

**STAR SPORTS SELECT HD1**  
**Bundesliga**  
 Schalke v Augsburg  
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Celta Vigo v Villarreal  
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 Real Madrid v Real Betis  
 Live from 1:45am (Monday)

**Hockey World League Round-2**  
**5/6th Place Deciding Match**

Bangladesh v Ghana  
 Time: 11:30am

**Final**  
 Malaysia v China

Time: 4:05pm  
 Venue: Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium

**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:

**Dunedin Test poised for intriguing final day**

Dean Elgar failed to join a select group of South Africa batsman while New Zealand took three late wickets to leave the first Test at University Oval delicately poised at the end of the fourth day.

**Cummins called up to replace Starc**

Pat Cummins is in sight of a long-awaited second Test after being rushed into the Australia squad to replace injured pace spearhead Mitchell Starc for the remainder of the series in India.

**Alonso hints at McLaren exit**

Two-time Formula One world champion Fernando Alonso ruled out retiring until he is handed a competitive car as his beleaguered McLaren-Honda suffered more reliability problems to end pre-season testing.

**Three-set match not solution: Nadal**

The introduction of best-of-three set matches in the Davis Cup won't be enough to halt the drain of top talent from the 117-year-old world tennis tournament, Rafael Nadal said.

**Pizarro rescues Werder**

Veteran striker Claudio Pizarro capped his 200th appearance for Werder Bremen with a 79th minute equaliser as they drew 1-1 at Bayer Leverkusen, spoiling the hosts' new coach Tayfun Korkut's debut.

**Milan livid after Juve win**

AC Milan came within seconds of ending Juventus' 17-month run of home league wins before a hugely controversial penalty gave the Serie A leaders a 2-1 win in a stormy match.

**Siddikur fails in Delhi**

SPORTS REPORTER

Siddikur Rahman failed to make the cut in the Hero Indian Open after carding an eight-over-par (80) in the second round for an aggregate of 11-over-par (155).

The two-time Asian Tour winner returned to the DLF Golf and Country Club on Saturday morning to finish the 10 remaining holes of the second round, and had a disastrous time as he slipped from overnight 63rd position to 98th position eventually. A total of 69 players made the cut, with defending champion SSP Chawrasia sharing the lead with two other golfers at five-under-par (139).

The second round of this event is the worst of the season till date for Siddikur, who has taken part in five Asian Tour events this season, missing cuts in two of those events. The 32-year-old golfer is currently in 18th position in the tour's Order of Merit.



Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero celebrates after scoring the second goal against Middlesbrough during their FA Cup quarterfinal at the Riverside Stadium yesterday.

**City cruise into semis**

AFP, Middlesbrough



Manchester City cruised into the FA Cup semifinals with a 2-0 victory at Middlesbrough on Saturday as Pep Guardiola showed he is taking the competition seriously.

Goals from David Silva and Sergio Aguero were scant reward for City as they easily out-classed Middlesbrough, who must have feared such an outcome when they witnessed the team named by Guardiola.

Ominously for Middlesbrough, currently languishing in the relegation zone after failing to win any of their last 10 Premier League games, all City's world-class players were involved, despite the fact they face Monaco in a decisive Champions League last 16 second leg on Wednesday.

City's extra class soon surfaced as three of Guardiola's big guns combined to open the scoring in the third minute.

Yaya Toure's angled pass was headed back across goal by Pablo Zabaleta and any one of three players could have put the ball beyond the goalkeeper Brad Guzan, with Silva applying the finishing touch.

It was a goal destined to further erode the fragile confidence of a Middlesbrough team that struggled to find an immediate response apart from two dreadful tackles, one that earned a caution for Antonio Barragan and another that should have brought the same punishment for Grant Leadbitter.

Leadbitter, whose inevitable booking eventually came at the end of the half, was employed more impressively when Middlesbrough finally troubled City midway through the half.

The midfielder's corner was met by Rudy

Gestede, whose header was parried by goalkeeper Claudio Bravo before Zabaleta completed the clearance on the line.

Another header from Gestede drifted over the bar a minute later in his final contribution before an injury forced him off to be replaced by the former City forward Alvaro Negredo.

Negredo spent the rest of the opening half watching from a distance as his current team came under constant pressure, notably from Leroy Sane, who failed to take advantage of a cross from Raheem Sterling before almost creating a goal at the end of an electrifying run.

Middlesbrough did threaten again when Cristhian Stuani directed a 37th minute header too close to Bravo, but City remained firmly in control of the tie and Toure almost extended their lead with a header shortly before the interval.

Remarkably, the opening stages of the second-half almost brought a replica of City's goal.

This time, Kevin de Bruyne redirected identical Toure's pass across the goal where Silva was waiting again, but this time he wastefully drove his shot over the bar.

City appeared in the mood to finish off Middlesbrough as Guzan was forced to make four fine saves in the space of 10 minutes, twice from Sane and also from Silva and Aguero, who finally found a way past the keeper in the 67th minute when he turned in Sane's excellent cross for the second goal.

The remaining quarter of the match was all about Guzan as he saved superbly from Silva and Aguero, while Sterling had a goal disallowed for offside.

When Middlesbrough did create a rare chance for Fabio, it was cleared off the line by John Stones.

**Ronaldo airport under fire**

AGENCIES, Madrid



The regional president of Madeira has described critics of the renaming of Cristiano Ronaldo's airport in honour of Cristiano Ronaldo of "a lack of manners."

Last year, it was announced that the airport would be renamed the Cristiano Ronaldo Aeroporto after the Real Madrid star -- born in the Madeiran capital Funchal -- had captained Portugal to the 2016 European Championship.

The renaming will take place on March 29 after Portugal host Sweden in a friendly in Funchal -- the first time Ronaldo has played an official senior match on his home island.

But some residents have condemned the decision to rename the airport after the Real Madrid star, while the Portuguese government launched a judicial inquiry after it was not consulted on the move.

Madeira regional government president Miguel Albuquerque told A Bola it was right to honour "a great Madeirense."

"I believe that calling this into question is a lack of manners and a stupidity," he said. "It is a proposition to recognise a great sportsman, a great Portuguese."

Albuquerque dismissed the idea that his regional government did not have the authority to make the decision, saying: "We have paid for the airport."

"The airport is the property of the autonomous region of Madeira. I should ask for permission to do this? From who?"

"We do not recognise these complaints, which we consider not at all elegant."

Madeira resident Sibil Soares launched an internet petition against the renaming, which received 2,547 signatures.

The petition claimed the renaming was "disproportionate and lacks a plausible justification."

**Lewandowski fires Bayern 10 clear**

REUTERS, Berlin

Striker Robert Lewandowski scored twice to help Bayern Munich beat Eintracht Frankfurt 3-0 on Saturday and open up a 10-point lead at the top of the Bundesliga.

Without hitting top form after a busy week that included their 5-1 Champions League demolition of Arsenal, Bayern are cruising to a record-extending fifth straight league crown with second-placed RB Leipzig losing 1-0 to VfL Wolfsburg.

Unusually, Bayern had to strike against the run of play with Eintracht coming close on two occasions before Poland forward Lewandowski put them ahead after good work from Thomas Mueller in the 38th minute.

Brazilian Douglas Costa doubled their lead three minutes later, finishing off a quick break and Lewandowski perfectly converted a sweet cross from Arjen Robben 10 minutes after the restart for his 20th league goal of the season.

The Bavarians, whose defender Jerome Boateng returned from injury after more than three months out, are now on 59 points.

**U-18 NATIONAL FOOTBALL Hattricks galore**

SPORTS REPORTER

Sumon scored a hattrick as Satkhira romped to a 6-1 win against Narail at the Gopalganj venue in one of the 16 matches of the National Under-18 Football Championship yesterday. In the other match at the same venue, Magura edged Khulna by a 2-1 win.

There were hattricks in other venues as well. In one of the matches in Rajshahi, Asaduzzaman scored four goals as Natore beat Naogaon 4-2 while at the Shariatpur venue, Showkat's hattrick propelled BKSP to an 8-0 mauling of Chuwadanga and Ali Payel's four-goal haul drove Sirajganj to a 7-0 win over Munshiganj.

**Torres set for return**

AFP, Madrid

Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone believes Fernando Torres will be free to return from a sickening head clash in time for next week's Champions League meeting with Bayer Leverkusen.

Torres lost consciousness in a challenge with Deportivo la Coruna's Alex Bergantinos eight days ago, but thankfully he was released from hospital a day later with no serious injuries.

**SLC to celebrate Tigers' 100th**

SPORTS REPORTER



Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) will mark the occasion of Bangladesh's 100th Test, at the P Sara Oval in Colombo, with a medal-giving ceremony on the first day on March 15, SLC president Thilanga Sumathipala told Bangladesh media covering the two-Test series in Galle yesterday.

"In the morning we are inviting both board presidents [himself and Bangladesh Cricket Board president Nazmul Hassan Papon] as guests," Sumathipala said in a press conference held just before lunch on the fifth day of the first Test at the Galle International Stadium.

"We would like to recognise the participating teams and give them medals before the game for playing that match. And also we are hosting the team for dinner to celebrate the 100th match."

Sumathipala, a Sri Lankan politician who is currently the deputy speaker of the parliament of Sri Lanka, has had four stints as the president of cricket's governing body in the island nation. He was at the head of the body, then known as Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka, when Bangladesh were voted in as Full Members of the International Cricket Council, and Sri Lanka were one of the eight nations to support that bid.

Sumathipala listed the ties that Bangladesh and Sri Lanka had built over the years. "Our school cricket was very strong at that time, so we sent you U-13, U-15, U-17 and U-19 plans and helped you out by sending four coaches for four age levels from Sri Lanka. From 1998 to 2002-03 we helped you to build the structure. You played good cricket then but your domestic cricket was not blending with national interest at that time. So it has been almost 20 years that we have been helping each other. Now you have a very mature, world class cricketing structure."



THILANGA SUMATHIPALA

**Barca, Real set Miami 'Clasico'**

AFP, Miami

Spanish giants Barcelona and Real Madrid will play each other in a one-off pre-season "El Clasico" in Miami in July, organizers confirmed Friday.

The La Liga arch-rivals will meet at the Hard Rock Stadium, the 65,000-seat home of the NFL Miami Dolphins, on July 29.

The match is part of the International Champions Cup, the annual global exhibition series which features clubs from Europe and around the world.

It is the first time Barcelona and Real Madrid have met in North America, organizers said.

"I am thrilled to bring the International Champions Cup back to the city of Miami," said Dolphins billionaire owner Stephen Ross, whose company bankrolls the tournament.

"The opportunity to showcase two of the most storied clubs in the history of the sport is why we created this tournament."

Real Madrid is returning to play in the tournament for the fifth time while Barcelona is making its third appearance in the competition.

**Hosts beat SL 9-0**

To play Ghana in place-deciding match today

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh set up a 5/6th place deciding match against Ghana after thrashing Sri Lanka 9-0 in another place deciding match of the Hockey World League Round 2 in Dhaka yesterday.

Milon Hossain scored three goals while Mamunur Rahman Chayan and Arshad Hossain struck twice each for the hosts apart from a goal each from Moinal Islam Koushik and Rassel Mahmud Jimmy. It proved to be a one-way traffic at the

Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium for the hosts who started the eight-team competition with the aim of reaching the last four.

Meanwhile, Ghana, who had won one, lost one and drew another against Bangladesh in a three-match warm-up series ahead of the league, beat Fiji 11-2 yesterday to set up the place-deciding clash against the hosts. The Bangladesh versus Ghana match will be held at 11:30am today.

Meanwhile, favourites Malaysia and China will lock horns in the final at 4:05pm today. Malaysia outplayed Egypt 5-0 while China thrashed Oman 5-1 in the two semifinals yesterday.



**While Bangladesh cricket team surrendered meekly against Sri Lanka in the first Test in Galle yesterday, the hockey team here had some revenge, handing the islanders a 9-0 defeat in a Hockey World League Round 2 match at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium.**

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