

**MASSARA & GTV**  
South Africa v Bangladesh  
First Test, Day 2  
Live from 2:00 pm  
**SONY SIX**  
Pakistan v Sri Lanka  
First Test, Day 2  
Live from 12:00pm

**STAR SPORTS SELECT 2**  
England v West Indies  
Fifth ODI  
Live from 5:30pm

Venue: SKS, Rajshahi  
Dhaka Metro/Rajshahi  
Venue: SANS, Khulna

Sylhet/Chittagong  
Venue: SSCS, Bogra

NCL Round 3  
Four-Day Match, Day 1  
Time: 9:30am

Khulna/Dhaka  
Venue: ZACS, Chittagong  
Barisal/Rangpur

**'CAN'T FORGIVE LINEKER'S SNUB'**

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola met with England legend Gary Lineker for a BBC interview, and made it clear that he could not forgive the latter for an incident during Pep's childhood at Barcelona. The City boss reminded the England hero how he had upset him as a youngster when Lineker - then a star at the Nou Camp while Guardiola was rising through the ranks and acting as a ball boy on match days - refused to give his shirt to Guardiola. "In your period [at the Nou Camp] I was a ball boy," began Guardiola. "I always asked you for the shirt after the game and you never gave me. Never! I cannot forgive you for that." But Lineker had a ready excuse to the joking jibe: "They never allowed us to give away our shirts in those days. Now they have many shirts but then you had to keep the same shirt all season." —AGENCIES



**'A good sign for Bangladesh football'**



Coach Mahabub Hossain Roxy yesterday took his downtrodden charges around Bhutan to revitalise their spirits after they watched Nepal defeat India and condemn them to a second place finish in the SAFF U-18 Championship. (R) The tournament's top-scorer, Bangladesh striker Jafar Iqbal, poses with his trophy at the team hotel.

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Having completed their job by handing hosts Bhutan a 2-0 defeat, the boys in red and green sat in the gallery on Wednesday night and watched the final group match between India and Nepal in a relieved mood. They had one hand on the SAFF U-18 Championship trophy and all they required was a result to go in favour of the mighty India.

But they began squirming in their seats just three minutes into the game as Dinesh Hanjani gave Nepal the lead. And their heads dropped as the match progressed with India failing to register a performance that they had put up previously against Bangladesh, Maldives and Bhutan.

The Bangladesh U-18s all but gave up their hopes of being crowned for the first time after Hanjan doubled the margin in the 37th minute and Nepal kept the 2-0

margin intact till the final whistle to retain the title by virtue of a better head-to-head record against Bangladesh, forcing the latter to be content with a second-place finish despite both teams having nine points.

"The boys were cheerful after beating Bhutan, but they felt disappointed after Nepal beat India, who yesterday [Wednesday] did not look as serious as they did against other opponents. We could not understand why India could not perform, but Nepal also played a good match keeping in mind that they had a chance to win the title," said coach Mahabub Hossain Roxy over phone yesterday.

"However, the boys realised that the only their own merit could deliver the title rather than depending on the outcome of other sides," said Roxy. "They also realised that the defeat against Nepal was non-repairable damage."

Roxy's charges had to be content with the runners-up medals, but they regretted the lack of a trophy for the runners-up,

which could have served as a memory for the boys.

Apparently the boys had no celebrations upon returning to their hotel despite becoming runners-up, which is no mean feat considering the current state of the country's football.

However, they had a brief celebration to mark unheralded striker Jafar Iqbal's birthday, who came from the bench in the second half to strike a brace against Bhutan and finish on top of the scorer's chart with five goals from four matches.

"After dinner, Jafar's birthday celebration began by cutting a cake and the boys stayed there for while and listened to songs before going back to bed because they were upset at not lifting the championship despite playing good football throughout the tournament," said the former footballer.

However, Jafar was unhappy in spite of claiming the golden boot.

"I would have been happier had we been the championship; that would have been

the best birthday gift for me," said Jafar, adding that although they thought India would deliver their best against Nepal, their neighbours did not seem to give their full effort.

Becoming runners-up is also a big achievement for coach Roxy, who had no clear idea about the strength of his side before departing for Thimphu to take part in the five-team tournament. The former national midfielder is now in an upbeat mood and hoping to produce a good result in the upcoming AFC U-19 Championship Qualifiers in Tajikistan.

"Bangladesh had produced good results in age-level tournaments when we played football. But we have not been getting results for a long time at the age-level. However, it seems the country has again started to get results at age-level tournaments as evidenced by the Bangladesh U-16 women's team, U-15 boy's team and U-18's results at international level and it is a good sign for Bangladesh football," concluded Roxy.

**STOKES suspended**

Ben Stokes will not be considered for England international matches "until further notice" after a video emerged apparently showing him fighting outside a nightclub, the England and Wales Cricket Board said Thursday.

Test vice-captain Stokes was included in England's Ashes squad announced Wednesday, despite injuring his hand in the incident that led to his arrest on suspicion of causing actual bodily harm. The 26-year-old Durham all-rounder was released without charge on Monday but remains under investigation.

The Sun newspaper published the footage from outside a nightclub in the southwest city of Bristol late on Wednesday.

Opening batsman Alex Hales, who was with Stokes at the scene on Sunday after playing alongside him during England's win over West Indies in the third one-day international in Bristol, has also been suspended from international selection.

"Ben Stokes and Alex Hales will not be considered for selection for England international matches until further notice," said an ECB statement. "Each remains on full pay pending former ECB investigation and the ongoing police investigation into an incident in Bristol in the early hours of Monday 25 September.

"Andrew Strauss, director of England cricket, will today refer the internal disciplinary procedure for these two players to the Cricket Discipline Commission, chaired by Tim O'Gorman."



The statement added: "These decisions, fully supported by ECB chairman Colin Graves, were made following the release of footage viewed by ECB for the first time on Wednesday night."

Neither Hales, who returned voluntarily to Bristol on Tuesday to give further evidence to police about the incident, nor Stokes were selected for Wednesday's six-run over West Indies in the fourth one-day international at The Oval in London that gave England an unbeatable 3-0 series lead.

Stokes's hand injury may well have meant he was physically unfit for selection in any case.

England begin their Ashes defence with the first Test against Australia commencing on November 23, although they do have three warm-up four games prior to that fixture.

**Bayern sack Ancelotti after PSG mauling**

Bayern Munich has sacked coach Carlo Ancelotti in the wake of their Champions League defeat at the hands of Paris Saint-Germain, the club announced on Thursday.

"Following an internal analysis in Munich on Thursday 28 September 2017... the club is to part company with head coach Carlo Ancelotti with immediate effect," Bayern said in a statement.

Former player Willy Sagnol, the ex-France international who had been serving as an assistant to Ancelotti, has been named interim coach.

Pressure had already been building on Ancelotti with Bayern enduring an inconsistent start to the season before losing 3-0 to PSG in the French capital on Wednesday.

After that game the Italian was questioned by German media about his tactics

and team selection, following his decision to leave Franck Ribery, Arjen Robben and Mats Humels on the bench at kick-off.

"The performance of our team since the start of the season did not meet the expectations we put to them," said Bayern chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

"The game in Paris clearly showed that we had to draw consequences. (Sporting director) Hasan Salihimichid and I had an open and serious discussion with Carlo today and informed him of our decision.

"Carlo is my friend and will remain so, but we had to make a professional decision in the interests of FC Bayern. I now expect the team to have a positive development and top performance, so we can reach our goals for this season."

Bayern are currently third in the Bundesliga table after six games, three points behind leaders Borussia Dortmund, before visiting Hertha Berlin on Sunday.



**New prince at the Parc**

In Wednesday night's marquee Champions League encounter between Paris Saint-Germain and Bayern Munich, filled to the brim with bonafide superstars, it was one 18-year-old who shone brightest amongst Europe's elite in Les Parisiens' 3-0 win.

Kylian Mbappe - labelled overrated despite 26 goals for Monaco last season, including six in the Champions League, and overpriced after PSG inserted a 180-million-euro buyout deal after taking him on loan - proved that he was well on way to being worth every penny as he thumped the Bavarians, staking a claim to the throne at the Parc des Princes with an incredible display.

None of the other players - including Neymar, Edinson Cavani, Marco Verratti on his side or Robert Lewandowski, Thomas Mueller, James Rodriguez on the other - could compare to the Frenchman on the night as he used his electric pace and dazzling feet to leave Bayern reeling.

After Neymar had swept through Bayern's defence to set up Dani Alves for the first goal, it was almost the Mbappe show. With his Brazilian teammate running the show just behind of the forwards, Mbappe looked consistently dangerous as he found space and burst through.

It was one of those runs that led to PSG's second, as Mbappe ghosted into the box between Javi

Martinez and Niklas Sule, before turning on a dime and waiting that vital second before teeing-up Cavani, who curled his shot into the back of the net.

The third was even better. As Alves exploded through the pitch, Mbappe made his run from the right wing. However, where most youngsters would have let the occasion or excitement get to their heads, Mbappe showed the awareness of a seasoned veteran as he held his run just before falling offside.

Once the pass came, he put his lightning feet to work once again and left David Alaba - often named among the best full-backs in the game - for dead with the most well-disguised ball-roll in recent memory. Although the final ball then was lacking, the chaos he initiated in the box allowed Neymar to rush in and poke home from close range.

One of the people who noticed the youngster's immense maturity was teammate Neymar.

"Mbappe, I have the impression that he is already 30 years old," Neymar said. "He is so mature and so complete. He's a pain for the defenders and he's in the race for the Ballon d'Or."

Former England captain Rio Ferdinand was effusive in praise, saying "It's too much. It's illegal, really, what he's doing. It shouldn't be allowed."

Teammate Marco Verratti also waxed lyrical about his teammate, also pointing to his maturity and unselfish demeanor.

"I think Kylian deserves all of this [praise], because he's a very good boy, on and off the

field," Verratti said. "He works a lot. On the field, he only makes choices that are for the team, never just for him. He's a player with a future. His was a complete performance."

However, despite all the rave reviews he had garnered, the Frenchman did not lose his composure and buy into the hype, not even after he received a standing ovation in the French capital. Instead, he summed up the day with a statement impossible to disagree with.

"The story is only just beginning."

**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:

**Umar Akmal batted below par**  
Cricket Board (PCB) handed Umar Akmal a three-match ban and a fine of \$10,000 for an outburst against head coach Mickey Arthur last month.

**Chelsea steal late win**  
Michy Batshuayi struck a dramatic winner with the last kick of the game as Chelsea inflicted Atletico Madrid's first defeat at their new Wanda Metropolitan home.

**Decent start by Siddikur**

Bangladesh's premier golfer Siddikur Rahman made a decent start to the Mercedes Taiwan Masters, carding a one-under-par (71) in the first round yesterday.

The 32-year-old could have had a much better outing as he carded four birdies at the Taiwan Golf and Country Club, but three bogeys saw him joint-23rd in the US \$800,000 event.

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Paris Saint-Germain striker Kylian Mbappe (R) put on a dazzling display against Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Wednesday, setting up two goals and causing the Bavarians all sorts of problems in his side's 3-0 win at the Parc des Princes.

**Daily Star eliminated**

The Daily Star failed to keep their momentum in the Koo-BSIA Meta Cup football tournament as they were eliminated after suffering a 0-1 defeat to Channel 24 in the quarterfinal at the Bangladesh Football Federation astro-turf on Thursday.

Sadman Sakib separated the sides with his second half goal, flicking the ball into the net from a kick-in, to propel Channel 24 into the semifinals, where they will meet jagonews24.com, who beat Shakamali by 1-0.

Dhaka Tribune thrashed Janamatha 4-0 and will meet ETV who beat Jamuna TV3-1 on tiebreakers.

Both the semifinals and the final will take place on

**RESULTS**

<b>CSKA Moscow</b> (Russia) 9-0	<b>Man United</b> (Ireland) 2-7	<b>Maria 19.com</b> (Mikaranga) 5-7
<b>Basel</b> (Switzerland) 2-0	<b>Berfica</b> (Mozambique) 0-0	
<b>PSG</b> (France) 3-0	<b>Bayern Munich</b> (Germany) 0-3	
<b>Anderlecht</b> (Belgium) 0-3	<b>Celtic</b> (Ireland) 0-3	
<b>Qarabag</b> (Azerbaijan) 1-2	<b>Roma</b> (Italy) 0-2	
<b>Atletico Madrid</b> (Spain) 1-2	<b>Chanel 24</b> (Bangladesh) 0-1	
<b>Juventus</b> (Italy) 2-0	<b>Olympiakos</b> (Greece) 0-0	
<b>Sporting Lisbon</b> (Portugal) 0-1	<b>Barcelona</b> (Spain) 0-1	