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DAY'S EVENT
Dhaka Premier League
 Time: 9:00am
 Victoria Sporting v Gazi Group
 Venue: Fatullah
 Prime Bank v Khelaghar
 Venue: BKSP-3
 Mohammedan v Kalabagan
 Venue: BKSP-4

ALBA, BUSQUETS VISIT BARTRA

Jordi Alba and Sergio Busquets paid a visit to former Barcelona team-mate Marc Bartra as he continues his recovery from a broken wrist suffered during last week's attack on Borussia Dortmund's team bus. Spain centre-back Bartra underwent surgery after the Dortmund squad was targeted by three explosions on their way to last Tuesday's Champions League quarter-final against Monaco at Signal Iduna Park. A window on the bus shattered and Bartra also had debris removed from his hand, while the match was pushed back a day and Monaco claimed a 3-2 first-leg advantage. Alba posted a picture of the trio on Instagram and said: "What a joy to see you and to share laughs together, my friend." In an Instagram post of his own last Friday, Bartra described the ordeal of the attack as "the longest 15 minutes of my life". —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:

'Spurs aiming to heap more pressure on Chelsea'

Tottenham Hotspur can inflict another psychological blow on Premier League leaders Chelsea by beating them in Saturday's FA Cup semi-final tie at Wembley, striker Harry Kane has said.



'Mankad' should be scrapped: Gavaskar

Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar has called for the term 'Mankad' to be removed from the game's terminology because it's disrespectful to the Indian legend after whom the practice is named.



Bottas sad over Hamilton free pass

A deflated Valtteri Bottas admitted that he felt very disappointed to be asked to let his Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton to pass him during Sunday's Bahrain Grand Prix.



Plenty on the line in Monte Carlo for Murray, Djokovic

The top two players in the world, Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic, both have something to prove as the pair return to the tour from injury to play this week's Monte Carlo Masters.



Fan in coma after violence at Argentine soccer match

An Argentine soccer fan was in a coma and two men arrested for attempted murder after a scuffle among supporters in the derby between Belgrano and Talleres in Cordoba, local media reported.



Barca can complete another CL comeback

Neymar is keeping the faith, confident Barcelona can complete another remarkable comeback to reach the Champions League semi-finals at the expense of Juventus.



Cristiano Ronaldo (C) scored twice as Real Madrid beat Bayern Munich 2-1 in the first leg of the Champions League quarterfinal last week. The Portuguese superstar will once again be at the centre of attention as the Merengues host the German champions for the second leg tonight.

PHOTO: AFP

Do or die for Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER



A struggling Abahani are looking forward to displaying an improved performance in the AFC Cup when the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) champions take on I-League champions Bengaluru FC at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bangalore today. The match will start at 7:30pm (BST).

The five-time BPL champions have been struggling to prove their worth against clubs beyond the border and they lie at the bottom of the group after consecutive defeats against Maziya SRC of Maldives and Mohun Bagan of India.

With four matches remaining, Abahani can still bounce back, but it will be a tough ask against Bengaluru FC, the beaten finalists of the last edition of the AFC Cup.

Abahani coach Drago Mamic however wants his charges to put up an improved performance compared to what they did against Mohun Bagan earlier this month where they lost 3-1.

Abahani played well against the Kolkata giants in the first half and took the lead, but lost momentum in the second half. The Croat coach believes his charges are now in much better physical shape, which is making him optimistic.

Before leaving for India, Mamic indicated that he might concentrate on the backline which was blamed for conceding two goals against Mohun Bagan.

The Dhanmondi giants will have to play with only two foreign players – Emeka Darlington and David Jonathan – as Ghanaian defender Samad Yussif is still ineligible due to visa complications.

Lewa in for Bayern; Bale out for Real

AFP, Madrid



Real Madrid will be without Gareth Bale as they look to book their place in a record seventh straight Champions League semi-final against Bayern Munich on Tuesday.

Bale is sidelined by the recurrence of an ankle problem picked up in Madrid's 2-1 first-leg win last week and is also a doubt for Real's crunch La Liga clash with Barcelona on Sunday.

The Welshman was sidelined for three months earlier in the season after suffering ligament damage in his right ankle.

"Gareth worked very hard to get back into the team after his injury," said Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane on Monday.

"When he came back he was desperate to be involved and now he has a small niggle that is preventing him from being fully fit.

"I hope it is nothing and in a few days he can be with us again.

"He won't be fit for Bayern because we don't want to take any risks."

Bale missed Real's 3-2 win at Sporting Gijon on Saturday and Zidane was far from confident he will be fit in time to face Barca.

"I hope he will be with us, but we have to wait and see," he added.

"It is a question of taking it day by day."

By contrast, Bayern look set to be handed a huge injury boost as top scorer Robert Lewandowski returns after a shoulder injury.

"We know how good a player Lewandowski is, he is a true number nine," added Zidane.

"That is a plus for Bayern, but he is

their player.

"They have good players in all positions and we have to concentrate on our own game."

Lewandowski has scored 38 goals in 40 appearances this season and his presence was badly missed as Bayern not only slumped to defeat at home last Wednesday, but also drew a blank in a 0-0 draw at Bayer Leverkusen on Saturday.

The Pole has also shown he is capable of the spectacular against Madrid -- he scored all four of Borussia Dortmund's goals in a 4-1 semi-final, first-leg rout back in 2013.

"Lewandowski is a quality player but it's not all about him," added Madrid midfielder Casemiro.

"They've got a brilliant squad. We'll need to be at our best and not just focused on one man."

Madrid have never failed to progress after winning the first leg away from home in the Champions League.

However, Zidane insisted the 11-time European champions were not assured of anything despite having the advantage thanks to Cristiano Ronaldo's second-half double at the Allianz Arena.

"We can't think about the first leg, that has already gone," said Zidane.

"We know the difficulty we face. Whether Bayern play at home or away they don't change how they play."

"We still have a game to play and we need to play very, very well."

Both sides have defensive concerns with Madrid definitely without centre-backs Raphael Varane and Pepe through injury.

Bayern's preferred centre-back duo Jerome Boateng and Mats Hummels face a race against time to be fit, while Javi Martinez is suspended after being sent-off in the first leg.

Walton to sponsor finals

SPORTS REPORTER

Walton has earned the sponsorship rights for the final round of the National U-18 Football Championship, which will start at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on April 23.

This information was disclosed at the logo unveiling and agreement signing ceremony at the Bangladesh Football Federation House yesterday. It has been learnt that the amount of sponsorship money is worth Tk15 lakh.

The eight zonal champions -- Dhaka, BKSP, Barisal, Satkhira, Chittagong, Sylhet, Rajshahi and Rangpur -- will vie for the title in the final round of the championship, which started with 63 districts and BKSP in eight different zones across the country.

Kumar steals Vohra's glory

AGENCIES, Hyderabad

Sunrisers Hyderabad defeated Kings XI Punjab by five runs in an Indian Premier League (IPL) match at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium yesterday.

Sent into bat, Hyderabad scored 159 for six.

In reply, Punjab's Manan Vohra's struck 95 off 50 balls, but his side were eventually bowled out for 154 in 19.4 overs as Bhuvneshwar Kumar (5/19) trapped Vohra in the penultimate over of the match.

SCORES IN BRIEF

HYDERABAD: 159 for 6 (Warner 70 not out, Ojha 34; Sharma 2-25)

PUNJAB: 154 all out in 19.4 overs (Vohra 95, Morgan 13; Kumar 5-19)

Result: Hyderabad won by 5 runs.

Player-of-the-match: Bhuvneshwar Kumar

Leicester plot Atletico downfall

REUTERS, London



Leicester City remain a surprise guest at the top table of European football but a place in the Champions League semi-finals beckons if they can overturn a 1-0 first-leg deficit against Spanish heavyweights Atletico Madrid.

The Premier League outfit have made a remarkable progression to the last eight and on Tuesday face a side who have thrived on adversity to compete in two Champions League finals in the last three years, having made it to four successive quarter-finals.

Leicester were outclassed for large parts of the first leg at a fervent Vicente Calderon Stadium but, crucially, return to the King Power Stadium on Tuesday with their storied opponents well in their sights after Antoine Griezmann's solitary goal.

"I think they are betting everything on the second leg," Atletico's charismatic manager Diego Simeone told reporters after a tough first encounter with the Midlands side.

In the last round, Craig Shakespeare's Leicester side overcame a similar 2-1 deficit against Sevilla, winning 2-0 at home in the return to set up the Atletico showdown.

Once relative Champions League unknowns, however, Atletico are now true

European giants and will provide the sternest test yet of Leicester's fairytale continental adventure.

"We know we have to be more open because we need a goal and one of Atletico's pluses is their ability on the counter-attack," Shakespeare told reporters after the defeat in Madrid.

"But we are still alive and we want to stay in the competition. I have seen enough through out the squad. We know what we are about at the King Power and know what we need to do."

"Atletico are a very good team, their work ethic is exceptional. We are aware of that, but we are still in this tie."

"We know it is a going to be a very difficult return match, but we have very good record at the King Power."

Atletico welcome back striker Kevin Gameiro to the squad but are without midfielder Tiago, who has been left out.

Atletico's Croatia defender Sime Vrsaljko and Argentina midfielder Augusto Fernandez are also missing through injury.

English champions Leicester, meanwhile, could be without several key defenders through injury and suspension.

Captain Wes Morgan has not played since the return leg with Sevilla and is doubtful, Robert Huth is suspended while Yohan Benalouane limped out of Saturday's 2-2 draw at Crystal Palace.

Terry confirms Chelsea exit

REUTERS, London



Long-serving Chelsea defender John Terry will leave Stamford Bridge at the end of the season, the English Premier League club said yesterday.

The 36-year-old former England international played more than 700 games for Chelsea and has been their most successful captain.

Terry made the third-highest number of appearances for Chelsea, captained them a record 578 times and scored 66 goals.

"After 22 years there is so much to say and so many people to thank at this great football club," Terry said. "From coaches, team-mates and staff to the fans who have given me so much support down the years, I can't thank you enough."

"I will decide on my future in due course, but for now I am committed to helping the team achieve success this season."

"I will, of course, always be a Blue and am desperate to end my final season as a Chelsea player with more silverware," he added.

"I've always been conscious that I depart at the right time, in the right way, and I feel that the end of this season is the right time for the club and I."

Terry, who made his Chelsea debut in 1998, won the 2012 Champions League, four Premier League titles, five FA Cups, three League Cups and the Europa League.



'Title chances 50%'

AFP, Manchester



Manchester United that leaves their title chances at only "50 percent", manager Antonio Conte said.

Having hoped to re-establish a seven-point lead over second-place Tottenham Hotspur, Chelsea's advantage remains four points following Sunday's defeat at Old Trafford.

They remain in the driving seat and will face only one top-seven side -- Everton -- in their last six games, but Conte suggested his team can no longer be considered outright favourites.

"We have to think that there are six finals from now until the end," said the Italian, who was without goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois due to injury and wing-back Marcos Alonso due to a virus.

"The league is open and we have a 50

percent probability to win the league."

Conte accepted that his team "deserved" to lose and said the outcome of the match was his fault for failing to sufficiently motivate his players.

But in a pointed reference to Chelsea's struggles last season under Jose Mourinho, now the United manager, he said his team's quest for the title deserved to be considered a "miracle".

"I prefer to fight for the title instead of don't fight for the title and stay calm. The pressure is normal and we are lucky to have the pressure," said Conte.

"Last season Chelsea had no pressure; 10th place and you play calm, you are happy."

"We must understand this, that (something) really important is happening this season because we are doing a great job and a miracle if you consider last season and the problems we had."

"For this reason we must have great enthusiasm to play these last six games. If we win, we must be proud. Otherwise we must clap another team."



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