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	5TH BANGLADESH CRICKET LEAGUE Four day match, Day-1	South Zone v Central Zone Time: 9:30am	Venue: BKSP-3 North Zone v East Zone	Time: 9:30am Venue: Khan Shaheb Osman Ali Stadium, Fatullah	

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:

Tigers and Hathurusingha hunt Sri Lanka

Once a discarded coach, Chandika Hathurusingha returns to the land that evicted him from a possible coaching job, fully armed with a rising band of cricketers and waiting to settle an old score.

'Ibra to usher in new golden era'

Zlatan Ibrahimovic looks set to remain as Manchester United's talisman for another year and launch the next glory era, according to manager Jose Mourinho.

There's no reason for Malaysia to fail

As the highest-ranked side in the World Hockey League Round Two tournament, Malaysia should win it hands down, right?

Nadal races into Acapulco ATP final

Two-time champion Rafael Nadal rolled into the final of the ATP Mexico Open with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Croatian Marin Cilic that extended the Spaniard's unbeaten record.

Morgan century leads England to win

Eoin Morgan's 10th ODI century provided the batting foundation while seamers Liam Plunkett and Chris Woakes took four wickets each as England defeated the West Indies by 45 runs.

Argentine games suspended

Footballers in Argentina pushed ahead with a strike over unpaid wages, forcing the year's first league games to be suspended despite a \$22 million government payout, officials said.

BSJA votes in new office bearers

SPORTS REPORTER

Syed Saidur Rahman Shamim of Channel I has been elected president of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA). The veteran sports journalist got 47 out of 78 votes casted as the sports organisation held its elections and annual general meeting at its headquarters yesterday.

Other elected office bearers are: vice presidents -- Raihan Al Mugni of Dhaka Tribune, Arifur Rahman Babu of Jagonews, Anisur Rahman of The Daily Star; executive members -- Syed Mohammad Pithu of Independent, Aghore Mondal of Dipto TV, Subrato Saha of NTV, Mazhar Uddin of Dhaka Tribune, Arafat Jubair of Sangbad, Minhaz Uddin of Dhaka Tribune. Junate Hossain of ETV and Abu Sadat of Maasranga TV were elected unopposed as general secretary and finance secretary respectively.

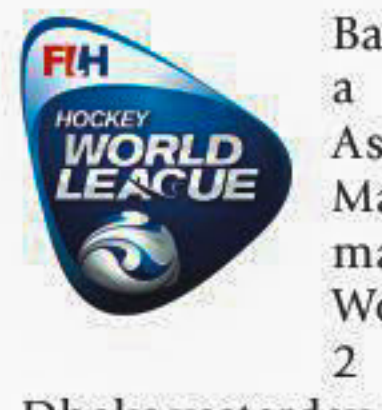


PHOTO: STAR

Despite an excellent effort from goalkeeper Zahid Hossain (R), Bangladesh opened their Hockey World League Round 2 campaign with a 3-0 defeat against Malaysia at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Hosts lose 3-0 against Malaysia

SPORTS REPORTER



Dhaka yesterday.

The hosts, ranked 32nd in the world, conceded the first two goals by the 19th minute, before stepping up a gear and staving off the visitors till the 54th minute, with the third goal capping off a rather comfortable victory for Malaysia at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium.

There were comfortable wins for China, Oman and Egypt too as China thrashed Ghana 7-3, Egypt outplayed Sri Lanka 6-2, and Oman blanked Fiji 7-0.

The Malaysians, the top-ranked side and pretournament favourites, came into this tournament without several of their key players. So they were not quite the cut-throat

Bangladesh conceded a 3-0 defeat against Asian powerhouse Malaysia in their first match as the Hockey World League Round 2 got underway in

Malaysia the world hockey is used to watching, but proved good enough to settle the issue against a Bangladesh side, seemingly low on confidence and cohesion.

The men in black and yellow took the lead in the fifth minute, with Jalil Marhan cleverly changing the direction of the ball into the back of the board from a sudden attack. The lead was doubled 15 minutes later when Razie Rahim turned in the team's second penalty corner with relative ease.

Bangladesh put some pressure on the opposition towards the end of the second quarter, earning their first penalty corner, but Ashraf Islam's push was well blocked by the Malaysian keeper. Malaysia continued to dominate possession, despite taking their foot off the gas a bit, and earned four more penalty corners but failed to convert any of those.

Bangladesh, too, had their moments, with two penalty corners and a few good counter attacks, but a

lack of communication among the forwards meant there was not much to cheer about for the hosts. Goalkeeper Zahid Hossain though, was excellent under the bar, and even though he conceded a third goal six minutes before time, his performance meant the margin of defeat was not any larger.

Bangladesh's head coach Oliver Kurtz was rather satisfied with the scoreline. "Malaysia are the 13th ranked side in the world while we are ranked 32nd. So I believe a 3-0 defeat is not bad," the German said after the match. "Our players seemed to lack confidence in the opening two quarters. But after that they played well. And we had chances too from which we could have scored."

Bangladesh will play their second match of the tournament against 44th ranked Fiji today. A total of two teams from two pools of four teams each will qualify for the semifinal round which will be held in England in July this year.

leg away to Napoli. Madrid travel to Italy carrying a 3-1 lead, but Zidane took no risks as Marcelo, Dani Carvajal and Toni Kroos were left on the bench.

Those coming in rewarded Zidane's faith in the depth of his squad with the often sidelined Rodriguez a constant threat.

The opener arrived on 14 minutes when Asensio was played in down the left by Rodriguez and his low cross found Benzema unmarked at the far post.

Benzema's first effort was well saved by Yoel, but the Madrid number nine followed up to register just his second league goal since October.

The visitors nearly had a second moments later when Rodriguez's low cross was just flicked out of Benzema's reach by the Eibar goalkeeper.

However, Madrid did soon double their advantage when Rodriguez's wicked in-swinging free-kick left Benzema with the simplest of tasks to knock the ball home from point-blank range.

Four minutes later the roles were reversed as this time Benzema's low cross was swept into the far corner on the stretch by Rodriguez for his fifth goal of the season.

Benzema lifts Real

AFP, Madrid



Karim Benzema scored twice as Real Madrid made light of Cristiano Ronaldo and Gareth Bale's absence to move back to the top of La Liga with a 4-1 win at Eibar on Saturday.

Benzema proved decisive when he was needed most by the European champions without his usual strike partners as the Frenchman finished twice from close range inside the first 25 minutes.

James Rodriguez completed a perfect first-half for the visitors from Benzema's low cross.

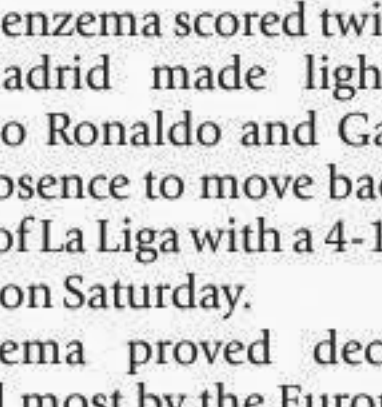
Marco Asensio grabbed Madrid's fourth before Ruben Pena pulled back a consolation for Eibar.

Madrid lead Barcelona by two points, but the Catalans can go back to La Liga's summit with victory at home to Celta Vigo later on Saturday.

Despite the absence of Ronaldo and Bale through injury and suspension respectively, Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane rested a host of other first-team regulars ahead of Tuesday's Champions League last 16, return

Bayern extend lead to 7 points

AFP, Berlin



Franck Ribery came off the bench to seal Bayern Munich's 3-0 win at Cologne on Saturday, extending their Bundesliga lead to seven points.

Bayern warmed up for Tuesday's Champions League last 16 second leg at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium -- holding a 5-1 first-leg lead -- with their fourth big win in five games.

Spain internationals Javi Martinez and Juan Bernat gave Bayern a comfortable two-goal lead before Ribery netted a late third on 90 minutes.

The result allowed Bayern to extend their lead over second-placed RB Leipzig, who drew 2-2 at Augsburg on Friday.

Martinez headed home Arturo Vidal's cross after Bayern worked a short-corner routine on 25 minutes.

Bayern doubled their lead just after the break when Thomas Mueller spotted Bernat unmarked to shoot home with the help of a deflection on 48 minutes.

Bernat then turned provider just before the final whistle when his cross was driven home by Ribery.

Elsewhere, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang netted twice as Borussia Dortmund warmed-up for Wednesday's Champions League last 16 return leg at home to Benfica with a 6-2 thrashing of Bayer Leverkusen at Signal Iduna Park.

Aubameyang's brace leaves him with 21 league goals in as many games, two ahead of Bayern's Robert Lewandowski.

Dortmund wasted no time in going after a third straight win since losing 1-0 at Benfica as Ousmane Dembele gave Leverkusen goalkeeper Bernd Leno no chance with a shot after just six minutes.

Spalletti throws in the towel

AFP, Milan

Roma coach Luciano Spalletti all but threw in the towel to Serie A title rivals Juventus following Saturday's 2-1 defeat to Napoli.

Makeshift Napoli striker Dries Mertens hit a brace in a thrilling victory at the Stadio Olimpico which, should Juventus beat Udinese away on Sunday, would leave Roma 10 points adrift in second place.

Although the capital club still have a mathematical chance of catching the champions over the remaining 11 games, Spalletti told Sky Sport that a sixth successive title was now in the bag for Juve.

"We have to be realistic. For us it's now almost impossible to catch Juventus," he said.

Belgium midfielder Mertens was given the nod ahead of striker Arkadiusz Milik despite the Poland star's recent return from a five-month injury lay-off.

Ozil prays in Turkish during anthem

AFP, Berlin

Arsenal midfielder Mesut Ozil has revealed in his autobiography that he prays in Turkish on the pitch during the German national anthem before international matches.

"Just before kick-off, I pray. It's become a tradition of mine. It's always the same text. I pray in Turkish," he writes in his autobiography 'Die Magie des Spiels' (The Magic of the Game), released on March 16 in German.

"I learnt these prayers as a child from my parents," he added.

The 28-year-old Gunners star, a devout Muslim, was born in Gelsenkirchen and his parents are Turkish immigrants.

Comfit outplay Interstoff

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Comfit Composite Knit Ltd thrashed Interstoff Group 9-0, thanks to a four-goal haul from Piyyash, in one of the two matches of the BGMEA Cup yesterday, said a press release from the organisation.

Meanwhile in an intense encounter, Versatile Group edged past Sterling Group 1-0 to top Group D. Srijon scored the winner for Versatile Group.

16 teams are competing in the tournament which will go on a break from today and resume with group stage matches on Thursday.

Trouble for Ibra as United held

AFP, Manchester



Zlatan Ibrahimovic was at the centre of controversy as Manchester United were held 1-1 by 10-man Bournemouth in an extraordinary Premier League match at Old Trafford on Saturday.

Ibrahimovic, United's 26-goal top scorer, was fortunate not to be sent off before seeing a penalty saved as Jose Mourinho's side missed the opportunity to move into the Champions League places.

Marcos Rojo gave the home side the lead with his first league goal for the club, before former United forward Joshua King equalised from the penalty spot five minutes from the end of the first half.

But the match centred on a series of incidents in quick succession at the end of the half, in which both Ibrahimovic and Tyrone Mings were lucky to escape red cards.

Bournemouth defender Mings appeared to stamp on the head of the former Paris Saint-Germain forward.

Ibrahimovic, already on a yellow card, then elbowed the centre-back in the face seconds later, but received only a telling off from referee Kevin Friend.

Both Ibrahimovic and Mings are likely to face retrospective disciplinary action from the Football Association.

In the ensuing melee, Bournemouth midfielder Andrew Surman shoved Ibrahimovic and was shown a second yellow card. But Surman was only shown a red card after United left-back Luke Shaw reminded Friend he had already been booked.

Artur Boruc, the visitors' 37-year-old goalkeeper, had a fine game, making a series of saves against a United side who dominated.

His best moment was keeping out Ibrahimovic's penalty with just under 20 minutes to go, getting down low to his right to push the ball aside.

The point means United remain in sixth place, where they have remained since early November, while Bournemouth ended a run of four successive league defeats.

Bournemouth looked as if they would be overwhelmed in the first half-hour of a match that reached boiling point as the interval approached.

United created a host of chances, with the recalled Wayne Rooney, Paul Pogba and Anthony Martial going close.

The visitors' resistance was broken midway through the half as Rojo deflected in Antonio Valencia's cross-shot to score his first league goal for United.

But Bournemouth, who had spurned one early chance as Benik Afobe slipped when clear, drew level five minutes before half-time.

King struck a penalty into David de Gea's top right-hand corner after Phil Jones had brought down Marc Pugh.

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