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Bangladesh Premier League
Venue: BNS
Rahmatganj Farashganj
Time: 5:00pm

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Six-month suspension for Jilani

SPORTS REPORTER

Syed Gulam Jilani, a SAFF U-17 Championship winning coach, has been suspended from all football activities for six months by the Bangladesh Football Federation for a breach of the code of conduct.

The BFF-appointed coach had made comments on the alleged fixed match of the Senior Division Football League between Dhaka United Sports Club and Friends Social Welfare Organisation in June.

The decision was taken at the executive committee meeting of the Dhaka Metropolis Football League Committee (DMFLC) recommended action against the coach after the enquiry committee found that he had spoken in favour of Friends Social Welfare Organisation, where he is also a football secretary.

The AFC-A licensed coach, will however rejoin the BFF coaches' panel after serving the punishment, which will end in November.

The BFF meeting also decided that one club from the Bangladesh Premier League will be relegated this season while two teams from Bangladesh Championship League will be promoted to the top flight.

The meeting also informed that only three clubs – Abahani, Mohammadi SC and Saif SC – could meet the condition of AFC Club Licensing and they are now only eligible clubs to take part in competitions organised by the Asian Football Confederation.

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:

Germany rout Norway, but wait for Russia birth

Tim Werner netted twice as Germany routed Norway 6-0 in a World Cup qualifier, but Joachim Loew's team must wait until next month to confirm their Russia 2018 place.

**England's Alli says off-
sive gesture was 'joke'**

England's Dele Alli said he was having a "joke" with team-mate Kyle Walker after he was caught on camera raising his middle finger during their 2-1 win over Slovakia.

**Simeone to complete
unfinished business at
Athletico**

Diego Simeone's love affair with Atletico Madrid is set to continue for another three years after the Argentine renewed his contract till 2020.

**Mentor Cruyff's flame still
burns bright: Jonk**

The late Johan Cruyff's philosophy is still relevant despite the emphasis placed on club owners, former Netherlands international Wim Jonk says.

**Brazil police launch raids
in Rio Olympics vote
buying scheme**

Brazilian police searched the house of the country's Olympic chief on allegations that the IOC was bribed to pick Rio de Janeiro as host of last year's Olympics.

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Roger Federer has a chance to avenge his 2009 final defeat after setting up a US Open quarterfinal clash against Juan Martin Del Potro scheduled for tonight.

Federer's shot at vengeance To face Del Potro in quarterfinal on Wednesday

AFP, New York

US OPEN
Eight years after losing to Juan Martin del Potro in the US Open final, Roger Federer locks horns again with the giant Argentine in New York still convinced he should have won the match which ended his five-year reign as champion.

Del Potro was just 20 years old when he beat the Swiss legend 3-6, 7-6 (7/3), 4-6, 7-6 (7/4), 6-2 and Federer believes that he was the dominant force in that 2009 showdown.

"The only time when he was really better, in my opinion, was the fifth set. Otherwise, he was a good player and beat me that day," said Federer on Monday after seeing off Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-4, 6-2, 7-5 to set up Wednesday's quarterfinal with Del Potro.

"I felt like I left that match with a lot of regrets. Probably feels like one of those matches I would like to play again.

"I feel like I would probably win it somehow because I should have been

up maybe two sets to love."

Federer leads Del Potro 16-5 in their head-to-head record although his win in Miami this year represented the first time the pair had met in four years.

Despite his disappointment at losing the 2009 championship match, Federer admits that having also defeated Rafael Nadal in the semi-finals, Del Potro was overall a worthy winner.

Federer had already won the French Open, to complete the career Grand Slam in 2009, before going onto win a sixth Wimbledon. He also became a father for the first time.

"Making the finals here was actually a good run. But it ended my five-year reign in New York," he said.

Federer believes that had Del Potro remained fit he could have become world number one after that breakthrough.

For Del Potro, beating Federer should have meant he had the world at his feet.

Sadly, it was his wrists which proved the problem as he went on to undergo four surgeries.

"I feel tired, but we cannot do magic," he said.

After his 2009 triumph, he was to miss a total of 10 Grand Slam tournaments. At one stage last year, his world ranking, once as high as four in the world, slumped to 1,045 and he even considered retiring.

Federer was happy to see the likeable Del Potro back on tour and the feeling is mutual.

"I admire him, too. Everybody loves him," said Del Potro.

"It's going to be an interesting match to play. It will be the first time after eight years again in the central court of this tournament.

"I know how to play if I want to win, but always is a pleasure to play the greatest guy in history."

Now the 28-year-old hopes to recover in time for the clash having won the men's title at the US Open.

He even admitted he had come close to quitting the match as a fever had left him with breathing difficulties.

"I feel tired, but we cannot do magic," he said.



Jamaican sprint king Usain Bolt enjoyed his time in Kyoto and even enticed a couple of Japanese geishas into striking his trademark pose at a charity event yesterday.

Mbappe worst value transfer

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE

Kylian Mbappe's move from PSG has been called the worst value deal of the transfer window, while Mohamed Salah's switch to Liverpool was rated the best.

The CIES Football Observatory released analysis on the deals done in the last window, which found that PSG got the worst value of transfers in Europe's top-five leagues in landing Mbappe from Monaco in an initial loan that they will make permanent for €180 million.

Their algorithm, which "scientifically estimates fair transfer values" rated the 19-year-old Frenchman to be worth €92.6m.

However, despite being valued at €69.4m, Salah's €50m switch to Anfield was rated as the biggest bargain.

'My records will stand for 20 years'

AFP, Kyoto

Usain Bolt is feeling no pressure in retirement, confident his best times can remain world records for decades.

The only sprinter to capture the 100 and 200 meter track titles at three consecutive Olympics, Bolt retired last month after the world championships in London.

He holds the world record of 9.58 seconds in the 100 and 19.19 in the 200 – both set in Berlin in 2009.

"I think [the records are] going to

last a while," Bolt said during a promotional event in Japan on Tuesday. "I think our era with Yohan Blake, Justin Gatlin and Asafa Powell and all these guys was the best era of athletes. If it was going to be broken, it would have been broken in this era, so I think I have at least 15 to 20 more years."

Bolt's farewell major meet didn't go to plan in London. After a surprising third-place finish in the 100 behind Americans Gatlin and Christian Coleman, Bolt's last race ended in the anguish of an injured hamstring while anchoring Jamaica's 4x100-meter relay team.

"I think [the records are] going to

Gatlin, often cast as the villain during Bolt's long dominance, said he thinks his rival will be back. But Bolt brushed off that notion.

"I have nothing to prove, that's the main reason I left track and field. After you do everything you want there is no reason to stick around," Bolt said.

As for the future, Bolt says he is interested in playing soccer and possibly settling down and getting married.

"Something I've always wanted to do is play football," said Bolt, a die-hard Manchester United supporter.

"My team is working on that but we haven't confirmed anything yet!"

PELE CONGRATULATES & CHALLENGES RONALDO

Pele says he was happy to see Cristiano Ronaldo overtake his mark for international goals last week, but claims the Real Madrid forward has a long way to go before he can be in his illustrious company. Ronaldo hit a hat-trick for Portugal in a 5-1 win over the Faroe Islands in World Cup qualifying on Thursday night to take his international tally to 78 and overtake Pele. However Pele's 77 goals came in just 92 appearances, while the Brazilian also won three World Cups for his country in 1958, 1962 and 1970. And Ronaldo, who helped his nation bring home the Euro 2016 trophy last year, now has 78 strikes in 145 games for Portugal. In reference to his total career goals record, the three-time World Cup winner added: "Now he has to score more than 1,283 goals!"



BPL resumes after Eid break Sk Jamal take on Brothers

SPORTS REPORTER

Shiekh Power Battery Bangladesh Premier League

The Saif Power Battery Bangladesh Premier League resumes today after a six-day break for Eid-ul-Adha, with Sheikh Jamal DC looking to catch up on league leaders with an outright win over Brothers Union in their seventh match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Sheikh Jamal have 16 points from six outings, three behind leaders Chittagong Abahani who have already played seven matches.

The Dharmozi giants are expected to test the Gopibogha outfit, who are in 10th position with only five points. Though Brothers were demolished 0-5 at the hands of newcomers Saif DC in the previous match, they will try to bounce back with a credible performance.

Sheikh Jamal have the upper hand when it comes to their forwards, with Momodou Ball and Solomon King Kanform finding the target 10 times each. Both forwards scored in their previous match against Muktibazar Samandil.

The day's second match is an Old Dhaka derby as Rahmatganj MFS will take on Farashganj SC.

On paper and performance, Rahmatganj are well ahead of Farashganj and they are on fifth position with eight points while Farashganj lie at the bottom with three points from six matches.

The match is expected to be a mouth-watering affair due to the long-standing rivalry between the two sides.

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