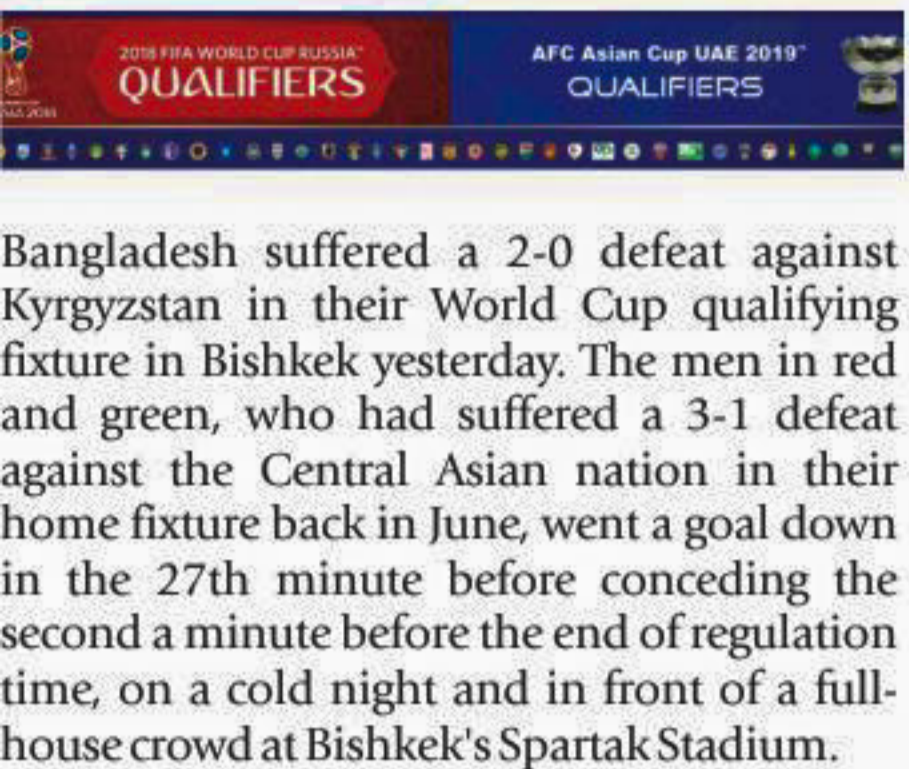


Booters down & out in cold

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh suffered a 2-0 defeat against Kyrgyzstan in their World Cup qualifying fixture in Bishkek yesterday. The men in red and green, who had suffered a 3-1 defeat against the Central Asian nation in their home fixture back in June, went a goal down in the 27th minute before conceding the second a minute before the end of regulation time, on a cold night and in front of a full-house crowd at Bishkek's Spartak Stadium.

The defeat kept the charges of Fabio Lopez, who was guiding the team for the first time in an international fixture since taking over a month ago, at the bottom of Group B with a single point from five matches. The match was a test for the newly appointed Italian, who had acquired a squad reduced by injuries and made weaker by the exorbitant weather in Bishkek. The 43-year-old Italian fielded a 4-5-1 formation, with skipper Mamunul Islam employed at the right wing and young striker Nabib Newaz Jibon as the lone centre-forward. However, there was precious little that these two could have done from an attacking perspective as the visitors had to defend deep against a much superior side, and they did reasonably well for most of the match, despite the odds. Winger Abdul Baten Komal played as left-back as the coach tin-

kered with the position of the players.

The visitors' resistance was broken in the 27th minute when Vitalij Lux, Nurnberg FC's second team forward, turned in a corner after a goalmouth scramble. Bangladesh held their own for most of the second half, with Lopez bringing on three changes. Jibon and Mamunul tested Matiash Pavel, but the Kyrgyzstan shotstopper made sure the visitors did not find a way back into the contest. And as the final whistle beckoned, substitute forward Ildar Amirov tucked in a rebound in the 89th minute to deal the knocking blow on the visitors' hopes of salvaging a draw.

Meanwhile Jordan extended their lead in this group to four points after a 3-0 win at home against Tajikistan, who will host Bangladesh on the next matchday, the 12th of November.

BANGLADESH: Shahidul Alam (Gk), Raihan Hassan, Topu Barman, Nasirul Islam (Rezaul Karim); Abdul Baten Komal, Hemanta Vinsent Biswas (Jewel Rana), Monaem Khan, Jamal Bhuyan; Mamunul Islam (C), Shakawat Hossain (Tokslish Ahmed), Nabib Newaz

KYRGYZSTAN 2 - 0 BANGLADESH

| GROUP B | | | | | |
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| TEAM | M | W | D | L | PTS |
| Jordan | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| Australia | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| Tajikistan | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Bangladesh | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 |



The expression on Bangladesh goalkeeper Shahidul Alam Sohel's face says it all. Despite their best efforts against the odds, the men in red and green had to come out with a 2-0 defeat against Kyrgyzstan at the Spartak Stadium in Bishkek last night.

PHOTO: INTERNET

Booters rue lost chance

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh team felt they were unlucky not to have come out with a point from Bishkek, despite playing very well in their 2-0 defeat against Kyrgyzstan in their World Cup qualifier last night. Assistant coach Masud Parvez Kaiser said that the players stuck to the coach's plan of defending deep while trying to pounce on counter-attacks, yet two scrappy goals saw their efforts go in vain.

"Neither of the two goals was well worked out as the hosts hardly managed to open our four-man defence. We did not go for pressing football like we did in our home game. We stuck to our plan, yet we were unlucky as Mamunul Islam's volley was brilliantly saved by their goalkeeper," Kaiser told The Daily Star over phone from Bishkek last night.

Midfielder Hemanta Vincent Biswas felt the opposition goalkeeper's performance made the difference. "It was not easy in the cold weather, yet we played well and created chances of our own. Mamunul bhai and Jibon had two good efforts saved, which could have been goals another day," said the 20-year-old midfielder.

Spain deny Ukraine

AFP, Kiev



Spain ended Ukraine's hopes of automatic qualification for Euro 2016 as Mario Gaspar's solitary goal on his international debut handed the European

Champions a 1-0 win in Kiev on Monday. Cesc Fabregas also missed a penalty on his 100th cap, but Spain were grateful to a fantastic goalkeeping display from David de Gea to seal an eighth consecutive win in Group C.

Slovakia's 4-2 win over Luxembourg ensured they qualify for next year's finals in France in second place.

Ukraine finished third and will now face a two-legged playoff in November to try and make it through.

Spain boss Vicente del Bosque made 10 changes to the side that sealed their place in France with a 4-0 win over Luxembourg on Friday with only Fabregas keeping his place.

Ukraine had plenty of opportunities to take advantage of an inexperienced Spanish defence including two debutants, but a combination of some poor finishing and De Gea kept the hosts at bay.

De Gea was called into action for the first time as he turned Kravets's shot from a narrow angle behind before somehow turning Rotan's volley over the bar with an outstretched leg.

However, the hosts were caught out by a wonderful move from the visitors to open the scoring as Nolito and Thiago Alcantara exchanged passes and the latter marked his first international appearance for 19 months with a lovely cross for Gaspar to head home. Del Bosque's men had a great chance to double their lead moments later when Fabregas was brought down by Oleksandr Kucher inside the area.

However, Spain's captain for the evening couldn't convert from the spot as Andrey

RESULTS

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|-------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Luxembourg (Mutsch61, Gerson65-pen) | 2 - 4 | Slovakia (Hamsik24, 90+1, Nemec29, Mak30) |
| Belarus | 0 - 0 | Macedonia |
| Ukraine (Mario Gaspar22) | 0 - 1 | Spain |
| San Marino | 0 - 2 | Slovenia (Cesar54, Pecnik75) |
| Estonia | 0 - 1 | Switzerland (Klavran90+4-og) |
| Lithuania | 0 - 3 | England (Barkley29, Arlauskis35-og, Oxlade-Chamberlain62) |
| Austria (Arnautovic12, Janko54,57) | 3 - 0 | Liechtenstein |

Pyatov flew to his left to pull of a fine save. De Gea denied Kravets twice more before the break and Denys Garmash headed over from point-blank range as Ukraine piled forward in the search of an equaliser.

Yet, they were nearly caught on the break when Nolito placed his shot too close to Pyatov with the goal at his mercy.

Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho was in the crowd reportedly keeping an eye on Dynamo Kiev winger Andriy Yarmolenko ahead of the English champions clash with the Ukrainians next week.

And Yarmolenko came alive at the start of the second period as he smashed a shot off the outside of the post.

Spain should have sealed all three points when Paco Alcacer was denied by Pyatov after brilliant skill by Isco and Thiago to set up the Valencia man and Nacho was penalised for a foul on Yarmolenko before Mikel San Jose smashed home the rebound.

However, De Gea had to come to his side's rescue again to make his case to start ahead of regular captain Iker Casillas at the finals next June with brilliant saves from Garmash and Oleksandr Zinchenko's late volley to seal a frustrating night for the hosts.

Masum leaves too early

SPORTS REPORTER

Sohel Al Masum, a Bangladesh national team footballer of the 90s, breathed his last at a hospital in Dhaka yesterday at the age of 41. The former footballer died of cardiac arrest, according to a press release issued by the Bangladesh Football Federation. Masum is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a host of well-wishers.

The Manikganj native, who learnt his trade at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishthan (BKSP), started his top-level career with Youngmen's Fakirerpool Club in the 1993 season alongside other famous footballers such as Hasan Al Mamun and Amin Rana. Masum played as the left-back while Hasan played as the right-back in that Fakirerpool team, which played some tremendous football over the next two seasons in a 5-3-2 formation, which was unique for that time in our country.

Masum later moved on to play for Abahani, Mohammadan and Multijoddha Sangsad while representing the national team for a few years. His best exploits with the red and green came in Bangladesh's triumphant campaign in the four-nation Myanmar King's Cup in 1995, where he played in all the matches for his country.

Masum will be buried at the family graveyard in Singair, Manikganj tomorrow.



Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo poses with his fourth European Golden Shoe award in Madrid yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

C'Ron wants more

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo admitted Tuesday he felt no satisfaction despite winning a record fourth Golden Boot as the top scorer in Europe's domestic leagues last season.

"It's a special moment," said the 30-year-old Portuguese striker during a ceremony in the Spanish capital. "But I'm not satisfied, I always want more."

"I know I'm the only one to have won four Boots but I want more, I want the fifth and sixth if possible."

Ronaldo scored 48 goals in 35 Spanish

league games last season to claim his third Golden Boot with Real Madrid after 2011 and 2014. He also won one with Manchester United in 2008. No other player has won four.

His Argentinian rival Lionel Messi, who scored 43 goals with Barcelona to finish second top scorer last season, has won the award three times in 2010, 2012, 2013.

Messi however is the only player to win European football's top individual award, the Ballon d'Or, four times, with Ronaldo winning three times.

Ronaldo won the Ballon d'Or title for the past two years but Messi guided Barcelona to the triple of La Liga, Copa Del Rey and Champions league titles.

Perfect 10 for England

AFP, Vilnius

England made it a perfect 10 wins out of 10 in their Euro 2016 qualifying campaign as they completed the road to France with a 3-0 defeat of Lithuania on Monday.

Roy Hodgson's side had long since booked their place in next year's tournament, but they were keen to finish with an impressive 100 per cent record before focusing on the December draw for the finals.

And even with an under-strength team, there was never any doubt England would do just that after Everton midfielder Ross Barkley opened the scoring midway through the first half at the LFF Stadium.

Lithuania goalkeeper Giedrius Arlauskis unluckily deflected Harry Kane's shot into his own net for the second and Arsenal's Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain struck after the interval to seal the stroll.

England are just the sixth team to win all of their matches in a European Championship qualifying campaign.

It is also the first time England have gone through qualification, in its current format, without dropping a point.

Spain were the last team to achieve a 100 per cent qualification record in the Euros en route to winning the 2012 tournament. But, despite being unbeaten in 15 matches, the low standard of their Group E opposition means Hodgson's team are still something of an unknown quantity and have plenty to prove before they can dream of emulating Spain's achievement.



Brazil legend Pele eats a piece of cake presented to him to mark his upcoming 75th birthday (on October 23) at a function in Kolkata yesterday. Pele is on a three-day visit to the city.

PHOTO: AFP

5th CONVOCATION 2016

The 5th Convocation of Daffodil International University (DIU) is scheduled to be held on **13 January 2016** at the Permanent Campus, Ashulia, Savar, Dhaka. Students who will graduate within 31 October 2015 are eligible to attend the convocation.

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