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Venue: SBNCs
Bangladesh Premier League
Brothers Union v Sheikh Jamal

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Venue: Sylhet District Stadium
National Cricket League
Time: 9:00am

Khulna vs Barisal
Venue: Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium, Khulna

Dhaka Metropolis vs Dhaka
Venue: Shaheed Chandu Stadium, Bogra

Rangpur Vs Chittagong
Venue: Sylhet International Cricket Stadium

Rajshahi Vs Sylhet
Venue: Shaheed Kamruzzaman Stadium, Rajshahi



Four-goal scorer Ashraful Islam (R) goes on a rapturous run after converting one of the penalty corners during Bangladesh's 5-4 win against India on the opening day of the Beximco U-18 Asia Cup Hockey Tournament at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Ashraful's four stuns India

SPORTS REPORTER



Penalty corner specialist Ashraful Islam scored four goals including a hat-trick as Bangladesh sprung a massive surprise by beating favourites India 5-4 on the opening day of the Beximco U-18 Asia Cup Hockey Tournament at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

The Dhaka Mariners defender, who has long replaced Mamunur Rahman Chayan as the country's premier drag-and-flick specialist, converted four out of eight penalty corners to keep the hosts' noses in front throughout the game against the former champions.

Ashraful's senior national teammate Fazle Rabbi scored the other goal from open play as the boys in red and green scripted a historic victory against the hockey powerhouse of India. This is only the sec-

ond time that Bangladesh earned a victory over India in hockey; the previous win was back in 2005 when Bangladesh U-16 team beat the Indians on their way to winning the Nehru Cup Invitational Tournament in New Delhi.

"I trained specially for penalty corners for the last month under the coach [Kawsar Ali], and this is the result," said 18-year-old Ashraful, who scored eight goals to help Mariners clinch the title of the Premier Division Hockey League for the first time this year.

The hosts enjoyed early possession and were given the lead by Ashraful in the 15th minute before Dharminder Singh equalised from a penalty stroke six minutes later.

India, however, grabbed the lead five minutes later through a clever flick from Konjengbam Singh on a fierce hit from Dharminder.

But Ashraful used his guile to great effect in the next twelve min-

utes to wrestle back the lead. While India thrived on open play and scored two spectacular field goals in between, Bangladesh held the lead with Rabbi scoring one from open play before Ashraful bagged his fourth from the spot eight minutes from time.

To their dismay, the visitors failed to make any of their five penalty corners count.

"We had earmarked India, Pakistan and Oman as the three best teams apart from us. So beating India on the opening day will certainly make our job of moving into the semifinals easier," coach Kawsar Ali told reporters after the victory.

Bangladesh will play their second and final Pool A match against Oman on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, in the two other matches of the opening day, China blanked Hong Kong 6-0 and Pakistan romped past Chinese Taipei 6-1.

Albiceleste apologise

AGENCIES, Barcelona

Barcelona have announced that the Argentine national team have apologised for comments made by Edgardo Bauza about their treatment of Lionel Messi.

Bauza claimed before backtracking that Barca "were not taking proper care" of Messi after he tore his right adductor in the Catalans' 1-1 draw with Atletico Madrid on Wednesday, an injury that will keep the No 10 out for the next three weeks.

In a statement by Barca spokesman Josep Vives on the club's official website, the Argentine Football Association (AFA) "apologises for the statements made by their coach in relation to Leo Messi's injury."

Furthermore, Bauza was not guilty of "misconduct", but the words had been "unfortunate" as both entities expressed a desire "to work so Leo Messi can recover as soon as possible because Messi is the heritage of world football."

Luis Enrique added at a Press conference: "The only reality in all these issues is that we all seek the best for Messi. Not only him but all the squad."

Jadeja, Ashwin put India on top

AFP, Kanpur

Spinners Ravindra Jadeja and Ravichandran Ashwin helped India gain control of the first Test against New Zealand before the hosts stretched the second innings lead to 215 on the third day in Kanpur on Saturday.

India, who are playing their 500th Test match, were 159 for one at stumps with opener Murali Vijay on 64 and Cheteshwar Pujara on 50 going strong.

The batting duo put together an unbeaten 107-run stand for the second wicket to take the attack to the opposition bowlers.

But it was Jadeja and Aswhin, sharing nine wickets between them, who spun it around for India after bowling out New Zealand, who lost their last five wicket for seven runs, for 262 in their first innings and securing a vital 56-run lead.

Off-spinner Ashwin, who took four wickets, made the vital breakthrough by dismissing Kane Williamson, who scored 75, that turned the tables for the hosts.

The spin twins continued to wreak havoc after the first session as Jadeja, who was denied a hat-trick, wiped off the opposition tail after taking three wickets in the 95th over of the innings.

Chelsea Gunned down

AFP, London



Arsenal overpowered London rivals Chelsea 3-0 at the Emirates Stadium on Saturday to mark Arsene Wenger's 20th anniversary as Gunners boss in style.

Earlier, Manchester United thrashed defending Premier League champions Leicester City 4-1 to vindicate manager Jose Mourinho's decision to drop Wayne Rooney while Manchester City maintained their perfect start with a 3-1 win at Swansea City.

Arsenal scored twice in three minutes against a Chelsea defence missing injured captain John Terry with an ankle injury.

The Gunners were 1-0 up in the 11th minute when Alexis Sanchez robbed centre-back Gary Cahill and chipped the ball over goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois.

Minutes later it was 2-0 when Theo Walcott finished off a slick Arsenal passing move.

Arsenal, who hadn't beaten Chelsea in nine matches, were 3-0 up in the 40th minute when Mesut Ozil and Sanchez exchanged passes before the former volleyed home.

United scored four goals, three from set-pieces, as Chris Smalling,

Juan Mata, Marcus Rashford and Paul Pogba -- with his first goal since his return from Juventus -- all found the back of the net between the 22nd and 42nd minutes at Old Trafford.

England skipper Rooney was limited to a few minutes off the bench but Mourinho told Sky Sports: "Wayne Rooney is a big player for me, United and this country."

Leicester managed a brilliant consolation goal from half-time substitute Demarai Gray but that could not stop the Foxes shipping four goals for the second time in as many away league games after doing

so at Liverpool a fortnight ago.

"It's not possible to concede three goals off corners, that means you are not concentrating," said Foxes manager Claudio Ranieri.

Sergio Aguero marked his return from a three-game ban for a wayward elbow as Manchester City won 3-1 away to Swansea -- the second time in a week they had triumphed at the Liberty Stadium after their EFL Cup victory over the south Wales side.

Aguero fired City into a ninth-minute lead but Swansea were level minutes later when Fernando Llorente lashed in a half-volley.

City, however, regained the lead with an Aguero penalty in the 65th minute after Mike van der Hoon fouled Kevin De Bruyne in the box.

Raheem Sterling, using Aguero as a decoy, made it 3-1 in the 77th minute.

Liverpool overpowered Hull City 5-1 after the Tigers spent much of the match a man down at Anfield, with the Reds 3-0 up inside 36 minutes.

Adam Lallana put Liverpool ahead in the 17th minute and Hull then found themselves down a man when Ahmed Elmohamady was sent off after blocking Philippe Coutinho's goal-bound shot with his arm.

James Milner scored from the resulting penalty and Sadio Mane then made it 3-0.

RESULTS

Arsenal 3 (Sanchez 11, Walcott 14, Ozil 40) Chelsea 0
Bournemouth 1 (Stanislas 23) Everton 0
Liverpool 5 (Lallana 17, Milner 30-pen, 71-pen, Mane 36, Coutinho 52) Hull 1 (Meyler 51)
Manchester United 4 (Smalling 22, Mata 37, Rashford 40, Pogba 42) Leicester 1 (Gray 59)
Middlesbrough 1 (Gibson 65) **Tottenham 2** (Son 7, 23)
Stoke 1 (Allen 73) West Brom 1 (Rondon 90+1)
Sunderland 2 (Defoe 39, 60) **Crystal Palace 3** (Ledley 61, McArthur 76, Benteke 90+4)
Swansea 1 (Llorente 13) **Manchester City 3** (Aguero 9, 65-pen, Sterling 77)



Arsenal midfielder Mesut Ozil (C) celebrates scoring the third goal with teammates during their Premier League encounter at the Emirates Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Bayern ride on Kimmich

REUTERS, Berlin



Champions Bayern Munich needed an 88th-minute winner by Joshua Kimmich to beat Hamburg SV 1-0 on Saturday and protect their three-point lead at the top of the Bundesliga.

Strugglers Hamburg had battled hard to protect a goalless draw and end a three-game losing run, with goalkeeper Rene Adler making a string of key saves before Kimmich drilled in a Franck Ribery cutback at the farpost.

The result lifted Bayern to 15 points, three ahead of Borussia Dortmund, who beat Freiburg 3-1 on Friday.

Bayern, who take on Atletico Madrid in the Champions League next week, faced a determined Hamburg team, who were looking to turn their season start around, pressing them high and allowing just three

shots on target in the first half.

Bayern suffered an injury scare when Germany defender Mats Hummels picked up a knee injury. Hummels was hurt in the first half after landing awkwardly on his right knee having challenged for the ball with Hamburg's US international striker Bobby Wood.

The champions' first big chance came after almost an hour with Javi Martinez's effort cleared on the line by Adler, who was also on hand to save a curled David Alaba free kick 10 minutes later.

Bayern coach Carlo Ancelotti brought on Ribery and the Frenchman added instant pace down the left wing but neither Thomas Mueller nor Robert Lewandowski could beat Adler from close range.

The keeper was finally beaten when Ribery launched another trademark run, cut across the goalmouth and Kimmich slipped in to score the winner to extend Bayern's perfect start to the season with their fifth win in five matches.

Pakistan win T20 series

AFP, Dubai

Pakistan outclassed world champions the West Indies by 16 runs in the second Twenty20 match in Dubai on Saturday to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-game series.

Pakistan scored 160-4 in their 20 overs after they were sent in to bat with skipper Sarfraz Ahmed (46 not out), Khalid Latif (40) and Shoaib Malik (37) amongst the runs.

They then restricted the West Indies to 144-9 with left-arm paceman Sohail Tanvir taking 3-13, also completing 50 wickets in the shortest format. Medium pacer Hasan Ali grabbed 3-49.

5-star Barca go top

AFP, Madrid



Barcelona shrugged off the absence of Lionel Messi to move to the top of La Liga as Luis Suarez and Neymar were on target in a 5-0 thrashing of Sporting Gijon.

The hosts enjoyed the better of the opening half-hour, but were hit by a two-goal Barca burst in three minutes as Suarez rounded Ivan Cuellar to slot home the opener before Rafinha headed home a second.

Sporting were reduced to 10 men 16 minutes from time when Alberto Lora saw a second yellow card and Barca made their man advantage count as a Neymar double and Arda Turan rounded off the scoring in the final 10 minutes.

Real Madrid can regain a three-point lead over Barca with victory when they travel to Las Palmas later on Saturday.

Despite scoring five goals for the second consecutive away game, Barca coach Luis Enrique was far from satisfied with his side's display, particularly early in the second half.

"It is a result that doesn't tell the true story of the game -- 5-0 makes it seem easy and simple and that couldn't be further from the truth," he said.

"We were poor at the start of the second half, we didn't kill the game off and Sporting could have got back into the game. Fortunately, that wasn't to be and after the

sending-off it unbalanced the game and allowed us to score those three goals at the end."

Luis Enrique made five changes to the side that started Wednesday's 1-1 draw with Atletico Madrid as Andres Iniesta, Ivan Rakitic, Javier Mascherano and Jordi Alba joined the injured Messi in dropping out.

The champions looked unsettled in the early stages and goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen was lucky to escape further punishment when he gave away a free-kick for handling outside his area with the score still level at 0-0.

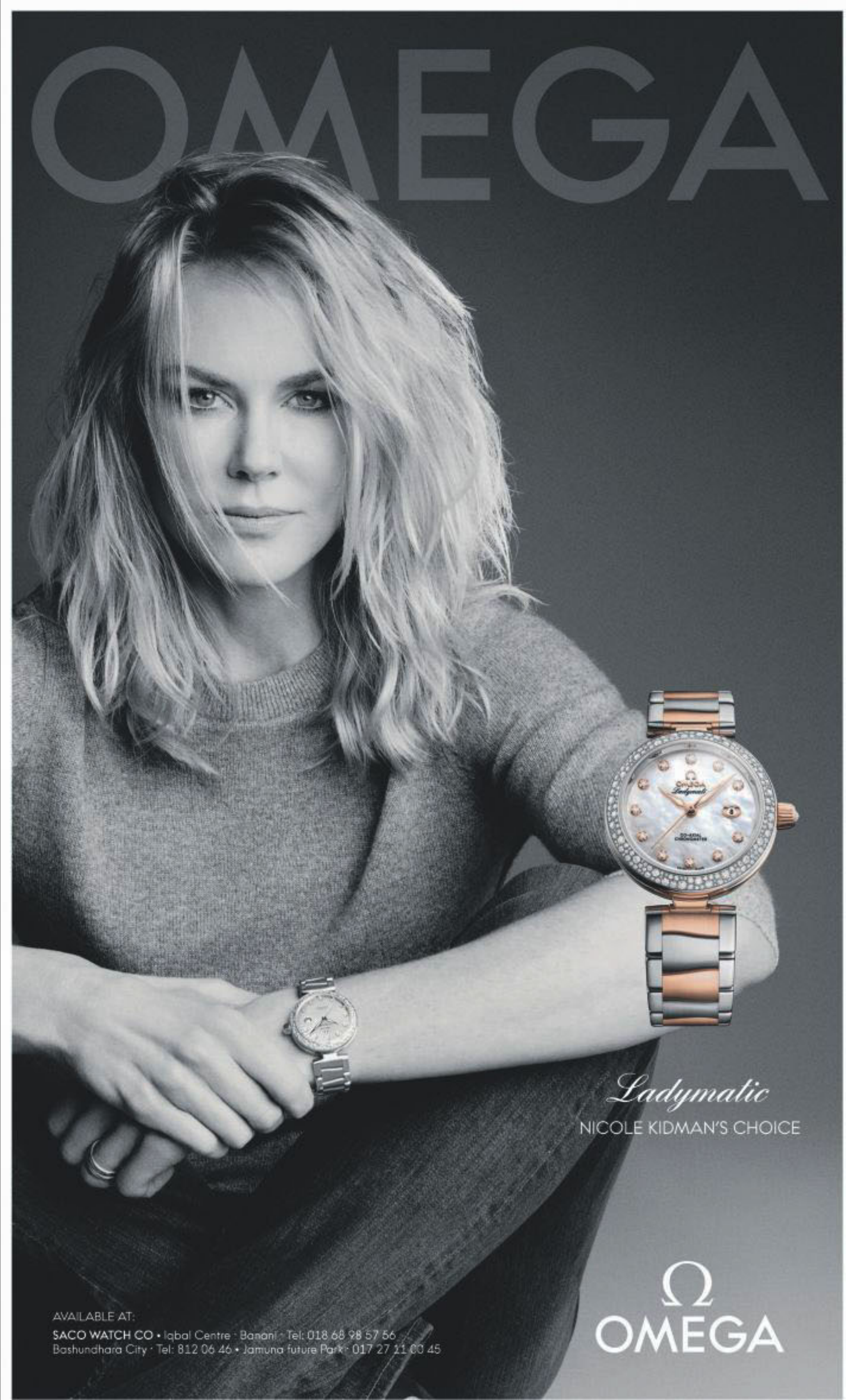
However, one moment of Suarez magic turned the game in Barca's favour as he raced onto Turan's through ball and flicked the ball past the onrushing Cuellar before slotting into an empty net.

A fine team goal put the game beyond Sporting moments later as Neymar freed Sergi Roberto down the right and Rafinha met his cross with a powerful near-post header.

Barca appeared to have eased up in the second half ahead of Wednesday's visit to Borussia Moenchengladbach in the Champions League as Sergio Busquets and Suarez were replaced by Denis Suarez and Paco Alcacer.

However, the goals flowed after Lora dived in on Roberto to leave his side a man light.

Alcacer was denied his first Barca goal when he smashed the ball off the underside of the bar, but Neymar mopped up the rebound to make it 3-0.



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