

GD filed against Jamal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The head groundsman of the Sheikh Kamruzzaman Stadium in Rajshahi yesterday filed a general diary with the Rajpara Thana against Mahmood Jamal, general secretary of Rajshahi Divisional Sports Association.

The groundsman named Russel, alleged that Mahmood had assaulted him on Saturday after accusing the former of tampering with the pitch on which Rajshahi were playing Barisal. Rajshahi eventually lost the game inside three days yesterday.

According to the acting officer in charge of the Rajpara thana, Abu Rayhan, the general diary was filed at three PM yesterday.

Arsenal fined over Calum transfer

AFP, London

Arsenal have been fined £60,000 (83,500 euros, \$92,000) and warned over their future conduct for falling foul of football agent rules in the transfer of Calum Chambers from Southampton, the Football Association has announced.

Agent Alan Middleton was fined £30,000 and suspended for three months for his part in the transfer.

Chambers moved from Saints to the Gunners in July 2014 for an undisclosed fee, believed to be in the region of £11 million.

An FA statement read: "Arsenal admitted part of the breach (of Football Agent Regulations) but denied another, which was found not proven following an Independent Regulatory Commission."

The written reasons for the sanctions described the incident as a classic case of "fronting", where an unauthorised and unlicensed agent was involved.

A statement from Arsenal read: "We acted in good faith throughout in this transfer and had no reason to believe that the player's representative was not authorised to be involved in the transfer negotiations."



Pakistan leg-spinner Yasir Shah slides on the ground to celebrate the dismissal of England's last batsman, Adil Rashid, during the fifth and final day of the second Test at the Dubai International Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Cruyff touched by support

AFP, The Hague

Dutch great Johan Cruyff said Monday the world of football had displayed its good side with the support shown to him since he revealed last week that he had been diagnosed with lung cancer.

"I am enormously proud of the appreciation shown in all the responses," Cruyff wrote in his column for the leading Dutch daily De Telegraaf.

The former Ajax and Barcelona star added that the affection that had been shown to him was "moving and heart-warming".

On Sunday, Barcelona players wore T-shirts bearing a message of support for Cruyff before their 3-1 win against Eibar at the Camp Nou.

In the Netherlands, a minute's silence was held in support of Cruyff and all cancer victims in the 14th minute -- in reference to Cruyff's shirt number -- of several matches.

"It is annoying that the news was made public so quickly," Cruyff added.

Pakistan win a thriller 'Not end of the world'

AFP, Dubai

Pakistan's bowlers wore down a tough resistance from England's tail to win the second Test by an emphatic 178-run margin in Dubai on Monday, taking a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Leg-spinner Yasir Shah (4-87) and left-arm spinner Zulfiqar Babar (3-53) shared the bowling honours as England, set a daunting 491-run target, were bowled out for 312 late on the fifth day with just 6.3 overs left in the match at Dubai stadium.

A win early in the day was very much on the cards, but England's ninth wicket pair of Rashid and Mark Wood (29) put up a valiant fight for 29.2 overs through their 55-run partnership.

Babar ended Wood's resistance while Shah finished the match by ending Rashid's 239-minute resistance by having him caught in the covers in the fading light as Pakistan fielders embraced each other.

Pakistan had sensed victory at lunch with just four wickets to take but first Rashid and Broad frustrated them through their 60-run stand for the eighth wicket and then the Rashid-Wood stand lasted for nearly two-and-a-half hours.

Before tea Riaz bowled Broad to bring Pakistan two wickets closer to the win, but Rashid and Wood carried England to 285-8 at tea with 31 overs remaining to bat for a draw.

Pakistan could have finished the game before the break but Mohammad Hafeez dropped a regulation catch in slip when Rashid edged a Shah delivery when on 42.

Rashid completed his maiden fifty soon after tea, pushing for a quick single off Raiz. It took him 110 balls of defiance to reach the mark including five boundaries.

In all Rashid batted for 172 balls, hitting seven boundaries.

The victory was important for Pakistan after they narrowly escaped defeat in the first Test in Abu Dhabi when bad light helped them draw the match in final minutes.

The third and final Test starts in Sharjah on November 1.

Pakistan's win came on the same day (October 26) when they achieved their first-ever Test win, against India at Lucknow 63 years ago.

England's hopes of a fightback were pinned on Joe Root (71), who resumed cautiously on 59 as Pakistan attacked through Babar and Riaz.

Root completed 3,000 Test runs when he reached 61 with a single off

Riaz towards square-leg. He completed the milestone in his 34th Test and became the 41st English batsmen to score 3,000 or more runs in Test cricket.

But Babar did not take long to dismiss Root with a sharp turner which took the edge of his bat towards the slips, where Younis Khan took a low catch.

Root hit six boundaries off 171 balls.

Jonny Bairstow, dropped on 11 off Babar, did not survive much longer as Shah bowled him through the gate with a sharp googly for 22 as England slumped to 163 for five.

Jos Buttler survived for 26 deliveries before Shah had him caught by Younis in the slips for seven as England went to lunch on 187-6.

SCORES IN BRIEF

PAKISTAN: First innings 378
ENGLAND: First innings 242
PAKISTAN: Second innings 354 for 6 decl
ENGLAND: Second innings 312 all out (Bell 46, Root 71, Bairstow 22, Rashid 61, Broad 30, Wood 29; Imran 2-41, Yasir 4-87, Babar 3-53)
Result: Pakistan won by 178 runs and lead 3-match series 1-0.
Player-of-the-match: Wahab Riaz.

AFP, Liverpool



Jurgen Klopp has appealed for calm as he continues to wait for his first win as Liverpool manager, telling worried fans "it's not the end of the world".

Klopp has faced feverish attention both on and off the pitch since replacing the sacked Brendan Rodgers on a three-year contract earlier this month.

The former Borussia Dortmund coach is concerned that his arrival has raised expectations too high and could lead to panic after he failed to win any of his first three games in charge at Anfield.

Klopp has drawn all of his matches so far with Southampton earning a 1-1 draw on Merseyside as Senegalese midfielder Sadio Mane's late goal cancelled out Christian Benteke's header on Sunday.

"We conceded a goal near the end, and it felt like the end of the world, but it is not the end of the world," Klopp said.

"I hope I'm not the only person in the stadium who thought: 'This is not the end of the world.' We can work on this."

"Of course, it is not the best moment for us, because we wasted a lot of energy. Southampton haven't lost away from home, so we had to work hard."

"You score the goal and you want to win, but it didn't happen for us today. Football is not a fairytale. Sometimes we can

write stories like this but it doesn't always happen."

Liverpool struggled to make an impression in the first half, but improved after Benteke replaced the ineffective Divock Origi in attack at half-time.

Benteke, making only his second substitute appearance since returning from a month out with a hamstring injury, rose to head in James Milner's cross at The Kop end 13 minutes from the end.

Mane, though, found an equaliser from close range nine minutes later after Jose Fonte and Gaston Ramirez had won headers from a free-kick played into Liverpool's penalty area.

Klopp added: "I saw the next step in our development today. But at the end, we are disappointed because of the result."

Mane's afternoon ended in frustration, as he was sent off after collecting two bookings in stoppage time. The midfielder was dismissed for a second booking after a mistimed tackle on Liverpool left-back Alberto Moreno.

Southampton, though, secured the point that means they remain one place above Liverpool, in eighth in the Premier League table.

"It was not our best performance, but we deserved a point," said Southampton manager Ronald Koeman.

"We reacted well after going a goal behind. Our defensive organisation is good, it is difficult to create chances against us."

Roma at the zenith

AFP, Milan



First-half goals from Mohamed Salah and Gervinho in a 2-1 win over leaders Fiorentina fired Roma to the top of Serie A as the Giallorossi

underlined their scudetto credentials in style on Sunday.

Fiorentina dropped two places to third after Napoli marksman Gonzalo Higuain struck on the hour to secure a 1-0 win over Chievo and send Maurizio Sarri's men up to second place.

Napoli, Fiorentina, Inter Milan, held to a 1-1 draw at Palermo on Saturday, and Lazio are all now just two points adrift of Roma after nine games.

Champions Juventus are a further

RESULTS	
Sampdoria Muriel 11, Zukanovic 28, Soriano 45, Eder 54	4 - 1 Verona Ionita 75
Juventus Dybala 28, Mandzukic 49	2 - 0 Atalanta
AC Milan Bacca 31-pen, Adriano 86	2 - 1 Sassuolo Berardi 53
Udinese Lodi 20	1 - 0 Frosinone
Fiorentina Babacar 90+4	1 - 2 Roma Salah 7, Gervinho 34
Lazio Lulic 40, Anderson 70, 90+4	3 - 0 Torino
Chievo	0 - 1 Napoli Higuain 59

six points back in 12th after Argentinian Paulo Dybala scored one and provided the assist for Mario Mandzukic's strike in a 2-0

win over Atalanta to secure what was just the Turin giants' third win of the campaign.

Roma are in the hot seat and while coach Rudi Garcia applauded both his goalscorers and his team, the Frenchman played down claims they were now title favourites.

"We came here to claim top spot, and had the right attitude to the game," he told Sky Sport.

"We believe in ourselves, but we have to stay humble because we know the season is long."

It was a nervous return to Florence for Egyptian international Salah, who is still the subject of a dispute with his former club following his summer move to the Stadio Olimpico.

Whistled every time he touched the ball, Salah reminded fans what they are missing after just seven minutes when he put the visitors ahead with a fine opener.

Roma midfielder Radja Nainggolan had done well to win the ball with a sliding tackle just outside the area and set up Salah for the Egyptian to fire a superb curling strike that beat Ciprian Tatarusanu at the goalkeeper's far post.

There were no celebrations, just a brief prayer of thanks from the practising Muslim.

Fiorentina spurned a series of early chances, Facundo Roncaglia firing just wide of Wojciech Szczesny's post with the 'keeper at full stretch and Nikola Kalinic firing just over the onrushing Szczesny after beating the offside trap to run on to a through ball from his own half.



Roma midfielder Mohamed Salah (R) rides the challenge of Fiorentina midfielder Borja Valero during the top-of-the-table Serie A clash in Florence on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

Atletico move to third

AFP, Madrid

Atletico Madrid moved up to third, two points behind the leaders, thanks to goals from Jackson Martinez and Yannick Ferreira Carrasco in a 2-1 win over Valencia.

At the Vicente Calderon, Atletico produced arguably their best display of the season to see of an underwhelming Valencia to keep themselves in touch with the big two.

Martinez took advantage of some atrocious defending from the visitors to slot home his second goal in as many games just after the half-hour mark.

Carrasco had far more to do when he doubled the advantage nine minutes later with a brilliant solo run from the halfway line before arrowing a low drive into the bottom corner.

Atletico should have been out of sight at the break as Martinez also had a one-on-one saved by Jaume Domenech and Diego Godin's powerful header was cleared off the line by Jose Luis Gaya.

However, the hosts had to endure a nervy finish when Godin stupidly upended Shkodran Mustafi inside the area 18 minutes from time and Paco Alcacer converted from the spot.



National cricket team's pacer Taskin Ahmed recently became a brand ambassador of Bengal Group of Industries Limited. Here the cricketer, along with the company officials, poses for photographs after the agreement signing ceremony at the company's head office in Gulshan.

PHOTO: COURTESY

AFP, Manchester



Manchester United manager Louis van Gaal attempted to shield Wayne Rooney from criticism after the striker

turned in a laborious display in a 0-0 draw with Manchester City. United controlled possession in Sunday's 170th derby at Old Trafford, but had to wait until the closing stages to create any chances, with Jesse Lingard hitting the bar and Chris Smalling forcing Joe Hart to save.

For the third game running Rooney started up front, but he was eclipsed by team-mate Anthony Martial, lining up on the left, who was United's most dangerous

attacking player and set up Lingard's chance with a dinked pass.

Van Gaal refused to discuss Rooney's performance, however, telling his post-match press conference: "I have to talk every week about Rooney. Why?"

When it was put to him that it was because the United captain is one of his team's star players, Van Gaal told his interlocutor: "Then you have to write it down. It is your opinion."

"I don't give any more answers about Wayne Rooney because I am sick of them."

Playing the day after his 30th birthday, Rooney was looking to extend his all-time record of 11 derby goals and equal Denis Law's United tally of 237 goals, and yet failed to record a single attempt at goal.