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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:

Talk of Messi's decline laughable: Zambrotta

Gianluca Zambrotta, a former Blaugrana defender, has laughed at suggestions that Lionel Messi is declining. Messi was unable to find a solution during Barca's 0-0 draw against Juventus in the Champions League quarterfinal, a tie that saw Barcelona crash out of the competition.

Keeper concedes two own goals in one match

Goalkeeper David Stockdale could well appear in a 'what happened next' question in years to come after an almost identical brace of own goals saw Brighton miss out on securing the Championship title with a 2-0 defeat at Norwich.

Young tells United to aim high

Ashley Young has challenged Manchester United to storm to the finish line in the race to make the Premier League's top four, while Liverpool aim to take another step towards the Champions League.

The Sun apologises to Barkley

Everton star Ross Barkley received an apology from The Sun tabloid newspaper on Saturday over a column that made "unfavourable comparisons" to a gorilla. Insigne signs 5-year deal

Italian international winger Lorenzo Insigne has signed a five-year contract extension with Napoli that will see him remain at the club until June 2022.

Sampaoli to become Argentina manager in May

According to Spanish paper AS, Jorge Sampaoli is set to take over as coach of the Argentina national team after the end of the current La Liga campaign.

'Clasico won't decide title'

REUTERS, Madrid



Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane has dismissed suggestions that Sunday's crucial clash against great rivals Barcelona will decide the Spanish title race.

Real currently sit top of La Liga, three points ahead of the Catalans with a game in hand, and victory at their Bernabeu stadium would be a huge step towards a first league title since 2012.

Zidane, however, is refusing to look that far ahead and claimed it would not have that big an impact on who goes on to become champions.

"Tomorrow's game is one you need to fight in and work hard for. We're not favourites. People could think that maybe we are -- or they are. We're playing against a great side," he said.

"It won't be decisive in the title race. We have seven games left this season in the league. We're going game to game -- they're all important. We have a big one tomorrow, and we're focused on that but it won't be decisive in terms of who wins the title."

Zidane confirmed that winger Gareth Bale would be included in the squad but would not say whether the Welshman was fit enough to start or if he would be named among the substitutes.

All eyes will be on Bale's teammate Cristiano Ronaldo after his midweek heroics in the Champions League and the Real coach was effusive in his praise of the Portuguese.



Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo (L) jogs with teammates during a training session at the Valdebebas training ground in Madrid yesterday, on the eve of their La Liga Clasico against Barcelona.

PHOTO: AFP

Hazard fires Chelsea into Cup final

AFP, London



Eden Hazard fired Chelsea into the FA Cup final as the Belgian's blistering strike ensured Antonio Conte's selection gamble paid off in his side's dramatic 4-2 win over Tottenham on Saturday.

Blues boss Conte sprang a major surprise by starting with Hazard and Diego Costa on the bench in the Wembley semifinal as he looked ahead to the Premier League leaders' vital fixture against Southampton on Tuesday.

But Conte's bold moves proved inspired as Hazard's replacement Willian put Chelsea ahead early on and then restored their lead in the second half after Harry Kane's equaliser.

Dele Alli levelled again for Tottenham, but Conte had all the answers and, when he sent on Hazard, the Belgian blasted Chelsea back into the lead.

Nemanja Matic's thunderous long-range effort sealed a final date against Arsenal or Manchester City, who meet in the second semi-final on Sunday.

Having seen their lead at the top of the league cut to four points by second placed Tottenham last weekend and looking vulnerable following a limp defeat at Manchester United, this should be a huge psychological boost for Conte's men.

They rode their luck at times but showed a decisive killer instinct while their London rivals came up short in crunch time.

Tottenham, losers yet again at Wembley and still without an FA Cup final appearance since 1991, need an immediate response in their midweek trip to Crystal Palace if they are to get revenge by pipping Chelsea to the title.

Conte's decision to pick Willian and Michy Batshuayi instead of Hazard and

Costa triggered a round of second guessing, but it took just five minutes for the former Juventus coach to be vindicated.

Breaking at pace, Chelsea worked the ball towards Batshuayi and his deft backheel sent Pedro surging clear.

When the Spaniard was sent sprawling by Toby Alderweireld's lunge, Chelsea were hoping for a more severe punishment than the yellow card shown by referee Martin Atkinson.

But their frustration was short-lived as Willian stepped up to exact retribution from the free-kick, the Brazilian's superb 20-yard strike eluding Tottenham goalkeeper Hugo Lloris before nestling into the far corner.

Kane has been the spearhead of Tottenham's impressive run this season and the England striker's typically predatory finish drew them level in the 18th minute.

As Christian Eriksen prepared to whip over a cross, Kane was already on the move and his awareness gave him a valuable extra yard of space on Chelsea defender Nathan Ake as he stooped to guide a delicate header past Thibaut Courtois.

But, despite controlling possession for long periods, Pochettino's side still ended the half behind as his decision to play Son Heung-Min out of position at left wingback was exposed in the 43rd minute.

Kante slipped a pass to Victor Moses and when the Nigerian's surge into the penalty area was halted by Son's rash tackle Atkinson gave the penalty on the advice of his linesman.

Batshuayi wanted to take it, but Conte demanded Willian step up and he stroked home the spot-kick in confident style.

It could have been a major momentum changer, yet Tottenham were level again in the 52nd minute.

Barely looking up as he received the ball, Eriksen unfurled a majestic pass towards Alli, who timed his run perfectly to slide in front of Luiz and direct a close-range finish past Courtois.

Mumbai extend lead

CRICINFO

Batting first for the first time in six matches, Mumbai Indians never really got going on a bouncy Wankhede Stadium pitch that also provided grip for spin and cutters, and only managed a total of 142. It turned out, however, to be more than enough to give them their sixth win in seven matches and strengthen their position on top of the IPL table.

A couple of early wickets put an inexperienced Daredevils batting line-up under pressure, and the top half fell away in no time. They lost five wickets inside the Powerplay and another in the seventh over to slip to 24 for 6. A seventh-wicket stand of 91 between Kagiso Rabada and Chris Morris ensured Daredevils stayed in contention, but some smart end-overs bowling from Jasprit Bumrah ensured the target remained a fair way out of their reach.

With Daredevils needing 46 from 24 balls, Bumrah conceded only four runs from the 17th over and came back to concede only five off the 19th.

SCORES IN BRIEF

MUMBAI: 142 for 8 in 20 overs (Buttler 28, Pollard 26; Mishra 2-18, Cummins 2-20)

DELHI: 128 for 7 in 20 overs (Rabada 44, Morris 52 not out; McClenaghan 3-24, Bumrah 2-21)

Result: Mumbai won by 14 runs

Man of the Match: M McClenaghan.

ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY GAMES Shooting holds hope

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) is expecting at least one gold medal in the shooting discipline of the upcoming 4th Islamic Solidarity Games, scheduled to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan from May 12 to 22.

A total of 31 athletes for eight disciplines -- shooting, weightlifting, swimming, wrestling, gymnastics, athletics, karate and zirkhaneh wrestling -- will represent Bangladesh in the mega sporting event.

Bangladesh had previously won a silver and a bronze medal during the previous edition in 2013 in Jakarta. Archer Emdadul Haq Milon won the silver medal in the recurve bow event while the taekwondo team won bronze.

However, with shooting being included in the games for the first time, BOA hopes to get a gold medal after including six shooters in the Bangladesh contingent.

Abdullah Hel Baki, Rabbi Hasan Munna, Shakil Ahmed, Anwar Hossain, Syeda Atkia Hasan and Mahfuza Jannat Jui will take part in three different events.

Baki's experience puts him ahead of the others as far as expectations are concerned. The Commonwealth Games gold medallist is optimistic about Bangladesh's chances.

"I'm improving gradually which boosted my confidence after doing well in the Solidarity Games," Baki said. "We have to compete against some tough opponents from Iran and Turkey, but I have confidence of making it to the final round and if I can do that, I'll definitely have a chance of winning gold."

Coach Klavs Christensen is also pinning his hopes on the veteran shooter, who represented Bangladesh in the Rio Olympics last year.

"Baki is doing well, and as usual we have high hopes of him," Christensen said. "We expect the best and at least to win a medal, but there will be strong competition, especially from Iran and Turkey."

Ashikur Rahman Miku, deputy secretary general of BOA, mentioned shooting and weightlifting as the two disciplines with the most potential to win medals.

"We are hoping to win gold medals from shooting and weightlifting," Miku said. "Shooting is always one of the most productive disciplines of our country and this time the shooters are preparing well under foreign coaches."

U-16 women lose opener

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh under-16 women's football team suffered a 1-0 defeat to China's under-14 women's team in their first practice match of the China Tour yesterday, according to a message sent from the Bangladesh Football Federation.

Despite dominating the game in terms of possession the Bangladesh team, which is in China preparing for the AFC U-16 Championships in September, lost the match thanks to a 75th minute goal they conceded.

Ding Lei of the Chinese team scored the decisive goal, taking advantage of a defensive mix-up from the Bangladesh team during the third session of the 90-minute game, which was split into three sessions of 30 minutes each.

The message further mentioned that Bangladesh had a plethora of chances, but failed to score while conceding the only goal against the run of play after they had substituted most of their starting-eleven players.

The Bangladesh team is scheduled to play two more matches against the same opponents and two other matches against Shaanxi province's under-15 team over the next four days.

FIRST DIVISION HOCKEY Police AC declared champions

SPORTS REPORTER

Police Athletic Club were declared champions of the Green Delta Insurance First Division Hockey League after their final play-off opponents Victoria Sporting Club failed to turn up for the match yesterday, said a press release from the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF).

With both teams having equal points, the league title was supposed to be decided through the play-off match yesterday.

But Victoria sent a letter to the BHF claiming that most of their players are either injured or occupied with their jobs for different organisations and hence could not take part in the match.

The league committee officials, having consulted the by-laws, then declared Police AC, who were present to play the match at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium, as champions.

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