

ALL THINGS ZLATAN

He's already got his own postage stamps, scented candles and plush toys but finally -- finally! -- Zlatan Ibrahimovic has an internet search engine to call his very own too. The Zlaaatan.com search site has been cobbled together by the SweetPop media agency with Zlatan's name plastered across it. The sole function of the search is to filter out all results except ones relating to Zlatan. Since it's launch on Thursday the Zlaaatan search has been used by



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Enamul on a roll

SPORTS REPORTER

Former national team striker Enamul Haque is dreaming of a return to the national fold after nearly five years in the shadows. The MuktiJoddha skipper, whose last international engagement was with the Bangladesh Olympic team in the 2010 Asian Games, has had a lengthy patch of lean form in local circuit since joining Sheikh Jamal DC at the end of a prolific 2009-2010 season.



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ABAHANI 4 - 0 FENI SOCCER

The sharpshooter scored the equaliser early in the second half after Mamadou Lamaranna had given the port city side the lead deep into the injury time of the first half. Enamul volleyed home Camara Sabra's tee-up from the edge of the box in the 53rd minute for the equaliser before snatching the decider with a powerful drive in the 84th minute.

"Last season I played in a wide-attacking position. But this time I am playing in my favourite centre-forward role and hence getting goals," Enamul explained later.

ABAHANI PUT 4 PAST FENI

On a day dominated by Enamul, Abahani notched their first win on the league with a 4-0 drubbing of Feni Soccer Club. The Sky Blues, who were held to a 2-2 draw by Rahmatganj MFS in their opening fixture, rode on a brace from Hungarian forward Szabolcs Csorba and one goal each from Gabor Demjen and Mamun Mia to announce their title credentials.



Midfielder Marouane Fellaini celebrates after scoring United's second goal against City during the Manchester derby at Old Trafford yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Bayern keep winning

AFP, Berlin

Robert Lewandowski scored twice as injury-hit Bayern Munich romped to a 3-0 league win over Eintracht Frankfurt on Saturday ahead of their Champions League quarter-final at Porto.

Despite having only four fit players on the bench, Bayern dominated at Munich's Allianz Arena and are three wins from claiming a third straight German league title.

Jibon leads Siddikur

SPORTS REPORTER

Jibon Ali, a professional golfer of Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC), took a one-stroke lead over Siddikur Rahman in the opening round of the 3rd Patron's Cup, which teed off at the KGC yesterday. The promising golfer traded seven birdies for two bogeys for a first-round score of five-under (67) while Siddikur returned a card of five birdies and a bogey. Jamal Hossain Mollah (3-under), Sajib Ali (2-under) and Hossain Miah (1-under) occupied the next three positions as only five golfers among 51 managed under-par scores on the opening day.



Tennis star Andy Murray married his long-time girlfriend Kim Sears, both 27, in a ceremony in his hometown of Dunblane on Saturday at the Dunblane Cathedral.

PHOTO: INTERNET

Mirza makes history

AFP, Charleston

Sania Mirza will become the first Indian woman to claim the number one doubles ranking after nabbing the Charleston title with partner Martina Hingis.

Hingis and Mirza captured their third doubles title in as many tournaments, after triumphs in the Indian Wells and Miami hard court events.

The duo hadn't dropped a set in their two prior tournaments, but they were tested on the green clay courts of Charleston, saving a match point against Anabel Medina Garrigues and Yaroslava Shvedova in the semi-finals.

On Sunday they defeated Casey Dellacqua and Darija Jurak 6-0, 6-4 to lift the trophy.

Mirza becomes the first Indian woman to reach number one in either singles or doubles.

She has won seven WTA doubles titles over the last 12 months - Oeiras, Tokyo and the WTA Finals last year with Zimbabwe's Cara Black, Sydney this year with American Bethanie Mattek-Sands, and her three titles with Hingis.

She also won her third Grand Slam mixed doubles title last September at the US Open, with Brazilian partner Bruno Soares.

Manchester is red

STAR SPORT DESK



Manchester United met their arch-rivals Manchester City at Old Trafford yesterday in the much-anticipated Manchester Derby.

Although past match-ups saw both teams vying for the title, this game would merely decide which team went ahead on the table, with Chelsea's 1-0 win over QPR giving them an almost unassailable lead at the top.

The game kicked off in tempestuous fashion, with a few fouls setting the tone for the game early on. City were insistent on putting a stop to United's resurgence and did so within the first eight minutes, as the United defence looked shaky from the onset.

After David de Gea denied Jesus Navas from close range, City's pressure began to tell. Not a minute went by as James Milner slipped David Silva in with a defence-splitting ball into the box. The Spaniard bided his time, before slipping in a lovely ball to the feet of the awaiting Sergio Aguero, who slipped the ball into an empty net and scored a goal even his 6-year-old son could have prodded home.

However, as is the case with United, this setback seemed to fuel their desire to win. Ashley Young broke through the wing in the 13th minute, after Ander Herrera did well to hold on to the ball and play him in, but Gael Clichy ensured his second foul was a good one, bringing Young down on the edge of the box.

The ensuing free-kick was headed away with ease, and Navas looked to break again. But De Gea's clearance-cum-cross found Herrera on the left side of City's box and he played in a delicate low cross to find Ashley Young in the box. The Englishman failed to make initial contact, but he found the ball on the rebound and bundled it home while falling away.

Both teams now had the impetus to go

on and snatch the game, but it was United once again who took the initiative after a spell of play where both teams looked to create. Daley Blind and Young patiently passed the ball around on the left side of City's box until Maroune Fellaini took his position in the six-yard area. Young then whipped a cross onto his head, which the colossal Belgian drilled -- past the flailing Joe Hart -- into the net to give United the lead.

A curled free-kick from Wayne Rooney in the 53rd minute forced Joe Hart into a stunning save, but the ball remained in play. Young, Mata and Herrera all swung at the ball, but some desperate blocks stopped them from scoring.

In the 67th minute, United struck once again as Rooney played a perfectly weighted pass onto the path of Juan Mata, who slotted home past Joe Hart with his favoured left foot.

United added another goal barely six minutes later through a Rooney free-kick which found Chris Smalling on the edge of the six-yard area. Smalling had a difficult angle, but his shapely, shaven head was up to the job, as he scored with consummate ease.

Sergio Aguero scored his 100th goal in the 89th minute although it proved to be barely more than a consolation goal as the game ended 4-2.

In Saturday's late game, Aaron Ramsey scored in the 12th minute to give Arsenal a 1-0 win over Burnley at Turf Moor.

At Loftus Road Chelsea seemed destined to draw against QPR, with Thibaut Courtois being drawn into making some fabulous saves against the struggling team, but Cesc Fabrega, donning a mask due to his broken nose, scored with Chelsea's one and only shot of the game two minutes from time.

From a poor clearance by QPR goalkeeper Robert Green, Eden Hazard and Oscar worked the ball down the left before Fabregas side-footed the ball in from 16 yards.

Bankrupt Parma stun Juventus

AFP, Milan

Jose Mauri struck on the hour mark as crisis-hit Parma stunned Juventus 1-0 to hand the champions only their second defeat of the Serie A season, while Cagliari's relegation woes deepened with a 2-0 defeat at Genoa.

Miroslav Klose and Felipe Anderson starred as Lazio completed a 4-0 rout of Empoli to leapfrog city rivals Roma into second place in Serie A. Roma played Torino hoping to close the gap on Juventus to 11 points, however a tight match finished 1-1.

Hamilton conquers China

AFP, Shanghai

Lewis Hamilton roared to victory at the Chinese Grand Prix but sparked a furious blast from Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg as their long-running feud reignited on Sunday.

The Briton made it two wins out of three races this year after the cars came home behind the safety car, with Rosberg second and Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel finishing in third.

Barca slip up

AFP, Madrid



Sevilla came from 2-0 down to blow the La Liga title race wide open with a 2-2 draw against leaders Barcelona on Saturday.

Stunning finishes from Lionel Messi and Neymar inside the first half looked to have Barca well on course for a win. However, Ever Banega pulled a goal back before half-time and the hosts improved display after the break was rewarded when Kevin Gameiro slotted home Alex Vidal's cross seven minutes from time.

Atletico Madrid warmed up for their Champions League tie with Real in midweek with a 2-2 draw at Malaga as Antoine Griezmann's double was cancelled out by a Fernando Torres own goal and Samuel Garcia.

RESULTS

- Getafe 1 (Castro 64) Villarreal 1 (Uche 52-pen)
- Malaga 2 (Torres 37-og, Samuel 70) Atletico Madrid 2 (Griezmann 24, 77)
- Sevilla 2 (Banega 38, Gameiro 83) Barcelona 2 (Messi 14, Neymar 30)
- Almeria 3 (Thomas 45, 87, Espinosa 60) Granada 0

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