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Abahani striker Sunday Chizoba (L) holds up three fingers representing the three goals he scored as Feni Soccer goalkeeper Sujan Chowdhury looks down in dismay during their JB Bangladesh Premier League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Sunday powers Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER



Sunday Chizoba scored the first hattrick of the JB Bangladesh Premier League to power Abahani to a massive 5-1 win over cash-crunched Feni Soccer Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

With eight wins, four in a row, in 13 matches, the four-time professional league champions consolidated their lead on the top of the 12-team table with 29 points while a sixth consecutive defeat left Feni Soccer just a place above the bottom-placed Uttar Baridhara Club with nine points.

Abahani came into the match on the back of a morale boosting 2-1 win over title rivals Chittagong Abahani and the Sky Blues made light work of minnows Feni Soccer -- who have been going through a lot of trouble off the field to run the training camp as well as hidden conflict over unpaid wages with the players -- to notch up their biggest win in this league.

English attacking midfielder Lee Tuck, local winger Jewel Rana and Nigerian striker Sunday set the tone

of the match early but Jewel failed to find the target from inside the box with only goalkeeper Sujan Chowdhury to beat in the 10th minute of the game. The young national forward, however, made amends eight minutes later by driving home from close range.

Sunday then flicked a low cross from Lee home in the 26th minute before tapping in a Jewel cutback in eight minutes after restart after the Nigerian had been denied from the spot by the Feni Soccer goalkeeper.

ABAHANI 5 - 1 FENI SOCCER
MOHAMMEDAN 0 - 1 CTG ABAHANI

Uche Felix reduced the margin nine minutes later as Feni Soccer showed signs of a comeback, but Sunday took the match away from them in the 78th minute with his third of the match, a simple chip over the goalkeeper, to raise his tally to 14.

Under-16 striker Saad Uddin completed the rout by striking his first premier league goal two minutes from time after a Lee Tuck free-kick was parried to his path by the Feni Soccer goalkeeper.

CHITTAGONG ABAHANI KEEP THE CHASE

Chittagong Abahani kept the heat on the leaders by beating Mohammedan SC 1-0, thanks to a suicidal strike from Mohammedan defender Bishwanath Ghosh.

The fortuitous win took the port city side to 27 points, just two behind Abahani while Mohammedan remained in ninth position with 12 points from 13 outings.

Chencho Gyeltshen was drafted into the playing eleven of Chittagong Abahani for the first time but the Bhutanese star forward was anonymous throughout the match even though he hardly got the service he needed from his teammates.

It was Mohammedan, however, who created the first scoring opportunity on the half-hour mark when Guinean striker Ismail Bangoura curled one in from the edge of the box, only to be denied by the woodwork.

Chittagong Abahani got the all-important goal one minute before the break when Biswanath struck his own net while trying to clear a chip from Chittagong Abahani winger Zahid Hossain.

Bolt likes both Messi and Ronaldo



AFP, Buenos Aires

Olympic sprint king Usain Bolt said Sunday that if he ever realised his long-held ambition of becoming a professional footballer, he'd like to have the skills of both Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.

Asked by Argentine magazine Viva: "Would you prefer to be like Lionel Messi or like Cristiano Ronaldo?", the world's fastest man replied: "I'd be a good mixture. By combining the talents of the two and adding my speed and my heart, I would be the greatest!"

Bolt has often stated his dream of playing for Manchester United.

"If they call me to say, 'we need you now', I'd take the next flight to England," said the nine-time Olympic gold medallist and world record holder.

CCCL-IUB Sports Carnival held

OUR CORRESPONDENT

The Division of Student Affairs (DoSA) of Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) organised a CCCL-IUB Sports Carnival on Sunday at IUB Campus in Bashundhara. In a bid to make the carnival a momentous one, Cadet College Club Limited (CCCL) and other IUB clubs participated in friendly futsal (five a side football) and table tennis matches.

IUB's chairman of the board of trustees Rashed Chowdhury and vice chancellor Prof M Omar Rahman attended as chief guest and special guest respectively. Afterwards they distributed prizes amongst the winners.

IUB defeated CCCL 7-3 in the futsal match and also claimed victory in both the singles and doubles table tennis matches.

ITF JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Katie takes to court today

SPORTS REPORTER



Top seed Katie Lafrance will start her campaign in the Walton 30th Bangladesh ITF Junior Tennis Championships today when she takes on India's Muskaan Ranjan in the girl's singles first round fixture at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna.

The 17-year-old from the United States, who drew everyone's attention after landing here on Sunday on a chartered aircraft to participate in the Grade-5 tournament of International Tennis Federation, spent yesterday at the Radisson Blu Hotel with her parents, informed a Bangladesh Tennis Federation official.

Lafrance's international ranking of 431 puts her ahead of second-seed 571-ranked

Japanese Ichinose Runa as some 37 girls and 59 boys from 12 countries are taking part in the ITF sanctioned tournament, which is being staged here for the last 30 years.

Apart from this tournament, Lafrance has so far participated in 16 tournaments across the world this year and has won 18 matches while suffering 16 defeats. Lafrance has played a total of 65 competitive matches in her career, winning 35 of those. She reached the semifinals in girls' singles three times and her last semifinal appearance was in Tep Khunnah Memorial Cup ITF Junior in Cambodia last month where she lost against Charmaine Shi Yi of Singapore in the last four.

Meanwhile, a total of 19 matches in boys' and girls' singles were held yesterday with only Rubel Hossain and Faruk Hossain among 12 Bangladeshi players winning their matches to advance to the next round.

Van Persie suffers eye injury

AFP, Paris

Former Manchester United and Dutch international striker Robin Van Persie suffered an eye injury playing for Fenerbahce against Akhisar Belediyespor in the Turkish league on Sunday.

After colliding with a defender, the 33-year-old was stretched off the pitch with a plaster covering his bloodied left eye.

However, the club insisted that Van Persie had not been badly hurt.

"We have been told that the situation isn't serious. He's doing well."

Messi reaches 500

AFP, Madrid



LFP

Lionel Messi, with his 500th Barcelona goal, and Luis Suarez saved the Spanish champions from a second defeat in six days as they came from behind to win 2-1 at Sevilla on Sunday.

Victory keeps Barca just two points adrift of Real Madrid, who were 3-0 victors over Leganes thanks to a double from Gareth Bale.

Madrid also announced that Cristiano Ronaldo will extend his contract with the European champions until 2021 on



Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi celebrates his equalising goal, his 500th for the club, during their La Liga match against Sevilla at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan Stadium on Sunday. PHOTO: AFP

Monday.

Messi inspired a spirited Barca fightback fresh from a 3-1 defeat at Manchester City in the Champions League on Tuesday after a first-half dominated by Sevilla.

"There is no one like him and our objective as a team is to look for Leo as much as possible," Barca boss Luis Enrique told Spanish TV station Movistar.

"The capacity Messi has to play in any position and interpret what is happening on the field is laudable."

With the cast of the Game of Thrones among those watching on in Seville, the game got off to a frantic start.

The hosts had two shots on goal inside 50 seconds, but from a Sevilla corner Barca broke forward at lightning speed and Suarez's effort from Neymar's layoff was brilliantly saved by Sergio Rico.

Sevilla remained on the front foot for most of the first-half and got their reward on 15 minutes when Pablo Sarabia's pass bamboozled Sergi Roberto and Vitolo charged through to open the scoring.

Sarabia passed up a great chance to make it two when he took the bizarre decision to backheel the ball towards the edge of the area when he had just Marc-Andre ter Stegen to beat.

Barca made Sevilla pay with another brilliant counter-attack to level two minutes before half-time as this time Messi curled Neymar's pass into the bottom corner.

The goal was Messi's 500th for Barca including friendlies, but he should have had more after the break as only a brilliant block from Mariano and save from Rico prevented the Barca captain turning the game around.

Messi turned provider for the winner just after the hour mark as he teed up Suarez to drill the ball low past Rico.

Rico produced an incredible stop to prevent Suarez making it 3-1, but a huge error from Ter Stegen at the other end nearly cost Barca the win as he flapped at a corner and Steven N'Zonzi headed inches wide the goal gaping.

Zim solid after SL run spree

AFP, Harare



An unbroken century stand between Brian Chari and Craig Ervine gave Zimbabwe a solid start after Asela Gunaratne's maiden

Test hundred had carried Sri Lanka to 504 on the second day of the second Test at Harare Sports Club on Monday.

Playing just his second Test, Gunaratne scored 116 to marshal the tail to good effect and frustrate the Zimbabwean bowlers, before his dismissal brought the end of the Sri Lankan innings on the stroke of tea.

When Rangana Herath opened the bowling and grabbed the wickets of

Tino Mawoyo and Hamilton Masakadza to reduce Zimbabwe to 17 for two, the hosts looked to be embarking on one of their trademark batting collapses.

But Chari and Ervine added 109 for the third wicket without being parted, taking Zimbabwe to stumps on 126 for two with both batsmen closing the day on 60 not out.

The tourists began the day on 290 for five, with Gunaratne on 13. Dhananjaya De Silva was caught and bowled by leg-spinner Graeme Cremer for 127, before Gunaratne added 54 for the seventh wicket with Dilruwan Perera at a swift rate.

Perera was then trapped lbw by Cremer for 34, but Gunaratne went to lunch on 64 having helped Sri Lanka

add 124 runs in the session.

Seamer Donald Tiripano had Herath caught behind and then bowled Suranga Lakmal, but No. 11 Lahiru Kumara held on long enough for Gunaratne to reach three figures and carry the score past 500.

Chari became the first Zimbabwean Test player to hit his first ball for six as he lofted Herath over long-on - then repeated the stroke to go to his maiden Test fifty.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SRI LANKA: First innings 504 all out in 144.4 overs (De Silva 127, Gunaratne 116, Tharanga 79; Tiripano 3-91, Cremer 3-136, Masakadza 2-35)

ZIMBABWE: First innings 126 for 2 in 35 overs (Chari 60 not out, Ervine 60 not out; Herath 2-44)

Saif Global to tie up with BKSP

SPORTS REPORTER



Saif Global Sports Ltd, sponsor of the JB Bangladesh Premier League, is contemplating launch of a joint-venture with Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Pratihshan (BKSP) in a quest to bring the budding BKSP footballers under a training programme of foreign coaching staff.

In this regard, the company's chairman Tarafder Ruhul Amin held a meeting with BKSP director general Brigadier General Shamsur Rahman and the two parties agreed in principle to sign an agreement within one month.

"We had earlier sent a proposal to BKSP to take over the charge of BKSP U-14, U-16 and U-18 teams by providing all technical support such as foreign coaches, fitness trainer and doctors. We have agreed in principle to sign an agreement in this regard. We will now send a draft agreement to BKSP and they will take the final approval from the government. We expect to put pen on paper within one month," Tarafder Ruhul Amin said yesterday.

"The players will stay at the BKSP but we will bear all of their expenses. Training will be designed in our way prescribed by the foreign coaching staff. We will train them for at least five years under the foreign coaches. After the training, if any players join club sides, then transfer fee will be divided between three parties -- Saif Global Sports, BKSP and the player," said the businessman, adding that this is a new concept to get quality players for future which may put an end to the decline of country's football.

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