguay 1-0 and Venezuela overcame Peru by the same score.

Gerardo Martino's Argentina, with captain Messi looking on again while he nurses a right foot injury, had beaten El Salvador 2-0 in Washington on Saturday.

They went in front after eight minutes on Tuesday when midfielder Javier Pastore glanced an Angel Di Maria corner towards the far post where striker Sergio Aguero

headed his 22nd international goal and first since Argentina beat Germany 4-2 in a friendly last September.

Ecuador equalised midway through the first half when a mistake in the centre of the Argentina defence allowed left back Walter Ayovi to square to Miller Bolanos in the box and the striker shot low past Sergio Romero.

Pastore scored the winner in the 58th minute when an Ecuador clearance was blocked and he beat the offside trap to tap the ball under goalkeeper Alexander Dominguez.

"I thought this was a pretty good Argentina in general terms though we have a lot to work on with our coordination," Martino told reporters.

"Messi is having trouble getting his boot on because of the pain, there's no way he could play," he added.

Real snap up Danilo

AFP, Madrid

European champions Real Madrid have completed the signing of Brazilian international right-back Danilo from Porto on a six-year deal.

"Real Madrid and Porto have reached an agreement for the transfer of Danilo, who will join next season and be tied to the club until June 30, 2021," the club said in a statement on Wednesday.

A statement by Porto to the Portuguese stock exchange said the deal was worth 31.5 million euros (\$34.2 million, £23 million).



Netherlands midfielder Davy Klaassen jumps for joy after scoring the second goal against Spain during their international friendly in Amsterdam on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

Novak survives Alexandr scare

AFP, Miami



Desperate Novak Djokovic fought back from a set and a break down to defeat Alexandr Dolgoplov 6-7 (3/7), 7-5, 6-0 Tuesday, salvaging hopes of defending his Miami Open title.

World number one Djokovic won 24 of the last 27 points to reach a quarterfinal against Spanish sixth seed David Ferrer, a 7-6 (7/5), 6-0 winner over Frenchman Gilles Simon at the ATP and WTA hardcourt tournament.

Ukraine challenger Dolgoplov was unable to stretch his lead to a double break in the second set, Djokovic saving two break points in the fourth game.

The Serbian top seed turned the match on its head in a 22-minute final set in which he could do no wrong, sustaining his chance for a US double after his Indian Wells final victory over Roger Federer.

Britain's Andy Murray won his 500th career victory, defeating South Africa's Kevin Anderson 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

The third-seeded Scotsman, who holds two Grand Slam titles, needed his best effort against his 17th-ranked rival.

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