



Swiss maestro Roger Federer of Team Europe kisses the Laver Cup trophy after defeating Team World's Nick Kyrgios in Prague on Sunday.

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Kool-BSJA media football underway

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The Daily Star made a winning start in the Kool-BSJA Media Cup football tournament with a 2-1 win over Daily Jugantor at the Bangladesh Football Federation astro-turf yesterday.

Mahmudul Hasan and Rafiul Islam scored one goal apiece for The Daily Star in this opening game of the six-a-side football carnival where some 24 reputed media houses are taking part.

In the other matches, Jagonews beat Somoy TV 2-0, Dhaka Tribune beat Bangladesh Protidin 7-0, Boishakhi TV beat Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha 5-0, Banglavision beat Naya Diganta 1-0, Janakantha played out 1-1 draw against Amader Somoy while the match between Shamakal and Sangbad ended in a 2-2 draw.

BFF's senior vice-president Abdus Salam Murshedy inaugurated the tournament as chief guest while sponsor Square Toiletries' senior marketing manager Jesmin Zaman, BFF general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag, BSJA president Syed Saidur Rahman Shamim and general secretary Junate Hossain were among others present.

Federer leads Europe to maiden title

AFP, Prague



World number two Roger Federer handed Team Europe the maiden Laver Cup title after beating Team World's Nick Kyrgios in a super tie-break thriller in Prague on Sunday.

Federer, this year's Australian Open and Wimbledon champion, won 4-6, 7-6 (8/6), 11/9 to give Team Europe an unbeatable 15-9 lead.

But the 36-year-old Swiss legend struggled against the 20th-ranked, 22-year-old Australian and his flawless serve, losing the first set on a single break.

When he finally broke Kyrgios halfway through set two, he yelled "Come on!" in relief, only to lose his serve again in the next game.

But Federer capitalised on the system of the tournament he had founded -- forcing Kyrgios into longer exchanges, he edged him in the second-set tie-break, then came back from 8-5 down in the decisive super tie-break.

"I kind of felt good going into the

breaker," Federer said.

"It was a nail-biter at the end but for me personally it was a dream scenario."

"It was an incredible journey really, it was way better than I ever thought it would be," he added about the tournament.

"It felt like winning some of the biggest matches in my life. It was like a fairy tale."

Kyrgios said the loss "just hurt."

"I gave everything I had and I came short."

The start of the clash saw the controversial Kyrgios briefly kneel on the court in a gesture which sparked speculation that he was joining the ongoing protest against US President Donald Trump.

But Kyrgios explained this was his trademark gesture to "remember the two most important people that have passed away" -- a reference to his late grandmother and grandfather.

A host of NFL players chose to kneel in games across the US on Sunday during the playing of American national anthem in a demonstration against racial inequality.

JUVENTUS FINED, AGNELLI SUSPENDED

Italy's soccer federation (FIGC) has fined Juventus, its most successful team, over an alleged scheme of giving tickets to hardcore fans to buy peace in the club's terraces. FIGC had fined the club 300,000 euros and given further fines and temporary bans to four of its executives including president Andrea Agnelli, it said in a statement yesterday. Juventus said it would appeal against the ruling. It denied wrongdoing and said it had always worked with police to ensure public safety and order. Investigators had been looking into whether the club gave tickets to fans known as ultras to avoid violence or racial abuse in the stands that might bring fines or docked points. Such a large number of tickets had been given out over such a long period of time that rules on contributing to fan clubs would have been violated, the FIGC court said. Agnelli, who is also the head of the European Club Association (ECA), is now suspended from his role at Juventus for a year and will have to pay a 20,000-euro penalty.

—REUTERS



U-18s lose against Nepal

Title race thrown wide open; All to play for tomorrow

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Bangladesh's hopes of a maiden SAFF U-18 Championship title received a heavy jolt after they lost 1-2 against defending champions Nepal in their third match at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan yesterday.

In a feisty encounter, Bangladesh conceded the lead early, but hit back through Mohammad Al-Amin on the half-hour mark. But two yellow cards to defender Bishwanath Ghosh soon after the restart saw the men in red and green chase their opponents for the remainder of the match. And when goalkeeper Mahfuz Hossain Pritom conceded a calamitous goal late in the match, there was no coming back for Mahbub Hossain Roxy's charges.

The defeat means Bangladesh slipped from the top of the five-team table on goal difference as four teams -- India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan -- have six points each from three outings.

A win, on the other hand, would have put Bangladesh on pole position, needing a draw against Bhutan to confirm the title. Now four teams are left with a chance of winning the title. If Bangladesh manage to beat Bhutan in the first match tomorrow and India doesn't lose against Nepal in the last match, Bangladesh will be champions, courtesy of their win against India.

Following two commanding performances against India and Maldives, Bangladesh needed an outright win over Nepal to strengthen their claim on the regional trophy, but the boys in red and green failed to replicate that performance against Nepal, who had beat Bangladesh 2-1 in the group stages of the 2015 edition of the championship.

Bangladesh got off to a good start and Mahbubur Rahman came close to breaking the deadlock in the 14th minute when his angular shot to the far post from the right flank narrowly missed the target with the Nepalese goalkeeper completely beaten.

Mahbubur then saw his close-range shot blocked by the goalkeeper in the 19th minute before Nepal took the

lead in the 22nd minute when Abhishek Rajal headed in a well judged cross from Rajin Subba.

However, Bangladesh hit back soon to equalise the margin in the 30th minute when midfielder Al Amin headed home a rebound after Sohanur Rahman rattled the crossbar from a free-kick.

Bangladesh suffered a big blow when defender Bishwanath Ghosh picked up his second booking in a span of three minutes, leaving Bangladesh with 10 men for the rest of the match.

Bangladesh looked desperate for the win, but more disaster struck when goalkeeper Pritom failed to judge a long-free-kick from Roman Limbu as the defending champions regained the lead. The Bangladesh goalkeeper was out of position as Limbu's dipping attempt from 45 yards sailed over his head and into the net.

Both teams continued their attacking forays till the end, but the scoreline remained 2-1 in favour of Nepal as the title race was blown wide open.

An opportunity lost

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Bangladesh missed a great opportunity to qualify for the final round of the AFC U-16 Championship despite finishing second in Group E following a historic 2-0 win over Qatar on Sunday night.

Ten group winners and five best runners-up teams will qualify for the 16-team finals to be held in Malaysia next year. Winners of nine groups have already been decided with Group H qualifiers yet to start. Among the nine group runners-up teams, India are on top with four points while seven other teams including Bangladesh have three points each. However, Bangladesh trail the other teams on goal difference, thereby missing out on qualification.

Bangladesh fought equally against eventual group champions Yemen in their first match and created more scoring chances but conceded one goal from a counter-attack and the other from a spot-kick.

"We could have qualified for the finals had we scored some more goals in two matches. We have just missed a good opportunity to play the final round of AFC U-16 Championship which would have been a great achievement for the players," said coach Anwar Parvez after returning from

Qatar yesterday afternoon.

"We could have beaten Yemen had we not squandered some good opportunities. But we fought against them equally and at times we were ahead of them and created more chances. But we could not capitalise on those chances. We were also unlucky because the penalty awarded against us was not fair while we conceded the second goal in a counter-attack," said Parvez, who however believes playing against the Middle Eastern sides was a big experience for his team who generally play competitive matches against the South Asian nations.

It is mentionable that Bangladesh posted their first win in the AFC U-16 Championship Qualifiers in 10 years since their 9-1 victory against Palestine in October 2007. Since then, Bangladesh endured a winless streak of 14 matches before the start of these qualifiers.

"It is a big win for Bangladesh football as we beat Qatar at any level for the first time. I think it was possible due to having some talented players in the squad. If we can produce such talented players regularly and keep them involved in domestic and international meets regularly, they can become members of senior national team in future," said the former national footballer.

CR7 set for milestone

AFP, Berlin



Borussia Dortmund will aim to maintain their unbeaten record at home to Real Madrid in the Champions League on Tuesday and spoil Cristiano Ronaldo's 150th European appearance.

Dortmund and title holders Real meet in the group stage for the second year running.

The teams drew both games 2-2 last season as the Germans topped the section before bowing out in the last eight while Real went on to win a record 12th title.

Dortmund have won three and drawn three of their meetings at Signal Iduna Park, including their dazzling 4-1 first-leg win in the 2013 Champions League semifinal when Robert Lewandowski scored all four goals.

Defending champions Real opened their group campaign with a 3-0 win at home to APOEL while Dortmund suffered a 3-1 defeat at Tottenham Hotspur a fortnight ago.

The Germans' main task will be containing four-time Ballon d'Or winner Ronaldo, who has scored 110 goals in European competition but failed to find the net in his last two outings.

The Portuguese superstar is among the final three nominees for the Best FIFA Men's Player 2017 award and the winner will be announced on October 23.

Dortmund flexed their muscles ahead of the heavy-weight showdown with a 6-1 home drubbing of Borussia Muenchengladbach in the German league on Saturday as Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang netted a hat-trick.

The Gabon striker has now scored eight goals in six league games.

He has forged a partnership -- dubbed 'Philameyang' by the German media -- with left-winger Maximilian Philipp, who has scored four goals in his last three games.

"Things couldn't have gone better," beamed Dortmund's World Cup winner Mario Goetze, who is back in form after a metabolic disorder, following the Gladbach win.

"However, we know that it will be a mammoth task against Real on Tuesday."

FIXTURES

Tuesday

(all 1845 GMT unless stated)

Spartak Moscow v Liverpool, Sevilla v Maribor, Man City v Shakhtar Donetsk, Napoli v Feyenoord, Besiktas v RB Leipzig, Monaco v Porto, APOEL Nicosia v Tottenham, Borussia Dortmund v Real Madrid



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