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AFC CUP Abahani off to face Mohun Bagan

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Premier League champions Abahani will be leaving for Kolkata this morning to take on Mohun Bagan in their second group match of the AFC Cup on Tuesday.

Having suffered a 2-0 defeat against Maziya Sports and Recreation Club of Maldives in their opening match in Dhaka last month, the Sky Blues will be looking to turn the tide when they take on the Kolkata giants at the Rabindra Sarobar Stadium.

However, the Dhanmondi giants are hamstrung by a shortage of foreign players. They will miss the services of defensive stalwart Samad Yussif due to passport issues, which means they will be able to field only two foreigners against Mohun Bagan's four.

Team manager Satyajit Das Rupu, though, has confidence on the other defenders.

"We needed Samad for this match. Nasiruddin Chowdhury will play in his position," Rupu said. "We are expecting a competitive match because both teams are evenly balanced. Both teams have started with defeats and need a win to stay in the competition."

Mohun Bagan, too, will come into the match without any points as they lost their opening fixture against Bengaluru FC 2-1.

Despite that, Rupu is keeping Mohun Bagan ahead of his side for this crucial fixture. "They have the advantage of playing four foreigners while we will only have two. They also have home advantage. However, we will try to do our best," he said.

NAT'L AIRGUN C'SHIP ASA bag two gold medals

SPORTS REPORTER

Army Shooting Association (ASA) won two out of the four events decided yesterday in the Suzuki 8th National Airgun Championship at the National Shooting Sports Complex in Gulshan.

ASA's Atkiya Hasan won gold in the women's 10m air rifle event, with a score of 244.6 points, beating Suraiya Akter of Narayanjan Rifle Club by 1.8 points.

Mahfuza Jannat bagged the other gold for ASA, winning the 10m air rifle for junior women with a score of 243 points.

Ardina Ferdous Akhi of Kushtia Rifle Club, meanwhile, won the 10m air pistol event, with a score of 227.1 points and a massive margin of 15.2 points over her nearest competitor.

Turing Dewan of BKSP Shooting Club won the gold in the junior section of this event with a score of 223.8 points, beating Shammil Akter of ASA by 1.5 points.

Siddikur ambles to sixth PGTI title

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh golf's flagbearer Siddikur Rahman clinched the title of the inaugural City Bank American Express Chittagong Open with a commanding six-stroke advantage at the Bhatiary Golf & Country Club (BGCC) yesterday.

The two-time Asian Tour winner, who led since the second round, ambled to his sixth Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) title after carding a two-under in the final round for a total of 16-under-par (272). Sanjeev Kumar of India finished runner-up at 10-under-par (278) after his impressive final round of four-under-68.

Siddikur, leading by seven strokes overnight, drove home the advantage on the final day with considerable ease as none of the other golfers posed any threat to his lead. It was also his first win on the tour since his triumph in Dhaka exactly one year back.

The 32-year-old was three-under through 11 holes on Saturday after chipping-in for a birdie on the fifth hole and also setting up

tap-in birdies on the 10th and 11th with a couple of top-class chip shots. He made another chip-in on the 16th, his second of the round and fifth of the week, to cruise home despite bogeys on the 12th and 17th.

"My chipping was the best aspect of my game this week. I made five chip-ins through the tournament. I didn't leave myself too many long putts, especially on the last day. I felt I kept up the intensity through the final round and was therefore in total control," Siddikur said after grabbing a paycheck of 600,000 lakh rupees.

"I was really excited and pumped up due to the massive crowd that came out to cheer for me today. It feels really nice to win another tournament in my home country. This will give me loads of confidence for the rest of the Asian Tour season," the ace golfer added.

Delhi's Shamim Khan (70) finished third at eight-under-par (280). Jamal Hossain Mollah (even-par-288) and Jakiruzzaman Jakir (one-over-289) were the other two Bangladeshis in the top-10 as they finished ninth and tied for 10th respectively.



Siddikur Rahman receives the City Bank American Express Chittagong Open trophy from the sponsors and organisers at the Bhatiary Golf and Country Club in Chittagong yesterday.

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Crystal Palace stun Chelsea Six-star Bayern

AFP, London



Wi Ifried Zaha rocked Chelsea as Crystal Palace breathed new life into the Premier League title race with a stunning 2-1 win over the leaders at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

In a frantic start, the Ivory Coast winger cancelled out Cesc Fabregas's opener and teed up Christian Benteke for the winner as Chelsea lost at home for the first time since September 16.

Second-place Tottenham Hotspur took advantage by winning 2-0 at Burnley to trim Chelsea's lead to seven points.

Liverpool closed to within 10 points of the leaders, albeit having played a game more, after sinking Everton 3-1 in the Merseyside derby.

But Manchester United lost ground in the race for top-four places following a frustrating 0-0 draw at home to West Bromwich Albion.

Zaha's headline-grabbing display against Chelsea followed a week of

RESULTS	
Burnley 0 - 2 Tottenham (Dier 66, Son 77)	Chelsea 1 - 2 Crystal Palace (Zaha 9, Benteke 11) (Fabregas 5)
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Manchester United 0 - 0 West Brom	

headlines about his decision to switch international allegiances from England to Ivory Coast last year.

His side fell behind in the fifth minute when Eden Hazard crossed from the left for Fabregas to score at the near post.

But Zaha levelled matters in the ninth minute, drilling home through a posse of defenders, and two minutes later his pass freed Benteke to dink a cocky finish over Thibaut Courtois.

Despite losing defenders James Tomkins and Scott Dann -- Tomkins's replacement -- to injury, Sam

Allardyce's patched-up Palace side gallantly held on to stay four points clear of the bottom three.

Tottenham kept their title hopes flickering after Eric Dier scored from close range and Son Heung-Min converted a cross from Dele Alli in the second half at Burnley.

However, victory came at the cost of injuries to midfielders Victor Wanyama and Harry Winks, who was taken to hospital with a potentially serious ankle injury.

Philippe Coutinho scored a dazzling goal and made another for Divock Origi as Liverpool overcame Everton at Anfield.

Sadio Mane put Liverpool in front in the eighth minute, drilling in following a one-two with Roberto Firmino, but was later forced off by a knee injury.

Matthew Pennington equalised, but Coutinho strolled past him to restore Liverpool's lead with a fine, curling effort and then teed up Origi, Mane's replacement, to slam home Liverpool's third.

REUTERS, Berlin



Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich demolished Augsburg 6-0 with forward Robert Lewandowski scoring a hat-trick to protect their 13-point advantage over second-placed RB Leipzig who beat bottom club Darmstadt 98 4-0 on Saturday.

The Bavarians, who face Real Madrid in the Champions League last eight this month, remained firmly on track for a record-extending fifth consecutive Bundesliga crown with yet another dominant performance.

Lewandowski, who joined Borussia Dortmund's Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang at the top of the scorers' list with 24, beautifully controlled a Thiago Alcantara pass with his right foot and turned to shoot Bayern ahead after 17 minutes.

Thomas Mueller, who earlier hit the woodwork twice, put the ball over the line with his knee in the 36th and Poland forward Lewandowski slotted in 10 minutes after the restart to kill off the game.

Thiago grabbed a deserved goal to make it 4-0 before Lewandowski completed his hat-trick and Mueller earned his second goal to lift Bayern to 65 points.

Leipzig are second on 52 after their win, Naby Keita scoring twice against Darmstadt who collapsed following the sending-off of Sandro Sirigu in the 72nd minute.

Dortmund failed to keep pace, stumbling to a 1-1 draw at Schalke 04 in the Ruhr valley derby to drop to fourth on 47.

Aubameyang put the visitors Dortmund ahead with his 24th goal of the season but Schalke fought back, 20-year-old Thilo Kehrer rescuing a point with a powerful low shot in the 77th minute.

Schalke demanded a penalty for a hand ball in stoppage time and the team mascot caused a furore after the final whistle, racing to the referee to show him a red card over his refusal to award the spot-kick.

Werder Bremen continued their climb up the table, crushing hosts Freiburg 5-2 with a hat-trick from Dane Thomas Delaney and their fifth win in six league games lifted them to 11th on 32 points.

Federer sets up Nadal final

AFP, Miami

Roger Federer beat Australia's Nick Kyrgios 7-6 (11/9), 6-7 (9/11), 7-6 (7/5) on Friday to set up a mouth-watering Miami Open final against Rafael Nadal.

Federer and Kyrgios produced an extraordinary range of shots in an enthralling, fiercely intense semifinal that kept a capacity crowd at Key Biscayne on the edge of their seats.

When Federer won the third tie-break a furious Kyrgios hammered his racket into the ground three times as the frustration of a remarkable near-miss came flooding out.

Kyrgios broke in the first set to go 4-3 up but Federer, with the loud crowd behind him, broke back to level at 5-5 when the Australian missed with an attempted big return.

There was little drama in Nadal's 6-1, 7-5 win over Italian Fabio Fognini.

The unseeded Fognini struggled to get going in the first set which was dominated by fifth-seeded Nadal and over with in 25 minutes.

Nadal will play in his fifth Miami final but will be looking for his first title in the Masters series event.



Crystal Palace striker Christian Benteke celebrates after scoring the second goal against Chelsea during their Premier League encounter at Stamford Bridge yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Premier Div Cricket begins on April 12

SPORTS REPORTER

The Dhaka Premier Division Cricket League, the most coveted 50-over competition in the country, will start from April 12 instead of the earlier announced date of April 7.

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolis (CCDM) deferred the league to allow cricketers involved in the ongoing series in Sri Lanka, and those who had played in the Emerging Teams Asia Cup more recovery time ahead of the competition.

The CCDM has also fixed March 31 to April 10 as the window for clubs to complete the transfer formalities of players who have not been registered yet.

'Messi's behaviour impeccable'

AFP, Barcelona

Barcelona boss Luis Enrique claimed Lionel Messi's behaviour towards referees is "impeccable" despite the Argentine racking up suspensions for club and country.

Messi is banned for the first time in five seasons for Sunday's La Liga trip to Granada.

"He is always highly respectful with referees, there is zero conflict, he doesn't create controversy," Enrique said on Saturday.

"That is something to admire for a player that is always under pressure and has the eyes of the world on him."

"For me his behaviour is impeccable."

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