

<h1>What to WATCH</h1>	CHANNEL 9 Bangladesh Premier League Abahani v Muktijoddha Live from 4:45pm	CHANNEL 9 & SET MAX Indian Premier League Mumbai v Delhi Live from 8:30pm	TEN ACTION UEFA Champions League Juventus v Real Madrid Semifinal, First Leg Live from 12:45am	STAR SPORTS1 Serie A Torino v Empoli Live from 10:30pm	<h2>SENT OFF AFTER 50 SEC</h2> <p>AC Milan defender Mattia De Sciglio was red-carded just 50 seconds into his side's clash with Napoli on Sunday in the fastest sending-off in Serie A this season. The 22-year-old was dismissed for a clumsy hack on Marek Hamsik, conceding a penalty in the process. The right back was bamboozled by Lorenzo Insigne's through ball, which found Hamsik bearing down on goal with only goalkeeper Diego Lopez to beat. He slid straight through the back of the Slovak international, putting his side and under fire</p> 
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BASHUNDHARA BANGLADESH OPEN

A great platform for local golfers

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bashundhara Bangladesh Open, the first-ever Asian Tour event to be staged here later this month, will give Bangladeshi golfers a platform to challenge some of the best golfers from across Asia and beyond, hoped organisers during an agreement signing ceremony at a convention centre in the capital yesterday.

A total of 150 golfers -- 30 from Bangladesh, 10 from Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) and 110 from the Asian Tour including Bangladesh's best golfer Siddikur Rahman -- will be vying for the 300,000-dollar event, which will be held from May 27 to 30 at the Kurmitola Golf Club.

The only regular Bangladeshi representative in the Asian Tour is Siddikur due to his wins on the tour while the other golfers from Bangladesh have to go through a qualifying stage if they want to participate in Asian Tour events.

But since this event is being staged in Bangladesh, 25 professional and five amateur golfers from Bangladesh will be able to take part in it, which is initially planned to be held over the next three years.

"Siddikur Rahman is a tremendous success story of Bangladesh in golf, but there are others who are waiting for this sort of platform to take their game to the next

level," opined Bangladesh Golf Federation's (BGF) secretary general brigadier general Abul Fazal Mohammad Sanaullah in his speech after signing the event agreement with Asian Tour representative Fritz Katzengruber.

Katzenburg said he was optimistic that the first edition of the Bashundhara Bangladesh Open would be a quality event where the skill and mental aptitude of the golfers would be tested.

"Even though the names of foreign participants cannot be confirmed before the registration window closes on May 6, we are more than assured that we would have a very good field with good seedings," said Katzengruber in his welcome speech.

"I have inspected the golf course over the last couple of days and I think it is a 'thinking course' where only driving will not yield the best results," added Katzengruber.

The BGF secretary general, meanwhile, informed that they would try to relocate the next two editions of the event during more pleasant time of the year and would also like to take it beyond Kurmitola, to places like the Bhatiary Golf Course in Chittagong or the Savar Golf Course.

The agreement signing ceremony was preceded by the logo unveiling session where Safwan Sobhan, additional managing director of Bashundhara Group, and Mohammad Sharif, an official of the Asian Tour, were present.



Brigadier general Abul Fazal Mohammad Sanaullah (L), the secretary general of Bangladesh Golf Federation, shakes hands with Asian Tour representative Fritz Katzengruber after an agreement signing ceremony for the Bashundhara Bangladesh Open 2015 at a convention centre in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh to host v'ball tournament

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh is set to host the first-ever International Volleyball tournament involving eight nations at the Shaheed Surawardhi Indoor Stadium beginning from May 23 to 28.

The Asian Volleyball Confederation awarded Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF) the Asian Senior Men's Central Zone Volleyball Championship featuring hosts Bangladesh, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Nepal, Afghanistan and Maldives, split into two groups, playing round-robin league matches and then top two teams will advance to the semifinals.

The disclosure to host the championship came yesterday at the logo unveiling ceremony where commerce minister Tofail Ahmed, state minister for youth and sports Biren Shikdar, deputy sports minister Arif Khan Joy and Bangladesh Olympic Association secretary general Syed Shahed Reza, were present.

Set pieces a major worry for booters

SPORTS REPORTER

With a third finish in the Joint Qualifiers of the World Cup and Asian Cup on their sights, Bangladesh Football Federation president Kazi Salahuddin is seeming concerned over Bangladesh's poor defending from dead-ball situation around the danger zone and thus instructed the coaching staffs to improve it appropriately.

Bangladesh's intent is to upset their mighty opponents Kyrgyzstan (June 11) and Tajikistan (June 16) in the first two matches on home ground to stay in an advantageous position before travelling to those countries for the away matches.

The demand from the BFF boss is quite rational as there were a lot of recent examples that Bangladesh had to suffer either defeats or draws in international matches after conceding goals from set pieces.

For instance, Bangladesh were hoping to clinch the Bangabandhu Gold Cup on home ground with the match locked at 2-2, they suddenly conceded the decider in the dying-moments from a corner kick.

In the AFC U-23 Championship Qualifiers Bangladesh U-23 side conceded six out of eight goals from set pieces.

Having observed the situation in the AFC U-23 Championship Qualifiers, the BFF boss instructed the local referees to strictly follow the rules of law of the game in the

Bangladesh Premier League in a bid to get rid of unnecessary tackles by the players around the danger zone but the situation in the professional football league has hardly changed.

Saiful Bari Titu, assistant coach of the national team who has kept his eyes glued at all matches of the league, observed that the national defenders like Tapu Barman, Yeamin Munna and Yeasin Khan committed the same mistakes around the danger zone time and again in the ongoing league and he also repeatedly communicated those to the players to identify their mistakes to no avail.

It was also seen in Sunday's Premier League encounter that Tapu Barman, who is playing for Sheikh Russel KC, committed unnecessary fouls against Team BJMC twice around the danger zone to be booked and finally gave a penalty to the opponents.

"Everybody knows it (set pieces) is a big concern and a big problem in our football at this moment. We have to tackle it. It is our job to solve this problem," said Dutch coach Lodewijk de Kruijff.

"For future, I have good hopes. What we did is that we hired a goalkeeper coach who is now busy with the goalkeepers and defense organization. That is our target to improve that area."

"What we will also do is to train our defense and midfield line to anticipate better and read the situation better than they did before," hoped de Kruijff after the meeting with the BFF boss.

Farashganj hold Ctg Abahani

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Despite having struck the fastest goal in the ongoing Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League, Chittagong Abahani were forced to play out a 2-2 draw against Farashganj SC in the lone fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Chittagong Abahani's Mohammad Himu scored after only two minutes into the play before Farashganj put up a spirited show to give the Old Dhaka outfit a glimpse of hope of notching up their first victory scoring two goals in the first half.

Nigerian Utche Felix levelled the margin with a placing shot in the 13th minute before Nazmul Islam Rasel headed in the 24th minute to put Farashganj ahead.

Chittagong Abahani equalized with a clever header from Mohammad Hanif in the 70th minute.

Chittagong Abahani are now at ninth position with four points while Farashganj lie at the with two points from six outings.

Juventus plot Real upset

AFP, Milan

Former Real Madrid striker Alvaro Morata believes Juventus can put their comparatively poor Champions League record behind them and squeeze past the record 10-time winners and into this year's final.

Juventus host Real in Turin on Tuesday in the first leg of a semifinal that is likely to confirm, or dispel the theory the Italians are the weakest side in the competition.

On paper, Real are already streets ahead.

While Real swept city rivals Atletico aside 4-1 to claim their 10th crown last year, Juventus were ousted from the semifinals of the Europa League by Benfica having failed to make it past the Champions League group stages.

Indeed, the last time Juve claimed the last of their two trophies from the competition was in 1996, when they ousted Real in the quarterfinals before dominating Ajax in the final after a penalty shoot-out.

Despite Juventus also losing five finals, the gulf between the sides in terms of trophies remains immense but Madrid-born Morata said Juventus's belief they can go all the way remains intact.

"The fact Juventus haven't won the Champions League in a long time doesn't count for anything.

"We're in contention right now and we're totally focused on the job," said Morata, who switched the Bernabeu stadium for Turin last year despite being given increased playing time by former coach Carlo Ancelotti.

"We want to win the title. We're in the semifinals and we've already shown we're among the four best sides in Europe. Let's hope we make it to the final two."

CSK on top

PTI, Chennai

A sensational bowling effort by Chennai Super Kings saw them defend a modest total of 148 as they crushed Royal Challengers Bangalore by 24 runs to regain their position at the top of the table in the IPL on Monday.

Having posted a modest 148 for nine in 20 overs, CSK bowlers led by Ashish Nehra and Dwayne Bravo exhibited brilliant death over skills to bundle out RCB for 124 in 19.4 overs.

In the day's other game, a team effort from Kolkata Knight Riders led them to a thumping 35-run win over Sunrisers Hyderabad. A number of 30s, led Kolkata to 167. In reply, Hyderabad were restricted to 35.

SCORES IN BRIEF
CHENNAI: 148 for 9 (Raina 52, Dhoni 29; Starc 3-24)
BANGALORE: 124 all out (Kohli 48; Nehra 3-19)
Result: Chennai won by 24 runs
KOLKATA: 167 for 7 (Pandey 33, Pathan 30; Sharma 2-29)
HYDERABAD: 132 for 9 (Henriques 41; Hogg 2-13, Yadav 2-20)
Result: Kolkata won by 35 runs

Di Natale crosses Baggio mark

AFP, Rome

Veteran Udinese striker Antonio Di Natale remained tight-lipped on his future after overtaking Roberto Baggio in the all-time Serie A goalscoring charts with his winner at Verona on Sunday.

The 37-year-old former Italy international scored his 206th Serie A goal with a cheeky backheel in his side's 1-0 win.

But he was subdued during his brief post-match interview, preferring to comment on the game than what will happen next season.

"I am happy both for me and my team-mates, we did well against a very good Verona side," said Di Natale.

"It is an honour to overtake Baggio and I am very happy for this goal, but I don't want to talk about my future."

Di Natale's contract runs out next year but Udinese have admitted that they would release the attacker if he decides to leave early.

Clubs in Dubai and America's MLS have reportedly expressed interest in the player.

WI level series with Eng

AFP, Bridgetown

West Indies defied the odds and a wearing pitch to complete a series-levelling five-wicket victory over England on the third day of the third and final Test on Sunday.

Set a daunting target of 192 after the tourists were dismissed for 123 in their second innings, a 108-run fifth-wicket partnership between Darren Bravo and Jermaine Blackwood tilted the match decisively the Caribbean side's way.

It was their first victory over England since the opening match of the 2009 series in Kingston, Jamaica.

Bravo's controlled knock of 82 ended when he attempted to make the victory hit off Ben Stokes as Stuart Broad pulled down the catch at mid-off.

It was left to Blackwood to finish off the match in the next over, hoisting Moeen Ali's off-spin over long-on to complete a team and personal triumph following his first innings top score of 85 out of a total of 189.

West Indies seemed on the verge of another capitulation when veteran Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who endured a poor series, played on to James Anderson without scoring to leave the home side uncomfortably placed at 80 for four.

However, Blackwood capitalised on a significant moment of luck -- a missed stumping by wicketkeeper Jos Buttler off Joe Root when only on four -- to stay with his senior partner.

Gradually they wore down the England bowlers before unfurling the attacking shots that sped the West Indies to the target that seemed beyond them at the start of the chase given the state of the pitch and the low-scoring nature of the match.

Opensers Kraigg Brathwaite and Shai Hope saw off the early assault from Anderson and Broad, although not without a few anxious moments.

However the introduction of Chris Jordan into the attack brought the breakthrough that England craved as the debutant fell leg-before for nine.

In the very next over, Jordan's brilliance at slip throughout the series was again in evidence as he held on to a sharp chance left-handed to remove Brathwaite off Ali's off-spin for 25.

England had started the day brightly, putting on 51 in the first hour for the loss of just one wicket from a perilous overnight position of 39 for five.

SCORES IN BRIEF
ENGLAND: First innings 257
WEST INDIES: First innings 189
ENGLAND: Second innings 123 (Ballance 23, Stokes 32, Buttler 35 not out; Taylor 3-33, Holder 3-15, Permaul 3-43)
WEST INDIES: Second innings 194 for 5 (Brathwaite 25, Bravo 82, Samuels 20, Blackwood 47 not out; Anderson 1-35, Broad 1-29, Jordan 1-24)
Result: West Indies won by five wickets.
Player-of-the-match: Jermaine Blackwood.
Player-of-the-series: James Anderson.

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NOTICE OF THE 19th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all Shareholders of Pioneer Insurance Company Limited whose names appear in the Share Register on Monday, May 04, 2015 that the 19th Annual General Meeting of Pioneer Insurance Company Limited will be held on **Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 11 A.M.**, in **Officers' Club, 26 Baily Road, Dhaka-1000** to transact the following businesses:

- To receive and approve the report of the Board of Directors regarding the affairs of the company for the year ended 31st December 2014.
- To receive, consider and adopt the Statement of Comprehensive Income of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 2014 and the Statement of Financial Position as of that date together with the Auditor's Report.
- To declare Dividend for the year ended 31st December 2014.
- To appoint Auditors for the year 2015 and fix their remuneration.
- To elect Directors (from Group A & Group B) as per Articles of Association of the Company.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

S. M. Mizanur Rahman
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 Company Secretary

April 20, 2015

Notes:

- The **"Record Date"** is **Monday, May 04, 2015**, Shareholders, whose names are found recorded in the share register on the **"Record Date"**, shall be entitled to attend the meeting and to receive the dividend.
- A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy (as per Article of Association, proxy shall be a member of the Company) on his/her behalf. The Proxy form duly stamped and signed shall be submitted at the registered office of the company at least 72 hours before the meeting.
- Entry to the Annual General Meeting is reserved only for the Shareholder or his / her proxy on production of the Attendance Slip printed with the Annual Report. No Guests and Children shall be allowed entrance in the meeting.
- The Annual Report 2014 and Proxy Form will be available at the Pioneer's website www.pioneerinsurance.com.bd from May 06, 2015 onward.