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 UEFA Champions League
 M'gladbach v Barcelona
 Live from 12:45am (Thursday)

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 Arsenal v Basel
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Bangladesh v Afghanistan
 Second ODI (D/N)
 Time: 2:30pm
 Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium

Nat'l Cricket League
 (Four-Day Match, Day 4)
 Time: 9:00am
 Venue: Khulna v Barisal

Venue: Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium, Khulna
 Dhaka Metropolis v Dhaka
 Venue: Shaheed Chandu Stadium, Bogra
 Rangpur v Chittagong

Venue: Sylhet Int'l Cricket Stadium
 Rajshahi v Sylhet
 Venue: Shaheed Kamruzzaman Stadium, Rajshahi

DAY'S SEVENT



Bangladesh players celebrate one of the ten goals against Oman during their U-18 Asia Cup fixture at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh put 10 past Oman

Set up semifinal clash against Chinese Taipei

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh made light work of Oman to move into the semifinals of the 4th U-18 Asia Cup Hockey Tournament with a massive 10-0 win in the last match of Pool A at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

With second win in as many matches, Bangladesh emerged Pool A champions, setting up a semifinal clash against Chinese Taipei, who held China to a 2-2 draw to finish runners-up in their Pool B match yesterday. Pakistan emerged Pool B champions after thrashing Hong Kong 14-0 yesterday, and they will take on Pool A runners-up India in last four. Both the semifinals will be held on Thursday.

Buoyed by their 5-4 win over India, Bangladesh barely gave Oman any space and established full control with all-out attack. Bangladesh got seven field goals through Mohammad Mohsin (three), Fazle Rabbi (two) and one apiece from Mahabub Hossain and Arshad Hossain -- while the three other goals came from the stick of penalty corners converted by Ashraful Islam.

The home side wasted little time in taking the lead as Mahabub started the onslaught with a fierce hit from inside the circle in the fourth minute before Arshad

doubled the lead three minutes later, connecting the ball brilliantly in the air.

With captain Roman Sarker and Arshad causing havoc down the flanks, the forwards joined the goal fest. At the other end, goalkeeper Yeasin Arafat stood tall and foiled Oman's penalty corners to successfully keeping a clean sheet.

While the limelight on the opening day was on Ashraful, it yesterday shifted to Mohsin who scored twice before the break and one after the break to be adjudged the match-of-the-match. Ashraful, however, grabbed three goals from penalty corners with his powerful drag-and-flick shots.

After resumption, Bangladesh seemingly took their feet off the gas in a bid to preserve energy for the semifinal, but Oman were unable to take advantage of that and conceded three more goals.

"We did not have any worries regarding Oman and we were asked to shrug off all the pressure and give our best during the team meeting. We did exactly that on the turf," said Mohsin after receiving his match-of-the-match award.

"Actually we did not allow them to play in the second half; we rather played individually to prepare ourselves for the semifinal battle. We are hoping to put up another collective performance on Thursday," said Mohsin.

Zahid rescues Ctg Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER



Title contenders Chittagong Abahani returned to winning ways in the JB Bangladesh Premier League with a single-goal victory over Feni Soccer Club at the Sylhet District Stadium yesterday.

Winger Zahid Hossain struck the decisive goal in the 66th minute to help the port-city side share the third position with Muktijoddha Sangsad on 15 points from eight matches, three less than leaders Sheikh Jamal DC and one behind second-placed Abahani.

The fourth win for Chittagong Abahani comes after the team management terminated Slovakian coach Jozef Pavlik following a 2-0 defeat to Rahmatganj and a goalless draw against Arambagh KS. It was the first match in charge in top flight football for new assistant coach Zulfikar Mahmud Mintu.

"Winning the match was very

important for us, especially after playing out a draw in the previous match. In that respect, it was a good win." Mintu said. "I am happy with the result even though the margin of victory could have been bigger."

The Independence Cup champions created a lot of scoring opportunities against some sporadic attacks from the opponents in the first half, but due to a lack of clinical finishing from Leonel Saint Preux and Rubel Mia, the port

CTG ABAHANI	1 - 0	FENI SOCCER
RAHMATGANJ	3 - 2	TEAM BJMC

city side failed to take the lead.

Chittagong Abahani kept on pressing for the lead and they finally broke the deadlock with a fortuitous strike on 66th minutes, thanks to a poor clearance from the Feni defence.

The attack was built up from the right flank with Zahid sending a low drive inside the box which went to Preux with a deflection of a Feni Soccer

defender. The Haitian then miscued his shot and it fell to unmarked Zahid, who smashed it home from close range to ensure the victory.

RAHMATGANJ MOVE TO SECOND PLACE

Meanwhile, Rahmatganj MFS came from behind to snatch a thrilling 3-2 win against Team BJMC in the second match of the day. The win helped the Old Dhaka outfit leapfrog to second position with 16 points from eight matches, two less than Sheikh Jamal and equal with Abahani.

Team BJMC went ahead through a 14th minute strike from Samson Iliasu before Sohel Mia equalised the margin with a nice over-head kick in the 21st minute.

Dawda Cessey gave Rahmatganj the lead three minutes later but Iliasu brought BJMC back in the match with a close-range header in the 27th minute. However, Mohammad Alauddin struck a left-footed volley in the 57th minute to provide confirm Rahmatganj's victory.

Sam caught up in sting

REUTERS, London



England soccer team manager Sam Allardyce has been caught up in a newspaper sting in which he is alleged to have met a bogus consortium of Far East businessmen seeking advice on the Premier League's billion pound transfer market.

During meetings with undercover reporters from The Daily Telegraph, Allardyce is reported to have criticised his predecessor Roy Hodgson, calling him "Woy" and saying he "hasn't got the personality" for public speaking.

"He'd send them all to sleep, Roy. Woy. He hasn't got the personality for it... I think maybe he was too indecisive. Cast a bit of anxiety over to the players maybe. I mean prior to the Iceland game, he won all 10 qualifiers. We'd drawn with Russia (in the first game), we should have won. We only had to draw with Iceland to get through... he just collapsed," said Allardyce.

Former Bolton Wanderers, West Ham United and Sunderland boss Allardyce replaced Hodgson as England manager in July.

When asked 'Is that third party ownership a problem though?' Allardyce responded: "It's not a problem. [Several agents' names beeped out] have been doing it for years... It's not a problem. We got [Enner] Valencia in [at West Ham]. He was third-party owned when we bought him from Mexico... [Some agents are] doing it all the time... You can still get around it."

"Because of the size of the contracts now, the contract'll be worth thirty, forty million at ten per cent and you get, you get, you've done a deal with the agent where you're getting five per cent of the agent's fee. Which is massive for doing about two hours work."

As for his views on the Football Association, he had this to say:

"They're all about making money aren't they? You know the FA's the richest football association in the world? Well, I shouldn't say that. They're not the richest at all. What they do is they have the biggest turnover in the world with £325 million."

An FA spokesman said: "We have asked The Daily Telegraph to provide us with the full facts in relation to this matter."



Aussies rout Ireland

AFP, Benoni

Usman Khawaja and captain Steve Smith shared an unbeaten 126-run partnership as Australia romped to a nine-wicket win in a one-day international against Ireland at Willowmoore Park on Tuesday.

SCORES IN BRIEF

IRELAND: 198 all out in 43.5 overs (Porterfield 24, Stirling 30, Anderson 39, K O'Brien 23; Zampa 3-37)

AUSTRALIA: 199 for 1 in 30.1 overs (Warner 48, Khawaja 82 not out, Smith 59 not out)

Result: Australia won by nine wickets.

AB to miss Aus series

AFP, Johannesburg

South Africa captain and star batsman AB de Villiers failed a fitness test on Tuesday and will undergo elbow surgery which will force him to miss home and away series against Australia.

Cricket South Africa announced on Tuesday that a left elbow impingement injury had failed to respond to rehabilitation and treatment, ruling De Villiers out of a five-match one-day series against Australia, starting in Centurion on Friday, as well as a three-match Test tour of Australia in November.

Messi, Bolt wish Totti on birthday

AFP, Milan



Barcelona's Lionel Messi and Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt joined a long list of global sports stars in offering birthday tributes to Roma legend Francesco Totti.

Totti, who made his Roma debut in March 1993 and hit his 250th goal for the club on Sunday, celebrates his 40th birthday on Tuesday.

Amid worldwide praise, Barcelona and Argentina star Messi said in a special video: "Hi Francesco, I just wanted to wish you a very happy birthday."

"I hope you have a wonderful day. I've always admired you, and even more so on the day I met you. A big hug!"

Totti, who has spent his entire career at Roma, is in his 25th and likely last season with the 'Giallorossi' (yellow and reds).

Although reduced to mostly substitute appearances over the past two seasons, Roma's number 10 -- considered "Italy's greatest" by former teammate Antonio Cassano -- is still hitting goals and creating assists with impressive regularity.

Totti has scored six times in his last 11 league games and is currently fifth in the league's assists table despite playing only one full game in six outings this season.

Bolt met Totti last year, and on Tuesday the Jamaican posted a special birthday message for the footballer on Youtube.

"Hi Totti, this is Usain Bolt. I just want to wish you a happy birthday, from one legend to another. It was an honour when I met you," Bolt said.

"Stay up, keep staying strong. I'll be watching, alright. Peace."

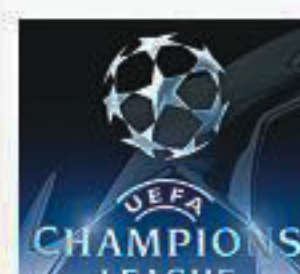
Totti is one of only two players to have hit 250 goals in Serie A, although he remains 24 short of Silvio Piola's all-time Serie A record of 274.

But his loyalty to Roma means he is among a "dying breed" of footballers, according to former club-mate Sebino Nela.

"Totti is a one-club man, a dying breed in modern football and that's what makes him such an asset for the club," said Nela, who played for Roma for more than a decade between 1981 and 1992.

Bayern out to settle score

AFP, Berlin



After three consecutive semifinal defeats against Spanish clubs in the Champions League, Bayern Munich head to Atletico Madrid for Wednesday's group match with a point to prove.

"We want to show that we can do better than in the last few semi-finals. We certainly have a score to settle there," said Bayern forward Thomas Mueller before the team jetted off to Madrid.

After the highs of beating Borussia Dortmund in the 2013 Champions League final came Bayern's loss of semi-final exits to Real Madrid, Barcelona and then Atletico in each of the last three seasons under Pep Guardiola.

Atletico have won 25 of their last 30 home European games making the Estadio Vicente Calderon something of a cauldron.

Last season's semifinal exit at the hands of Diego Simeone's Atletico was particularly painful for Bayern, who won the return leg 2-1 in Munich after losing 1-0 in Madrid as the Spanish side reached the final on away goals.

"In the last three years, we played three times against Spanish teams and always lost there," said Bayern chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

"We saw how strong Atletico are last season and you can't get much more of a tougher test."

"Now we have the chance to show with Carlo (Ancelotti) that we can get at least a point there -- or even three."

After Guardiola failed to steer Bayern to the Champions League final,



Manchester City stars Sergio Aguero (L), David Silva and Fernandinho (R) take part in a training session at the club's Football Academy Campus yesterday ahead of their Champions League match against Celtic.

PHOTO: AFP

his successor Ancelotti is the Bavarian giants' not-so-secret weapon.

Two years ago, Ancelotti's Real Madrid won the 2014 Champions League final with a 4-1 extra-time win over Atletico.

"I really like Madrid and I'm looking forward to going back, I had two wonderful years there," said Ancelotti.

Sightseeing will be the last thing on the Italian's programme, with Ancelotti more concerned about French forward Antoine Griezmann,

whose goals knocked Bayern out of Europe last May.

"He could play at any big club in Europe," said Ancelotti.

Bayern smashed Russian side Rostov 5-0 in Munich in their opening Group D match, the same night Atletico won 1-0 at PSV Eindhoven.

But the German team's players know they will be in for a much sterner challenge on Wednesday.

"It will be a difficult fight in Madrid and we have to at least get a few goals," said Bayern captain Philipp Lahm.

Bayern defender Mats Hummels, who trained on Monday after limping out of Saturday's 1-0 win at Hamburg with a knee injury, says the Bundesliga leaders have a "pretty tricky task against one of the top favourites to win the Champions League".

OTHER MATCHES

Ludogrets Razgrad v Paris Saint-Germain, Arsenal v Basel, Napoli v Benfica, Borussia Moenchengladbach v Barcelona, Celtic v Manchester City, Rostov v PSV Eindhoven

Golf's amateur world cup qualifier held

STAR SPORT DESK

The latest stage of the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup, golf's largest and most exciting amateur tournament, took place at the Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka on September 24.

The 91st stage of 100 qualifiers for the global event, which has gone from strength to strength since the inaugural tournament in 2013, featured 105 players, all personally-invited guests of Turkish Airlines, said a press release from the airlines authority.

Brig Gen Ahsanul Haque Miah won the individual competition with 40 points and progressed to the Grand Final to be held in Antalya, Turkey, in October-November. Nazmul Hasan finished as the runner-up; Brig Gen Abdur Razaque ended third while Shailla Ahsan and Maj Gen Manzurul Alam won the nearest-the-pin prizes.

DFA football league begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Defending champions Dashora Polli Mongol Somity drew goalless with Muktijoddha Krira Chakra in the opening match of the City Centre Premier Division DFA Football League at Shahid Miraz-Tapan stadium in Manikganj yesterday.

Manikganj police superintendent Mahfuzur Rahman formally inaugurated the league.

The eight top teams of the district are participating in the league.

AFC congress scrapped after 20 minutes

AFP, Panaji

An Asian football congress was scrapped after just 20 minutes on Tuesday as members rejected its agenda in protest at FIFA barring a Qatari official from elections to its powerful new council.

Asian Football Confederation (AFC) delegates flew from all over the region to a luxury hotel in Goa, India to elect three new members to the FIFA Council, only for the extraordinary congress to be declared closed after just 20 minutes.