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Bangladesh Premier League
Arambagh v Sk Jamal
Live from 3:30pm
Uttar Baridhara v Sk Russel
Live from 6:15pm

TEN 1 HD

Pakistan v West Indies
Third Test, Day 3
Live from 12:00pm
UEFA Champions League
Eindhoven v Bayern Munich

Live from 1:45am (Wednesday)

TEN 2
Zimbabwe v Sri Lanka
First Test, Day 4
Live from 2:00pm
UEFA Champions League

Man City v Barcelona

Live from 1:45am (Wednesday)
TEN 1
UEFA Champions League
Ludogorets v Arsenal
Live from 1:45am (Wednesday)

TEN 3

UEFA Champions League
Basel v PSG
Live from 1:45am (Wednesday)

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh Premier League
Arambagh v Sk Jamal

Time: 3:30pm
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Time: 6:15pm
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

FIFA delegate due today

SPORTS REPORTER

A FIFA delegation will come to Dhaka today to have a look at tailor-made projects prepared by Bangladesh Football Federation under the FIFA Forward Programme which a football development programme approved in the FIFA congress in May. The aim of FIFA forward programme is to improve football the way the game's world governing body develops and supports football across the globe, so that the sport can reach its potential in every nation and so that everyone that wants to take part can do so without barriers.

Under the programme, each of the member nations will get US\$750,000 per year on football projects such as infrastructure, youth football, women's football, etc, provided that those are approved by the FIFA development committee. The national federation will also receive US\$500,000 per year as running cost of the federation which includes good governance, administration and competitions, etc but the federation must first meet some criteria to get the allocation.

"A four-member FIFA delegate will stay here for four days to see the projects we have prepared under the Forward programme and will give us guidelines and advises on those projects," said BFF general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag yesterday. The delegation will have a meeting with the BFF president, the state minister for youth and sports, the District Football Association officials, potential sponsors, general secretaries of the professional football league clubs, women's football committee and officials of BFF's different departments during their four-day stay.



Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi (C) arrives at the Manchester airport yesterday on the eve of their Champions League match against Manchester City.

PHOTO: REUTERS

City can't afford another defeat

REUTERS, London



Manchester City cannot afford another defeat on Tuesday at home to Barcelona, who thumped them 4-0 two weeks ago, having taken just one point from their last two Champions League Group C matches.

That third successive win for the Catalan pass-masters means they need only a draw in the return game to ensure their annual qualification for the knockout stage.

City, however, are in danger of losing second place in the table to Borussia Moenchengladbach, who sit one point behind them going into a home tie with Celtic.

Although they beat Borussia 4-0 on matchday one, Pep Guardiola's side still have to travel to Germany for a game that could decide which team qualifies for Barcelona.

Former Barca coach Guardiola was chastened after the Nou Camp loss, when Lionel Messi scored a hat-trick and City goalkeeper Claudio Bravo was sent off, as he was on a previous return there, which resulted in a 3-0 loss for his Bayern Munich team in the 2015 semi-final.

At least Bayern recovered some self-

respect by winning the second leg 3-2 on that occasion and a repeat would suit him perfectly.

Achieving it would also be a historic result for the Premier League leaders, who have lost all five previous meetings between the clubs, including round of 16 games in 2014 and 2015.

At least they ended a run of six matches without a win -- the worst of Guardiola's managerial career -- in emphatic fashion on Saturday, romping to a 4-0 success at West Bromwich Albion, where Sergio Agüero and İlkay Gündoğan both scored twice.

Agüero was surprisingly left out of the game at the Nou Camp, but Guardiola will need him at his best on Tuesday.

"Agüero is a special player, we need him a lot," the manager told reporters after the West Bromwich game.

"He is one of the best. I am going to help him to be much, much better. We know how important he is for us when he can convince us how good he is and how important he is for this club."

FIXTURES

Ludogorets Razgrad v Arsenal, Basel v Paris Saint-Germain, Besiktas v Napoli, Benfica v Dynamo Kyiv, Manchester City v Barcelona, Moenchengladbach v Celtic, Atletico Madrid v Rostov, PSV Eindhoven v Bayern Munich

Cremer hits maiden ton

AFP, Harare

Graeme Cremer struck his maiden Test century but the Zimbabwe captain's gritty knock could not prevent his side from closing day three of the first Test against Sri Lanka with a massive deficit.

Cremer arrived at the crease with Zimbabwe 139 for six in reply to Sri Lanka's 537, and hit 102 not out to drag the home side to 373 all out.

By the close of play on Monday, Sri Lanka had reached five without loss in their second innings to lead by 169.

Cremer's previous highest score in Test cricket was 43, but he showed his batsman what was possible with a bit of application as he batted for over four hours.

He was well supported by Peter Moor, who made 79 in a 132-run stand for the seventh wicket, and Donald Tiripano, who made 46 as he and Cremer put on 92 for the eighth wicket.

Suranga Lakmal and Ranga Herath each claimed three wickets for Sri Lanka.

SCORES IN BRIEF
SRI LANKA: First innings 536

ZIMBABWE: First innings 373 (Mawoyo 45, Masakadza 33, Waller 22, Moor 79, Cremer 102 not out, Tiripano 46; Lakmal 2-69-2, Herath 3-97, Perera 2-66)

SRI LANKA: Second innings 5 for no loss

Wiese to make WWE debut

AFP, Berlin



After packing on 40kgs (88lbs) of muscle, ex-Germany goalkeeper Tim Wiese will make his full WWE debut on Thursday in what he describes as the 'Champions League' of wrestling.

The 34-year-old made the last of his six friendly appearances for Germany in 2012 and was part of their 2010 World Cup squad.

But after hanging up his boots three years ago and dramatically beefing up, Wiese is poised to make his professional wrestling debut in Munich.

At 1.93m (6ft 4in) and weighing around 130kgs (28st, 6lbs), Wiese will be an imposing figure in the razzmatazz world of World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) having radically changed his figure.

Wiese bulked up with an intensive schedule of weight-training sessions and a diet which included a kilo of meat per day.

He has trained for his debut in Orlando, Florida and will wrestle in "The Shining Stars" team, alongside established WWE stars Cesaro and Sheamus.

"This is Champions League. WWE is the biggest thing in wrestling, so I'm full-focused and blending out everything else around me," Wiese told SID, an AFP subsidiary.

Wiese has yet to be given his wrestling nickname, and expects a few boos from the crowd as part of the show.

"I think I'll be playing the role of the bad guy," he said. "I'm being pushed in that direction, but that's okay."

"My god, in football, I was already the bad guy who opposition fans would insult. I'm okay with that, it doesn't bother me. They can all hate me."



Bale now best paid

AGENCIES, Madrid

Gareth Bale has replaced Cristiano Ronaldo as Real Madrid's best paid player.

His stunning new six-year deal, worth £600,000 a week, includes a billion euro buy-out clause.

He will now stay at the club until 2022 and becomes the fourth player in the last month to sign a contract extension after Toni Kroos, Luka Modric and Lucas Vazquez.

Bale will take home approximately £350,000-a-week after tax - more than Ronaldo's current wage of £290,000.

The Portuguese star, the favourite to win the Ballon D'Or, is also renegotiating his deal and is expected to take his place back at the top of the earning table.

No return for Pelle

AGENCIES, Rome

Giampiero Ventura has confirmed that Graziano Pelle will not be called up for the new Italy squad after "he besmirched the image" of the Azzurri.

The striker refused to shake the coach's hand when substituted against Spain earlier in October.

"Have I spoken to him? No, because the phone calls to China are too expensive..." Ventura told Rai Sport.

"I judged it for what it was, a mistake, but it was also a lack of respect for the Azzurri colours and he besmirched the image of the group. That was the biggest error he made."

Reinforcements promise exciting second phase

SPORTS REPORTER



The second phase of the JB Bangladesh Premier League gets underway today at the Bangabandhu National Stadium with an expectation of more competitiveness as the participating teams have reorganised their squads by signing up foreign and local players in the mid-term transfer window which closed yesterday.

Though big-spenders Chittagong Abahani (24 points), four-time champions Abahani (23 points) and lightweights Rahmatganj MFS (22 points) are clearly ahead in the title race, three-time champions Sheikh Jamal DC (19 points) and Muktiyoddha Sangsad KC (18 points) are not lagging far behind either.

Sheikh Russel KC and Mohammedan SC, two of the established giants, however will also be looking to put their first-leg performance behind them and climb off the lower part of the 12-team table.

The competition is expected to be fierce due to the presence of fresh foreign recruits. Rahmatganj MFS

coach Kamal Babu at least believes so, even though he thinks it would be tough for new foreign players to cope up in the middle of the league.

"We are banking on the same squad which brought us this far and I can say that we will be fighting till the last match of the league. Let's see what happens in the end," Babu said. "I think the new foreign players will have less impact as they will have little time to get accustomed with the conditions, combination and team plan."

The Rahmatganj coach, however, may face a bit of a problem in his defence as captain Shawkat Russel has been suspended for two matches and fined Tk 25,000 for his rowdy behavior with the referee in the side's last match.

Meanwhile, Abahani have signed up another English midfielder after releasing Camara Sarba and the title-contenders are hoping that the new recruit, along with Andrew Lee Tuck, would create more scoring chances for the forwards.

"We are in title race after having dominated most of our first phase matches. Every match is important

from here on for us to stay in the race. If we can concentrate on the loopholes we had in the first phase, we can hope to end on a high," said Abahani manager Satyajit Das Rupu.

Chittagong Abahani coach Julfikar Ali Mintu was a bit diplomatic despite signing up Bhutanese striker Chencho Gyeltshen in the mid-term window.

"It is always a new day and a new game, so it is tough to predict but from the coaching perspective I think the team that will be able to minimise their problems will come out on top," Mintu said. "Chencho is a good striker but he has to prove it here and has to perform every match, not just in one or two of the matches."

With Haitian goal-machine Wedson Anselme leaving, Sheikh Jamal DC were supposed to sign up a Gambian defender and a Nigerian striker last night to fill their vacuum in a bid to fulfilling the dream of winning a hat-trick of professional league titles.

Muktiyoddha Sangsad have performed decently despite having a mediocre side while Sheikh Russel KC have flown in three foreign players from Egypt, Haiti and Gambia.

Brathwaite puts WI on solid footing

AFP, Sharjah



Opener Kraigg Brathwaite needed five runs for a fighting hundred as he foiled Pakistan on the second day of the third and final Test in Sharjah on Monday.

Brathwaite anchored the West Indian innings with a 206-ball 95 not out after they were struggling at 38-3, putting two solid stands of 83 each with Roston Chase (50) for the fifth wicket and with Shane Dowrich (47) for the sixth.

At close skipper Jason Holder was unbeaten on six as West Indies were

244-6, just 37 runs away from Pakistan's first innings total of 281.

This gives West Indies a good position for the first time in the series against Pakistan who are targeting a 3-0 clean sweep after winning the first Test by 56 runs in Dubai and the second by 133 runs in Abu Dhabi.

Brathwaite batted solidly as he negotiated Pakistan's spin-cum-pace attack with full confidence, having so far hit ten boundaries.

West Indies lost Jermaine Blackwood for 23 soon after lunch and it looked like they would once again concede a lead but Brathwaite held the innings well with Chase and Dowrich.

Chase hit leg-spinner Yasir Shah for

a straight six to bring up his fifty but was caught in the slip off Mohammad Amir in the next over.

Dowrich then complimented Brathwaite as they took West Indies to 234, with Dowrich benefitting from a catch off Wahab Riaz's no ball on 15 and a let-off by Younis Khan on 21.

SCORES IN BRIEF
PAKISTAN: First innings 281 (Aslam 74, Younis 51, Misbah 53, Sarfraz 51, Amir 20; Gabriel 3-67, Joseph 2-57, Bishoo 4-77)

WEST INDIES: First innings 244 for 6 (Brathwaite 95 not out, Blackwood 23, Chase 50, Dowrich 47; Amir 2-44, Riaz 2-65)

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