

**STAR SPORTS 2**  
**Hero Asia Cup Hockey**  
 China v Oman  
 Live from 3:00pm  
 S. Korea v Malaysia  
 Live from 5:30pm

**STAR SPORTS SELECT 1**  
**English Premier League**  
 Liverpool v Man United  
 Live from 5:30pm  
 Crystal Palace v Chelsea  
 Live from 8:00pm

**STAR SPORTS SELECT 2**  
**English Premier League**  
 Man City v Stoke City

**Live from 8:00pm**  
**Bundesliga**  
 Dortmund v Leipzig  
 Live from 10:30pm

**TEN 1**  
**Serie A**  
 Juventus v Lazio  
 Live from 10:00pm  
 Roma v Napoli  
 Live from 12:45am (Sunday)

**TEN 2**  
**La Liga**  
 Barcelona v Atletico Madrid  
 Live from 12:45am

**DAY'S EVENT**

**Hero Asia Cup Hockey**  
 China v Oman  
 Time: 3:00pm  
 S. Korea v Malaysia  
 Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Maulana Bhasani  
**National Hockey Stadium**  
 Bangladesh A v Ireland A  
 Four-Day Match, Day-4  
 Time: 9:30am

Venue: SICS, Sylhet  
**National Cricket League**  
 5th Round, 4-Day Match, Day-2  
 Time: 9:30am  
 Khulna v Barisal

Venue: SKS, Rajshahi  
 Dhaka v Rangpur  
 Venue: SANS, Khulna  
 Dhaka Metro v Sylhet  
 Venue: ZACS, Chittagong

Rajshahi v Chittagong  
 Venue: SCS, Bogra  
**Bangladesh Premier League**  
 Venue: BNS  
 Brothers Union v Mohammedan

Time: 4:30pm  
 Muktijoddha v Team BJMC  
 Time: 6:45pm



Sheikh Jamal DC's Nigerian forward Rafael Odoyin (L) is the toast of his teammates as his four goals propelled the Dhanmondi giants to a 5-0 win over Farashganj SC at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Sunzamul bags five

### Bangladesh A require 105 runs on final day

SPORTS REPORTER



The Bangladesh A team bowlers once again displayed a brilliant performance as left-arm spinner Sunzamul Islam picked up five wickets to bundle out Ireland A for just 213 runs in 60.2 overs in their second innings yesterday.

The hosts are now seemingly heading towards victory on the fourth-day of their solitary unofficial four-day match at the Sylhet International Cricket stadium.

Bangladesh, chasing the target of 132, requires another 105 runs with eight wickets in hand after Irish off-spinner Andrew McBryne cheaply removed opener Zakir Hasan (4) and skipper Nazmul Hossain (0) during the last hour of the day. First innings centurion Shadman Islam hit a composed 18 and will resume the final day alongside Al Amin (9).

Earlier the home side, resuming the third-day on 322 for 6, lost their last four wickets in the span of 15 runs and were eventually all-out on 337 after taking a first innings lead of 82. Meanwhile, wicket-

keeper batsman Nurul Hasan added three to his overnight score of 51 runs.

Sunzamul, who opened the bowling along with pacer Kamrul Islam on the other end, immediately put Ireland under pressure as the 27-year-old kept picking up wickets at crucial moments. The cricketer from Rajshahi then bagged his 13th five-wicket haul in first-class cricket to end with figures of 5-90 from his 23.2 overs while off-spinner Mahedi Hasan once again scalped three wickets following the three in the first innings.

On the other hand, Ireland opener James Shannon fought alone for his 118 ball 90 run knock, which featured seven fours and three sixes, as none of the other batsman were able to provide support to the right-hander aside from Sahne Getkate who scored the second highest for the side with 26.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**IRELAND:** 255 and 213 all-out in 60.2 overs (Shanon 90; Sunzamul 5-90, Mahedi 3-48)  
**BANGLADESH A:** 337 and 27 for 2 in 11 overs (Shadman 14, Al-Amin 9; McBryne 2-14)  
 Bangladesh need another 105 runs to win with eight wickets in hand.



SUNZAMUL...5 for 90

## Nasir dents Ctg Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka Abahani shot down high-flying Chittagong Abahani in the Bangladesh Premier League as the defending champions handed their Chittagong namesake a one-goal defeat at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Defender Nasir Chowdhury struck the all-important goal in the 78th minute as Chittagong Abahani suffered their first defeat of the ongoing league.

However, despite a first defeat in 11 matches Chittagong Abahani remain top of the table with 26 points, two points ahead of Dhaka Abahani and Sheikh Jamal DC, who handed a massive 5-0 defeat to Farashganj SC yesterday.

Although both sides have 24 points from 11 games, Sheikh Jamal are ahead of Abahani by virtue of a better goal difference.

In the day's marquee matchup Chittagong Abahani seemed determined to keep their unbeaten run intact from the onset and dominated their famous namesakes towards the

start before losing control of the game in the latter part of the first half and they could have gone a goal down had Nabib Newaj Jibon and Nasir not wasted two good chances.

Dhaka Abahani seized control after the break and launched a few good attacks, the best of which fell to Jibon, who unbelievably floated over the bar from inside the six-yard box on the hour mark.

<b>ABAHANI</b> (NASIR 78)	<b>1 - 0</b>	<b>CTG ABAHANI</b>
<b>SK JAMAL</b> (RAPHAEL 3, 25, 30, 33 YEASIN 4)	<b>5 - 0</b>	<b>FARASHGANJ</b>

However, 18 minutes later Nasir headed Raihan Hasan's long throw-in home to give the Sky Blues a deserved lead in the 78th minute.

Winger Rubel Mia came close to widening the gap twice but goalkeeper Ashraful Islam Rana denied him on both occasions to keep margin to 1-0.

In the day's first match three-time professional league champions Sheikh Jamal, who came into the match after a tense 1-1 draw against Dhaka Abahani,

were ruthless against bottom-placed Farashganj SC, scoring all five goals within the first 35 minutes thanks to a four-goal haul from Nigeria's Raphael Odoyin Onwrebe.

Raphael opened the floodgates in the third minute after driving a Javed Khan cross home before Yeasin Khan increased the margin in the next minute.

While Sheikh Jamal pressed to extend their lead, Farashganj tried to reduce arrears and they came close through Nigeria's Chinedu Mathew, who rattled the crosspiece in the 15th minute before being denied by Sheikh Jamal goalkeeper Mutul Hasan in the 16th minute.

Afterwards, it was again Raphael who struck again in the 25th minute and the forward completed his hat-trick on the half-hour mark with a well-placed shot to become the second player to hit a treble this season after Saif SC's Colombian recruit Hember Valencia. However, Raphael went one better and struck a fourth in the 33rd minute before stopping the onslaught on Farashganj, who remain glued to the bottom of the 12-team table with six points from 11 matches.

## Barca visit Madrid amid Catalan crisis

AFP, Madrid



The biggest game of the La Liga season so far is shrouded in political tension as Barcelona visit Atletico Madrid on Saturday in their first trip to the Spanish capital since a Catalan independence referendum marred by violence.

Barca played their last match behind closed doors as the October 1 referendum, deemed illegal by the Spanish government, took place amid chaotic scenes as police seized ballot papers and clashed with voters leaving 92 injured, among nearly 900 who sought medical attention.

"It was one of the worst moments we've experienced," Barca captain Andres Iniesta told Catalunya radio this week. "It was a bit surreal."

Iniesta, 33, signed a first ever "contract for life" at Barca last week, a day after calling on both sides of the political spectrum to negotiate.

However, deep divisions remain despite Catalonia president Carles Puigdemont's decision to suspend the effects of a unilateral declaration of independence on

Tuesday.

"It has reached a point which isn't good for anyone," added Iniesta. "Those in charge have to resolve it."

Only 250 tickets have been made available to away fans at Atletico's new 68,000 capacity Wanda Metropolitan.

However, many Atletico fans have taken to social media to encourage supporters not to politicise the match by waving Spanish flags by using the hashtag "our flag is red and white" on Twitter.

Barcelona defender Gerard Pique has been outspoken in his call for Catalonia's right to self-determination, although he has never publicly backed independence for the region.

Pique was jeered when playing for Spain in Alicante last week, but he received support for his willingness to speak out from Atletico defender Filipe Luis.

"I am a fan of Pique even if at times I don't agree with what he says," the Brazilian told El Mundo.

"He puts himself out there, he doesn't hide behind his fame to not say what he thinks."

"It is admirable and I wish more footballers were like him."



## Babar ton hands Pak big win

AFP, Dubai

Babar Azam hit a brilliant century while Shoaib Malik hit a rapid fifty as Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by 83 runs in the first one-day international against Sri Lanka in Dubai on Friday.

Azam finished with 103 from 131 deliveries for his sixth ODI hundred and Malik smashed a 61-ball 81 to set up 292 for six after Sri Lanka had won the toss and opted to bowl first.

Sri Lanka's innings was stuffed out by twin strikes from Ruman Raees and Hasan Ali before the islanders eventually managed 209 for eight in their reply. Raees finished with three for 49 while Ali had figures of three for 36.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**PAKISTAN:** 292 for 6 in 50 overs (Fakhar 43, Babar 103, Shoaib 81; Lakmal 2-47)  
**SRI LANKA:** 209 for 8 in 50 overs (Thirimanne 53, Dananjaya 50 not out; Raees 3-49, Ali 3-36)  
 Result: Pakistan won by 83 runs

## Khelaghar SKS outplay BKSP

SPORTS REPORTER

Khelaghar SKS registered a comfortable eight-wicket win over BKSP in the Women's Premier Division Cricket League in Savar, BKSP yesterday.

Opting to bat first, BKSP were in all sorts of trouble as they kept losing wickets at regular intervals and were eventually bundled out on 96 runs in 43.1 overs.

Sanjida Akter top scored with 28 while Nahida Akter added 23 and was the only other notable performer. Fahima Khatun was the pick of the bowlers for Khelaghar, taking four wickets while Rita Moni bagged three and Labone picked up two to dismiss their opponents on a low total.

Khelghar then reached the target in 25.2 overs for the loss of two wickets as skipper Rita remained unbeaten and scored the highest for her side with 26 runs while Nigar Sultana added 23 to clinch an easy win.

## Al-Khelaifi put villa at Valcke's disposal

AFP, Rome



Accused Paris Saint-Germain chairman Nasser al-Khelaifi put a Sardinian villa at the disposal of disgraced former top FIFA official Jerome Valcke, Italian police said Friday.

Khelaifi, the powerful Qatari sports executive who heads the BeIN media group, is said to have used the villa in Porto Cervo as a "means of corruption" over the sale of media rights for upcoming World Cups between 2018-30.

Italian police said they had searched and seized the luxury "Villa Bianca", owned by an international real estate agency, in a raid conducted in the presence of a "representative of the Swiss government".

Several people "linked to various titles to the company that owns the villa" have been questioned, police added.

The Swiss attorney general's office said Thursday they had opened a probe into Khelaifi and Valcke.

Prosecutors indicated that Khelaifi was under suspicion only for actions taken as the head of the sports media group, which operates on five continents.

## Iniesta eyes WC swansong

AFP, Barcelona



Spain's World Cup winning hero in 2010 Andres Iniesta believes next year's tournament in Russia is likely to be his swansong at international level.

Barcelona midfielder Iniesta, 33, signed a first ever "contract for life" with the Catalan giants last week.

However, after a few injury-plagued seasons, he is hoping just to be fit in 2018 to top off a stunning international career.

"I am realistic. There is a great chance this World Cup will be my last event with the national team," Iniesta told Barcelona-based daily Sport on Friday.

## Batsmen dominate Day One

SPORTS REPORTER



The overlooked players of the domestic circuit continued to perform consistently across the country as they shined bright on the first-day of the fifth-round of the 19th National Cricket League yesterday.

In the Tier-1 encounter between Rangpur and Dhaka Division at the Sheikh Abu Naser stadium in Khulna, twin centuries from national discards Naem Islam and Sohrawardi Shuvo helped Rangpur dominate the day and post 321 for 4 at stumps.

Left-hander Sohrawardi smashed his fourth first-class hundred before being dismissed on 145 runs off 203 balls featuring 18 fours and two sixes while Naem registered his 23rd first-class ton and remained unbeaten on 120 runs off 214 balls, which included 15 fours and two sixes as he became the seventh Bangladeshi to reach the 7000 first-class run mark.

After electing to bat, Rangpur were struggling on 55 for 3 inside the first session but then the Naem-Sohrawardi pair rescued the side by adding 266 runs for the fourth wicket. As for the Dhaka Division bowlers, off-spinner Shuvagata Hom picked up three wickets while Mosharrar Hossain took one.

At the Shahid Kamruzzaman stadium in Rajshahi, Khulna batsman



NAEM...120 not out



SOHRAWARDI...145



IMTIAZ...132

Robiul Islam Robi struck his second hundred in the ongoing league as the defending champions posted 307 for 4 in their Tier-1 match against Barisal.

Khulna made a solid start with Robiul and Anamul Haque adding 110 runs for the opening wicket before the latter was dismissed on 44. Right-hander Robiul then continued his brilliant run and scored 108 runs off 196 balls with 17 fours before retiring hurt due to cramps. After that, experienced campaigner Tushar Imran scored a fifty while all-rounder Ziaur Rahman will resume the second day on 52. Barisal's medium-pacer Salman managed two wickets in the day while Shohag Gazi and Moin Khan picked up one each.

Meanwhile in the Tier-2 Sylhet-Dhaka Metro tie, Sylhet's opening batsman Imtiaz Hossain, enjoying a terrific run of form for the past few years in the domestic circuit, registered a 10th first-class hundred, his second consecutive century of the tourna-

ment, at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury stadium in Chittagong.

The right-hander scored 132 runs off 217 balls including 17 fours during his near five hour stay at the crease where Sylhet kept losing wickets from the other end to finish the day's play on 241 for 6.

Sylhet's other veteran batsman Rajin Saleh scored 42 while Ejaz Ahmed remained unbeaten on 27 and will resume on the second day. Saykat Ali, Nihad Uz Zaman and Sharif Ullah each took two wickets for Dhaka Metro.

As for the other Tier-2 game, bowlers led the way as Rajshahi bundled out Chittagong for 260 in their first innings at the Shaheed Chandu stadium in Bogra.

In reply, Rajshahi quickly lost two wickets and will resume the second day on 34, trailing by 226 runs.

Rajshahi's medium-pacer Forhad Reza scalped four while Delwar Hossain and Shariful Islam took three wickets each.

Chittagong were struggling on 71-4 before Sazzadul Haque and Sayeed Sarkar added 128 runs for the fifth wicket to avoid initial damage. Sayeed was soon out after scoring 70 while Sazzad missed out on his century by just five runs as he was dismissed on 95 runs off 176 balls, which included 12 fours and a six.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**BARISAL VS KHULNA DIV**  
**KHULNA:** 307 for 4 in 90 overs (Robiul 108 retired hurt, Ziaur 52 not out, Tushar 51; Salman 2-60)  
**SYLHET VS DHAKA METRO**  
**SYLHET:** 241 for 6 in 90 overs

(Imtiaz 132, Rajin 42; Saykat 2-35, Sharif 2-67)  
**RANGPUR VS DHAKA DIV**  
**RANGPUR:** 321 for 4 in 89.2 overs (Sohrawardi 145, Naem 120 not out; Shuvagata 3-95)  
**RAJSHAHI VS CHITTAGONG**

**CHITTAGONG:** 260 all-out in 72.4 overs (Sazzadul 95, Sayeed 70; Forhad 4-86, Shariful 3-49, Delwar 3-69)  
**RAJSHAHI:** 34 for 2 in 9 overs (Mizanur 20 not out; Shakhawat 1-4) Rajshahi trails by 226 runs.