Venue: Fatullah Cricket Stadium

One-offTest, Day 5

Time: 9:30am

#### ENDING UP IN WRONG WALES

The 12 Red Devils supporters set off to watch Marc Wilmots' men take on Gareth Bale and Co. in Cardiff in a crunch Euro 2016 qualifier but ended up in a tiny village near Rotherham after a navigational error. There is only one Wales, right? Well, apparently not, as a bus-load of Belgium fans found out on Friday! The 12 Red Devils supporters set off from Brussels. Having set their destination to 'Wales' in their satnay they were subsequently guided to the village outside Rotherham — more than 200 miles away from the stadium.

#### BPL 2nd leg from June 26

SPORTS REPORTER

The second leg of matches of the Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League will resume from June 26 instead of initially proposed date of June 20, decided a meeting of the Professional Football League Committee yesterday. The league committee of the BFF, chaired by Abdus Salam Murshedy, also decided gave the green signal to MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong as the away venue for the league. The committee also decided to start the Bangladesh Championship League, the second-tier football league, from the first week of

#### Siddikur's team finish third

SPORTS REPORTER

September.

Siddikur Rahman-led Dev Ellora Pune team finished third among seven teams in the Louis Philippe Cup, which concluded in Bengaluru yesterday. The Bangladesh golfer finished last among 21 golfers with an aggregate individual score of nine-over (225), but thanks to his two Indian teammates -- Sanjay Kumar and Om Prakash Chouhan -- the Kapil Dev owned side man-

aged to post 11-under (421). The title was snatched by Mithun Perera-led Navaratna Ahmedabad team for their third time in four editions.

Siddikur will take part in the Queen's Cup in Thailand next week where Jamal Hossain Mollah and Shakhawat Hossain Sohel are also expected to participate.

#### Syque Caesar Stanford's asst coach

SPORTS REPORTER

US resident Bangladeshi gymnast Syque Caesar has been named assistant coach of the Stanford University men's gymnastics team on Wednesday, said a newsletter of the university.

A 2013 graduate of Michigan with a degree in communication studies and a master's degree in sport management, Caesar will join the Cardinal after serving as a program assistant last season with the Wolverines.

Caesar has represented Bangladesh at the 2012 London Olympics, 2014 Commonwealth Games, 2014 Asian Games and the World Championships in 2011 and 2013.



Wales star Gareth Bale celebrates his all-important goal against Belgium during their Euro 2016 qualifier at Cardiff City Stadium on Friday.

# Wales stun Belgium, Italy held

AFP, Paris



Wales took a huge step towards ending their long wait to return to a major tournament finals as Gareth Bale's strike secured a 1-0 win over

Belgium in Cardiff in Euro 2016 qualifying on Friday. With his new Real Madrid coach Rafael Benitez watching from the

stands at a rocking Cardiff City Stadium, Bale chested the ball down and swept home in the 25th minute following an error by Belgium midfielder Radja Nainggolan to put Wales in front.

Chris Coleman's side then soaked up the pressure put on them by a supremely talented Belgium team who currently sit second only to Germany in the FIFA rankings.

The result means Wales remain unbeaten in qualifying Group B and they now top the section, three points clear of the second-placed Belgians. More importantly, with only the

top two in each group certain to qualify automatically for next year's finals in France, they are five points clear of third-placed Israel, whose own hopes were dealt a blow in a 3-1 defeat to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Wales, who have never been to a European Championship, appear poised to finally qualify for a major tournament for the first time since the 1958 World Cup, with four matches still to play in the autumn, the next being away to Cyprus in September.

Bosnia boosted their own hopes of snatching at least third place,

which brings with it a chance to reach the finals via a play-off at the very least, by coming from behind to beat Israel in Zenica.

Tal Ben Haim -- not to be con-

fused with the former Chelsea defender of the same name who was also in the Israel line-up -- put the visitors ahead late in the first half. However, Bosnia turned the

game on its head thanks to an Edin Visca brace either side of a penalty by the Manchester City striker Edin Dzeko. In Group H, beaten Euro 2012

finalists Italy came from behind to draw 1-1 in Croatia in a game played behind closed doors in Split as a consequence of violent clashes and rocket-throwing incidents when the nations met in Milan last November.

Atletico Madrid's Mario Mandzukic was the chief protago-

#### RESULTS

Kazakhstan 0 Turkey 1 (Arda Turan 83) Iceland 2 (A Gunnarsson 60, Sigthorsson 76) Czech Republic 1 (Dockal 55) Latvia 0 Netherlands 2 (Wijnaldum 67, Narsingh 71)

Andorra 1 (Dossa Junior 2-og) Cyprus 3 (Mytidis 13, 45, 53) Bosnia and Herzegovina 3 (Visca 42, 75, Dzeko

45+2-pen) Israel 1 (Ben Haim II 41) Wales 1 (Bale 25) Belgium 0 Croatia 1 (Mandzukic 11) Italy 1 (Candreva 36-pen) Malta 0 Bulgaria 1 (Popov 56) Norway 0 Azerbaijan 0

nist, having a penalty saved by Gianluigi Buffon before giving Croatia an 11th-minute lead.

But Mandzukic then conceded a penalty at the other end which Antonio Candreva chipped in, and the draw allowed both sides to remain unbeaten after six matches.

The winners of the quiz will be announced

tomorrow in the newspaper and through email.

## Booters seek 2010 encore

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh will be looking back for some inspiration in a

bid to register their first points in the Joint Qualifiers of the World Cup and the Asian Cup when they host Tajikistan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday. Starting the qualifiers with a frustrating 1-3 defeat against Kyrgyzstan at home on Thursday, the men in red and

green will surely want to replicate their victory in their most recent match against the Tajiks, which came during the AFC Challenge Cup in Colombo in 2010, before playing away to Australia on September 3. Bangladesh have only managed that solitary victory

against the Central Asian side while drawing once and losing four times previously. Bangladesh centre-back Atiqur Rahman Meshu, who was

not selected for these qualifiers due to a hamstring injury, feels Bangladesh have the capability of beating the Tajikistan, despite the Central Asian side sitting 27 places above Bangladesh in the latest FIFA rankings. "They (Tajikistan) are a strong physical side who play

European style football. But we have improved in the past five years and I think it is possible to beat them," said the defender who had scored the winning goal in that memorable 2-1 victory. "I think the current national team is better than the team of five years ago and the players must try their best to snatch points from Tajikistan."

Unlike the Kyrgyzstan team, the Tajik squad boats players mostly from the local league. A large contingent of the 28-member squad, which will be arriving here this evening, play for the current league champions FC Istiqlol while FC Khujan represents second largest portion of the squad.

During Thursday's match, it was the Europe-based players of the Kyrgyzstan side who actually made the difference. Serbia-based forward Anton Zemlianukhin scored two goals while Germany based midfielder Victor Maier earned a penalty, which was converted by Poland based Edgar Bernhard. Could the lack of overseas experience in the Tajikistan side be a favourable factor for Bangladesh?

veteran forward Enamul Haque believes that they have the ability to beat the Tajiks regardless of their team composition. "We proved [five years ago] that we have the potential to

Although no one was willing to speculate so far, but

beat a team like Tajikistan. I believe we can beat them if we play to our potential," said the forward who had scored the opening goal in the 2-1 win five years ago.

The Tajiks are also looking for their first points in the campaign after losing by 1-3 goals at home against Jordan in their opening match.

Jurassic World Quiz Contest

### Bolivia hold Mexico

AFP, Vina Del Mar



Mexico coach Miguel Herrera watched in frustration and anger as his side failed to break down minnows Bolivia in a Copa America encounter Friday

that ended in a goalless draw.

Herrera was lucky his side did not concede a killer goal in game that left hosts Chile in charge of Group A after their 2-0 win over Ecuador on the opening day of the South American championship.

He chided his side -- weakened by the absence of star players such as Javier 'Chicharito' Hernandez, Carlos Vela and Giovani dos Santos -- from the touchline as they failed to break down the world 89th ranked Bolivians.

But Herrera erupted at Paraguayan referee Enrique Caceres for not awarding a penalty when Javier Aquino, Mexico's most

effective player, appeared to be brought down in the 79th minute.

Herrera brought a weakened squad to the Copa America as he is saving his main players for the Gold Cup in the United States next month. But he still insists that Mexico, 29th in the FIFA rankings, are in Chile to win games.

Bolivia always looked vulnerable when under pressure but surprised their stronger opponents on the counter attack and had three outstanding first half chances.

In the 14th minute, Ricard Pedriel flicked a low cross by Swedish based defender Marti Smedberg-Dalence onto the post.

Just before the break, Jhasmani Campos fired a left foot shot that Mexico goalkeeper Jose Jesus Corona just tipped over the crossbar. From the resulting corner, veteran Bolivian defender Ronald Raldes just headed wide.

Herrera started to show his frustration as Mexico failed to get a grip on the game in the second half.

#### Kiwis level series at 1-1

AFP, London

Ross Taylor's century laid the platform for New Zealand's 13-run win under the Duckworth-Lewis method against England in the second oneday international at The Oval on Friday as the Black Caps levelled the fivematch series at 1-1.

Taylor's 119 not out and Kane Williamson's 93 were the cornerstone of a total of 398 for five.

It was the highest total England had conceded in all one-day internationals, surpassing the 387 for five posted against them by India at Rajkot in 2008.



### Holder saves follow-on

AFP, Kingston



Jason Holder blazed an unbeaten 82 to save the West Indies from the follow-on, but Australia were still in command at 22-0 for an overall lead of 201 at lunch on the third day of the second and final Test on Saturday.

With the home side starting the morning in deep trouble at 143 for eight, in reply to the tourists' first innings total of 399, Holder stole the spotlight with a brilliant, counterattacking innings that lifted them to a final score of 220.

He belted 12 fours and two sixes at Sabina Park, the second taking him to his second Test half-century, off just 63 deliveries and seemed well on course for a second hundred at the highest level of the game.

However Josh Hazlewood wrapped up the innings after an hour's play with the wickets of Kemar Roach and Jerome Taylor off consecutive deliveries to finish with his best Test innings figures of five for 38 off 15.5 overs.

Both Taylor and Roach produced a handful of challenging deliveries to Australia's opening pair of David Warner and Shaun Marsh at the start of the second innings. But they survived the examination and were poised to build on an already impressive lead heading into the afternoon.

SCORES IN BRIEF AUSTRALIA: 1st Innings 399 all out

WEST INDIES: 1st Innings 220 all out (Blackwood 51, Holder 82 not out; Hazlewood 5-38, Lyon 3-55) AUSTRALIA: 2nd Innings 22 for no loss (Marsh 14 not out, Warner 8 not out)

