

Sk Jamal tame Ctg Abahani

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A brace each from Emeka Darlington and Wedson Anselme powered Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club to a 5-1 win over Chittagong Abahani in the Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

The tenth win in 14 matches means leaders Sheikh Jamal take their tally to 33 points, seven ahead of joint second-placed Mohammedan and Sheikh Russel KC though, even though the Mohammedan have played one match less while Sheikh Russel have played two matches less than the defending champions.

Chittagong Abahani, who were in tenth position with 7 points, came into the match on the back of two successive draws against Muktijoddha Sangsad and Abahani, but they failed to carry the momentum of against star-studded Sheikh Jamal, who played pressing football on a rain-soaked pitch to take a comfortable 3-0 lead by the end of the first half.

Left-back Yeamin Munna gave the visitors the lead in the ninth minute with a placing shot before Emeka headed a Mohammad Linkon cross home to double the lead in the 17th minute. Wedson then made it 3-0 in the 41st minute to join the league's top-scorer Augustine Walsom with 14 goals.

Wedson surpassed Walsom six minutes after restart before Hanif reduced the margin for the port city side in the 89th

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minute. However, Emekta struck his 11th goal of the league in the stoppage time to seal the victory.

UGLY SCENES AT OLD DHAKA DERBY

Here at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in Dhaka, Rahmatganj MFS and Farashganj SC shared the spoils of a 2-2 draw. The battle between the two Old Dhaka outfits got ugly as Farashganj's football coordinator Gazi Sarwar Hossain Babu, who is a Jubo League (South) leader, pushed BFF guards to enter the field before threatening the cops.

The Farashganj officials got angry and claimed that referee Chowdhury Nayan was biased and robbed them of their first league win this season.

Farashganj had taken the lead in the first minute when Peter Akinyele headed in a Farhaduzzaman Babu corner before new-signing Pushbon Mollah doubled the lead seven minutes into the second half by tapping in a low cross from Mohammad Yousuf.

Rahmatganj reduced the margin in the 78th minute, thanks to Farashganj's Nigerian defender David Udoh Bright who sent a Mannaf Rabby cross into his own net.

When Farashganj were sensing their maiden win substitute Mohammad Helal equalised the margin availing a cross from Nurul Absar deep into stoppage time.

The draw took Rahmatganj to 11 points in eighth position while Farashganj SC have four points at the bottom of the table.



Switzerland's Roger Federer pumps his fist in celebration after beating Andy Murray of Britain in the Wimbledon men's singles semifinal in London yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Roger, Novak in final again

AFP, London



Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic will meet for the 40th time on Sunday in a Wimbledon final rematch after they swept through their semifinals in straight sets on Friday.

Second seed Federer became the oldest finalist in 41 years when he downed Andy Murray 7-5, 7-5, 6-4, while top seed Djokovic, who beat Federer in five sets in last year's final, brushed aside Richard Gasquet 7-6 (7/2), 6-4, 6-4.

Federer, 33, will be playing in his 10th Wimbledon final and 26th at all the Grand Slams where victory will give him a record eighth All England Club crown and 18th major.

His demolition of 2013 champion Murray was his most impressive in recent years and featured 20 aces, 56 winners and just 11 unforced errors.

He allowed Murray, who he has now defeated in five out of six Grand Slam clashes, just one break point and that was in the opening game of the two hour seven minute match.

"It's been tough, Andy has been playing very well this season and there was so much expectation on this match," said Federer, who is the oldest finalist since 39-year-old Ken Rosewall in 1974.

"I had to try to focus and keep holding my serve one more game. You do it so many times you think the break will go against you eventually, but I managed to hold on."

Federer has a 20-19 winning record over Djokovic but they are 6-6 in the majors.

They have met twice at Wimbledon with Federer winning a semifinal in 2012 on his way to his most recent major triumph and Djokovic gaining revenge in last year's final.

One of the key moments was the

10th game of the second set when Murray saved five set points in an incredible 15-minute 10th game which went to seven deuces. The fifth was saved after a 21-shot rally.

But the Federer siege continued and after serving a love game he got the breakthrough in the 12th game, opening the court before swatting away a high, loose response from Murray.

Serve dominated the third set until the 10th game when an unreturned backhand took Federer to match point which he converted when Murray went wide with a forehand.

Djokovic survived an unusually sloppy start and eventually dismissed French 21st seed Gasquet with 12 aces and 46 winners in two hours and 20 minutes on Centre Court.

The 28-year-old will go for his third All England Club title, and his ninth at the majors, when he faces Federer.



Barcelona's latest signing Turkish midfielder Arda Turan waves during his official presentation at the Nou Camp yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Palace seal Cabaye deal

AFP, London



France midfielder Yohan Cabaye is on his way back to the Premier League after leaving Paris Saint-Germain to join Crystal Palace for what the London club described as "a club record fee".

Cabaye has signed a three-year deal at Selhurst Park where, subject to receiving international clearance, he will once again team up with manager Alan Pardew, under whom he played at Newcastle United during his previous stint in England.

Palace, who finished 10th in the Premier League last season, reported the transfer fee as undisclosed but the BBC said they had paid £10 million (13.9m euros, \$15.5m) possibly rising to £13 million with add-ons.

"I wanted to come and play for Palace because there are some really strong players here," he told the club's official website.

"They finished very well last season and I think they can compete to get into the top eight. I also know the gaffer and have worked with him before and I'm confident with him."

"I want to do my best for him because he's made a big effort to get me to come here, as well as the chairman, so I have to say a big thank you to both of them."

Cabaye started his career at Lille, where he was part of their double-winning side in 2011 before departing for Newcastle that year.

Gayle storm continues

CRICINFO, Kingston

Chris Gayle continued his rich vein of form in Twenty20 cricket, blasting 105 off just 57 deliveries to set up Jamaica Tallawah's 50-run victory against Trinidad & Tobago at Sabina Park on Thursday.

Chasing the target of 181 Trinidad & Tobago managed 130 for 9 in 20 overs.

Gayle's assault, his seventh 50-plus score in nine matches, also lifted the hosts up to second in the table, level on points with Barbados Tridents, who have played a game more, while Red Steel were left rooted at the bottom.

Gayle came into the match boasting scores of 92, 151*, 85*, 90*, 72* and 64* for Tallawahs and Somerset in the last couple of months, and he did not take long to get going on Thursday.

India win a thriller

REUTERS, Harare



India's Ambati Rayudu hit a career-best unbeaten century to help them secure a tense four-run win over Zimbabwe in the first one-day international at the Harare Sports Club on Friday.

After being sent in to bat, India stumbled to 87 for five before Rayudu (124 not out from 133 balls) and Stuart Binny (77 from 76 balls) put on an Indian record 160 for the sixth wicket to help the tourists reach 255 for six in their 50 overs.

Zimbabwe battled to keep up with the rate on a slow wicket but late fireworks from captain Elton Chigumbura (104 not out from 101 balls) saw them need 10 off the final over.

They reduced that to six from three balls

but Bhuvneshwar Kumar bowled brilliantly to concede just a single from there and India could breath again having restricted the hosts to 251 for seven.

Chigumbura waited 174 matches for his maiden ODI ton and now has two in as many innings but will be desperately disappointed not to have got his side over the line.

SCORES IN BRIEF

INDIA: 255 for 6 in 50 overs (Rahane 34, Rayudu 124 not out, Binny 77; Tiripano 2-48, Chibhabha 2-25)

ZIMBABWE: 251 for 7 in 50 overs (Sibanda 20, Masakadza 34, Chigumbura 104 not out, Raza 37, Cremer 27; Binny 2-54, Patel 2-41)

Result: India won by 4 runs.

Player-of-the-match: Ambati Rayudu.

Pak-SL first ODI today

AFP, Dambulla



With the Test series in the bag, Pakistan will now focus on the one-dayers against Sri Lanka from Saturday that could determine their qualification for the Champions Trophy in 2017.

Misbahul Haq's tourists won the Tests 2-1 by chasing down a target of 377 for the loss of just three wickets after being 13-2 in the decisive final match in Pallekele on Tuesday.

Pakistan achieved the sixth highest successful chase in history through a brilliant unbeaten 171 from Younis Khan, 125 from opener Shan Masood and 59 not out from Misbah.

But none of these batsmen will be seen in action when the five-match one-day series opens in Dambulla -- with Misbah having retired from limited-overs cricket and both Younis and Masood not selected.

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