

**SONY ESPN**  
Indian Premier League  
Pune v Kolkata  
Live from 8:30pm

**SONY SIX & TEN 1**  
La Liga  
Deportivo v Real Madrid  
Live from 1:30am (Thursday)

**TEN 1**  
La Liga  
Barcelona v Osasuna  
Live from 11:30pm

**TEN 3**  
La Liga  
Valencia v Real Sociedad  
Live from 12:30am (Thursday)

**STAR SPORTS SELECT HD2**  
English Premiership  
Arsenal v Leicester City  
Live from 12:45am (Thursday)

**DHAKA PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Time: 9:00am  
Venue: BKSP-3  
Abahani v Sheikh Jamal

Prime Doleshwar v Gazi Group  
Legends of Rupganj v Kalabagan  
Venue: BKSP-4

## 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:

### Test bowler Tsotsobe charged with match fixing

Former South Africa bowler Lonwabo Tsotsobe has been charged with match fixing and has been suspended immediately after a lengthy investigation, Cricket South Africa said.

**Lara suggests scrapping draws for Test cricket**

Legendary batsman Brian Lara believes Test cricket should scrap draws in order to add to the excitement of the game's longest format.

**Newcastle romp back to PL**

Newcastle United sparked a noisy promotion

party by beating 10-man Preston North End 4-1 at a packed St James' Park to ensure a return to the Premier League at the first attempt.

**Griezmann agent confirms 'concrete' move from United**

Manchester United have shown "concrete" interest" in

signing Atletico Madrid forward Antoine Griezmann, who has an exit clause of £85 million (\$108.79 million), the Frenchman's agent Eric Olhats has said.

**Roma condemn Pescara to Serie B**

AS Roma's Mohamed Salah scored twice in a 4-1 win at Pescara on Monday which kept alive their faint hopes of catching Serie A leaders Juventus and condemned their opponents to relegation.

**Wood handed England recall**

England have called up fit-again Mark Wood for the forthcoming Champions Trophy campaign, but his fellow pace bowler Steven Finn has been left out of the 15-man squad.



Didarul Alam (R), more popularly known as Didar Boli, emerged as the winner for the 11th and perhaps the final time in his storied career in the 108th edition of the Jabbarer Boli Khela held at the Laldighi Maidan in Chittagong yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

# Didar wins 11th title

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN from Chittagong

Wrestling for what he said would be the final time, Didarul Alam exacted revenge by defeating last year's champion Mohammad Shamsu Alam to clinch his 11th title in Jabbarer Boli Khela at Chittagong's Laldighi Maidan yesterday.

On April 14, Didar had said that he would not be taking part in any further Boli competition as there was a 'conspiracy' against him. However, that did not seem to deter him in the least as he took under 17 minutes to slam Shamsu forcefully onto the ground.

Didar had been bested in the final by Shamsu in the 107th edition of the tournament last year, when the match had reached a stalemate with neither being able to slam down the other after nearly half an hour. The judges were then tasked with selecting a winner based on the participants' tactics, and they awarded Shamsu the title.

Whether that was the conspiracy or not, Didar walked away with a trophy and Tk 20,000 this year, while Shamsu received Tk 15,000.

The century-old annual event was started in 1909 by businessman Abdul Jabbar Sowdagor to inspire youths to join the anti-British movement through the display of their physical strength. It has become a regular fixture in the sporting calendar since, with scores of wrestlers and spectators flocking to the event.

Before the start of the competition, there is a three-day fair where traders from different parts of the country set up stalls and sell their wares.

## NSC's TALENT HUNT PROGRAMME Federations losing fund

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programmes.

With apparent internal dispute among the executive members at the time, Bangladesh Weightlifting Federation could utilise only one instalment and failed to avail the remaining fund of Tk 24.23 lakh while Bangladesh Tennis Federation failed to avail Tk 8.23 lakh.

While speaking about this issue, the new general secretaries of all four federations said that they were not in charge during that time but tried their best to release the rest of the fund after taking over.

"TK 15.10 crore of the talent hunt programme was supposed to be spent by July last year but we were given six more months to complete it. Out of 31, four federations, athletics, swimming, weightlifting and tennis -- failed to implement their programmes within the stipulated timeframe.

The finance ministry, in the last fiscal year, sanctioned Tk 15.10 crore for the training programme on the basis of demands of different sports federations.

NSC later allocated the fund to 31 disciplines in four instalments but those four federations could not continue their programmes despite taking one or two instalments.

Bangladesh Athletics Federation failed to avail Tk 89.12 lakh out of Tk 1.11 crore as the then committee could only arrange the talent hunt programme in a few districts while failing to submit the expenditure of the first phase training, eventually losing its right to get the rest of the fund.

The swimming federation utilised Tk 31 lakh out of Tk 62.5 lakh in the ongoing talent hunt programme sponsored by the Bangladesh Navy but later the NSC disagreed to release the rest of the money as the then general secretary Rafiz Uddin could not make the NSC official understand the concept of merging the two talent hunt

programmes while football and shooting have yet to complete their final phase of training. He also added that shooting is expected to complete the programme by April 30 but football is yet to begin the final phase despite selecting 65 footballers from grassroots level.

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## 'Spurs won't stop believing'

AFP, London



Hugo Lloris

Tottenham still

believe they can

win the Premier League despite the

shattering blow of their FA Cup semi-

final defeat against title rivals Chelsea.

Mauricio Pochettino's side left

Wembley broken hearted on Saturday

after dominating for long periods

before conceding two late goals in a

drastic 4-2 loss.

The psychological damage

inflicted on Tottenham's players can't

be underestimated and they have

little time to recover as the title race

heats up this week.

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While Lloris acknowledged Chelsea

now have renewed confidence they can

hold off Tottenham's challenge in the

final six games of the season, the

France goalkeeper is convinced his

club won't surrender without a fight.

"We know Chelsea have an advantage

but we need to believe until the

end," Lloris said.

"Of course we'll do everything we

can to win the league for him."

To have a chance of honouring

Ehiogu with the club's first title since

1961, Tottenham need to extend their

current seven-game winning streak in

the league.

Kane knows the pressure is on and

there was a hint of frustration in his voice as he tried to deliver a call to arms ahead of the trip to Selhurst Park.

"It's hard to say what effect it will

have. Of course we wanted to win and

keep our momentum going but it

didn't happen," Kane said.

"There's nothing we can do now. We

can't control what Chelsea do, if it

gives them more momentum, it gives

them more momentum. We've just got

to concentrate on our game.

"We've got six very difficult games

home and away so we'll do everything

we can to get as high up the league as

we can."

Deep in relegation trouble when

Sam Allardyce took charge in

December, Palace have climbed seven

points clear of the bottom three thanks

to a series of shock wins.

After beating Chelsea and Arsenal,

Sunday's 2-1 win at Liverpool was Palace's

latest scalp, but Eagles boss Allardyce

wants his team to keep their foot on the gas

against Tottenham because he doesn't

believe they are safe yet.

"Thirty eight points has been the

target to be safe for a long time but

we're not mathematically safe yet," he

said.

"Five games to go, we need to pick

up as many points as we can.

"Then when we are safe we will have

a little celebration."

## Kamran out; Umar recalled

AFP, Lahore

Pakistan's selectors Tuesday dropped opener Kamran Akmal from the 15-man squad for the Champions Trophy to be held in England in June but recalled his younger brother Umar.

35-year-old Kamran was part of Pakistan's squad which won a three-match one-day series 2-1 in the West Indies earlier this month but managed scores of 47, 21 and not out.

The four-member selection committee headed by former captain Inzamamul Haq included Umar in the squad after being dropped for the West Indies series following failed fitness tests.

Former one-day captain Azhar Ali returned to the squad following his absence in the Caribbean limited over series.

Inzamam said the squad was selected keeping in mind English conditions.

"Ali is making a comeback in the team after looking at his good track record in English conditions, while Umar also returns after considerable improvement in his fitness," said Inzamam.

Sarfraz Ahmed will lead the squad after replacing Ali as captain for the West Indies tour.

Pakistan will play arch-rivals and defending champions India in their first Group B match at Birmingham on June 4 followed by matches against South Africa (June 7 in Birmingham) and Sri Lanka (June 12 in Cardiff).

Group A comprises of hosts England, Australia, New Zealand and Bangladesh. The top two teams from each group will qualify for the semifinals.

**SQUAD:** Sarfraz Ahmed (captain), Azhar Ali, Ahmed Shehzad, Mohammad Hafeez, Babar Azam, Shoaib Malik, Umar Akmal, Fakhar Zaman, Imad Wasim, Hasan Ali, Fahim Ashraf, Wahab Riaz, Mohammad Amir, Junaid Khan, Shadab Khan.

## Independence Day KABADDI Forces teams in semifinals

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Bangladesh Navy, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Police moved into the semifinals of the Bashundhara Presents Independence Day Kabaddi tournament at the Shaheed Suhrawardi Indoor Stadium yesterday.

Bangladesh Navy beat Barisal 49-24 to emerge group A champions while Bangladesh Army handed a massive 106-32 defeat to Dinajpur to finish Group B runners-up behind Bangladesh Police, who were declared winners after Bangladesh Air Force refused to play at one stage in protest of a referee's decision. Police were leading the match 9-7 at that time.

BGB finished as Group A runners-up despite finishing second along with Bangladesh Jail, who beat Fire Service 48-11. Both BGB and Bangladesh Jail earned five points each but the former had a