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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:

Maharaj's six sets three-day win for South Africa

Keshav Maharaj took a career best six wickets to set up an eight wicket win for South Africa inside three days after New Zealand crumpled in Wellington today.

Mushfiqur joins the 100 dismissals club

Bangladesh captain Mushfiqur Rahim becomes the 41st wicketkeeper in Test history and the first Bangladesh wicketkeeper to reach 100 Test dismissals.

Kuznetsova, Vesnina set up all-Russian final

Svetlana Kuznetsova topped world number three Karolina Pliskova 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/2) to book an all-Russian Indian Wells final against Elena Vesnina.

Advocaat to retire at season's end

Turkish club Fenerbahce's well-travelled manager Dick Advocaat is retiring at the end of the season, and so the Dutchman draws the curtain on his three decade career.

Iniesta rejects €35m offer from China

Barcelona captain Andres Iniesta has turned down two offers from China, including one which offered a payment of 35 million euros per year after taxes, reports AS.

Man Utd fined for failing to control players

Manchester United have been fined 20,000 pounds for failing to control their players in Monday's FA Cup quarter-final defeat at Chelsea, the governing body said.

Track stars to say bye to Bolt

Britain's Mo Farah and Kenya's David Rudisha are among the athletes who will compete in the Racers Track Club Grand Prix on June 10, the final Jamaican competition for superstar Usain Bolt, organizers said Friday.

The two are part of a star-studded international athletics field who will join the retiring Bolt for the meeting at Kingston's National Stadium.

Farah is the most successful British athlete in modern Olympic Games history having won gold in the 5,000 metres and 10,000m at both the 2012 and 2016 Summer Games. Rudisha, the reigning 800m Olympic champ and South Africa's 400m world record holder Wayde van Niekerk are also in the field.

"It will be my last competition on home soil. I might shed a tear even though I'm not an emotional person as I close out where it started on Jamaican soil," said Bolt of the event which is being dubbed "Salute to a Legend."



Chelsea defender Gary Cahill (C) is ecstatic after scoring the winning goal against Stoke City during their Premier League encounter at the Bet365 Stadium yesterday.

Cahill rescues Chelsea

AFP, London

Premier League
Arsene Wenger revealed he will make an announcement about his Arsenal future "very soon" after his side's problems increased in a 3-1 defeat at West Bromwich Albion on Saturday.

"I know what I'll do in my future, so you will know very soon," Wenger told reporters after Arsenal's fourth loss in five Premier League games.

Wenger, Arsenal's manager since 1996, is under heavy pressure after his side were thrashed 10-2 on aggregate by Bayern Munich in the Champions League and fell five points off the top four in the Premier League.

Gary Cahill's 87th-minute winner earned runaway leaders Chelsea a 2-1 victory at Stoke City, while champions Leicester City's resurgence continued with a 3-2 victory at West Ham United.

Craig Dawson scored two headers at The Hawthorns as West Brom condemned Arsenal to a sixth defeat in nine games in all competitions.

Dawson's 12th-minute opener was cancelled out by Alexis Sanchez, but substitute Hal Robson-Kanu restored the hosts' lead before Dawson headed in his second

goal with 15 minutes to play.

Rival groups of Arsenal fans paid for two planes trailing banners to fly over the ground during the game, one reading "NO CONTRACT #WENGER OUT", the other "IN ARSENE WE TRUST".

"You will see," Wenger added on the subject of his future. "Today I do not necessarily worry about that. We are in a unique bad patch we never had in 20 years."

"We lose game after game at the moment and that for me is much more important than my future."

Arsenal also lost goalkeeper Petr Cech to a muscular problem and Wenger revealed talisman Sanchez had sustained an ankle injury that "doesn't look good".

Chelsea were missing Eden Hazard at Stoke's Bet365 Stadium due to what manager Antonio Conte termed a "little problem".

They took the lead in the 13th minute when Willian's free-kick from wide on the left caught out Stoke goalkeeper Lee Grant at his near post.

Jonathan Walters levelled with a 38th-minute penalty awarded for a push on him by Cahill, but the England defender atoned to smash in a late winner from Cesc Fabregas's free-kick.

Stoke's Phil Bardsley was sent off in stoppage time for a second bookable offence.

6th GPH Golf held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The 6th GPH Golf Tournament ended at the Bhatiari Golf and Country Club in Chittagong on Friday. Dr Mubinal Alam emerged champion while Azam Khan became runner-up. Mamta Uddin Ahmmed was the second runner-up and Lieutenant Colonel Jahidul Islam became the third runner-up. Earlier, president of the club, Major General Md. Jahangir Kabir Talukder, inaugurated the event where 133 golfers from home and abroad took part, said a press release yesterday.

Hornets clinch a thriller

SPORTS REPORTER

Hornets SC notched a thrilling victory against Rangers Club in the UniMed UniHealth Premier Division Basketball Championship at the Dhanmondi Indoor Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

Hornets edged Rangers by 43-42 points despite trailing by 16-22 points after the first half. Mehedi scored highest 22 points for Hornets while Lincoln caged 21 points for Rangers.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Gladiators thrashed Old DOHS by 88-31 points, with Sajib contributing with 34 points for the winners.

In the other match of the day, The Gregarious Club outplayed The Greggs Club by 100-53 points, after leading the first half by 46-27 points. Mithun scored highest for The Gregarious with 26 points.

Casemiro unlikely hero

AFP, Madrid

LFP
Casemiro was Real Madrid's unlikely hero as he hit the winner to open up a five-point lead on Barcelona at the top of La Liga with a 2-1 win at Athletic Bilbao on Saturday.

Karim Benzema fired the visitors into a half-time lead from Cristiano Ronaldo's cross.

Aritz Aduriz briefly levelled for Athletic, but Ronaldo again was involved for the winner on 68 minutes as his flick-on was slotted home by the unmarked Casemiro for just his third goal of the season.

Barcelona can cut the gap back to two points when they face Valencia at the Camp Nou on Sunday.

Athletic were undefeated in 19 games at home in all competitions stretching back to August and started confidently with Inigo Lekue threatening early down the left.

His dangerous cross was bundled just wide by Inaki Williams inside the first two minutes.

However, Madrid settled after the first 10 minutes and had the ball in the net in their first serious attack only to be denied by the offside flag.

Dani Carvajal timed his run to meet Benzema's through ball but he squared to Ronaldo when going for goal would have been the better option, and the World Player of the Year's tap-in was ruled out.

Six minutes later Ronaldo was denied again, this time by a stunning save from Kepa Arrizabalaga as the young goalkeeper leapt low to his left to turn the ball to safety.

Bodybuilder gets life ban

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Bodybuilding Federation (BBF) recently imposed a life ban on gold medal winning body builder Hasib Mohammad for participating in an unauthorised competition at Singapore in January this year.

Hasib took part in the Asian Muscle War Tournament, a World Fitness Federation-affiliated tournament, winning the gold medal in the junior open weight category.

However, the local game's governing body termed his participation illegal. BBF general secretary Nazrul Islam said that the global body -- International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness -- didn't approve of the tournament.

"Hasib took part in the competition without our consent," Nazrul said yesterday. "He broke the rule by competing in an unauthorised tournament and also tried to influence other bodybuilders to take part in such tournaments. That is why we suspended him for life."

Hasib, who became Mr. Bangladesh in 2015, claimed he didn't violate any rule and became a victim of ugly politics.

U-18 NATIONAL FOOTBALL Eight finalists confirmed

SPORTS REPORTER

Satkhira, Barisal, Dhaka, Sylhet, Rangpur, Chittagong, Rajshahi and BKSP sealed the eight places for the final round of the U-18 National Football Championship after winning their respective zonal finals yesterday.

Satkhira beat Jhenaidah 2-0 at the Gopalganj venue, Barisal edged Faridpur in tiebreakers at the Madaripur venue, Dhaka outplayed Gazipur at the Netrokona venue, Sylhet squeezed past Sunamganj at the Sunamganj venue, Rangpur beat Dinajpur at the Dinajpur venue, Chittagong overcame Cox's Bazar at the Feni venue, Rajshahi edged past Joypurhat in tiebreakers at the Rajshahi venue while BKSP blanked Rajbari at the Shariatpur venue to complete the line-up for the final round.

Mash departs for Colombo

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh limited-overs captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza left for Colombo yesterday along with Shuvagata Hom and Nurul Hasan and newcomer Sanjamul Islam with the hopes of winning the three-match ODI and two-match T20I series against Sri Lanka.

"It is very much possible to win the series if we can play to our potential and ability," a confident Mashrafe told reporters at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport before flying for Sri Lanka.

"We have to do well in all three departments. The matches we won previously we were best at all three departments -- batting, bowling and fielding -- while we lost in New Zealand as the three departments didn't click together," he said, adding that he was fully fit and ready to give a hundred per cent in the upcoming series.

Mashrafe was also excited with the fact that pacer Mustafizur was now fully fit. "Mustafiz is our best bowler and his presence always gives you an advantage. I am looking forward to getting a hundred per cent fit Mustafizur in the limited-over series."

The first ODI of the three-match series will take place at Dambulla on March 25.

However, the Tigers will play a 50-over practice match in Colombo on March 22 before the start of the limited-overs leg and the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has decided to send young pacer Mohammad Saifuddin and experienced pacer Abul Hasan to Colombo today to play the practice match.

Both players are expected to fly back to Dhaka on March 23.

"They will just go there to play the practice match and come back to Dhaka on March 23 as Saifuddin is most likely going to be included in the team for the Emerging Teams Asia Cup. We are sending them as per our previous policy of giving a few players outside the national team international exposure," said Minhajul Abedin.

Players' transfers conclude

SPORTS REPORTER

The two-day players' transfer for the Dhaka Premier Division Cricket League concluded at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

A total of 59 players signed for different clubs on the final day. Most of the players bracketed in the national pool, who are currently in Sri Lanka, will sign for their desired clubs upon returning from the series.

The country's most coveted 50-over competition is scheduled to start from April 7.

On the final day, defending champions Abahani registered seven more players including Mohammad Mithun, while their traditional rivals Mohammedan SC roped in nine players including Shamsur Rahman, Jubair Hossain and Rony Talukder.

Experienced campaigner Alok Kapali joined Brothers Union, who also confirmed eight more players on the day.

Rajin Saleh signed for Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club while Prime Doleshwar Sporting Club registered 13 players on the last day.

Pujara defies Australia

AFP, Ranchi

Australian fast bowler Pat Cummins claimed four wickets to dent India's reply but Cheteshwar Pujara's unbeaten century left the third Test evenly poised in Ranchi on Saturday.

India were 360 for six at stumps on day three, still trailing the visitors by 91 runs in their first innings. Pujara (130) and Wriddhiman Saha (18) were batting at close of play.

Cummins, making a return after playing his only Test for Australia in 2011, got crucial breaks including the prized scalp of India skipper Virat Kohli.

The 23-year-old Cummins was ably supported by fellow pacer Josh Hazlewood and spinner Steve O'Keefe who took a wicket each on pitch that still looked good for batting.

Pujara, who was involved in a 102-run second-wicket stand with overnight partner Murali Vijay (82), was holding the innings together with his 11th Test century.

Pujara hit 17 boundaries, in an otherwise sedate knock, to keep India's hopes alive of surpassing Australia's first innings total of 451.

"I think the game is evenly poised. If we can get closer to the target and possibly extend the lead from there, I think it's going to be a good game on hand," Vijay told reporters.

"Pujara was rock solid, hopefully he can put up a great show for us tomorrow. Definitely run scoring was difficult, they too bowled on very good areas," said Vijay.

Pujara built crucial partnerships with Ajinkya Rahane (14) and Karun Nair (23) but the Australian pacemen rattled India's middle order with some inspired bowling.

Cummins, who struck twice in the afternoon session, got Rahane caught behind and Hazlewood bowled Nair with a beautiful reverse swinging delivery in the final session.

"I thought last night he (Cummins) bowled particularly well but today he backed that up. To produce some of the balls that he produced to get wickets was exciting," said Australia's assistant coach David Saker.

"Hats off to selectors to go with him. Ball speed in India is a big thing because the wickets don't generate any pace...we know what sort of a talent he has but it was so pleasing to see him do well."

Australia skipper Steve Smith kept up the pressure by rotating his bowling options as runs trickled in for the hosts in the final two hours of play.

India, whose innings run-rate is less than three an over, managed to score only 57 runs in the 13 overs bowled in the final session and lost two wickets.

Earlier Kohli, who turned out to bat at his regular number four spot laying to rest any injury concerns, lasted only 23 balls before edging a catch to his opposite number Steve Smith at second slip.

The star batsman had injured his right shoulder after an awkward fall while fielding during Australia's innings on Thursday and stayed off the field for 400 minutes before taking crease.

Kohli, who came into the rubber with double centuries in four successive series, has only managed 46 runs in his five innings since the opener in Pune.

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AUSTRALIA: First innings 451
INDIA: First innings 360 for six (Pujara 130 not out, Vijay 82, Rahul 67; Cummin 4-59)

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