

# Dulal leads the charge

Grabs solo lead with 7-under; Locals in top 3 spots

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Dulal Hossain swung to a seven-under-par (65) as three Bangladeshi golfer occupied the top three positions at the end of the first round of the BTI Open yesterday. The 26-year-old Dulal exchanged nine birdies for two bogeys at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday to grab the outright lead in the 35-lakh-rupee event, co-sanctioned by Bangladesh Professional Golfers' Association and Professional Golf Tour of India.



Dulal Hossain of Bangladesh swings one off the tee during the opening round of the BTI Open 2016 at the Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka yesterday. The 26-year-old grabbed the first round lead with a 65. PHOTO: COURTESY

translated into a solid back-nine," the young golfer said after the day's play.

Siddikur, who has struggled at the Asian Tour circuit so far this season, showed signs of his old form with a 66 at his favourite golf course. His longest putt of the day was the 20-foot birdie conversion on the 13th while the highlight of his round was the birdie chip-in on the 14th.

"It's great to start the week with a bogey-free round. I'm delighted to

have shot such a low score after a long time. I've not been playing too well of late but would love to turn it around with a good performance this week," said the 31-year-old.

India's Pratap Atwal and Udayan Mane occupied the fourth spot at five-under-par (67) while C Muniyappa of India was a further stroke behind. Jamal Hossain Mollah and Mohammad Musa were the other two local golfers to make the top ten.

# Goetze leads Italy rout

AFP, Munich



Mario Goetze brushed off a frustrating season on Bayern Munich's bench to net in Germany's 4-1 thumping of Italy on Tuesday as the world champions redeemed their England defeat.



OTHER RESULTS			
Estonia	0	-	1
Montenegro	0	-	0
Macedonia	0	-	2
Georgia	1	-	1
Greece	2	-	3
Gibraltar	0	-	5
Norway	2	-	0
Luxembourg	0	-	2
Sweden	1	-	1
Switzerland	0	-	2
Austria	1	-	2
Rep of Ireland	2	-	2
Portugal	2	-	1
France	4	-	2
Scotland	1	-	0
England	1	-	2

The win was a welcome tonic for Germany as head coach Joachim Loew made five changes from the team

which threw away a two-goal lead against England.

Thomas Mueller set up Germany's first two goals and skippered his country for the first time on his 70th appearance. Italy was disappointing having drawn 1-1 with defending European champions Spain last Thursday.

Their captain and goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon won his 156th cap. But the 38-year-old leaked four goals in Munich, just as he did for Juventus in their 4-2 defeat, and Champions League last 16 exit to Bayern, a fortnight ago.

Kroos gave Germany the lead when he fired Mueller's cross past Buffon on 24 minutes.

Germany doubled their tally on 44 minutes when Mueller chipped to Goetze, who shook off two defenders to head home.

Hector scored the third when Julian Draxler broke free of Bonacci, who dropped to the turf, on 59 minutes.

Draxler sprinted clear and squared for Hector to fire home with the Italy defence in tatters.

Buffon was lucky to stay on when he brought down Germany wing-back Sebastian Rudy in the area on 74 minutes.

Austrian referee Oliver Drachta kept his cards in his pocket and Ozil fired home the resulting penalty.

El Shaarawy beat Marc-Andre ter Stegen, in for the ill Manuel Neuer, from outside the box on 83 minutes for Italy's consolation.

Germany have pre-Euro 2016 warm-up games against Slovakia and Hungary in the fortnight before their opening Group C game against Ukraine on June 12.

The Azzurri will face Scotland and Finland before their opening Euro



STAR ECONOMICAL BOWLER: Moeen Ali put the skids on New Zealand's scoring rate by bowling two overs for just 10 runs and taking a wicket. PHOTO: AFP

## BD chess team lose to China

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Bangladesh lost against Olympiad and Asian champions China 3-1 in the second round of the Asian Nations Cup Chess Tournament in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

GM Abdullah Al Rakib and GM Enamul Hossain drew their boards but GM Niaz Murshed and IM Minhaz Uddin Sagar lost theirs. Bangladesh, who on Tuesday beat Palestine 3.5-0.5, were scheduled to play against Sri Lanka last night.

## Army, BGB in kabaddi final

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Bangladesh Army and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) advanced to the final of the Independence Day Kabaddi Tournament yesterday. Army outplayed Bangladesh Police while BGB edged Bangladesh Air Force in the semifinals at Stadium Kabaddi.

## FATE OF 8 BOOTERS BFF moves to appellate division

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The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is going to start the KFC Independence Cup tomorrow after the clubs agreed to take part in the season's curtain-raising tournament without eight players whose fates will be decided by the full bench of the appellate division on Sunday.

The tournament is also set to start without Sheikh Jamal DC, who on Monday filed a writ petition demanding the return of those eight players -- Mamunul Islam, Nasir Chowdhury, Raihan Hasan, Yeamin Ahmed Munna, Sohel Rana, Shahidul Alam Sohel, Jamal Bhuiyan and Alamgir Kabir Rana -- to the club. A high-court bench ruled in favour of the writ, directing the BFF not to allow those players to play for any teams except Sheikh Jamal and asked the BFF president and general secretary why their failure to return the players to Sheikh Jamal should not be declared illegal.

The BFF yesterday went to the chamber judge court to challenge Sheikh Jamal's writ on those eight players but the chamber judge court forwarded it to the full bench of appellate division for a hearing on Sunday.

The high court ruling forced BFF to defer the tournament that was supposed to start yesterday as the three clubs -- Chittagong Abahani, Sheikh Russel KC and Abahani -- who signed those players refused to take part without them but changed their minds yesterday.

"Sheikh Jamal have placed a letter that they will take part in the Independence Cup if their players are handed over and it is now a matter for the courts," said BFF general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag.



Lionel Messi celebrates after converting from the spot for his 50th international goal during the Albiceleste's 2-0 win over Bolivia in a World Cup qualifying match in Cordoba on Tuesday. PHOTO: AFP

# Messi nets 50th, Brazil salvage a draw

AFP, Montevideo



Lionel Messi scored his 50th international goal as Argentina notched their third straight victory in South America's 2018 World Cup qualifying tournament, while Brazil snatched a dramatic late draw against Paraguay on Tuesday.

Messi swept in an emphatic spot-kick after half an hour to help Argentina to a 2-0 win over Bolivia at the Estadio Mario Kempes in Cordoba, lifting the two-time world champions to third in the overall standings.

The Barcelona superstar's goalscoring exploits make him only the second player in Argentine history to reach a half century of goals.

The 28-year-old striker is now closing in on legendary scorer Gabriel Batistuta's record of 56 goals, set between 1991 and 2002.

Messi now also needs only one more goal to reach 500 goals for club and country -- raising the prospect that he could achieve that milestone with Barcelona this weekend when the Spanish giants take on Real Madrid in the Clasico.

Messi's Barcelona teammate Dani Alves was the hero of Brazil's 2-2 draw with bogey team Paraguay in Asuncion.

Paraguay looked to be on course for another famous victory to set alongside their Copa America wins over Brazil in 2011 and 2015 after taking a 2-0 lead early in the second half via goals from Dario Lezcano and Edgar Benitez.

But a Ricardo Oliveira goal on 79 minutes gave Brazil a lifeline as the clock ticked down. Deep into injury time, Chelsea forward Willian fed Alves and the fullback surged into the area to curl his shot beyond Paraguay goalkeeper Justo Villar.

Brazil, missing striker Neymar and

defender David Luiz through suspension, might even have grabbed a late winner at the death but Villar saved an Alves shot.

It was the second straight game that Paraguay had conceded an injury-time equaliser after Ecuador's 2-2 draw last week.

Paraguay qualified for four consecutive World Cup tournaments between 1998 and 2010, where they reached the quarter-finals, but missed out in 2014.

Uruguay lead the standings with 13 points from six games after they followed up last Friday's 2-2 draw in Brazil with a 1-0 victory over Peru in Montevideo on Tuesday.

POINTS TABLE							
TEAM	P	W	D	L	G/F	G/A	PTS
Uruguay	6	4	1	1	12	4	13
Ecuador	6	4	1	1	12	7	13
Argentina	6	3	2	1	6	4	11
Chile	6	3	1	2	12	10	10
Colombia	6	3	1	2	9	8	10
Brazil	6	2	3	1	11	8	9
Paraguay	6	2	3	1	7	6	9
Peru	6	1	1	4	6	12	4
Bolivia	6	1	0	5	7	13	3
Venezuela	6	0	1	5	7	17	1

Paris Saint-Germain striker Edinson Cavani scored the game's only goal after 51 minutes.

Ecuador trail Uruguay on goal difference after being beaten 3-1 by Colombia in the port city of Barranquilla on Tuesday.

AC Milan forward Carlos Bacca scored either side of a Sebastian Perez strike to help Jose Pekerman's team take all three points.

South American champions Chile meanwhile suffered an early shock in Venezuela after Romulo Otero fired the home team into an early lead.

Chile recovered, however, with two goals from Atalanta striker Mauricio Pinilla before a brace from Bayern Munich midfielder Arturo Vidal completed a 4-1 victory.

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