



Arsenal midfielder Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain leaps in joy after scoring the decisive goal against Chelsea during their FA Community Shield match at the Wembley Stadium in London on Sunday.

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Wenger's jinx ends

AFP, London



Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger claimed victory over Chelsea counterpart Jose Mourinho at the 14th attempt as Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain's goal gave the FA Cup winners a 1-0 win in Sunday's Community Shield.

The England midfielder struck in the 24th minute at a sun-soaked Wembley Stadium to break Mourinho's longstanding hold over his French rival and give Arsenal hope of a sustained assault on Chelsea's Premier League title.

While Chelsea improved in the second half, they could not find a way past their former goalkeeper Petr Cech, who registered a clean sheet as his new club claimed their 13th outright Community Shield.

Chelsea's team-sheet suggested that Diego Costa is not yet free of the

hamstring problems that plagued him last season, with Loic Remy leading the line in the Spain striker's absence and new signing Radamel Falcao on the bench.

Wenger unveiled a new shape here that saw Oxlade-Chamberlain and Santi Cazorla line up on either flank, allowing Aaron Ramsey to take up his favoured central role alongside Francis Coquelin.

With Mesut Ozil shadowing lone striker Theo Walcott, who signed a new four-year contract on Friday, Arsenal were able to cluster men around the ball both in and out of possession, swarming around Chelsea's midfielders to win the ball back before zipping quick passes between each other.

After Walcott had worked Thibaut Courtois with a header, he created Arsenal's opener in the 24th minute with a pass wide to Oxlade-Chamberlain, who cut inside Cesar Azpilicueta and lashed home left-footed.

It was Arsenal's first goal against

Chelsea in 506 minutes of football.

Remy, caught offside four times in the first half, gave way for Falcao at half-time and Oscar entered the fray shortly after in place of his countryman Ramires.

The changes revived Chelsea and after Oscar had dragged wide, Cesc Fabregas gave Hazard a clear sight of goal with a slide-rule pass, only for the off-key Belgian to blaze wastefully over from eight yards.

Cech was finally tested in the 69th minute, springing to his right to palm a free-kick from Oscar behind, which drew an approving roar from Arsenal's supporters.

Moments earlier Olivier Giroud, a replacement for Walcott, had slid a cross from Oxlade-Chamberlain over the bar and he was to spurn an even better chance, prodding Ramsey's right-wing cut-back over the top.

The best late openings fell to Arsenal, only for Courtois to save impressively from first Cazorla and

Still got 20 years: Mou

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Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho could be around to challenge Premier League opponents for another 20 years as he eyes a long future in the game.

The Portuguese has won 18 major trophies and counting in his managerial career but has no desire to slow down as he looks to utilise his ever-growing experience down the line.

"I see myself going into the seventies - not forever and ever but while my health is good," Mourinho told reporters.

"It is a job where experience is very, very important. With players, there is a moment when their experience has a fight with their physical condition. With managers, no. Unless you lose your appetite then that is a different story but I see myself now better than I was 10 years ago. I am in evolution, not even in stability."

The Blues manager is keen for his side to relish their status as defending champions

this season, expecting a tougher fight in the Premier League as teams all across the table bolster their squads with ambitious signings.

"Being champion doesn't change me for bad, it changes me for good and hopefully with the players it is the same thing," he continued. "I want them to feel good, not bad - because we won last season, we do not have space for failure."

"We go into the most difficult domestic competition in the world. It has more candidates and more top teams and I think [fewer] points will win the title [than last season]. There will be more defeats and more lost points for the top teams."

"Crystal Palace buy Yohan Cabaye and Connor Wickham. I welcome this mentality. It is a great thing. It was always difficult to win matches in England. I think that now it is more difficult. I gave Crystal Palace as an example but I could also give you Stoke, Newcastle and Watford."

"It is going to be more difficult now for all of us."

SPECIAL OLYMPICS 31 medals in total for BD SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh finished the Special Olympics Summer World Games in Los Angeles with 12 gold, 11 silver and eight bronze medals, said a Special Olympics Bangladesh press release yesterday.

Bangladesh bagged highest four gold medals in badminton, followed by athletics (three), table tennis (two), bocce (two) and swimming (one) while they won five silver in athletics, four in swimming and one each in football and table tennis.

Bangladesh won three bronze medals in athletics and five in swimming.

Hamburg title Nadal's

AFP, Hamburg

Top seed Rafael Nadal won the Hamburg clay court title on Sunday beating Italian eighth seed Fabio Fognini in straight sets, 7-5, 7-5.

Nadal had been beaten twice previously this season by the experienced Fognini, in Rio de Janeiro and then in Barcelona.

But he gained his revenge in the northern German city, recovering from being broken in the very first game of a tight opening set and eventually clinching the title on his first match point after more than two and a half hours on court.

Wolfsburg sink Bayern PSG ease past Lyon

AFP, Agencies

German Cup winners Wolfsburg upset Bundesliga champions Bayern Munich on penalties to win their first domestic Super Cup at the Volkswagen Arena on Saturday.

Arjen Robben's second-half strike from close range looked to have secured victory for Bayern, who were searching for their first Super Cup triumph since 2012 after successive defeats to Borussia Dortmund.

But substitute Nicklas Bendtner -- who scored just one goal in 18 league appearances for the Wolves last season -- equalised in the 89th minute after a terrific cross from Belgian international Kevin De Bruyne.

With no extra-time played, the match went straight to penalties with Xabi Alonso the culprit for Pep Guardiola's Bayern who lost the shootout 5-4.

Alonso -- Bayern's second penalty taker -- was thwarted by Wolfsburg's Belgian goalkeeper Koen Casteels who saved with his legs, while Dieter Hecking's Wolfsburg were successful with all five of their spot kicks.

Former Arsenal striker Bendtner also converted the winning penalty to cap a fine personal performance as Wolfsburg secured the first piece of silverware of the season.

Meanwhile, in Montreal, Paris Saint-Germain lifted a silverware in the shape of the French Champions Trophy thanks to a 2-0 win over Lyon.

Two early goals by Serge Aurier and Edinson Cavani put Paris in control of the traditional season-opening contest and left Lyon with a mountain to climb long before their captain Maxime Gonalons was sent off in the 64th minute.

Having completed an unprecedented clean sweep of the domestic

honours in France last season, this win underlined their status as the team to beat again in the coming campaign.

Tipped to be their main challengers once more, Lyon were invited to face the treble winners after finishing second to them in Ligue 1 last season as the Champions Trophy was played outside France for the seventh year in a row.

A strong PSG side featuring German summer signing Kevin Trapp in goal opened the scoring in the 11th minute as the Lyon defence failed to clear a free-kick into the box and David Luiz drove the ball back into the six-yard box for his fellow defender Aurier to head home.

The second goal arrived just six minutes later when Anthony Lopes saved from Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Cavani, who started pre-season late after featuring for Uruguay at the Copa America, lashed home the loose ball.

With last season's top scorer and

RESULTS

Wolfsburg 1 (Bendtner 89) Bayern Munich 1 (Robben 49)

Wolfsburg won 5-4 on penalties
PSG 2 (aurier 11, Cavani 17) Lyon 0

player of the year Alexandre Lacazette unable to make an impression, Lyon offered little at the other end and Blaise Matuidi missed a great chance to increase PSG's lead after Lopes saved from Ibrahimovic's extravagant backheeled effort.

Ibrahimovic, who has been in good form during his club's pre-season tour of North America as he enters the last year of his PSG contract, fired wide in the second half when finding himself with just Lopes to beat.

And shortly after he was on the receiving end of a Gonalons challenge that saw the Lyon captain pick up a second yellow card and depart for an early bath.



PHOTO: AFP

Paris Saint-Germain players celebrate a goal against Lyon during their Trophy of Champions match at the Saputo stadium in Montreal, Canada on Saturday.

Independence Cup from October 18

SPORTS REPORTER

The professional league committee of Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday decided to hold the Independence Cup in October, some six months later than the schedule time.

The participating 11 clubs of the ongoing Bangladesh Premier League and one invited team will take part in the tournament, which will get underway on October 18 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

However, the league committee did not take any decision regarding the Super Cup, which was last held in 2013.

The meeting also decided to hold the transfer of the Bangladesh Championship League (BCL) during October 1-10 and start the league from October 25 at the Bishreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium. The top two teams of BCL will be promoted to Bangladesh Premier League next season.

12TH SA GAMES

Training gets underway

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The preparation camp for the South Asian (SA) Games got underway yesterday, with archery, boxing and weightlifting getting an early move while the rest of the disciplines will start their training within August 13.

The 12th edition of the regional sports extravaganza featuring 20 disciplines is scheduled to be held in Shillong and Guwahati in India from January 10 to 20.

The weightlifting squad comprises 24 athletes including 11 women; the archery squad consists of 24 archers including 12 women while the boxing squad features 22 boxers including 7 women.

"Our target is to keep up with what we achieved last time around (one gold)," said Bangladesh Weightlifting Federation's general secretary Mohiyuddin Ahmed.

"We narrowly missed a gold medal in the last edition, but this time we will be trying to win gold in recurve bow event and produce some good results in compound as well," said Bangladesh Archery Federation's assistant general secretary Kamrul Islam Kiron.

"In the 2010 SA Games in Dhaka, we won two gold medals but this time we are hoping to win more," said Bangladesh Boxing Federation's general secretary MA Kuddus Khan.

The Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) has estimated a budget of approximately Tk 17 crore for the training purpose where some 650 athletes and 100 coaches of 20 disciplines are expected to participate.

"I can assure you that training for the SA Games will not be halted due to financial crisis as I have already talked to the sports minister and the finance minister, who promised to provide financial assistance. The National Sports Council (NSC) has already granted Tk one crore for training," said BOA secretary general Syed Shahed Reza.

JFA U-14 NAT'L WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Mymensingh champions

SPORTS REPORTER



Sanjidha Akter and Sajeda Khatun scored one apiece as Mymensingh emerged champions in the JFA U-14 National Women's Football Championship beating Tangail 2-0 in the final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

It was the second title for the Mymensingh team, comprising 10 players of the national U-14 women's team which played in this year's AFC U-14 Regional Championship in Nepal, after the same group of girls to deliver the second national trophy for Mymensingh after the same group of girls had lifted the national title beating Ansar last year.

The whole team, except for one member, is built around players from Dhobaura Upazila. This group of girls has been groomed under the supervision of Kalsindhur Primary School following the introduction of Bangamata Gold Cup in 2013. The Kalshindhur school won two successive school titles in 2014 and 2015 to win.

"Most of the girls are studying in Kalshindhur High School and practicing regularly after the completion of their classes. They have been together since 2011; so a fine understanding has been developed among them in the last four years," said assistant coach Mofizuddin, who also coaches the Kalsindhur Primary School squad.



PHOTO: BFF

Sanida Akter aims at the target during the JFA U-14 National Women's Championship final at a muddy BNS pitch on Sunday.

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) plans to build the national u-14 women's team for next year's AFC competition and they have picked up more than 60 players from the JFA Cup.

"We have found many skillful players from the tournament including some talented goalkeepers. The standard of play indicated that women's football has been spreading in Bangladesh and we are hopeful about building up a strong U-14 team for next year's international competition," said women's national team's head coach Golam Rabbani Choton after the final.

Bangladesh start against Sri Lanka

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh will begin their SAFF U-16 Championship campaign taking on Sri Lanka in a Group A fixture on August 11 at the Sylhet District Stadium as the fixtures for the event was finalised yesterday. In the opening match on August 9, defending champions India will take on Sri Lanka. The top two teams from either group will advance to the semifinals, which will be played on August 16. The final is scheduled for August 18. All the matches will be held at the same venue.

SAFF U-16 CHAMPIONSHIP, 2015 VENUE: SYLHET DISTRICT STADIUM

GROUP A		GROUP B	
India Bangladesh		Nepal Afghanistan	
MATCH	DAY	TIME	
India v Sri Lanka	9-Aug	5:00pm	
Nepal v Maldives	10-Aug	5:00pm	
Sri Lanka v Bangladesh	11-Aug	5:00pm	
Maldives v Afghanistan	12-Aug	5:00pm	
Bangladesh v India	13-Aug	5:00pm	
Afghanistan v Nepal	14-Aug	5:00pm	
Semi 1: A1 v B2	16-Aug	3:00pm	
Semi 2: A2 v B1	16-Aug	6:00pm	