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**Atalanta v Juventus**  
**Live from 12:45am (Saturday)**

## SPURS FAN ATTACKED BY SPURS FAN

A Tottenham fan has been left with a broken cheekbone, eye socket and skull after being attacked by a fellow Tottenham follower who mistook him for a Chelsea supporter. Michael Voller was set upon in a "violent and unprovoked assault" following a FA Cup semi-final clash between the two London clubs at Wembley Stadium on Saturday. The incident took place outside the Moore Spice Restaurant on Engineers Way at around 7.30pm, with the victim reported to have been identified by a group of Spurs fan walking in the opposite direction. Voller has been discharged from hospital following treatment, but police say there are still concerns as to possible permanent damage to his eyesight. Detective Constable James Robb, of Brent CID, the investigating officer, said: "This was a violent and unprovoked assault that has left a young man with some terrible injuries that could end up affecting him for the rest of his life." —AGENCIES



## BGB clinch hard-fought final

SPORTS REPORTER

Boarder Guard Bangladesh (BGB) clinched the title of the Bashundhara Presents Independence Cup Kabaddi tournament with a hard-fought 29-27 win over Bangladesh Navy in the final at the Shaheed Suhrawardi Indoor Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

The final match was an exciting one in front of an almost packed gallery as both sides entertained the crowd with their never-say-die attitude. BGB went to the break with a 17-12 lead but later faced a stiff challenge from Bangladesh Navy, who recovered well to make their experienced opponents sweat. However, they eventually fell short by two points and had to be content with a runners-up trophy.

Tipu Sultan of BGB was named the man of the final and the best player of the tournament. The champions and runners-up were awarded Tk 2 and Tk 1 lakh respectively while the two other semifinalists were awarded Tk 50,000 each.

# Can Mohammedan turn it around?

## The Old Dhaka outfit spend big for the 2017 season

SPORTS REPORTER



Traditional powerhouse Mohammedan Sports Club have formed a relatively strong side for the upcoming football season by signing up some young and fringe national footballers in hopes of regaining its lost glory. The Black and White outfit completed its players' registration formalities yesterday, just three days before the conclusion of the transfer window.

After finishing behind Abahani, who notched a hat-trick of titles, in the first three editions of the professional football league Mohammedan's performance has descended into mediocrity -- they have not even finished second in the six editions since; instead, the 10th-place finish out of 12 teams last season elicited widespread criticism among their supporters, former footballers and organisers.

"They formed the strongest side on paper in 2009 with 14 national players, but the league title has remained elusive. That seemed to have been the last of their efforts to set the course right, as since then there has apparently been no effort from the club management to form a squad that could vie for the title.

But that seems to have changed for the upcoming season starting with the Federation Cup on May 12. Management spent big for the first time since 2009 and has roped in some well-known footballers like Zahid Hasan Emily, Nasirul Islam,



Mohammedan players pose for a selfie, after completing their registration formalities, outside the BFF House yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Abdul Baten Komol, Tokhlis Ahmed, Faisal Mahmud, Mamun Khan, Rezaul Karim Reza, Mithun Chowdhury, Rasel Mahmud Liton and they expect to get better results.

"We have tried to assemble good footballers as we have considered last season's performance. Besides, we have also taken two foreigners -- Nigerian Eleta Kingsley and Samsan Iliasu -- who were also in rich form last season. I can tell you it is a new

squad as we released all last season's players except five," said Mohammedan football manager Amirul Islam Babu at the BFF House yesterday.

"If the players follow the disciplines and give their best, we can expect better results from them," hoped Babu, adding that Indian head coach Syed Naemuiddin will join the ongoing camp within a few days.

However, the experienced players roped in

by Mohammedan spent most of last season sitting on the bench or nursing injuries, but Babu said that all of those players are now in a good position except defender Rezaul.

The players sounded confident about giving their all to repay Mohammedan, who have roped in players at an average range of Tk 20-25 lakh.

"Around eight of us senior players have signed for Mohammedan and are determined to do something, although we had offers from other clubs," said defender Mohammad Linkon.

"It is our challenge to play good football as five to six clubs have formed good teams for the title race. We want to win one or two trophies this season but it depends on how hard we work throughout the season," said striker Zahid Hasan Emily.

Sheikh Russel KC also completed their registration formalities yesterday by retaining the services of 12 players and signed some promising players like defender Bishwanath Ghosh, Khalekurzaman, Mehbub Hasan Nayan and Kwar Ali Rabbi.

"We did not chase big-name players; instead we signed those players who performed last season. It is a good mixture of experienced and promising players who are expected to produce better results," said Sheikh Russel coach Shafiqul Islam Manik.

Last season Sheikh Russel were one of big-spending clubs and reportedly spent Tk 6-7 crore but this time, they spent less as their most expensive acquisition cost Tk 38 lakh and the cheapest Tk 3 lakh.

## Real, Barca stay level

REUTERS, Barcelona



Real Madrid thrashed Deportivo La Coruna 6-2 to stay level with Barcelona at the top of La Liga on Wednesday after the Catalans crushed Osasuna 7-1, condemning the minnows to relegation.

Lionel Messi, Andre Gomes and Paco Alcacer scored twice each and Javier Mascherano netted his first goal for the club from the penalty spot as Barcelona built on Sunday's Clasico victory.

Real, though, showed they would not be easily toppled.

Zinedine Zidane made nine changes for the trip to the Riazor but Madrid's reserves still made light work of Depor, with Isco running the show and finding

the net along with James Rodriguez, who hit a brace, Alvaro Morata, Lucas Vazquez and substitute Casemiro.

Madrid have 78 points from 33 games, while Barcelona have the same tally from one game more.

Osasuna, rooted in 20th place, were relegated after 17th-placed Leganes beat Las Palmas 3-0 to move 12 points clear of the bottom club, an insurmountable total with four games to go because of their inferior head-to-head record.

Messi opened the scoring with a mazy dribble capped with a neat chip over goalkeeper Salvatore Sirigu before Gomes volleyed home Ivan Rakitic's cross to double the lead.

Roberto Torres whipped in a free kick just after halftime to drag his team back into the match before Barcelona ran riot with a flurry of goals.

Madrid deserved much the same

against Depor after dominating from the start.

It took Alvaro Morata just 52 seconds to find the net after being played in by Isco with James Rodriguez slamming home the second from a Lucas Vazquez cross.

Florin Andone scored from close range, stabbing home Gael Kakuta's cross-shot in the 35th minute, to give his side a glimmer of hope but nine minutes later Vazquez scored Madrid's third.

Rodriguez and Isco struck before Joselu's header gave Depor fans some late cheer but Casemiro had the last word and restored Madrid's four-goal lead in the 87th minute.

"Isco was phenomenal," said Zidane. "He does things on the pitch that not everybody can. The fans congratulated him, I am happy for him, for the work he does. When he has to play he always does his job."

## Bouchard attacks Maria

AFP, Istanbul



Eugenie Bouchard attacked Maria Sharapova as a "cheater" over her return from a drugs ban and suggested the Russian should be kicked out of tennis for life.

Bouchard said the Women's Tennis Association was sending the wrong message in allowing the five-time Grand Slam winner to come back from her 15-month suspension.

Russia's Sharapova -- the world's highest-paid female athlete for more than a decade until last year, according to Forbes -- won on Wednesday on her comeback after testing positive for meldonium.

"I don't think that's right. She's a cheater and so to me, I don't think a cheater in any sport should be allowed to play that sport again," Canada's Bouchard, the world number 59, told TRT World in Istanbul.

"It's so unfair to all the other players who do it the right way and are true. So I just think the WTA sends the wrong message to young kids: you know, cheat and we'll welcome you back with open arms.

"So I don't think that's right. She's not someone I can say I look up to any more because it's definitely ruined it for me a little bit."

Sharapova, 30, has pleaded that she had been taking meldonium for medical reasons for 10 years and didn't know it had been added to the list of banned substances last year.

Her return on a wildcard in Stuttgart, where she beat Roberta Vinci on Wednesday, has proved divisive with both critics and support from her fellow players.

Sharapova will learn on May 16 whether she will receive a wildcard for the French Open, the year's second Grand Slam which she won in 2012 and 2014.

## Lions maul Bangalore

AGENCIES, Bangalore



Riding on Andrew Tye's three-wicket haul and Aaron Finch's whirlwind fifty, Gujarat Lions notched up a comfortable seven-wicket win over Royal Challengers Bangalore to keep alive their IPL play-off hopes, yesterday.

Chasing 135 to win, Gujarat lost both openers -- Ishan Kishan (16) and Brendon McCullum (3) -- to be reduced to 23-2 but Finch blasted 5 fours and 6 sixes in his scintillating 34-ball 72-run innings as the visitors romped home with 6.1 overs to spare.

Earlier right-arm seamer Tye's three-wicket haul triggered a top-order collapse as Royal Challengers Bangalore were bowled out for 134 by Gujarat Lions after skipper Suresh Raina elected to bowl in their eighth match of IPL 10.

Tye, who had taken a hat-trick on IPL debut against Rising Pune Supergiant at Rajkot, struck twice in two balls and returned with figures of 4-0-12-3 to leave the hosts at 22-3 in the fifth over.

Besides Tye, Ravindra Jadeja (2/28) snapped two wickets and Basil Thampi

(1/34) and Ankit Soni (1/28) picked up one wicket each as Lions dished out a disciplined bowling performance.

For RCB, Pawan Negi (32) and Kedar Jadhav (31) were the top scorers.

This is only the third victory in the season for Gujarat, who had so far gathered just four points from seven games to be languishing at the bottom of the table. They now reached the sixth spot with six points.

With this loss, the door is fast closing for Bangalore, who have just five points from nine matches now.

Chasing the target, opener Kishan smashed a couple of fours in the first over to make a positive start. He picked up two more boundaries before being trapped leg before by Badree in the 3rd over.

McCullum too perished in the fifth over when he was caught at long-on by de Villiers as he became the second victim of Badree.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
**BANGALORE:** 134 all out in 20 overs (Negi 32, Jadhav 31, Choudhary 15 not out; Tye 3-12)  
**GUJARAT:** 135 for 3 in 13.5 overs (Finch 72, Raina 34 not out, Kishan 16; Badree 2-29)  
**Result:** Gujarat won by 7 wickets.  
**Player-of-the-match:** AJ Tye

## BKSP, Dhaka into semis

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protishan (BKSP) and Dhaka moved into the semi-finals of the Walton U-18 National Football Championship after posting comfortable wins at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

BKSP thrashed Rajshahi 5-2 to emerge Group A champions with seven points.

In the day's other match, Dhaka handed a 2-0 defeat to Rangpur to finish second in the same group with Saiful Shariar scoring both goals.

## BD Navy trounce Gazipur 31-0

SPORTS REPORTER

The level of competition in the ATN Bangla Gold Cup National Hockey Championship was expectedly low as Bangladesh Navy, studded with national players, posted what may be the biggest victory in domestic hockey after handing Gazipur a 31-0 defeat on the opening day at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Bangladesh Navy toyed with Gazipur to strike 31 goals in the 70-minute game as four national players -- Mamunur Rahman Chayan, Rimon Kumar and Din Islam, Krishna Kumar -- slotted hat-tricks while national players Ashraf Islam, Rasel Mahmud Jimmy, Imran Hasan Pintu and Moinul Islam Koushik struck three goals each in the one-sided affair.

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- The organization must have own manufacturing factory of steel building.
- Proper documents must be submitted in support of Qualification criteria as mentioned above.

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