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**TEN 1**  
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**Zorya v Feyenoord**  
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**Bangladesh Premier League**  
 Soccer Club Feni v Brothers Union

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Time: 6:15pm  
 Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium



Abahani coach George Kottan (R) poses alongside the two goalscorers – Andrew Lee Tuck (C) and Sunday Chizoba – after their 2-1 win against Chittagong Abahani at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

## Abahani topple their Chittagong namesake

SPORTS REPORTER



Four-time champions Abahani topped their Chittagong namesake with a 2-1 win against the port city outfit in a top-of-the-table encounter of the JB Bangladesh Premier League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Chittagong Abahani came into the match with a one point lead, but their second defeat in 12 matches has left them slip to the second position with 24 points. Abahani are now on top with 26 points.

After quite an even first-half, Chittagong Abahani went close to taking the lead, but Haitian striker Leonel Saint Preux frustrated all by squandering a penalty on the 56th minute. Abahani capitalised on the let-off and struck twice within three minutes. Nigerian Sunday Chizoba put Abahani ahead by heading in a Lee Tuck corner on 68 minutes before turning provider for the second goal with Lee Tuck flicking an angular pass from inside the six-yard box two minutes later.

Zahid Hossain reduced the

margin in the 89th minute from the spot after Abahani defender Mamun Mia and Chittagong Abahani forward Biplob were sent off five minutes earlier.

**RAHMATGANJ LOSE AGAIN**  
 Meanwhile, a struggling Mohammedan SC came from behind to hand a 2-1 defeat to high-flying Rahmatganj MFS in the first match of the day.

Cameroonian midfielder Nzekou Patrice cancelled out a 28th minute

**RAHMATGANJ 2 - 1 MOHAMMEDAN**  
**CTG ABAHANI 1 - 2 ABAHANI**

strike from Dawda Ceassay on 40 minutes before Ismail Bangoura struck the winning goal five minutes from time to help the Black and Whites climb up to seventh position with 12 points from as many matches. On the other hand, a second consecutive defeat left Rahmatganj at third position with 22 points.

Having lost 2-0 against Abahani in their last match of the first phase, Rahmatganj looked equally unimpressive yesterday and were under pressure

throughout the match despite grabbing the lead through Dawda, who placed the ball home with his left foot from inside the six-yard box.

Bangoura squandered two good opportunities before Patrice levelled the margin with a header after a free-kick from Aminur Rahman Sajib came his way having hit the post.

With Mohammedan pressing for the lead, Rahmatganj goalkeeper Samiul Islam Masum denied Bangoura on the hour-mark but the Guinean hitman made amends to ensure victory by heading in a Towhidul Alam cross from the right flank in the 85th minute.

Rahmatganj coach Kamal Babu, however, sensed something fishy in the manner of defeat and partly blamed his Nigerian defender Eleta Benjamin for both the goals.

"Having watched the body language, it seemed to us that Benjamin allowed Bangoura to play inside our box." The Rahmatganj coach said after the match. "We warned him during the match but we were forced to keep him on the field as there was no other available replacement due to the suspension of Shawkat Russel and injury to Musfiker Uddin Shimul."

## Man City stun Barca

Arsenal, PSG, Atletico, Bayern through

AFP, Paris



Manchester City got their revenge on Barcelona as Ilkay Gundogan scored twice in a 3-1 win in the Champions League on Tuesday, while Arsenal were one of four sides to secure progress to the last 16.

Pep Guardiola's side had lost 4-0 away in Barcelona two weeks ago but they showed tremendous character to come from a goal down and beat the Spanish champions 3-1 at the Etihad Stadium.

The inevitable Lionel Messi put the visitors in front at the end of a stunning breakaway with his 90th Champions League goal.

However, City pounced on a Sergi Roberto mistake as Raheem Sterling set up Gundogan to equalise six minutes before half-time.

A Kevin De Bruyne free-kick gave City the lead six minutes into the second half and, although Andre Gomes rattled the bar for the visitors, the Premier League side were on top and they secured the victory thanks to Germany midfielder Gundogan's second of the night.

Barcelona remain top of Group C and need only draw away to Celtic in their next game to progress, while City now know a win away to Borussia Moenchengladbach next time out will take them through.

In Germany, Celtic kept their hopes of at least snatching third place and a Europa League spot alive as they came from behind to draw 1-1 with Gladbach at Borussia-Park.

Lars Stindl put the hosts ahead in the first half but Moussa Dembele levelled from the spot on 76 minutes with a penalty after he had been fouled by Julian Korb, who was sent off.

Mesut Ozil scored a stunning winner as Arsenal fought back from two goals down to beat Ludogorets 3-2 in Sofia and secure their place in the last 16 for the 17th season in succession.

Jonathan Cafu put the Bulgarian champions ahead and then set up

RESULTS	
Ludogorets 2 (Cafu 12, Keseru 15)	<b>Arsenal 3</b> (Xhaka 20, Giroud 41, Ozil 87)
Basel 1 (Zuffi 76)	<b>Paris Saint-Germain 2</b> (Matuidi 43, Meunier 90)
Besiktas 1 (Quaresma 79-pen)	Napoli 1 (Hamsik 82)
<b>Benfica 1</b> (Salvio 45+2-pen)	Dynamo Kiev 0
Moenchengladbach 1 (Stindl 32)	Celtic 1 (Dembele 76-pen)
<b>Manchester City 3</b> (Gundogan 39, 74, De Bruyne 51)	Barcelona 1 (Messi 21)
<b>Atletico Madrid 2</b> (Griezmann 28, 90+3)	Rostov 1 (Azmoun 30)
PSV Eindhoven 1 (Arias 14)	<b>Bayern Munich 2</b> (Lewandowski 34-pen, 74)

Claudiu Keseru to make it 2-0 to Ludogorets inside quarter of an hour.

However, Granit Xhaka and Olivier Giroud scored to haul the Gunners back level before the break, before Ozil's fine solo effort won it two minutes from time.

The German ran through, chipped goalkeeper Milan Borjan and cut inside two defenders before slotting in from close range.

Arsene Wenger's side are through from Group A with two games to spare, as are Paris Saint-Germain, who won 2-1 away to Basel in Switzerland with a dramatic late winner of their own.

Blaise Matuidi's opener for the French champions was cancelled out when a Luca Zuffi cross sailed in, but Thomas Meunier volleyed in a stunning goal to win it at the death.

Last season's runners-up Atletico Madrid and German champions Bayern Munich also qualified for the last 16 on Tuesday from Group D.

Atletico still have maximum points after Antoine Griezmann's stoppage-time goal secured a 2-1 victory over Rostov at the Vicente Calderon.

France star Griezmann had put Atletico ahead on 28 minutes but Rostov looked set to escape with a point after Iranian Sardar Azmoun equalised.

Bayern came from behind to beat PSV Eindhoven 2-1 at the Philips Stadion after Santiago Arias put the Dutch champions in front early on.

Robert Lewandowski got both goals for Bayern, the first from a penalty, and also hit the woodwork three times for Carlo Ancelotti's men.

It is all to play for in Group B, where Benfica beat Dynamo Kiev 1-0 to keep qualification in their hands. Eduardo Salvio scored a penalty for the Portuguese giants before Junior Moraes had a spot-kick saved at the other end.

Earlier, Napoli came back to draw 1-1 with Besiktas in Istanbul, Marek Hamsik netting after Ricardo Quaresma's penalty for the Turkish side.

## India pick Pandya for Eng series

AFP, Mumbai

Hardik Pandya received his first call-up to India's Test squad Wednesday for next week's start of a series against England after selectors said the brash all-rounder had shown signs of mellowing.

Four spinners were also included in the squad for the first two matches of the series, with India keen to exploit England's recent struggles in Bangladesh where they lost the second Test on a sharply turning pitch.

The 23-year-old Pandya has earned a reputation in Indian cricket circles for showmanship, with his exuberant onfield celebrations and swagger off the pitch having proved a turn-off for selectors in the past.

But after taking three wickets in his ODI debut last month against New Zealand, he has now earned himself a place in the squad.

## Guardiola thrilled to beat 'world's best'

AFP, Manchester



Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola expressed his pride after his side overwhelmed his former club Barcelona 3-1 in a class Champions League victory on Tuesday.

Beaten 4-0 at Camp Nou two weeks ago, City fell behind to Lionel Messi's 21st-minute goal, but roared back to win through Ilkay Gundogan's brace and a Kevin De Bruyne free-kick.

Barcelona had won all five of the previous meetings between the teams, knocking City out of the Champions League in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

"They had an amazing 30 minutes. We had a lot of problems, but our first goal helped us a lot," said Guardiola, who led Barcelona to 14 major trophies between 2008 and 2012.

"In the second half we created a lot of counter-attacks. I am so happy for the guys. It is the first time we have beaten the best

team in the world."

Messi put Barca ahead at the conclusion of a sweeping one-two with Neymar, but an error from right-back Sergi Roberto allowed Raheem Sterling to set up Gundogan for City's 39th-minute equaliser.

De Bruyne's free-kick and Gundogan's second goal completed the victory and beaten manager Luis Enrique said his side had never recovered their composure after allowing City back into the game.

"The first few minutes we played really well. It's a shame that after the error we made for the first goal, from then on we had a bad time," he said, after seeing City trim his side's Group C lead to two points.

"When you concede a goal like that, it's normal that you go through a bad period after that. In the second half we hoped to continue dominating the game, but it couldn't be.

"Obviously that's because of our errors and the pressure from our opponents also. We didn't have as much of the ball and City took advantage of our errors."



## Shuttle Time Bangladesh

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Badminton Federation (BBF) yesterday signed a deal with Badminton Australia to run a development programme -- Shuttle Time Bangladesh -- at school level across the country.

Under the year-long development programme, which will get underway from December 20, some 320 to 400 teachers of different schools will be trained up and each of those teachers will then provide training to at least 40 students round the year.

Australia-based sports management company, Sport Matters, will provide technical support, informed BBF's acting general secretary Golam Aziz Jilani yesterday adding that Badminton Australia will provide all financial assistance to complete the year-long programme.

"First we will train up 16 tutors and each of the tutors will then train up 20 teachers or more. Afterwards the trained teachers will conduct the training programme among the school students to enhance the interest in badminton. We will also provide rackets and shuttles for training which will be kept at schools," added Jilani.

BBF president Abdul Malek and chief executive officer of Sport Matters Jackie Lauff signed the deal on behalf of BBF and Badminton Australia. Nepal Badminton Association president Ramji Bahadur Sreshtha and regional officer of Badminton Asia, Nikhil Chandra Dhar, were also present on the occasion.

## Siddle back to face SA

First Test starts today

AFP, Sydney

Veteran seamer Peter Siddle will return to bolster an Australian side keen to halt a losing streak in the first Test against South Africa starting Thursday.

Captain Steve Smith confirmed Wednesday his XI for the home season opener at the WACA in Perth, with Siddle preferred to the uncapped Joe Mennie.

Australia went down 3-0 in Sri Lanka in July-August to forfeit their top Test ranking, and then suffered a 5-0 thrashing in a one-day series in South Africa.

Siddle will be the third seamer, replacing left-arm spinner Jon Holland.

## WI on brink of rare victory

AFP, Sharjah



Skipper Jason Holder took a maiden five-wicket haul and opener Kraigg Brathwaite stood firm in a tense chase to bring West Indies in sight of a consolation win in the third and final Test against Pakistan in Sharjah on Wednesday.

Holder set his team -- without a win in their last 13 Tests -- on the right path with a career-best 5-30 to dismantle Pakistan for 208, which gave the West Indies a target of 153 in 135 overs spread over four sessions.

When bad light forced closure nine overs early on the fourth and penultimate day, Brathwaite was unbeaten on 44 to anchor West Indies to 114-5, still needing 39 runs with five wickets intact.

Brathwaite, who carried his bat in the first innings with 142, has so far added 47 runs for the sixth wicket with Shane Dowrich (36 not out) to lift West Indies from a struggling 67-5.

Brathwaite, who survived a bat-pad catch review on 43, has hit four boundaries in another resolute 88-ball knock, frustrating Pakistan's bowling for a second time in the match.

Dowrich has hit a six and three boundaries for the West Indies.

From 23 without loss, West Indies slumped to 67-5 with leg-spinner Yasir Shah (3-30) dismissing Leon Johnson leg-before for 12, Darren Bravo caught behind for three and Marlon Samuels caught in the deep for 10 in the space of 13 balls.

Paceman Wahab Riaz then had Jermaine Blackwood bowled for four with a sharp incoming delivery and Roston Chase caught flicking by a jumping Mohammad Nawaz for two to bring Pakistan back in the game.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**PAKISTAN:** First innings 281  
**WEST INDIES:** First innings 337  
**PAKISTAN:** Second innings 208 (Aslam 17, Azhar 91, Sarfraz 42, Nawaz 19; Holder 5-30, Bishoo 3-46)  
**WEST INDIES:** Second innings 114 for 5 (Brathwaite 44 not out, Dowrich 36 not out; Riaz 2-30, Shah 3-30)

## Sri Lanka take 1-0 lead

AFP, Harare

Rangana Herath and Dilruwan Perera took three wickets apiece to break Zimbabwe's resistance and secure a 225-run victory for Sri Lanka in the first Test at Harare Sports Club on Wednesday.

After declaring on their overnight total of 247 for six to set Zimbabwe 412 for victory on the final day, Sri Lanka were under threat of being held to a draw as Graeme Cremer once again proved to be the thorn in their side with his stubborn 43.

But Herath finished with figures of 3 for 38, which included the key wickets of Cremer and Sean Williams, and Perera took 3 for 34 as Zimbabwe were bowled out for 186 with just 7.3 overs left.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**SRI LANKA:** First innings 537  
**ZIMBABWE:** First innings 373  
**SRI LANKA:** Second innings 247 for 7 decl (Karunaratne 110, Mendis 19, De Silva 64; Mumba 4-50)  
**ZIMBABWE:** Second innings 186 (Mawoyo 37, Masakadza 20, Williams 40, Cremer 43; Lakmal 2-43, Herath 3-38, Perera 3-34)  
 Result: Sri Lanka won by 225 runs and lead two-match series 1-0.  
**Player-of-the-match:** Graeme Cremer.

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