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Infantino wants

FIFA president Gianni Infantino hopes to see

video referees used at the 2018 World Cup in

Russia -- if its teething problems have been

Colombia's Atletico Nacional slammed

video refs at

2018 WC

fixed in time.

AFP, Yokohama

Napoli v Torino

DAY'S EVENT Time: 3:00pm Rahamatgonj v Muktijoddha

Bangladesh Premier League Uttar Baridhara v Brothers Union

Time: 5:45pm Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Live from 5:45pm

Victory Day hockey from tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

The 13th Victory Day **Hockey Competition starts** tomorrow at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium in Dhaka. Six teams, split into two groups, will vie for the title of the eight-day competition. The teams are: Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Police, Bangladesh Air Force, BKSP and Chandgaon Sporting Club of Chittagong.

Two teams from each group will move to the semifinals, with the final scheduled to take place on December 26. The champions are to be awarded Tk 50,000 while the runnersup will receive Tk 30,000. The opening match and the final match will be telecast live on ATB Bangla. All this information was

disclosed at a press conference held at the Bangladesh Hockey Federation headquarters yesterday where the federation's vice-president's Khaza Rahmatullah and Anvir Adil Khan and sponsor's company, Walton's head of sports and welfare department Iqbal Bin Anwar were among others present.

Saif SC move 2 points clear

SPORTS REPORTER

Saif Sporting Club moved two points clear at the top of the Marcel Bangladesh Championship League table after a 3-1 win over Victoria Sporting Club at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday. With five matches left to

play, the newcomers have 17 points from nine matches, and are the only side yet to be beaten in this second-tier professional league. They are two points ahead of Police FC while Victoria SC remain one place from the bottom with eight points in their bag. Saif SC conceded the

lead in yesterday's match when Atikuzzaman scored from the spot in the third minute, but levelled eight minutes later through Rahim. Shadhin put the league leader's noses in front during the 34th minute before Matin's 48th minute strike sealed the match's fate.



the new video assistant referee (VAR) technology being trialled at the Club World Cup in Japan after the first-ever penalty awarded under the system helped knock them out midweek. a Cristiano Ronaldo goal in another game, but Infantino promised FIFA would iron out the glitches.

system," he told reporters on Saturday.

"But I hope at the next World Cup the test results will be positive enough to be able to implement it." Infantino praised the decision to award Japan's Kashima

Real Madrid were also lukewarm after confusion around

"It's still premature to say when we will go live with this

Antlers a penalty against the South American champions. "The referee didn't see the play and his non-decision could be corrected thanks to the video technology," he said

on the eve of the final between Real and Kashima. "The time it took (to award the spot kick) lasted too long, that's something we can work on.

"But the right decision was taken and the penalty awarded, which was correct."

Chelsea go nine clear

Ibrahimovic lifts Man Utd

AFP, London

league victory.



Diego Costa earned Premier Chelsea a 1-0 vic-League tory at Crystal Palace on Saturday as the Premier League leaders claimed a club record-equalling 11th consecutive

Costa headed home Cesar Azpilicueta's cross in the 43rd minute at a foggy Selhurst Park to send Antonio Conte's men nine points clear.

"The run is fantastic," said Chelsea manager Conte. "Congratulations to my players, not me. I am pleased for them because they deserve this."

Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored twice as Manchester United won 2-0 at West Bromwich Albion, while champions Leicester City weathered the dismissal of Jamie Vardy to come from 2-0 down and draw 2-2 at Stoke City.

Chelsea have matched their record of 11 consecutive wins from April to September 2009, achieving the feat within the same season for the first time. The only blemishes were yellow cards

for Costa and N'Golo Kante that mean both players will be suspended for next weekend's home game against Bournemouth. Narrowly beaten 2-1 by Manchester

United in mid-week, Palace threatened to take the lead against Chelsea when Jason Puncheon scuffed wide from Martin Kelly's cross. The visitors went in front shortly before

half-time after Eden Hazard sprayed a pass wide to Azpilicueta, whose floated cross allowed Costa to nod in his 13th goal of the campaign. Marcos Alonso struck the bar with a late

free-kick, but Costa's goal proved suffi-Chelsea are nine points clear of second-

place Liverpool, who visit Everton on Monday, and Arsenal, who travel to fourthplace Manchester City on Sunday. "We can improve though," Conte

added. "You can always improve in different aspects. I am pleased with this level we have reached and with work we can improve.

"It is important to understand we are only at the 17th game in the season. We must not look at the table."

Jose Mourinho's United drew level on points with fifth-place Tottenham Hotspur, who host Burnley on Sunday, after winning at West Brom to record three successive league wins for the first time since August.

fifth minute with a header from Jesse | have had another fantastic Lingard's fine right-wing cross. After Ben Foster had pushed a shot from

Wayne Rooney onto the bar, Ibrahimovic added a second in the 56th minute. The former Paris Saint-Germain striker

squeezed between two defenders before scoring via a deflection off Craig Dawson, leaving him with nine goals from his last 10 appearances and 16 for the season.

Leicester avoided a ninth defeat of the campaign thanks to an impressive fightback at Stoke, which left Claudio Ranieri's men three points above the relegation zone in 15th place.

Saul hands Atletico

nervy win AFP, Madrid

A stunning 25-yard strike from Saul Niguez snapped Atletico Madrid's threegame winless streak with a nervy 1-0 win over Las Palmas on Saturday to move up to fifth in La Liga.

Atletico started the day 12 points adrift of leaders Real Madrid after a run of four defeats in seven league games.

However, Niguez's brilliant hit just before the hour mark brought some blessed relief to the Vicente Calderon as Atletico ensured they will end the year just a point off the top four. And coach Diego

Ibrahimovic opened the scoring in the | Simeone insisted Atletico 12 months despite their inconsistent start to the league season and losing in the Champions League final to bitter rivals Real on penalties in May.

> "Taking into account where we have come from, we have ended an extraordinary year," said Simeone.

"I think any fan of Atletico Madrid has to be proud of a fantastic year and we finished it off with a very solid performance."

Happy Sanchez wants to stay

AFP, London

Alexis Sanchez has told Arsenal he is "very happy" at the Premier League club, but the Chile forward insists it is up to them to come up with the right contract to keep him.

Sanchez has 18 months remaining on his current deal and both he and Arsenal teammate Mesut Ozil are reportedly seeking parity with the Premier League's top earners before extending their deals.

Sanchez, who has 14 goals this term, had kept quiet about the situation, but he has now has put the ball firmly in Arsenal's court. "It really doesn't depend

on me," Sanchez told Sky Sports when asked about a new contract on Friday. "If they want to show

confidence in me. I'm very happy at the club. I love all

the staff. I'm very grateful for everybody here. "I'm focused more on winning football matches.

"It depends on Arsenal. I enjoy the relationship with the fans. I want to achieve more for them. I want to win the Premier League and the Champions League."

Bored Real plot glory

AFP, Yokohama



Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane admitted on Saturday his players were suffering from cabin fever after spending almost a week cooped up in a Japanese hotel. As the European champions prepare to

plunder more silverware at the Club World Cup, Zidane has noticed his players becoming restless before the final against Japan's Kashima Antlers in Yokohama on Sunday. "To be honest it is very boring having to

spend a week in a hotel," the Frenchman told reporters.

"The players want to relax and do fun stuff but we understand that it's part of the job. We have to be professional and treat it as a training camp," added Zidane, whose side beat Mexico's Club America 2-0 on Thursday.

"We didn't start too well in our first game, which was partly down to the long journey and a lack of training but we came here to win the trophy and we will be ready tomorrow.

Asked for his thoughts on Real's Japanese opponents, the best Zidane could muster was: "They run a lot."

But Zidane insisted the Spanish giants -chasing a second world title in three years -- would not make the same mistake as Colombia's Atletico Nacional, who were ambushed 3-0 by Kashima in midweek.

"Kashima are in the final because they deserve to be," said Zidane, who has overseen a club record unbeaten run of 36 matches. "We don't strut around before games

thinking we've won before they have started just because we are Real Madrid -we go into battle every game and we show our quality game after game, as we will tomorrow.'

Real have become European kings for the 11th time and added a Super Cup title since Zidane took over from Rafa Benitez in January.

"I believe in the power of positive thinking," said Zidane.

"I haven't been coach for long but I'm blessed with great players and I'm happy how it's gone so far.



Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane smiles during a press conference in Yokohama yesterday on the eve of their Club World Cup final against Kashima Antlers. PHOTO: AFP

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MANCHESTER CITY V ARSENAL It's all about the style

AFP, London



Long portrayed as a lone idealist amid the cutthroat pragmatism of the Premier League, Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has found a

new ally in his Manchester City counterpart Pep Guardiola. They face off at the Etihad Stadium on Sunday at a time when Guardiola's attachment to attacking football has itself come under attack, following

Leicester City. Guardiola was derided after City's 4-2 defeat at Leicester for saying he was "not a coach for the tackles", but Wenger, often accused himself of prizing style over

damaging losses to Chelsea and

substance, rode to his defence. "Pep Guardiola, like myself, we are for offensive football and when you don't win, people question that. And that's as simple as that," Wenger said.

"Overall, I think what he wanted to say is that he promotes a game that is positive and I agree with him on that. You respect him for that."

Guardiola makes no secret of his admiration for Wenger and spoke out in support of the Frenchman in 2014 after he was branded a "specialist in failure" by long-time nemesis Jose Mourinho.

"This life," Guardiola said at the time, "is not just about winning trophies." Ahead of Sunday's encounter, the defeat at Everton on Tuesday.

former Barcelona and Bayern Munich coach hailed Wenger anew.

"He has been here a long time. When that happens at a club such as Arsenal, it's because a person is doing a good job," Guardiola told his prematch press conference.

"I understand it's not easy to win the Premier League, but I have a lot of respect for his career.

"I've said many times that I admire the way he tries to play and especially the quality of the players they like and they buy. I like a lot."

City returned to winning ways on Wednesday with a 2-0 home victory over Watford, secured by goals from Pablo Zabaleta and David Silva.

His use of a back three having backfired against both Chelsea and don't agree with the performance of Leicester, Guardiola reverted to a back four for Watford's visit, leaving skittish centre-back John Stones on the bench.

It gave City a more solid look in defence, but as Guardiola demands that his teams dominate possession, he

could elect to deploy an extra midfielder and switch back to a back three. Fernandinho and Sergio Aguero remain suspended for City, while Ilkay

Gundogan is likely to miss the rest of the season after suffering anterior cruciate ligament damage against Watford. Wenger once again faces questions

in the Champions League last season. about his team's backbone after their 14-game unbeaten run ended in a 2-1

Alexis Sanchez put Arsenal ahead, only for Everton to hit back through Seamus Coleman and Ashley Williams as the visitors froze amid the Goodison Park roar.

It left Arsenal six points below leaders Chelsea in third place, with City a point behind in fourth.

Everton manager Ronald Koeman mocked Wenger for claiming Williams's 86th-minute winner stemmed from an erroneously awarded corner.

But Wenger has defended himself, arguing that his comments merely reflected his will to win. "In my job, people who like losing --

believe me -- they don't last a long time," he said on Friday. "And concerning the referee: yes, I the referee against us on Tuesday night,

but I didn't say a word about it (after the game)." Arsenal have gone six games without defeat against City, since a galling 6-3

loss at the Etihad in December 2013. But Wenger has won just two of his previous eight encounters with Guardiola, whose Bayern team prevailed 5-1 when their paths last crossed

Wenger reported no new injuries after the defeat at Everton. Shkodran Mustafi's absence with a hamstring injury means Gabriel will continue to deputise alongside

Laurent Koscielny at centre-back.

I'm staying concentrated on that.

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