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Bangladesh v Pakistan
Second Test, Day 1
Live from 10:00am

CHANNEL 9
Bangladesh Premier League
Sk Jamal v Mohammedan

CHANNEL 9 & SET MAX
Indian Premier League
Bangalore v Punjab
Live from 8:30pm

TEN ACTION
UEFA Champions League
Barcelona v Bayern Munich
Semifinal, First Leg
Live from 12:45am (Thursday)

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh v Pakistan
Venue: SBNCS, Mirpur
Second Test, Day 1

Time: 10:00am
Bangladesh Premier League
Venue: BNS

Sk Jamal v Mohammedan
Time: 4:15pm
Team BJMC v Rahmatganj

MARADONA SLAMS BLATTER

Argentina's World Cup winning captain Diego Maradona launched a blistering attack on FIFA president Sepp Blatter on Monday saying that world soccer's governing body had descended into anarchy with the 79-year-old Swiss in charge. With the FIFA presidential election less than a month away, Maradona said the time was long overdue for Blatter to go. "As the football world knows, inside FIFA there is total anarchy, where there is only one man who decides everything. But he knows absolutely

Muktis sink Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER

A 12th minute strike from Senegalese striker Camara Sarba powered Muktijoddha Sangsad to a 1-0 win over Abahani in their Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The narrow win snapped a three-match winless streak for the All Reds, who moved up to second position of the 11-team table with 16 points, three behind leaders Sheikh Jamal DC and three clear of both Abahani and Mohammedan.

Muktijoddha had come into this match having conceded nine goals in their previous three matches, which included two defeats from winning positions. But yesterday the All Reds concentrated more on preserving the lead and did not go all-out after taking the lead, which ultimately earned them three precious points.

ABAHANI 0 - 1 MUKTIJODDHA

The only goal of the match came when Muktijoddha midfielder Zahed Parvez Chowdhury's pass was taken into the deep by Mohiuddin Ibul Siraji, who whipped in a well-judged cross for Camara Sarba to nod home past Abahani goalkeeper Ziaur Rahman.

Abahani, however, had come close to taking the lead in the sixth minute when Nasirul Islam whipped in a cross for Ubom Henry, whose header failed to beat Muktijoddha goalkeeper Titumir Chwodhruy.

Abahani got a few more half-chances on either side of the break but Titumir stood tall in the Muktijoddha goal to foil all the attacks from the Sky Blues.

Abahanai's strategy of launching attacks from both flanks took a heavy blow when Nasirul limped off with an injury mid-way through the first half. Already playing without their influential Hungarian striker Szabolcs Csorba, who might be ruled out for the rest of the league due to a stomach strain, Abahani could not penetrate the Muktijoddha backline and had to suffer their second defeat in seven matches.

"May be the better team did not win the match but that is football. We gifted them (Muktijoddha) the goal because Sarba was supposed to be marked by Henry, who left him unmarked inside the box," said Abahani coach George Kottan.

"Abahani is a lovely team but we don't have goal-scorers and I can say we are not in a position at the moment to win the championship," opined the former Bangladesh national team coach.

Kottan's counterpart, Abu Yousuf, praised his charges for successfully defending the single-goal lead.

"We were under tremendous pressure because we could not hold the lead in the last three matches. Today (Tuesday) the boys did everything according to the plan once they took the lead," added Yousuf.

Muktijoddha Sangsad's Senegalese forward Camara Sarba celebrates his goal against Abahani during their Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi (R) practises with teammates during a training session at the Joan Gamper Sports Center yesterday on the eve of their Champions League semifinal against Bayern Munich.

PHOTO: AFP

Mumbai win a thriller

PTI, *Mumbai*

Captain Rohit Sharma and Ambati Rayudu made crucial knocks as Mumbai Indians notched up a thrilling five-wicket win over Delhi Daredevils in their rain-affected IPL match on Tuesday.

Mumbai struggled early in their chase of 153 as they were reduced to 8 for 2 in second over but captain Rohit Sharma (46) and Ambati Rayudu (49 not out) shared 60 runs for the fifth wicket to repair the innings before Kieron Pollard took them home with three balls to spare with a quick-fire 14-ball 26 not out.

SCORES IN BRIEF

DELHI: 152 for 6 in 20 overs (Iyer 19, Duminy 28, Jadhav 16, Yuvraj 57; Malinga 2-33, Harbhajan 2-11)
MUMBAI: 153 for 5 in 19.3 overs (R Sharma 46,Rayudu 49 not out, Coulter-Nile 2-30)
Result: Mumbai won by 5 wickets.

Pep returns to Nou Camp

AFP, *Barcelona*

Pep Guardiola will return to the Camp Nou with the away side for the first time on Wednesday as Barcelona's most successful coach takes Bayern Munich to the Catalan stronghold in the first-leg of their Champions League semifinal.

As a player Guardiola was a key cog of the Barca side that won their first ever European Cup in 1992. And as a coach he led the club to 14 trophies, including two Champions Leagues titles during a glorious four-year spell between 2008 and 2012.

However, he now must find a way to outwit former teammate and friend, the Barcelona coach Luis Enrique, and a host of his former charges who are in sensational form.

Having won 26 of their last 28 games in all competitions, Barca are on course to repeat the historic treble of La Liga, Champions League and Copa del Rey which they won in Guardiola's first season in charge.

"There is a good relationship there, because we've known each other for so long," said Barca midfielder Andres Iniesta.

"We went through a lot together and, therefore, it will be nice and special for everyone."

The tie could even see brothers come face-to-face as former Barca midfielder Thiago Alcantara returns to his former club where younger brother Rafinha is now a first-team regular.

HEAD TO HEAD IN C. LEAGUE

Matches played: **6**
Bayern wins: **4**
Barcelona wins: **1**
Draws: **1**

Revenge could also be on Barca's minds, though, as they suffered their heaviest ever European defeat in a 7-0 aggregate thrashing by Bayern at this stage of the competition two years ago.

Bayern's top-scorer Robert Lewandowski looks set to play with a protective face mask despite breaking his nose and cheekbone in last week's penalty shoot out defeat to Borussia Dortmund in the German Cup semifinals.

The German champions will be without Arjen Robben, Franck Ribery, David Alaba and Holger Badstuber through injury, though.

By contrast, Barcelona are at full-strength and in top form having struck 16 goals without reply in their last two games.

North Korea friendly cancelled

SPORTS REPORTER

The proposed friendly match between Bangladesh and North Korea scheduled for May 14 in Dhaka has been cancelled, informed a Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) official yesterday.

It has been learnt that the agents who had come up with the proposal -- the Celebrity Management Group and the Pan Asia -- have conveyed the message to the BFF, citing 'logistical issues' for the cancellation of the match.

"The match is not taking place. Today the agents informed us that the North Korean team can't come in such a short time. They have also said that the team has reservations about the logistical support that the team might get" said BFF general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag, adding that the letter did not mention whether the lack of logistical support originated from the agents' side or the team's.

The BFF had reportedly received the proposal during the AFC Congress in Bahrain on April 28 through the agents, who had asked the BFF to arrange for the venue while promising to bear all the expenditures of the North Korean team including air fare, food and accommodation. The BFF had, after further discussions at home, agreed to the agents' proposal of hosting the match in Dhaka on May 14.

Meanwhile, Shohag also informed that BFF had communicated with its Indian counterparts for a friendly fixture here this month, but failed to get a positive response due to India's tight domestic schedule. Singapore, another team approached by the BFF, informed they would take a decision after discussing with their head