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DAY'S EVENT

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Malaysia v China
Time: 3:00pm
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Venue: Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium

Bangladesh v Ireland A
Four-day Match, Day-2
Time: 9:30am
Venue: SIKS, Sylhet

KYRGIOS MAKES COSTLY WALK OFF

Australia's Nick Kyrgios has been fined \$10,000 and deducted his \$21,000 first-round losers' cheque following his decision to walk off after losing the first set against Steve Johnson in the Shanghai Masters on Tuesday. The tempestuous Kyrgios had just been beaten in a tiebreak against Johnson when he walked to the net, offered his hand to the American and stormed off court to the bemusement of his opponent and chair umpire Fergus Murphy. Kyrgios, 22, was booed off court by the crowd. The ATP said on Wednesday that Kyrgios had been punished for "unsportsmanlike conduct," saying he had failed to complete a medical visit to explain his actions. Kyrgios, ranked 21 in the world, said later on Twitter that he had been suffering with a stomach bug and a shoulder problem. "I've been battling a stomach bug for the past 24 hours and I tried to be ready but I was really struggling on the court today which I think was pretty evident from the first point," Kyrgios said. —RUTHERS



Simi saves the day for Ireland

SPORTS REPORTER

The bowlers stepped up for the Bangladesh A team as Ireland A were bundled out on 255 during the first day of an unofficial Test match where Ireland A's Simi Singh smashed his maiden first class hundred after an early struggle at the Sylhet International Cricket stadium. The home side safely negotiated and ended the day's play on 38 for 1, where the wicket of Zakir Hasan fell cheaply, and are trailing by 217 runs with Shamdan Islam (22) and skipper Nazmul Hossain (15) set to resume at the crease on the second day.

Earlier after electing to bat, Ireland were in a spot of bother as they struggled on 29 for 3. However, coming into bat at number five, right-hander Simi Singh single-handedly took charge of the situation and despite receiving no support from the other end, continued to score runs.

Eventually, number ten batsman Andy McBride added a valuable 48-run stand with Simi to help the visitors cross the two hundred run threshold. Later, after scoring 121 off 159 balls featuring 19 fours and four sixes, Simi was finally dismissed by off-spinner Mahedi Hasan. Meanwhile, McBride registered his second first-class fifty, scoring 57 runs off 62 balls with eight fours.

Italy, Swiss seeded

AFP, Paris

Four-time World Cup winners Italy and Switzerland, who won nine of their 10 qualifiers for Russia 2018, will be among the four seeded teams for the play-offs in November.

Croatia and Denmark will also be seeded for the October 17 draw, which takes place a day after the latest FIFA rankings are set to be released.

QUICK SINGLES

The following are a few snippets of stories that did not make the print edition. However, if you please your interest, you can always read them online on The Daily Star website by simply scanning the QR codes listed below.

Rock thrown at Australia team bus in India: Finch

A rock shattered a window on the Australian cricket team's bus as they returned to their hotel after the series-losing win over India in the second Twenty20 international, batsman Aaron Finch tweeted.

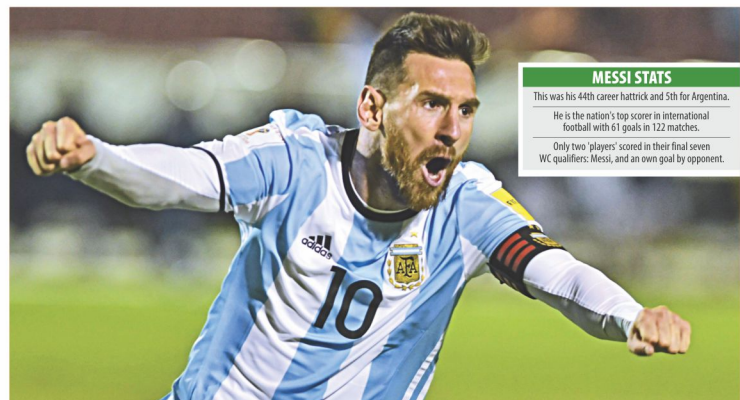
Pakistan barred from international football

Pakistan has been suspended from international football because of what global soccer body FIFA described as undue third-party interference in the country's football federation (PFF).

Unseeded out of WC after Trinidad defeat

The United States failed to qualify for the World Cup for the first time since 1986, crashing to a shock 2-1 defeat against already-eliminated Trinidad and Tobago.

Messi treble takes Argentina to WC



Argentina superstar Lionel Messi delivered when it mattered by scoring a hattrick against Ecuador in Quito yesterday to take his beloved country to the World Cup in Russia next year.

MESSI STATS

This was his 44th career hattrick and 5th for Argentina.

He is the nation's top scorer in international football with 61 goals in 122 matches.

Only two 'players' scored in their final seven WC qualifiers: Messi, and an own goal by opponent.



AFP, Buenos Aires

A nation exploded with relief on Tuesday as Lionel Messi single-handedly dragged his Argentina team into next year's World Cup finals with a spellbinding hat-trick in Quito.

"Messi is E.T. He's from another planet. He's not from this world," Marco Mouras, a 28-year-old Brazilian said in a crowded Buenos Aires bar as Argentines around him went wild, beer and pizza spilling onto the floor.

Messi gave the world a masterclass of what it would be missing if he didn't go to Russia 2018, a distinct possibility when Argentina went a goal down inside the first minute of a match they had to win.

A graveyard silence descended on bars, restaurants and homes when Ecuador's Romario Ibarra struck in the first minute of the game, casting a pall of gloom across Argentina as

he scored. It was proof for the doomsayers that this team was a lost cause. Argentians had suffered too much during a lacklustre qualification series and this was the last straw.

But Messi burst through the gloom to equalize and then soon scored again to give Argentina the lead.

"2-1 was not enough. We couldn't be calm," said Lautaro Gonzalez, 35, celebrating after being put through an emotional wringer by his national team.

Beside him a disbelieving Maximiliano Lacasa proclaimed himself a devotee of "Saint Messi. Thank God we have him."

Pride in the shirt was restored when Messi completed his hattrick in the second half. It was time for Argentines at home to believe again.

Pablo Ramos, 34, could hardly take it in. The team is still a misfir-

ing mess going to the World Cup, he said, "so it's all suffering."

Even music yielded to Messi when Irish rockers U2 delayed their concert by almost two hours to allow fans in the La Plata stadium near Buenos Aires time to watch the match on giant screens. When they finally came on stage, they kicked off a giant party.

With seemingly everyone crowded around every available TV set, the streets of Buenos Aires were so empty it seemed like a curfew.

People wore the Argentine shirt in the build-up, but not many. The Argentine public had grown tired of believing in vain.

A win seemed a little too fanciful to most, exasperated by a series of underwhelming performances by the national side.

Only a win would do in Quito, where Argentina hadn't won since 2001. The nation held its breath.

Nobody here, or anywhere else, wanted to contemplate the

unthinkable but very real prospect of Argentina losing.

That would mean next year's World Cup in Russia would go ahead without Messi, arguably the world's greatest player.

"It's complicated. I want the team to be at the World Cup in Russia, but only a miracle can save them. I'm going to pray for them," said Maria Cordoba, a 64-year-old optician.

Cometh the hour, cometh the man, and now Argentina will bask in the fact that the "Messiah" will lead them to the World Cup finals.

The main concerns of most Argentines is the economy and the loss of purchasing power, but the torments of the national team has relegated even that into the background.

The nation years for a return to the glory days of 1978 and 1986 when Argentina won the World Cup.

Over to you, Mr Messi.

AFP, Montevideo



Lionel Messi fired Argentina into the World Cup with a brilliant hattrick on Tuesday as South American champions Chile suffered a shock elimination.

Messi single-handedly resurrected Argentina's hopes in a 3-1 win over Ecuador in Quito that drew a line under a chaotic campaign that had left the two-time champions in danger of failing to qualify.

The Barcelona superstar scored twice inside the opening 20 minutes to give Argentina the lead after Ecuador had stunned the visitors with an opening goal after from Romario Ibarra after 38 seconds.

Messi then completed his hattrick — the 44th of his dazzling career — with a sublime chip in the second half to seal the victory.

The Argentinian superstar can now look forward to his fourth appearance at the World Cup at next year's finals in Russia, where he will attempt once more to lead his country to an elusive major title.

Since his country's defeat to Germany in the 2014 World Cup final, Messi has twice suffered agony at major tournaments with Argentina, losing the finals of both the 2015 Copa America and the 2016 Copa America Centenario.

Messi, who will turn 31 during next year's World Cup, now has one, perhaps final, chance to emulate his idol Diego Maradona by lifting the World Cup.

- Relieved Argentina manager Jorge Sampaoli —
- the third coach appointed during
- the qualifying campaign — could
- not avoid expressing his gratitude to Messi following Tuesday's win.
- "Messi doesn't owe a World Cup to Argentina — football owes a World Cup to Messi," Sampaoli said.
- "He's the best player in history. This is a team victory.
- They played a brilliant match."
- Messi later told reporters the prospect of not qualifying had weighed heavily on the squad.
- "I would have been crazy for Argentina, for all of us," he said.
- "Obviously there was heat but today we knew how to play."
- The striker said he expects Argentina to improve now the pressure of qualifying has lifted.
- "I think there is going to be a very big change. I think the team will grow much better now," he added.
- Argentina had staved the day outside the automatic qualifying positions, needing to secure their first win in Quito since 2001 to be certain of claiming at least a playoff place.
- It looked as if Argentina's worst fears were set to become a reality after Ibarra's opening goal in the first minute.
- But it was not long before Messi stamped his authority on the game, halting his team back into the contest with a composed opening goal.
- The equaliser came in the 12th minute when Messi darted forward and quickly released Angel Di Maria down the left.
- The Paris Saint-Germain attacker duly returned the favour as Messi ranged into the penalty area to poke home a low finish past Maximiliano Banguera.

CONMEBOL STANDINGS

| Team | M | W | D | L | GF/GA | PTS |
|----------|----|----|---|---|-------|-----|
| Brazil | 18 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 41/11 | 41 |
| Uruguay | 18 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 32/20 | 31 |
| Colombia | 18 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 19/16 | 28 |
| Peru | 18 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 21/19 | 27 |
| Chile | 18 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 26/27 | 26 |

*Tie-break by goal difference
*5th place play-off

Portugal, France qualify

Robben retires after Netherlands bow out

AFP, Paris



Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal and Antoine Griezmann's France booked spots at the 2018 World Cup finals on Tuesday while the Netherlands crashed out.

Portugal beat Switzerland 2-0 in Lisbon thanks to a Johan Djourou own goal and an Andre Silva strike.

France needed goals from Griezmann and Olivier Giroud in a hard-fought 2-1 win over Belarus at the Stade de France.

After a stuttering campaign, France's achievement in beating Bulgaria and Belarus in their final two qualifiers means they avoid the playoffs having had to go through that route for the last two finals.

"We have had a difficult route and tonight wasn't easy either but we've achieved our aim," coach Didier Deschamps said.

"We are happy, even if qualifying is logical given the quality of the players I have."

The Dutch, World Cup finalists in South Africa in 2010 and semi-finalists four years later, bowed to the inevitable as they failed to achieve the unlikely 7-0 scoreline over Sweden they needed to salvage a wretched qualifying effort.

Arjen Robben scored twice in a 2-0 win over the Swedes in Amsterdam and said afterwards he was retiring from international football.

"I will always remember the 2010 World Cup and 2014. Those are my best memories. During those two competitions we formed a real team," the 33-year-old Robben said.



Netherlands forward Arjen Robben called it quits after they failed to qualify to the World Cup.

PHOTO: AFP
Following qualifying defeat in Basel, returned to the Portuguese line-up after coming off the bench to touch the opening goal in a last-luck 2-0 win in Andorra on Saturday.

US pop star Madonna was among the crowd at the Estadio da Luz which erupted when Djurou inadvertently bundled in a dangerous cross from Eliseu four minutes before the break under heavy pressure from Joao Mario.

Manchester City midfielder Bernardo Silva then exchanged passes with former Monaco teammate Joao Moutinho, threatening through the return pass for an unmarked Andre Silva to poke in at the far post.

Greece locked up second place behind Belgium in Group H courtesy of a 4-0 stroll against Gibraltar.

In Paris, Deschamps paired Atletico Madrid striker Griezmann with Giroud's aerial threat, and Griezmann caused nerves in the 27th minute as he opened the scoring with a confident low finish from Blaise Matuidi's deft pass.

Six minutes later, Griezmann intercepted a weak pass out of the Belarus defence and fed Giroud, who shrugged off two defenders to bundle in his 28th international goal.

But the French defence was caught napping, allowing Belarus to reduce the gap when the lively Anton Saroka swept past Hugo Loris a minute before half-time.

Saroka gave France another jolt when he short just inside in the 64th minute, but he was narrowly offside.

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আপনার আয়কর রিটার্ন জমা দিয়েছেন তো?

সম্মানিত করদাতা, দেশের উন্নয়নের জন্য যে রাজস্ব প্রয়োজন তার মত অংশ আসে আপনার দেয়া আয়কর থেকে। তাই একজন করদাতা হিসেবে আপনি দেশের উন্নয়নের গর্বিত অংশীদার।

কোম্পানি বা ব্যক্তি অন্যান্য সকল করদাতার জন্য এ বছরের আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিলের শেষ দিন ৩০ নভেম্বর ২০১৭। বিগত বছরের ধারাবাহিকতায় রিটার্ন দাখিলের সময় আর বাড়বে না।

শেষ দিকে রিটার্ন দাখিলে অনেক ভিড় হয়, ফলে করসেবা পেতেও সুবিধা হয়। ভিড় এড়াণোর জন্য আগেভাগেই আপনার রিটার্ন দাখিল করুন এবং সাথে সাথে রিটার্নের প্রাপ্ত স্বীকারপত্রটি বুকে নিন।

আপনি যদি কর উপদেষ্টার মাধ্যমে রিটার্ন দাখিল করেন তাহলে আপনার কর উপদেষ্টাকে বসুন শেষ তারিখের জন্য অপেক্ষা না করে আগেই রিটার্ন দাখিল করতে।

৩০ নভেম্বরের মধ্যে রিটার্ন দাখিল না করলে জরিমানা ও বিলম্ব সুদ আরোপযোগ্য হবে। রিটার্ন দাখিলে দেরী করে জরিমানা ও বিলম্ব সুদের অতিরিক্ত টাকা কেনে মিলবে?

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