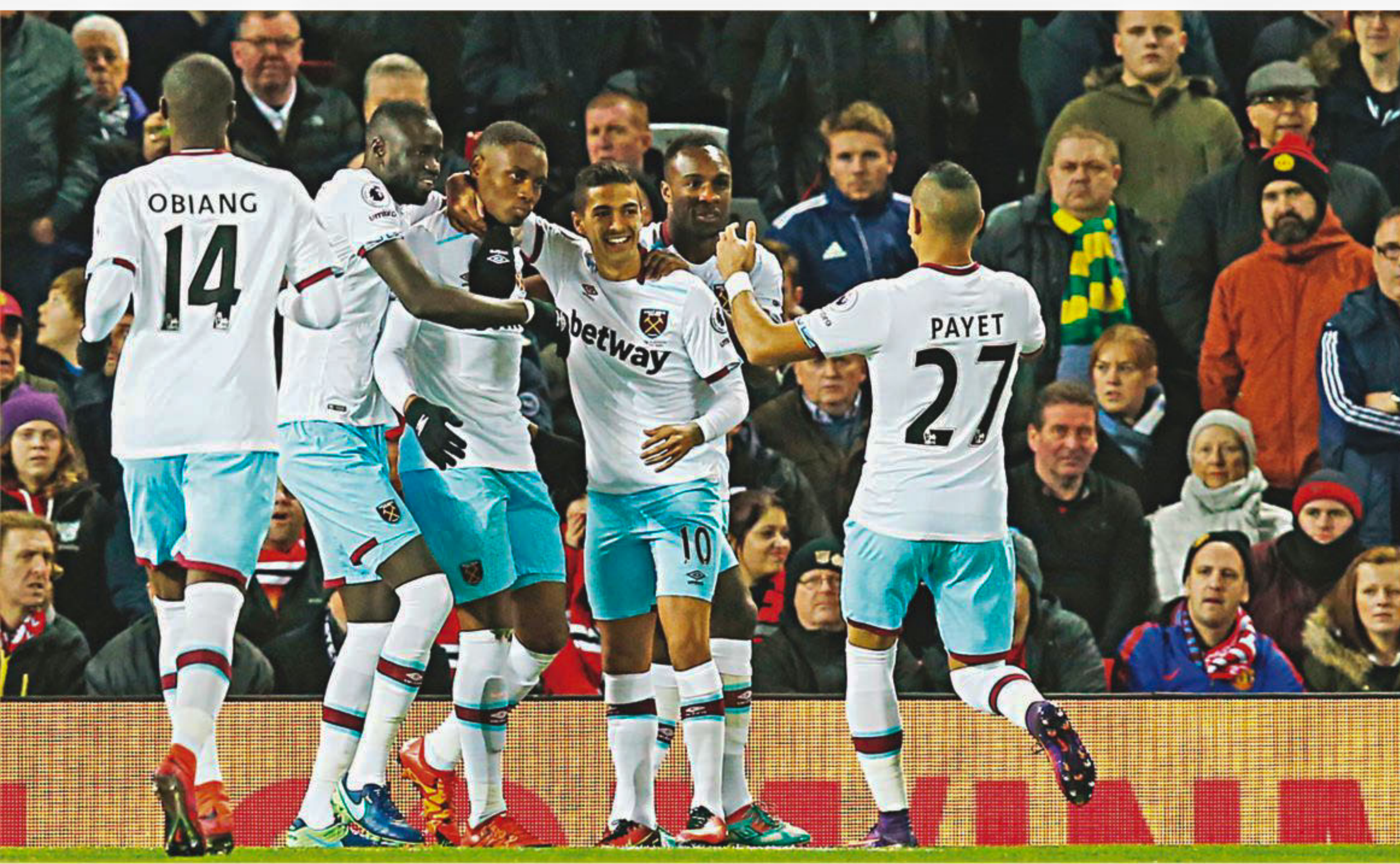


DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh Premier League T20
Rangpur Riders v Rajshahi Kings
Time: 5:45pm
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur

Bangladesh Premier League
Abahani v Arambagh
Time: 3:30pm
Mohammedan v Brothers Union

Time: 6:15pm
Venue: MA Aziz Stadium, Chittagong



West Ham United players celebrate forward Diafra Sakho's (2nd from L) goal against Manchester United during their Premier League encounter at Old Trafford yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Rosberg claims maiden title

AFP, Abu Dhabi

Nico Rosberg clinched his maiden world title on Sunday when he finished second in the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix despite Lewis Hamilton ignoring team orders in his quest to foil the German.

31-year-old Rosberg concluded the longest season in the sport's history with a nail-biting second place under intense pressure after leader and ultimate race winner Hamilton had slowed the field to create a difficult finish.

Hamilton reeled off his 10th win of the season - the most by any driver not to win the title - but his gamesmanship upset his team and his team-mate in the closing laps.

Hamilton ignored instructions to increase his speed at the front, but was unable to create a situation in which Rosberg could be passed.

Hammers hold Man Utd

AFP, London



Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho was sent off as his side lost more ground in the Premier League title race by drawing 1-1 with West Ham United on Sunday.

After Diafra Sakho's second-minute opener was cancelled out by Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Mourinho was sent to the stands for kicking a water bottle in protest at Paul Pogba's booking for diving.

It was United's fourth successive home draw in the league -- a first since 1980 -- and left them 11 points below leaders Chelsea in sixth place.

Elsewhere, Alexis Sanchez scored twice as Arsenal kept pace within the leading pack by winning 3-1 at home to Bournemouth.

Mourinho made six changes to his starting XI at Old Trafford, but his bench created the biggest stir as formerly exiled midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger made an unexpected return to the match-day squad.

West Ham needed just 90 seconds to go ahead as Dimitri Payet's free-kick from the right was headed in by Sakho.

In the 21st minute, Pogba's cross was nodded in by Ibrahimovic, who has now scored seven league goals this season.

Moments later referee Jonathan Moss booked Pogba for diving after the France midfielder took evasive action as Mark Noble moved in to tackle him.

Mourinho reacted by furiously kicking a water bottle and was duly sent to the stands for the second time this season.

Wayne Rooney, whose next goal will equal Bobby Charlton's 249-goal club scoring record, and Henrikh Mkhitaryan came on for United in the second half.

Jesse Lingard saw a goal chalked off for offside after Mkhitaryan had hit the post, while United were indebted to goalkeeper David de Gea for a crucial late save to deny Ashley Fletcher.

United will hope their luck changes when West Ham return to Old Trafford in the League Cup quarterfinals on Wednesday.

Arsenal ended a run of three straight draws in all competitions with victory over Bournemouth at the Emirates Stadium. With England midfielder Jack Wilshere watching from the stands due to the terms of his loan from Arsenal to Bournemouth, the home side took a 12th-minute lead courtesy of a horror moment from Simon Cook.

In seeking to play the ball back to goalkeeper Adam Federici from the right, he undercooked his pass horribly, giving Sanchez the time to pick his spot and put Arsenal ahead.

Bournemouth equalised in the 23rd minute when Callum Wilson netted from the penalty spot after Nacho Monreal fouled him.

It was a harsh call, but Monreal made amends in the 53rd minute, masterfully steering Mesut Ozil's cross back across goal for Theo Walcott to restore Arsenal's lead with a rare header.

Sanchez made the game safe in stoppage time by tapping in substitute Olivier Giroud's cross.

"I felt we started well, but when they equalised we were nervous and that's where having three consecutive draws played a little bit on our minds," said Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger.

RESULTS		
Arsenal	3 - 1	Bournemouth
Sanchez 12, 90+1, Walcott 53 Wilson 23-pen		
Watford	0 - 1	Stoke
Gomes 29-og		
Man Utd	1 - 1	West Ham
Ibrahimovic 21 Sakho 2		

Neymar crashes Ferrari

AFP, Madrid

Barcelona's Brazilian star Neymar damaged his Ferrari Spider in a road accident but his club said he was ready to play against Real Sociedad on Sunday night.

The 24-year-old hit trouble driving to the Barcelona training ground in rain before the team took a flight for the match.

Catalan television TV3 showed images of a dent on the left front of the car, which was parked.

Neymar can be seen in images on the club's official web page with other players at the airport. He appeared relaxed, listening to music as he boarded the flight.

SL clinch tri-series

AFP, Bulawayo

Upul Tharanga and Kusal Mendis struck half centuries as Sri Lanka beat Zimbabwe by six wickets to clinch the triangular series trophy in Bulawayo on Sunday.

After bowling Zimbabwe out for 160 inside 37 overs, Sri Lanka surrendered early wickets cheaply before Tharanga and Mendis chased down a target of 161 with over 12 overs to spare.

Sri Lanka sunk to 42 for three, with left-arm seamer Brian Vitori picking up all three wickets. But Mendis and Tharanga made the result a formality.

Simeone double stuns Juventus

AFP, Milan



A quickfire brace from Giovanni Simeone, the son of Atletico Madrid coach Diego, opened up the Serie A title race on Sunday as Genoa claimed a stunning

3-1 win over leaders Juventus.

Juve's third defeat of a season in which they are hoping 'scudetto' left the Turin giants just four points ahead of on-form AC Milan, with several other challengers close behind.

Juventus travelled to the Luigi Ferraris Stadium without a number of key players, with forwards Paulo Dybala and Marko Pjaca and defender Andrea Barzagli notably all in the treatment room.

Experienced defender Giorgio Chiellini was on the bench recovering from a knock, meaning an inhabitable start in the back three for Swiss wing-back Stephan Lichtsteiner.

With Argentine striker Gonzalo Higuain in the same straits due to a muscle problem, coach Massimiliano Allegri was forced to play attacking midfielder Juan Cuadrado up front alongside Mario Mandzukic.

RESULTS		
Palermo	0 - 1	Lazio
Milinkovic-Savic 31		
Bologna	0 - 2	Atalanta
Masiello 15, Kuric 68		
Cagliari	2 - 1	Udinese
Fofana 51		
Crotone	1 - 1	Sampdoria
Falconelli 43 Fernandes 72		
Genoa	3 - 1	Juventus
Simeone 3, 13, Sandro 29-og Pjanic 82		

Genoa -- who stunned Juve 1-0 at home two seasons ago when Antonio Conte was still in charge of the Turin giants -- sensed an upset, and were 2-0 up by the 13th minute thanks to a fine Simeone double.

After Gianluigi Buffon parried a Luca Rigoni drive and Lucas Ocampos's follow-up effort, Simeone pounced to beat the 'keeper.

When Simeone was left unmarked on the edge of the box by Mehdi Benatia, it left the 21-year-old free to get down low and direct a diving header past Buffon, although Darko Lazovic deserved plenty of credit for turning Alex Sandro inside out prior to the cross.



Genoa forward Giovanni Simeone, the son of Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone, scored a brilliant brace to condemn Juventus to a defeat yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Ashwin gives India edge

AFP, Mohali

Ravichandran Ashwin hit an attacking half-century to give India the edge after England's bowlers dented the hosts with quick wickets on day two of the third Test in Mohali on Sunday.

India were 271 for six at stumps with Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja at the crease. The hosts trail by 12 runs in response to England's first innings score of 283.

SCORES IN BRIEF
ENGLAND: First innings 283 (Baird 89, Buttler 43; Shami 3-63)
INDIA: First innings 271 for 6 (Kohli 62, Ashwin 57 not out; Rashid 3-81)

Kiwis ahead after rainy third day

REUTERS, Hamilton

Heavy rain washed out much of the third day's play of the second Test between Pakistan and New Zealand on Sunday, with the hosts facing just one ball in their second innings before bad light ended proceedings.

New Zealand had a 55-run lead on the first innings.
SCORES IN BRIEF
NEW ZEALAND: First innings 271
PAKISTAN: First innings 216 (Azam 90 not out, Sarfraz 41, Sohail 37; Southee 6-80)
NEW ZEALAND: Second innings 0

Atletico return to top four with simple win

AFP, Madrid



Atletico Madrid got back to winning ways and moved back into La Liga's top four as goals from Diego Godin, Kevin Gameiro and Yannick Carrasco ensured a 3-0 win at Osasuna on Sunday.

The hosts remain rooted in the bottom three and were left to rue Roberto Torres's missed penalty with the scores still level at 0-0.

Godin nodded home Koke's corner nine minutes before half-time and almost straight from kick-off Angel Correa released Gameiro to double Atletico's lead.

Substitute Carrasco rounded off the scoring with his eighth goal of the season in stoppage time.

Atletico leapfrog Villarreal, who earlier lost 2-0 at home to Alaves, into fourth and move back to within nine points of leaders Real Madrid.

Third-placed Barcelona can close to within four points of Real ahead of next weekend's Clasico with a first victory in nine years at Real Sociedad later on Sunday.

Atletico had suffered back-to-back La Liga defeats for the first time in four years

at the hands of Real Sociedad and Real Madrid.

Coach Diego Simeone therefore went back to his tried and trusted formula in search of a first clean sheet in six league games as Tiago and Jose Maria Gimenez were handed their second league starts of the season.

Gameiro should have got Atletico off to the perfect start when he side-footed wide from point-blank range from Antoine Griezmann's inch-perfect cross.

Correa fired straight at Nazuet Perez from another great Griezmann pass as Atletico began to take control.

Yet, the opener arrived from another speciality of the Simeone era at Atletico as Godin rose highest to power home Koke's corner.

Osasuna were still recovering from that blow when Correa's chipped through ball allowed Gameiro to run in behind the defence and drill his shot low into the far corner.

Atletico controlled the game after the break and should have had a penalty of their own when Oier clearly handled while clearing off the Osasuna goal line.

Carrasco had surprisingly been left on the bench by Simeone, but made his presence count after coming on as he pounced on an error by Unai Garcia before firing low past Nazuet.

NATIONAL SWIMMING C'SHIPS

Shila derailed by knee injury

SPORTS REPORTER



An unexpected knee-cap dislocation during the 100m breaststroke of the 28th National Swimming Championships cost Mahfuza Akter Shila as she had to give up half-way through the event at the Syed Nazrul Islam National Swimming Complex in Mirpur yesterday.

The South Asian (SA) Games double-gold medallist, who lit up the swimming pool in Assam earlier this year with a new SA Games record, was clearly ahead of her competitors as she looked certain to retain the 100m breaststroke gold medal after the first lap. However, Bangladesh Navy swimmer was dealt a heavy blow at the start of the return lap as she dislocated her knee-cap, leaving Rumana Akter of Bangladesh Army to create a new record by erasing Shila's national record of 1.19:54 seconds which was made in 2014. Rumana took 1.19:53 seconds.

The sudden knee injury took Shila further out of the limelight after the federation kept the brilliant swimmer out of focus with their branding of the national championships.

The SA Games gold medalist was supposed to be main focus of the Bangladesh Swimming Federation's (BSF) promotional banners and festoons inside and outside the pool, but she was nowhere to be seen even though a photograph of a possible sponsor found a place alongside photographs of the prime minister, state and deputy ministers, the chairman of the standing committee on youth and sports and the BSF president.

Some officials had raised questions about holding the meet in winter and the shortening of the championships to only three days, which hindered the swimmers' ability to put up their best displays due to the tight schedule. The federation is also violating the rules of Water Polo as they are completing each game in 12 minutes rather than 32 regulation minutes.

National coach Park Tae Gun even criticised the staging of the final event without prior notice and believes such a hectic schedule has put swimmers under huge pressure to compete in more than one event every day.

"We could not hold the meeting at a proper time because of the talent hunt programme. We have also been forced to reduce the time due to another programme next month. But we have made the schedules and the final without heats with the consent of all officials," explained BSF general secretary Rafiz Uddin.

Meanwhile, five national records [handing timing] were set on the opening day with Romana Akter, Mahfuzur Rahman Sagor, Rumana Akter, Naima Akter Sonali and the 4X200m free-style relay team of Bangladesh Navy creating new national records.

Ctg Abahani two points off top

SPORTS REPORTER

Title contenders Chittagong Abahani shrank the gap with table-toppers Abahani with a 2-0 win over Rahmatganj MFS in their JB Bangladesh Premier League fixture at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

Bhutanese striker Chencho Gyeltshen and captain Mamunul Islam scored one goal apiece to ensure a crucial victory which takes them to 34 points from 17 outings, two shy of Abahani who have played one match less.

Rahmatganj were the last big hurdle for Chittagong Abahani to overcome in their mission to win their maiden professional football league trophy and the port city outfit looked to emulate their previous encounter where they won 4-1.

Rahmatganj, who fell behind in the title race faster than expected, initially held their mighty opponents but could not stop Chittagong Abahani from a 10th victory.

Gyeltshen broke the deadlock in the 22nd minute before Mamunul sealed the victory in the 70th minute, leaving Rahmatganj in fourth position in the 12 team table with 26 points.

In the first match of the day, Feni Soccer Club climbed up to the 11st position with a single-goal win over Uttar Baridhara Club.

Chowmrin Rakhaine separated the sides three minutes into the second half of the match between two bottom-table sides. With their third win, Feni Soccer and Uttar Baridhara Club share bottom place with with 13 points each from 17 matches.

Community Development Centre (CODEC) Achieved highest tax payer in others (NGO) sector

Community Development Centre (CODEC) has received 1st prize for highest tax payer in others (NGO) sector in the year 2015-16. Mr. Didarul Alam Chowdhury, Senior Director of CODEC receives Crest and Certificate from honorable State Minister of Finance & Planning Mr. M.A. Mannan, MP in this regard. On behalf of disadvantaged coastal communities, well-wishers and CODEC personnel congratulate CODEC.