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 Bayern Munich v Freiburg
 Live from 7:30pm
TEN 1
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TEN 2
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 Deportivo v Las Palmas
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TEN 3
La Liga
 Sporting Gijon v Real Betis
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DHAKA PREMIER LEAGUE
 Time: 9:00am

Legends of Rupganj v Partex SC
 Venue: KSOAS

Abahani v Prime Doleshwar
 Venue: BKSP-3

Victoria SC v Brothers Union
 Venue: BKSP-4

BUNDESLIGA TO GET FEMALE REF

The German Football Association (DFB) have confirmed Bibiana Steinhaus will become the country's first-ever female referee. The 38-year-old, who also works as a police officer, and is dating Howard Webb, has been predominantly officiating lower league games. And now, Steinhaus has made history with her promotion to the German top flight. Speaking to the DFB's official website, Steinhaus said: "[Referees chief] Lutz Michael Frohlich and his team are in constant exchange with us referees. That's why I was not particularly surprised when he called me on Wednesday. When he informed me in our telephone call about the decision of the referee's commission, I was quite speechless." Asked about her emotions upon receiving the news, Steinhaus replied: "Disbelief, joy, happiness, relief, curiosity, I do not know. It was simply a turbulent roller coaster ride of emotions."



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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:

Pep not keen on diving clampdown

Pep Guardiola has questioned the need to ban players for diving, suggesting instead that it would be better to concentrate on giving Premier League referees help by using more video technology.



Conte plans fitting farewell for Terry

Antonio Conte is planning a fitting farewell for John Terry as the Chelsea legend prepares for his Stamford Bridge send-off against Sunderland.



United kids need more time admits Mourinho

Jose Mourinho admits Manchester United's youngsters are not ready for their sudden introduction to the Premier League against Crystal Palace.



Klopp primed to spend to bolster Liverpool

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said the club has spoken to potential signings and he is determined to bring in "a few" new faces in the summer.



Dortmund to hold Tuel talks over future

Dortmund will hold showdown talks with coach Thomas Tuchel at the end of the season, amid reports that Nice manager Lucien Favre will take over.



Dominic Thiem ends Nadal run

Austria's Dominic Thiem dumped seven-time champion Rafael Nadal out of the Italian Open 6-4, 6-3 to reach the semi-finals.



Sheikh Jamal DC's foreign recruits, Raphael Odovin and Mamodou Bah, celebrate their victory over Sheikh Russel in their Walton Federation Cup encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Jamal pip Russel in shootout

SPORTS REPORTER



Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club set their Federation Cup's quarterfinal clash against Mohammedan SC after beating Sheikh Russel KC 4-1 in shootout in the last Group B encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The insipid match rolled into direct shootouts to decide the leader of Group B after both teams finished on top with equal four points following a goalless draw in regulation time. In line with the bylaws, a tie-breaker was held where Sheikh Jamal goalkeeper SM Samiul Islam turned hero by thwarting two shots, forcing Sheikh Russel to face Chittagong Abahani in last eight battle.

Coming into this match, both Sheikh Jamal and Sheikh Russel had ensured their quarterfinal berths by inflicting identical 3-0 defeats on Farashganj SC, but the match was crucial for both sides for choosing the opponents in quarterfinals. However, neither of the impressed performance in the scorching heat in front of a few hundred spectators.

On paper, Sheikh Russel were the stronger side, but they struggled against a side who hardly have any star players. On the contrary, it was rather Sheikh Jamal who created more chances as Gambian Mamodou Bah caused havoc down the left flank to provide a fine cutback to Sohail Mia, who however frustrated by floating a shot over the crosspiece from inside the danger zone before repeating the same thing during the second half.

Mamodou himself was presented with a nice cross by substitute Nigerian winger Raphael Odovin but the tall Gambian winger failed to find the back of the net as his goal-bound diving header was cleared off the line by defender Rashedul Alam Moni.

Sheikh Russel, meanwhile, mustered only two shots on target, one of which was brilliantly blocked by Samiul while the other from Dawda Cisse was intercepted by his own teammate Fazle Rabbi.

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Spain pick red-hot Asensio

AFP, Madrid



Real Madrid's Marco Asensio capped a magnificent few months with a recall to the Spain squad on Friday for a friendly with Colombia and World Cup qualifier at Macedonia next month.

Young Athletic Bilbao goalkeeper Kepa also gets the nod, but otherwise coach Julen Lopetegui kept faith with the squad that tops Group G on goal difference from Italy in the race for Russia 2018.

Striker Asensio 21, who has two caps for Spain, has emerged as a key player as Real surged into the Champions League final and to the verge of the La Liga title.

He is also named in the under-21 squad for the Euros in Poland between June 16-30. The 22-year-old Kepa was also called up in March because of injury to Pepe Reina but is yet to feature for his country.

Spain host Colombia in a friendly on June 7 in Murcia, although the likes of Asensio and other Real players are unlikely to feature because the Champions League final is on June 3.

Spain travel to Macedonia on June 11 in a game they will be expected to win.

Qualification looks set to come down to a September 2 showdown against Italy in Madrid.

'Special Kane staying'

AFP, Leicester



Mauricio Pochettino insists there is no chance Harry Kane will be allowed to leave Tottenham after his "special" striker's four-goal blitz in the 6-1 rout of Leicester.

Kane is odds on to finish as the Premier League's top scorer for the second successive season thanks to his lethal display at the King Power Stadium on Thursday.

The England international now has 26 goals, putting him two ahead of Everton's Romelu Lukaku with one game remaining in the race for the golden boot.

It was the kind of predatory performance that Pochettino believes further enhances Kane's reputation as one of the world's best finishers.

Inevitably, Europe's top clubs will be considering mega-money bids for Kane in the close season, but Pochettino has no intention of selling his prize asset at any cost.

"It is very clear we will keep the players we want to keep," Pochettino said.

"We are so calm about our key players. They are happy here, we have an exciting project."

Kane's fifth Premier League hat-trick in just over two years took him to 32 goals in all competitions this season, four more than he managed last term and one more than the 31 he bagged in the 2014-15 season.

The 23-year-old would surely have scored more than 40 if he hadn't missed two chunks of this season with ankle injuries, and Pochettino spoke glowing about Kane's appetite for success.

"We feel so proud of Harry, to score four goals was fantastic," Pochettino said.

"He was injured twice this season but he is so fresh now and he is trying to score a lot of goals to finish at the top."

"Harry's a special player, he loves Tottenham. He means a lot for the team."

"I tell you always that he's one of the best strikers in the world. His performances show that we are right."

Kane can wrap up the golden boot by getting on the scoresheet again in Tottenham's final game at Hull on Sunday and he is already hungry for more after his first professional four-goal haul.

"There has been a bit of build-up on the race for the golden boot and I wanted at least one or two to put the pressure on but to get four is amazing," Kane said.

"I'm now sitting at the top, but we go in with the same mentality, to make sure we win first and foremost and then score as many as I can."

Second placed Tottenham's total of 83 points is a tally that would have been enough to win the title on eight previous occasions.

But unfortunately for the north Londoners, who have won 11 of their last 12 league games, champions Chelsea have been even more consistent.

After collapsing in the final furlong last season, Tottenham have largely handled the pressures of the title race better this time.

And Pochettino hopes the experience will stand them in good stead next term, when they have to play their home games at Wembley while White Hart Lane is rebuilt.

"We were talking about last season when we finished so bad. We spoke a lot about changing that feeling and finishing in the best way," he said.

Neymar to miss Argentina clash

REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

Neymar and several other top Brazilian players have been left out of the national squad for friendlies next month against Argentina and Australia, coach Tite said yesterday, giving them a long summer break for the first time since 2013.

The Barcelona striker has played a major tournament every summer since the World Cup in 2014 and he, along with Liverpool's Roberto Firmino, who is suffering from a muscle strain, were left out of Tite's reformed squad.

Regulars Marquinhos, Miranda, Marcelo and Dani Alves were also spared the trip Down Under.

In their place, Monaco centre back Jemerson and Corinthians midfielder Rodrigo were called up for the first time. Shakhtar striker Taison, who has played just six minutes of international football, was another surprise inclusion.

Tarafder to fund DFAs

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Tarafder Ruhul Amin, the managing director of Saif Powertec Ltd and director of Chittagong Abahani, yesterday announced he would provide financial assistance to District Football Associations (DFA) to revive district football as per the promise he made during last year's Bangladesh Football Federation elections.

Under the banner of Saif Powertec, Tarafder recently signed a three-year deal with Dhaka Metropolis Football League Committee to sponsor the First, Second and Third Division Football Leagues in Dhaka after having signed a five-year deal to sponsor the Bangladesh Premier League last year.

"I was the chief coordinator of Kazi Mohammad Salahuddin-led panel during the BFF polls and at that time I sat with the members of district football association and made a personal promise to give the associations Tk 2 lakh each year," Tarafder told reporters at his office yesterday.

"I have already disbursed some of the money among different districts last year. But it can't be monitored properly, which is why the DFAs have invited me to sit with them tomorrow [Saturday] and take a final decision," Tarafder said, adding that he believes football cannot be developed until they go to grassroots level.

When asked why he would take such an initiative when he is not even in any sub-committee of BFF, Tarafder said, "It is possible to work for football even when you are not in a committee. I want to keep my promise and I think the other organisations and individuals will come forward to do the same thing."

Shooters fail in Munich

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Bangladeshi shooters put up dismal performances on the opening day of the ISSF World Cup in both the men's and women's 10m air rifle events in Munich, Germany yesterday.

Though Bangladesh's shooters produced good results in the same event of the Islamic Solidarity Games last week, they failed to carry that momentum as Solidarity Games' silver medallist Rabbi Hasan Munna and the country's top shooter Abdullahel Baki failed to turn up following late departures from Bangladesh.

In the absence of the duo, Risalatul Islam (623.5), Arnab Sarkar (620.4) and Robiul Islam (617) took part in 10m air rifle event and finished 50th, 71st and 87th respectively among 127 participants while veteran Suraiya Akter finished 102nd among 122 participants with a score of 407.6 points.



Tottenham Hotspur striker Harry Kane jumps for joy after scoring his third goal against Leicester City during their Premier League encounter at the King Power Stadium on Thursday.

PHOTO: AFP