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Narayanganj in final rd

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Narayanganj moved into the final round of the Sailor-BFF National U-15 Football Championship after emerging zonal champions. Narayanganj defeated Pabna 3-0 in the final played at the Chuadanga District Stadium, with Ridoy, Emran and Ibrahim scoring one goal apiece.

Jansen retires at just 29

AFP, Berlin

Former Germany defender Marcell Jansen has quit professional football at the age of just 29 following his release by Hamburg. In 2007, Jansen had the world at his feet when he joined Bundesliga giants Bayern Munich having been part of the Germany squad which finished third at the 2006 World Cup on home soil and he played in the Euro 2008 final when Germany lost to Spain.

GOLD CUP USA edge Honduras in opener

AFP, Frisco

Clint Dempsey scored twice as the United States national team began their CONCACAF Gold Cup title defence Tuesday by holding on to beat Honduras 2-1. Dempsey scored on either side of halftime for the favoured Americans who came into the tournament riding a four-match friendly win streak and now move to the top of Group A standings with three points. The Americans and Hondurans are joined in Group A by Haiti and Panama, who played to a 1-1 draw in the first game of the 12-team, 19-day tournament's opening day doubleheader.

RESULTS

United States 2 (Dempsey 25, 64)

Honduras 1 (Discua 68)

Panama 1 (Quintero 55) Haiti 1



Sheikh Russel midfielder Hemanta Vincent Biswas (C) is being congratulated by his teammates after scoring the second goal during a 2-1 win against Mohammedan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: BFF

Russel bring down high-flying MSC

SPORTS REPORTER

Sheikh Russel KC snapped Mohammedan Sporting Club's eight-match unbeaten run in the Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League with a 2-1 win at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The former champions held off the challenge of Jashimuddin Joshi's charges and joined them in second position on 26 points after their second successive victory. The win kept Sheikh Russel firmly in the title-race as they stay only four points behind league leaders Sheikh Jamal DC, having played a game less. Mohammedan, who are on 26 points too, have played 13 matches. Mithun Chowdhury and Hemanta Vincent Biswas struck once each apiece for Maruful Haque's charges before Ismail Bangoura scored a consolation goal for the Black and Whites in the dying moments. Yesterday's win means Sheikh Russel have overcome one of the big hurdles following their 3-1 win over Brothers Union in the previous match. A youthful Mohammedan, on the other hand, had to endure their third defeat of the

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league playing comparatively better football than their opponents. The heavy downpour before the match made it difficult for players to assert their game, but eventually Sheikh Russel availed a couple of opportunities to come out victors. Zahid Hossain and Bangoura wasted two opportunities at either end early on before Zahid's free-kick on in the stoppage time was flicked home by Mithun. After restart, Mohammedan kept Sheikh Russel defenders busy and national winger Jewel Rana saw his overhead miss the cross-piece by a few inches. Mohammedan squandered the easiest chance of the match when winger Mohammad Ibrahim danced past three defenders and rounded the goalkeeper, but incredibly floated over the open net in the 79th minute. And they had to pay dearly as Sheikh Russel soon took the game away with the second goal in the 83rd minute. Left-back Shohel Rana whipped in a well-judged cross from and Hemenat rose high to head the cross home. Mohammedan pulled one goal back in the 85th minute through Jewel but the goal was ruled out for off-side before Bangoura converted a penalty kick in the stoppage time after Wali Faisal handled the ball inside the danger zone.

Gasquet stuns Wawrinka

Meets Djokovic in semis as Federer, Murray clash

AFP, London

Richard Gasquet stunned fourth seeded French Open winner Stan Wawrinka 6-4, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 11-9 to set-up a Wimbledon semifinal clash against defending champion Novak Djokovic. It will be 21st seed Gasquet's second appearance in the semi-finals, eight years after his first. Meanwhile, Roger Federer and Andy Murray set-up another mouthwatering clash for a spot in the championship match. Top seed and world number one Djokovic, also the champion in 2011, made the semifinals for a sixth successive year and seventh time in total by demolishing ninth seed and US Open winner Marin Cilic 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. Second seeded Federer, the seven-time champion, reached his 10th Wimbledon semifinal with a 6-3, 7-5, 6-2 win over French 12th seed Gilles Simon. Murray, the third seed, cruised into his sixth All England Club semifinal

with an equally comfortable 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 win against unseeded Canadian Vasek Pospisil. Djokovic, an eight-time Grand Slam champion, hit 27 winners and committed just 12 unforced errors without allowing a break point to Cilic. "It was a very solid performance after a tough five-set match against Kevin (Anderson) in the fourth round," Djokovic said. "The top players are expected to reach the final stages of these competitions, but still I'm happy to make my way through. Of course I try not to take it for granted." There were two other significant landmarks for Djokovic on Wednesday -- his 650th tour-level match win and his 50th Wimbledon victory. Federer, 33, who is bidding to become the oldest Wimbledon champion in the Open Era, will be playing in his 37th Grand Slam semi-final. He shrugged off two rain delays as well as being broken for the first time

at the tournament to complete victory over Simon in just 94 minutes. Federer fired 11 aces and 36 winners as he secured a sixth win in eight meetings with Simon, who was attempting to reach the last-four of a major for the first time. Federer holds a narrow 12-11 lead over Murray and has won their last three clashes. He defeated the British third seed in the 2012 Wimbledon final -- their only meeting at the tournament -- before Murray gained revenge just weeks later in the Olympic Games final. "We both like to look back on that summer of 2012. If we knew I would win Wimbledon and him Olympics, I think we both would have taken it. It was a great summer for us," said the 17-time major winner. The only blip for Federer on Wednesday was dropping serve for the first time at the tournament in the 10th game of the second set which ended a run of 116th consecutive service holds since the first round in Halle last month.



Portuguese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo (L) touches his look-alike figure made by a 3D printer during a promotional event in Tokyo yesterday.

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