

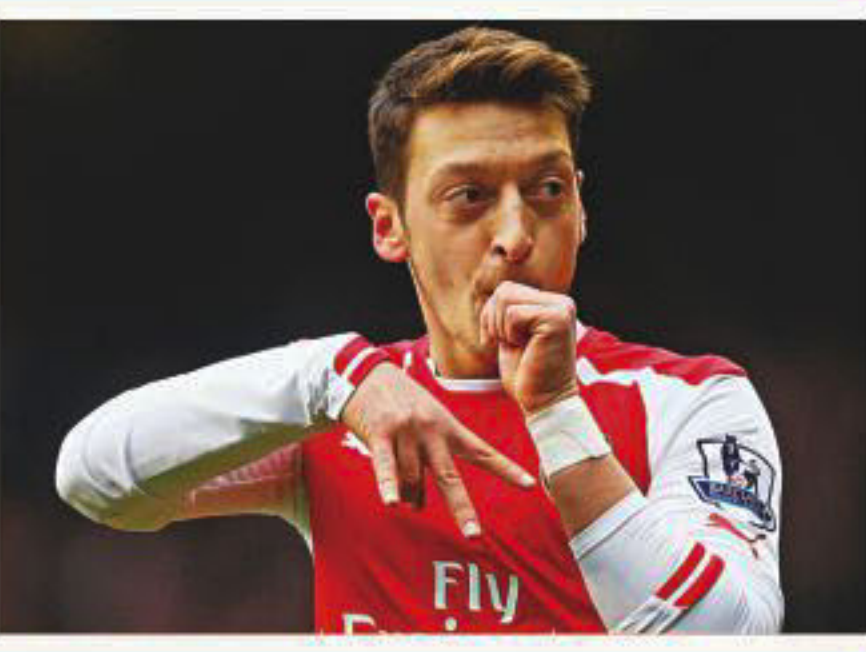
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Sheikh Kamal Int'l Club Cup
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DAY'S EVENT SHEIKH KAMAL INT'L CLUB CUP FINAL
TC Sports Club v Pocheon Citizen Time: 6:30pm
Venue: MA Aziz Stadium, Chittagong

'MOURINHO CALLED ME A COWARD'

Arsenal playmaker Mesut Ozil claims Jose Mourinho called him a 'coward' during their spell together at Real Madrid. Ozil claims in an autobiography extract serialised by Bild that Mourinho said: "You think two beautiful passes are enough. You think you're so good that fifty per cent is enough." The 28-year-old then writes: "He pauses. Stares at me with his dark brown eyes. I stare back. Like two boxers at the stare-down before the first round. He shows no emotion. Just waits for a response from me. How much I hate him right now. And I love Mourinho actually." The Germany playmaker added he tossed his shirt to the floor and Mourinho replied: "Oh, are you giving up now? You're such a coward. What do you want? To creep under the beautiful, warm shower? Shampoo your hair? To be alone? Or do you want to prove to your fellow players, the fans out there, and me, what you can do."



—AGENCIES

QUICK SINGLES

The following are a few samples of stories that did not make the print edition. However, if they pique your interest, you can always read them online on The Daily Star website by simply scanning the QR codes listed below:

Adele a threat to Gabba?

England may have stumbled onto a secret weapon ahead of this year's Ashes, with fears that singer Adele's concerts in Brisbane could damage the Gabba wicket.



Cech, Giroud endure trials of a referee

Arsenal stars Oliver Giroud, Petr Cech and Nacho Monreal stepped onto the pitch as they do almost every day. However, this time there was a twist, as they did so in the guise of referees.



Wenger not interested in Barca job

Arsene Wenger said he had no interest in succeeding Luis Enrique as Barcelona coach on Thursday, but admitted his future as Arsenal manager remains up in the air.



Podolski heads to J-League

German World Cup winner Lukas Podolski has formally joined Japan's Vissel Kobe, the J-League club said Thursday, bucking a trend of big-name players moving to cash-rich China.



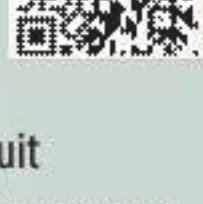
Akmal tangles with police

Temperamental Pakistan batsman Umar Akmal on Thursday was involved in a heated argument with police over a traffic violation for the second time in his controversy-beset career.



Pep sad for Barca's 'perfect coach'

Pep Guardiola said he was sad to hear of the news that Luis Enrique would quit Barcelona in the summer as he was the "perfect coach" for the team.



BANGABANDHU GOLD CUP, BANGAMATA GOLD CUP

Toitong, Tepurgari crowned champions



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hands over the trophy of the Bangabandhu Gold Cup to the Toitong Govt Primary School team at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

SPORTS REPORTER

Toitong Govt Primary School of Pekua, Cox's Bazar clinched the title of the Bangabandhu Gold Cup primary school football tournament while Tepurgari BK Govt Primary School of Patgram, Lalmonirhat won the title of the Bangamata Begum Fazilattunnesa Mujib Gold Cup primary school football tournament yesterday.

Toitong beat Kamrangi Govt Primary School of Jaintapur, Sylhet in a sudden death tiebreaker in the final of the Bangabandhu Gold Cup, the event for the boys, while Tepurgari beat Borabari Govt Primary School of Rajshahi by a single goal in the final of the Bangamata Begum Fazilattunnesa Mujib Gold Cup, the event for the girls, at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina witnessed both the finals and distributed prizes among the teams, encouraging the youngsters to take the country's football forward.

In the boys' final, Toitong initially conceded the lead in the fourth minute against the school from Sylhet, whom they [Toitong] claimed fielded over-aged players. However, Toitong's skipper and the tournament's top-scorer Minaruddin Bullet hit back in the 33rd minute to ensure the match rolled into penalty shootout, where both sides missed one out of their first five attempts before the Cox's Bazar outfit

sealed the victory in sudden death.

Bullet later said that they were the deserved winners of the title. "The opposition team fielded over-aged players, but luck was on our side which is why we came back despite conceding the lead," Bullet said at the end of the match. "Football is popular in our area. One of our teachers trains us every day. We hope to play for the national team one day and change the fortune of the national team."

The girls' final was a less dramatic affair as Mitu Akter's 10th minute strike sealed its fate. Ruma Akter of the winning team was adjudged the most valuable player as well as the top-scorer in the tournament.

"We have been encouraged to see the girls from Kalshindur [former champions]. We knew if we play well and win we could be famous as well. That inspiration drove us. We didn't concede a goal up to the final and that gave us a lot of confidence about winning," said Ruma.

The four teams were awarded with trophies and cash awards – both individually and team wise – by the Prime Minister where ministers, the Bangladesh Football Federation high-ups and officials of the Primary and Mass Education Ministry were present.

"I don't think there is any other tournament in the world that involves so many participants. We should encourage the youngsters to come more into sports," Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said. "Our girls are showing good results in different sports at international stage. They will show more success in future,"

PHOTO: STAR

Mane cruises to victory

SPORTS REPORTER

Udayan Mane clinched the title of the BTI Open 2017 with a comfortable four-shot victory at the Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka yesterday.

The 26-year-old Bangalorean, who held the lead since the second round, coasted to victory in the 40-lac-rupee event with an aggregate of 12-under-par (276) after a two-under-par in the fourth and final round on Thursday.

Indian trio of Aman Raj (69), Harendra Gupta (70) and Khalin Joshi (71) shared second position at eight-under-par (280) while Mohammad Nazim of Bangladesh finished in ninth position with four-under-par (284) to become the only non-Indian player to finish among the top ten in this event, which has been sponsored by real estate company BTI Holdings Ltd and co-sanctioned by the Professional Golf Tour of India and Bangladesh Professional Golfers' Association.

The KGC pro carded one-under (71) on the final day to post an aggregate of four-under-par (284) while Shakhawat Hossain Sohel, Jamal Hossain Mollah and Nur Jamal – the latter two scoring matching five-under in the final round – ended in joint 13th position with three-under-par (285).

Bangladesh's Mohammad Rasel, the only amateur to make the cut, won the trophy for

the best performance by an amateur. He closed the week in tied 29th at three-over-par (291).

Udayan Mane continued his domination into the final day of this event as he became the first Indian to win the title, with defending champion Siddikur Rahman not taking part this time around. The 26-year-old was readily awarded for his feat, making a leap from 26th place to third position in the 2017 PGTI Order of Merit.

Udayan, who won two titles during his rookie season in 2015, further consolidated with birdies on the 13th and 14th. The bogey on the 17th didn't cause much trouble as he marched to his third title with considerable ease thus ending a 16-month victory drought.

"This win is a special one as it's a testament to all the hard work I've put in recently. Towards the end of last season I began changing my approach to the game and the way I practiced. It was a systematic approach to try to get better," said Mane, who broke a 16-month drought by winning his third title on the tour.

Later, Mane received the trophy from Major General Abdullahil Baquee, vice president of KGC where Asif Abraham, president of BPGA, Arshi Haider, chairman, BTI Holdings Ltd, Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO of PGTI and Brigadier Quamrul Islam, secretary general of BPGA were also present.

SELECTED SCORES		
1	Udayan Mane (IND)	-12 (276)
T2	Aman Raj (IND)	-8 (280)
T2	Harendra Gupta (IND)	-8 (280)
T2	Khalin Joshi (IND)	-8 (280)
T5	Ajeetesh Sandhu (IND)	-7 (281)
T5	Shamim Khan (IND)	-7 (281)
T13	M Dharma (IND)	-3 (285)
T13	Shakhawat Sohel (BAN)	-3 (285)
T13	Nur Jamal (BAN)	-3 (285)
T13	Jamal Mollah (BAN)	-3 (285)



Udayan Mane (C) holds the winner's trophy of the BTI Open 2017 as officials of PGTI, BPGA and BTI Holdings Ltd pose for photographs at the Kurmitola Golf Course in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Barca atop Enrique set to quit

AFP, Madrid

Barcelona moved top of La Liga on the night Luis Enrique confirmed he will not continue as coach next season as Gareth Bale was sent-off in Real Madrid's thrilling 3-3 draw at home to Las Palmas. Enrique announced his decision to step down after Barca's 6-1 rout of Sporting Gijon earlier on Wednesday which leaves Barcelona a point clear at the top, but having played a game more.

Bale's first ever red card in a Madrid shirt look set to cost the European champions dear as Las Palmas led the 10 men 3-1 with just three minutes remaining.

However, Cristiano Ronaldo struck twice in an incredible finale to salvage a point.

Madrid's slip up, though, means a third title in as many seasons for Enrique is back in Barcelona's hands with the two sides still to meet in April.

"I will not be the coach of Barcelona next season," Enrique said, citing the need for a break from the pressures at the Camp Nou as the reason for his decision.

"It is a difficult, measured and well thought out decision and I think I have to be loyal to what I think."

After Barca had swept aside Sporting with all of Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar on the scoresheet, Madrid also looked in for an easy night at the Bernabeu when Isco slotted home the opener after just eight minutes.

However, Real were in front for just two minutes before Tana spun Sergio Ramos on the edge of the box before firing high past Keylor Navas.

The game turned just three minutes into the second-half when Bale uncharacteristically lost his temper after a late challenge from Jonathan Viera. The Welshman pushed Viera to the ground and was punished with a red card.

Things got much worse for the hosts in the next 10 minutes as, firstly, Viera converted from the penalty spot after a clear handball by Ramos inside the area.

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