



Manchester City midfielder Fabian Delph scores the opening goal against Crystal Palace during their Premier League encounter at the Etihad Stadium yesterday.

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## Klopp's half time tactics revealed

AGENCIES, London

Liverpool's assistant coach Peter Krawietz has revealed that Jurgen Klopp uses video analysis at half-time in order to make tactical instructions clearer for his players.

Klopp replaced Brendan Rodgers at the start of October but inconsistent results in the Premier League mean the club are ninth in the table.

But Klopp's assistant reveals that video analysis has played a key part in developing the players since their arrival at Anfield.

"In Mainz and Dortmund video analysis was my main task," Krawietz told The Daily Telegraph.

"Here it is different because we already have a department doing all this stuff and I try to prepare - filter all the information we need and prepare meetings for the team.

"Now we have the computer in the dressing room on a match day, a projector and then the screen.

"A manager can explain a situation, ask the player about it and then we can show him. You've got it there to see it. It makes it easy for players to understand.

"We use this, especially at the moment, to improve the development. It is very important to be able to react at half-time and show what we can do better."

## Man City go top

### Terry rescues Chelsea

AFP, London



Sergio Aguero sank Crystal Palace to send Manchester City top of the Premier League on Saturday, while John Terry's 98th-minute equaliser earned Chelsea a remarkable 3-3 draw with Everton.

Aguero scored twice, with Fabian Delph and David Silva also on target, as City beat Crystal Palace 4-0, and Terry atoned for an earlier own goal to earn Chelsea an improbable point at Stamford Bridge.

City provisionally top the standings on goal difference above previous leaders Arsenal, who visit Stoke City on Sunday.

City manager Manuel Pellegrini made a bold approach at a snowy Etihad Stadium by aligning Aguero up front with Kelechi Iheanacho in a 4-4-2 formation.

After City goalkeeper Joe Hart had parried an early header by Damien Delaney, Delph opened the scoring in the 22nd minute with a skidding 30-yard shot that beat Palace goalkeeper Wayne Hennessey at his left-hand post.

Aguero made it 2-0 shortly before half-time with an effort from outside the box that was deflected past Hennessey by the head of Scott Dann.

The hosts had left-back Aleksandar Kolarov stretchered off in the 52nd minute with an apparent left calf problem, but Aguero struck again 22 minutes from time by tapping in a low cross from Kevin De Bruyne.

The Argentine could have had a hat-trick in the 84th minute, but after sprinting clear of the Palace defence he unselfishly squared for Silva to tap in City's fourth goal.

Champions Chelsea remain six points above the bottom three after interim manager Guus Hiddink avoided the first defeat of his second stint at the club by the narrowest of margins.

Everton went 2-0 up early in the second half as Terry scored an inelegant 50th-minute own goal and Kevin Mirallas followed up with a slick turn and shot, both goals created by Leighton Baines.

Cesc Fabregas brought Chelsea back into the game, freeing Diego Costa to round Tim Howard and reduce the arrears in the 64th minute before equalising with a deflected shot less than two minutes later.

After Costa had limped off injured, centre-back Ramiro Funes Mori put Everton ahead in the 91st minute from Gerard Deulofeu's cross, only for Terry to flick home a last-gasp equaliser despite an apparent offside.

Tottenham Hotspur tasted victory in 2016 at the fourth attempt with a one-sided 4-1 home success over Sunderland in which Christian Eriksen scored twice.

Sunderland, chasing a third straight league win, took a 40th-minute lead when Adam Johnson released Patrick van Aanholt to score.

But Eriksen equalised 91 seconds later, following up to score after Sunderland league debutant Jordan Pickford had thwarted Harry Kane, and goals from Mousa Dembele, Eriksen and Kane, with a penalty, gave Spurs victory.

RESULTS	
<b>Bournemouth 3</b> (Gosling 10, Daniels 54-pen, Afobe 75)	Norwich 0
<b>Chelsea 3</b> (Costa 64, Fabregas 66, Terry 90+8)	Everton 3 (Terry 50-og, Mirallas 56, Funes Mori 90)
<b>Man City 4</b> (Delph 22, Aguero 41, 68, Silva 84)	Crystal Palace 0
<b>Newcastle 2</b> (Perez 6, Wijnaldum 15)	West Ham 1 (Jelavic 49)
<b>Southampton 3</b> (Ward-Prowse 5, 35-pen, Tadic 72)	West Brom 0
<b>Tottenham 4</b> (Eriksen 42, 67, Dembele 60, Kane 79-pen)	

# Olympic team end with another defeat

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh Olympic Team's head coach Gonzalo Sanchez Moreno said he would likely take only four to five players from the current squad to next month's South Asian Games after the team ended their Bangabandhu Gold Cup campaign at the bottom of their group with a single point following a 1-0 defeat in the last match of Group B against Cambodia at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The Olympic Team, comprised mostly of under-23 players as well as six senior players, which had trained for more than two weeks before the Spaniard took charge two weeks ahead of this tournament, finished bottom of Group B with one point earned from their draw against Bahrain in their opening match. The Spaniard blamed lack of training for the poor performance of the team.

"It was difficult for the players as Reza (Rezaul Karim) and Keshto

(Kumar) had no practice for 20 days. It was difficult for the players to cope up against other teams physically," Moreno said at the post-match press conference.

"I think only four or maximum five players from this squad will be selected for the SA games," Moreno added, while naming three senior players from the national team that he wanted to take to the Games in Guwahati next month.

According to decision relayed by the Indian Olympic Committee yesterday, the teams will be eligible to include three senior players in their squads.

However, the Spaniard might have missed out on a trick by not giving some young players like Nurul Absar and Mannaf Rabbi a chance in the last match as the match had turned into an academic affair following the 1-1 draw between Maldives and Bahrain in the day's first match.

The hosts started the game strong but it was Cambodia, pointless in their first two matches, who had the first sight of goal. Visal Soeuy thought his header in the 14th minute would nestle at the

back of the net, only to find Bangladesh goalkeeper Ziaur Rahman keeping it out with a brilliant save.

The best move from the hosts in the first half came in the 36th minute when Yusuf Sifat and Rubel Mia had a quick interchange inside their own half before releasing the ball for Aminur Rahman Sajib, but the tall striker's attempt from 20 yards out missed the target by a few feet.

The game gathered pace in the second half and Cambodia almost took the lead when left-back Tola Nub flat-footed two Bangladesh defenders before going for the far post, only to see Zia keep it out with a quick reflex save. Sajib at the other end saw his shot come off the woodwork on the hour-mark before Cambodia, against the run of play, broke the deadlock in the in the 71st minute, with Dina Tit clinically finishing off a brilliant move from Vandeth Son.

Despite all the huffing and puffing, the hosts failed to conjure up a goal as their campaign, and preparations for the SA Games, ended on a sorry note.

## MLS possibility real for Ronaldo

AGENCIES, Madrid

Cristiano Ronaldo says there is "a good chance" he will play in Major League Soccer before the end of his career.

The Portugal international has previously insisted he had no interest in playing in the United States, but appears to have had a change of heart.

The Real Madrid star told ITV back in November he wanted to retire "with dignity" adding: "That does not mean it's bad play in the leagues of the United States, Qatar or Dubai, but I do not see myself there."

A host of big names have chosen to finish their careers in MLS in recent seasons including Didier Drogba, Steven Gerrard, Frank Lampard, Andrea Pirlo and David Villa.

Ronaldo admits the standard of football has improved and claimed it could tempt him to make the move when he finally decides to leave the Bernabeu.

"Maybe in the future will be a good chance for me to play there [in America]," he told GQ.

"You never know, but it's something interesting. I consider it, of course, because as I've said, soccer there has become better and better... I think that this is maybe going to be possible."

# Draw sees Maldives, Bahrain through

SPORTS REPORTER



The semifinal line-up of the Bangabandhu Gold Cup was confirmed after Maldives and Bahrain played out a 1-1 draw in the penultimate Group B fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. The draw saw both sides through to the last four, with Maldives sealing the top spot and setting up the second semifinal against South Asian rivals Nepal while Bahrain were left with a face-off in the first semifinal against Bangladesh national team.

The match started brightly with Maldives showing more attacking intent, but the Red Snappers had their 'keeper Faisal Mohamed to thank for as the young custodian acrobatically kept out a viciously curling free-kick from Mohammad Alnaar in the 11th minute. Faisal's opposite number, Yusuf Alkatteb, however failed to follow his footsteps as the Bahrain goalkeeper's fumble led to the opening goal seven minutes later. The

tall 'keeper made a meal of an innocuous looking attempt from Easa Ismail, fisting it right back inside the danger zone where Ibrahim Ansar's cross was turned in with a neat flick by Imaaz Ahmed.

Maldives ended the first half on the upper hand, but looked increasingly under pressure as the second half progressed. And the young Bahrain side, who came here with players aged between 19 and 20, were rewarded for their attacking intent, with the equaliser coming from a counterattack in the 58th minute. Substitute forward Abdulaziz Obaid turned on his heels and delivered a cross towards the box where Anwar Ali headed the ball into an open net, with the Maldives 'keeper stranded halfway down the pitch.

A few more attacking moves followed and the heat on the pitch rubbed on to the two dug-outs for a while, but as the clock ticked by, the urgency for a winner waned as both sides were happy to take a point and a place in the last four.

# Maria in laundry mixup

REUTERS, Brisbane



Maria Sharapova says her Australian Open preparations have gone smoothly despite her lack of recent on-court action, all barring a mix-up at the Melbourne Park laundry over a pair of leopard print underwear.

Sharapova, Australian Open champion in 2008, pulled out of her title defence at the Brisbane International two weeks ago because of a left forearm problem, one of a string of injuries to have dogged the 28-year-old since the middle of last year. Nevertheless, the fifth

seed said she was good to go in her bid to improve on her runner-up finish to Serena Williams in her fourth Melbourne final last year.

One thing Sharapova perhaps had not expected on Saturday was a question about laundry mishaps but happily she had an anecdote immediately to hand after the quirky inquiry was made. "I actually just returned a pair of underwear that wasn't mine, like 45 minutes ago. Funny you ask that," she laughed. "It was a female pair of underwear, not male. It was leopard. I'm like, 'that's not mine'. 'Any more laundry situations I need to clear up before we get on with our day?'"

# Jurgen faces MU test

AFP, London



Despite starkly contrasting playing philosophies, Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp and his Manchester United counterpart Louis van Gaal are grappling with similar problems ahead of their meeting at Anfield on Sunday.

While Klopp espouses hard-running, high-pressing, "heavy metal" football, Van Gaal is all about patient ball retention, but both men are yet to find a consistent formula for scoring goals.

Liverpool's return of 22 goals from their first 20 league games this season was the worst in their history, while United have not scored so few goals at this stage of a season (27) since the 1992-93 campaign.

When the two teams do manage to make it happen up front, problems arise elsewhere.

Both sides scored three goals in mid-week, but both also let three in at the other end -- Liverpool at home to Arsenal on Wednesday, United away to Newcastle United the night before.

Liverpool at least had the satisfaction of a last-minute equaliser against Arsenal, Welsh midfielder Joe Allen slamming home a volley that left Klopp's men five points below the Champions League places in ninth place.

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