

GAZI TV
Bangladesh v Pakistan
First ODI (D/N)
Live from 2:30pm

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Indian Premier League
Mumbai v Chennai (D/N)
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TEN CRICKET
West Indies v England
First Test, Day 5
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TEN ACTION
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Quarterfinals
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STAR SPORTS4
Primera Liga
Levante v Espanyol
Live from 1:00am (Saturday)

Bangladesh v Pakistan
First ODI (D/N)

Time: 2:30pm
Venue: SBNS

Bangladesh Premier League
Brothers Union v Farashganj

Time: 4:15pm
Mohammedan v Sk Russel

Time: 6:30pm
Venue: BNS

Transfer window deferred

SPORTS REPORTER

The players' transfer for the Premier Division Hockey League has been deferred by a week following the Dhaka City Corporation polls.

The three-day transfer window, which was scheduled for April 26-28, will now open from May 5 with 12 teams participating in the transfers.

Four clubs -- Mohammedan SC, Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club, Wari Club and Bangladesh Sporting Club -- have already decided to boycott the transfer for the second successive seasons, saying that they would not take part in any competitions under the existing committee.

The season will get underway through the Club Cup on May 21.



Barcelona striker Luis Suarez (L) celebrates his second goal with teammate Neymar during their Champions League quarterfinal against PSG in Paris on Wednesday.

PHOTO: AFP

Barca snap PSG run

REUTERS, Paris



Barcelona took a big step towards the Champions League semifinals on Wednesday as a goal from Neymar and a Luis Suarez double ended Paris St Germain's 33-game unbeaten home run in Europe with a 3-1 win at the Parc des Princes. PSG, who were without Zlatan Ibrahimovic, suspended for one game after picking up a red card in the last-16 second leg at Chelsea, fell behind when Neymar netted from close range at the end of a quick counter attack in the 18th minute.

Suarez doubled the tally in the 67th after slaloming through the PSG defence, who lost captain Thiago Silva to a possible hamstring injury after 21 minutes, and wrapped it up 11 minutes from time with a curling shot into the top corner.

The hosts reduced the deficit in the 82nd minute when Jeremy Mathieu deflected Gregory van der Wiel's shot into his own goal as PSG suffered their first loss at home in Europe since 2006 ahead of the return leg at the Nou Camp next Tuesday.

In the absence of the injured Thiago Motta and the suspended Marco Verratti, Yohan Cabaye and Adrien Rabiot were fielded alongside Blaise Matuidi in the PSG midfield and the trio's collective lack of Champions League experience showed.

PSG started confidently with the classy Javier Pastore delighting the crowd with delicate twists and turns, but after 18 minutes, the home side were 1-0 down and they had lost centre back Silva.

Lionel Messi almost opened the scoring in the 13th minute when his beautifully curled shot from just outside the area smashed Salvatore Sirigu's right post, but he was more accurate seven minutes later when he set up Neymar for the opener.

Rabiot lost the ball near the touchline to Sergio Busquets, who found Messi in midfield. The Argentine played Neymar through and the Brazil striker coolly finished from close range.

Four minutes into the second half, Pastore combined with Matuidi before Barcelona keeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen parried away his fierce shot from 18 metres.

Suarez then danced past substitute David Luiz and Marquinhos before poking the ball past Sirigu to make it 2-0 to Barca, who had lost 3-2 in Paris in the group stage earlier in the season.

In the 79th minute, Suarez ran unchallenged through the middle and curled a shot into the top corner, only for Van der Wiel to reduce the arrears three minutes later when his low shot was deflected into the net by Mathieu.

Stan, Roger humbled

AFP, Monte Carlo



Roger Federer joined holder Stan Wawrinka as an upset victim at the Monte Carlo Masters on Thursday as the 2014 finalist lost 6-4, 7-6 (7/5) to France's Gael Monfils.

Grigor Dimitrov stunned seventh seed Wawrinka as he beat the Swiss 6-1, 6-2 in the third round.

World number two Federer missed the chance to reach the last eight, weighed down by nearly 40 unforced errors against his French opponent.

The exit of 2014 Australian Open champion Wawrinka came a year after he won his first and only Masters 1000 title here, beating his compatriot Federer in the final.

Wawrinka was well off his game, finishing in 54 minutes with 41 unforced errors and just four winners against ninth seed Dimitrov.

The ninth-ranked is now in danger of losing his top 10 ranking pace.

Porto stun Bayern

AFP, Porto



Porto have one foot in the Champions League's semifinals after their shock 3-1 win at home over Bayern Munich in Wednesday's Champions League quarterfinal, first leg.

Porto carry a weighty advantage to Munich for Tuesday's return leg at the Allianz Arena while Bayern have a glimmer of hope after their away goal, but still need to score at least twice at home.

The Portuguese will be without Real Madrid-bound defender Danilo, who is suspended after picking up a late yellow, but Porto deserved their win after exploiting mistakes by Bayern's

Xabi Alonso and Dante.

Host coach Julen Lopetegui got over his ex-Barcelona teammate Pep Guardiola with Porto poised for a first semifinal appearance since 2004 when they won the Champions League under Jose Mourinho.

Lopetegui had said Porto needed to be the 'perfect protagonists' against Guardiola's Bayern and they got off to a dream start as right winger Ricardo Quaresma scored twice in the opening ten minutes.

Bayern pulled one back through Thiago Alcantara with 28 minutes gone.

But Porto captain Jackson Martinez, a surprise inclusion in the starting lineup after six weeks out with a hamstring injury, added their third on 65 minutes for his 27th goal of the season.

The hosts rattled the German giants at Porto's Estadio do Dragao and had the five-time European champions immediately on the back foot.

In the opening exchanges, Martinez pressed Bayern midfielder Xabi Alonso into a rare mistake on the edge of the area and charged straight at Manuel Neuer.

The Germany goalkeeper brought the Porto skipper down trying to clear the danger and when Spanish referee Carlos Carballo pointed to the spot, Quaresma drilled home the third-minute penalty.

Porto doubled their lead when Dante took too long on the ball, Quaresma pressed him into a mistake and sprinted clear before some clinical finishing put the hosts 2-0 up after just ten minutes.

Abahani beat namesake

SPORTS REPORTER



Title contenders Abahani rode on the Hungarian duo again in the Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League to beat their Chittagong namesake 2-0 in their third match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, Szabolcs Csorba put the four-time professional football league champions ahead in the 73rd minute, before Gabor Demjen wrapped up the victory from the spot in the 78th minute to alleviate any fears of being held like they were in their Federation Cup encounter.

Abahani came into the match with an emphatic 4-0 win over Feni Soccer Club but they struggled against the port city outfit with a hopeless midfield which could hardly pose any threat to the opponents throughout 90 minutes.

Abahani are used to launching attacks from both wings, but those were ineffective yesterday and creative midfielders like Shahedul Alam, Emon Mahmud and Pranotosh Kumar could not penetrate the Ctg Abahani backline for nearly one-and-a-quarter hours, before Csorba struck his fourth goal in three matches.

The Hungarian hitman, availing a

through-pass from defender Shakil Ahmed Jr, placed his shot from inside the box to write his name on the scoresheet in every match he has played for the Sky Blues.

Five minutes later, Demjen converted the spot kick to raise his goal-tally to three in as many matches after his compatriot Csorba was brought down by Guinean defender Camara Mahamad inside the box.

"I am not satisfied with the way Chittagong Abahani played throughout the match. They lacked the pace they had in the previous match. They were also slow to penetrate the opponents," said

ABAHANI 2 - 0 CTG ABAHANI
TEAM BJMC 1 - 3 MUKTIJODHA

Abahani's Austrian coach George Kotton.

With a second win in three matches, Abahani raised their point tally to seven from three outings, two less than joint leaders Sheikh Jamal DC, Mohammedan SC and Muktiyoddha Sangsad, who yesterday beat Team BJMC 3-1 to notch up their third successive win.

Egyptian midfielder Fekry Zeiada, Ghanaian defender Abass Inussah and Senegalese striker Camara Sarba struck one goal each for Muktiyoddha Sangsad, while Nabib Newaj Jibon reduced the margin for Team BJMC.



Abahani's Hungarian striker Szabolcs Csorba (C) celebrates his opening goal against Chittagong Abahani during their Bangladesh Premier League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Youth Hockey Faridpur win in style

SPORTS REPORTER

Holders Faridpur, Sylhet and Kishorganj won their respective second matches of the Agrani Bank 25th National Youth Hockey Championship at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Faridpur thrashed Panchagarh 14-0, Sylhet outplayed Narail 6-1 and Kishorganj blanked Rajshahi Division 3-0 while BKSP were declared 2-0 winners after Meherpur failed to turn up.

Rahane keeps RR unbeaten

TNN, New Delhi

Ajinkya Rahane scored a patient fifty to lead Rajasthan Royals to a close six-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad to extend their unbeaten run in the Indian Premier League to four games at Visakhapatnam on Thursday.

Chasing a modest target of 128, Rajasthan finished with 131 for 4 in 20 overs to record their fourth win of the season. They needed one off the final delivery and James Faulkner hit a boundary off it to seal the deal.

Earlier, Rajasthan bowlers put up a clinical show to restrict Sunrisers Hyderabad to 127 for five, the lowest team total in the tournament so far.

SCORES IN BRIEF
SRH: 127 for 5 in 20 overs (Morgan 27, Ojha 25; Kulkarni 2-9)
RR: 131 for 4 in 20 overs (Rahane 62, Samson 26; Bopara 2-18)
Result: Rajasthan Royals won by 6 wickets.
Player-of-the-match: Ajinkya Rahane.



Porto forward Ricardo Quaresma (L) rejoices one of his two goals against Bayern Munich during their Champions League quarterfinal at the Dragao Stadium on Wednesday.

PHOTO: AFP

Iniesta injury not serious

AFP, Paris

Barcelona coach Luis Enrique is hopeful the injury that forced captain Andres Iniesta off in the second half of Wednesday's Champions League quarterfinal first leg against Paris Saint-Germain is nothing serious.

"Andres took what looks like a very hard blow. We will wait to see what the doctors in Barcelona say but it doesn't seem to be anything too serious," said the coach after the game, which the Catalans won 3-1 thanks to a Neymar strike and a Luis Suarez brace.

Iniesta was stretched off early in the second half and replaced by Xavi Hernandez after appearing to be struck hard in the lower back by the knee of PSG's Javier Pastore just outside his own penalty area.

The second leg will be played at the Camp Nou next Tuesday, April 21.

Tendulkar honoured

AGENCIES, Shanghai

Sachin Tendulkar was inducted, along with four other exceptional athletes, as a Laureus World Sports Academy member at the 16th Laureus World Sports Awards ceremony here on Wednesday.

The legendary batsman has become the third Indian, after fellow cricketers Kapil Dev and Rahul Dravid, to join a league of extraordinary sportspeople committed to helping underprivileged children through the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation.

"It's a huge honour standing here, being a member of the Laureus Academy. I never thought I would be sharing the stage with the heroes whom I admired while growing up," said Tendulkar.

MOMMA'S BOY LUIZ

Wednesday was an awful night for David Luiz. Luiz was twice torn to pieces by Luis Suarez, as the Barca striker nutmegged him twice on his way to scoring. Luiz was ridiculed online after the game, however his mother, Dona Regina, took to Instagram to defend her boy. In one post, Dona Regina wrote: 'I have a son and I always will! His head held high, with a ball at his feet. I will always love you after the good games, and even more after those that don't go well!' --INTERNET

