

# What to WATCH

**SONY SIX**  
Bangladesh v South Africa  
1st ODI  
Live from 2:00pm

**STAR SPORTS 2**  
Hero Asia Cup Hockey  
Bangladesh v Japan  
Live from 3:00pm  
India v Pakistan  
Live from 5:30pm

**STAR SPORTS SELECT 1**  
English Premier League  
Brighton v Everton  
Live from 6:30pm  
Southampton v Newcastle  
Live from 9:00pm

**TEN 1**  
Serie A  
Inter Milan v AC Milan  
Live from 12:45am (Monday)

**DAY'S EVENT**

**Hero Asia Cup Hockey**  
Bangladesh v Japan  
Time: 3:00pm  
India v Pakistan  
Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium  
**National Cricket League**  
5th Round, 4-Day Match, Day-3  
Time: 9:30am

Khulna v Barisal  
Venue: SKS, Rajshahi  
Dhaka Div v Rangpur  
Venue: SANS, Khulna  
Dhaka Metro v Sylhet

Venue: ZACS, Chittagong  
Rajshahi v Chittagong  
Venue: SCS, Bogra  
**Bangladesh Premier League**  
Rahmatganj v Saif Sporting

Time: 4:30pm  
Arambagh v Sheikh Russel  
Time: 6:45pm  
Venue: BNS

## ASIA CUP BANGLADESH 2017



# Malaysia upstage South Korea China defeat Oman

**China defeat Oman**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Malaysia upstaged two-time defending champions South Korea with a 2-1 victory in their Pool B match of the Hero Asia Cup at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The Malaysians raced to a two-goal lead early in the second quarter, and despite conceding one late in that quarter, managed to hold on to the slim advantage and grab pole position in Pool B.

Faizal Saari scored the opening goal from open play in the 17th minute before Azri Hassan doubled the lead two minutes later. Lee Seunghoon's 27th minute strike reduced the arrears, but the Koreans, despite earning a few penalty corners towards the end, failed to find the equalising goal.

The win took Malaysia to six points from two matches while Korea have three points from the same number of matches, alongside China, who had earlier in the day eked out a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Oman.

Having come into the match on the back of a 7-1 drubbing at the hands of Malaysia, the Chinese dominated the show but failed to make the most of having the lion's share of possession. The Chinese took the lead in the seventh minute through a penalty stroke converted by Takale Du.

However, Oman hit back in the next minute, thanks to a penalty stroke converted by Rashad Al Fazari. China, the sixth-ranked side in the competition, dominated the remainder of the first half and the second half, and earned a number of penalty corners.

But they failed to convert any of those as they hit the post four times. However a fierce reverse hit from Quyang Guan in the 44th minute handed them back the lead which they held on to till the end to earn three valuable points.

# India v Pakistan the highlight of the day

**Hosts take on Japan to salvage some pride**

SPORTS REPORTER

An India-Pakistan fixture, regardless of the sport and the venue, is always a big attraction -- both for the local crowd as well as broadcasters. Hence it is needless to say that today's India versus Pakistan fixture of the Hero Asia Cup in Dhaka is the centre of attention of the group stages of this tenth edition of this continental competition.

Aside from the political rivalry, the history of the rivalry between the two hockey teams goes long back in history. India's absolute dominance in hockey was first broken by Pakistan in the Rome Olympics in 1960 and the green shirts went on to win the title two more times. However, it is the World Cup of hockey, inception in 1971 and the Champions Trophy inception in 1978, which saw Pakistan's rise as hockey's superpower while Indian hockey started to decline.

Pakistan have won the World Cup and the Champions Trophy three times each while India have only managed a single World Cup title. But those were more than two decades ago, and since then, European teams and Australia have taken a stranglehold on the game as the subcontinent's hockey subsided.

However, with the introduction of franchise leagues and all the money poured into the game, Indian hockey is seeing a resurgence in recent times and they came into this tournament as the top-ranked side, currently sixth in the world rankings. Pakistan, on the other hand, are ranked 14th in the world.

The recent meetings between the two



**India captain Manpreet Singh (R) and his Pakistani counterpart Mohammad Irfan will both be aiming for wins when the two archrivals meet in the Hero Asia Cup today.**



PHOTOS: COLLECTED

sides also tell a story of India's dominance. The Indians won, and by big margins, in their last five meetings.

Having already confirmed their Super 4s berth following two convincing wins, India will be full of confidence when they take their archrivals in Pool A's final fixture at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium at 5:30pm.

India coach Sjoerd Marjine, who took charge of the side recently, said he was focusing only on his own team ahead of the marquee clash. "For me it's just another match and we have approached it just like another match. We

are focusing on our development," the Dutchman said at the pre-match press briefing.

After thrashing Japan 5-1 in the opening match of the competition, India went on to hand Bangladesh a 7-0 mauling to confirm the last-four berth. Pakistan, on the other hand, will have a whole lot to improve upon. Despite a 7-0 win against Bangladesh, the three-time champions were far from convincing, and they were found out in a 2-2 draw in their second match. A draw or a small-margin of victory would be enough for the green shirts to seal a Super 4s berth, but they would



**Manchester City striker Gabriel Jesus pulled out his signature celebration -- a sight the Citizens' rivals are getting tired of -- against Stoke City in a Premier League encounter as the Brazilian's purple patch continued yesterday.**

## Nadal, Federer to face off for Shanghai title

AFP, Shanghai

Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer will meet in Sunday's final of the Shanghai Masters, just the latest chapter in their storied rivalry.

The celebrated duo have faced one another 37 times, with the Spaniard and world number one Nadal winning 23 of their contests.

And the 31-year-old Nadal, who has never won the Shanghai Masters, will be slight favourite this time because he goes into the showdown on a terrific run of form, and his opponent faces a quicker turn around.

Nadal, a 16-time Grand Slam champion, triumphed at the US Open and then last week at the China Open for his sixth title of another remarkable campaign.

But he was forced to survive a rollercoaster with fourth seed Marin Cilic in their semifinal, saving three set points in the opener before pulling through 7-5, 7-6 (7/3).

The Swiss Federer, the world number two chasing a second Shanghai crown, rolled back the years to fight back from a set down and defeat Juan Martin del Potro 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

# City go goal crazy

**Palace stun Chelsea; MU hold L'pool**

AFP, London



Manchester City maintained their blistering start to the season as the Premier League leaders demolished Stoke City 7-2, while champions Chelsea crashed to a shock 2-1 defeat at lowly Crystal Palace on Saturday.

With second-placed Manchester United settling for a drab stalemate at Anfield earlier in the day, it was their Manchester rivals who provided the thrills as City moved two points clear at the top.

Pep Guardiola's free-scoring side struck three times in the first 27 minutes at Eastlands, securing their sixth successive league win in swashbuckling style.

City took the lead through Gabriel Jesus in the 17th minute and Raheem Sterling doubled the advantage two minutes later with a tap-in that capped a flowing move.

David Silva got City's third with a simple finish after another incisive raid in the 27th minute.

Stoke's Mame Biram Diouf reduced the deficit with a deflected effort in the 44th minute and City's defence was breached for just the fourth time in the league this season when Kyle Walker scored an own goal two minutes after the interval.

But Jesus's second goal in the 55th minute restored order and his compatriot Fernando Torres put the result beyond doubt five minutes later.

City reached six goals in a game for the second time this season as Leroy Sane netted in the 62nd minute.

Bernardo Silva's first City strike, in the 78th minute, made it 24 goals in his team's last five league games.

They are first team to net 29 goals in the first eight games of an English top-flight campaign since Everton in 1894-95 and Guardiola said: "We can always do better but I cannot deny today was the best performance since I arrived here."

Bottom club Palace had lost their opening seven league games without scoring a goal, the worst start to a season in English top-flight history. But stunningly it was Chelsea who were the victims as they finally ended that goal drought at Selhurst Park.

Palace took the lead in the 11th minute when Yohan Cabaye's effort was deflected in for an own goal by Chelsea defender Cesar Azpilicueta.

Tiemoue Bakayoko equalised for Chelsea seven minutes later as the France midfielder headed his first Premier League goal from a Cesc Fabregas corner.

However, Chelsea were already without injured duo Alvaro Morata and N'Golo Kante and they suffered another setback when Victor Moses limped off in the first half.

There was even worse to come for Chelsea as Wilfried Zaha restored Palace's lead with a fine curling strike in first-half stoppage-time.

Tottenham Hotspur finally won for the first time at Wembley in the Premier League with a 1-0 victory over Bournemouth.

Mauricio Pochettino's side had failed to win their first three league games since moving into Wembley while White Hart Lane is redeveloped, but Christian Eriksen's deft 47th-minute finish ended that frustrating streak.

## NATIONAL SHOOTING Army dominate Day One

SPORTS REPORTER

The Army Shooting Association dominated the first day of the Priyopranon National Shooting Championship, winning three gold medals in six events at the National Shooting Complex in Gulshan yesterday. Dhaka Rifle Club, Bangladesh Navy and Chittagong Metropolitan Shooting Club won a gold apiece.

Jakia Sultana Tumpa of Dhaka Rifle Club won the gold medal in women's 10m air rifle event, beating Sharmin Akter Ratna to silver and Syeda Atkiya Hasan Disha to bronze medal. Sharmin Akter of Bangladesh Navy won gold in the junior section of the same event.

Army's Helal I Ahad won gold in men's 50m prone shooting while Mojammel Hossain of Chittagong Metropolitan Shooting Club won gold in the event's junior section.

Sheikh Shahadat Ahmed of Army won gold in men's 25m standard pistol event where Sabbir Alamin of the same association won gold in the junior section.

## 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:

**Bayern thrash Freiburg**  
Jupp Heynckes made a perfect start to his fourth spell as Bayern Munich coach with a 5-0 thrashing of Freiburg at the Allianz Arena. An own goal from Julian Schuster put Bayern in front on seven minutes, and a flying header from Kingsley Coman doubled the lead shortly before half-time.

**Federer, Nadal feast in 'China's most exclusive restaurant'**  
They call it "the most exclusive restaurant in China". There are absolutely no reservations and Roger Federer is apparently a big fan.

# Mithun does it again

**MSC forward seals thriller in stoppage time**

SPORTS REPORTER

Mithun Chowdhury scored deep into stoppage time as Mohammedan Sporting Club sealed a high-scoring encounter of the Bangladesh Premier League 4-3 against Brothers Union at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The former national team striker, who had scored the winning goal in injury time in Mohammedan's last match against Muktijoddha Sangsad, did the same at the Big Bowl yesterday to seal the fate of the topsy-turvy encounter against Brothers Union.

The veteran forward replaced Zahid Hasan Emily with ten minutes remaining and poked in a rebound after Brothers goalkeeper Kamal Hossain Titu could only block a Mohammedan attack in front of goal in the 92nd minute. The goal came after Kingsley Chigozie had scored twice at the start of the second half to give Mohammedan back the lead before Siyo Zunapio's spot kick had levelled it 3-3.

The win extended Mohammedan's winning run to three matches as they consolidated fifth position going into the mid-season break with 17 points from 11 matches. Brothers Union remain in 11th position with six points, level on points with Farashganj but only ahead on goal difference.

Meanwhile, Team BJMC piled more pressure on a struggling Muktijoddha Sangsad with a 3-0 victory in the day's other match at the same venue.

Substitute Abdullah Al Mamun opened the scoring with an excellent volley in the 58th minute after coming off the bench minutes earlier. The midfielder turned in Mohammad Shariful's through-ball as Team BJMC grabbed the control of the match before Kingsley Oshiohka made it 2-0 in the 76th minute with a neat finish after having received a square pass from Shopon Mia.

Kingsley scored his second deep into injury time to wrap up the victory, which took Team BJMC to sixth position on 15 points from 11 matches while Muktijoddha remained in ninth position with only seven points.

## Ronaldo to the rescue

AFP, Madrid

Cristiano Ronaldo struck his first La Liga goal of the season five minutes from time to save Real Madrid from losing more ground in the title race with a hard-fought 2-1 win at Getafe on Saturday.

Real looked on course for a comfortable three points when Karim Benzema fired the visitors into a deserved half-time lead.

However, Jorge Molina's equaliser early in the second half and an incredible miss by Ronaldo left the European champions needing a late saviour.

And Ronaldo rode to the rescue and made amends for his earlier profligacy with an accurate volleyed finish into the far corner.

Victory takes Real up to second and within four points of Barcelona, who travel to Atletico Madrid later on Saturday.

Despite being shorn of Gareth Bale, Dani Carvajal and Keylor Navas through injury and illness, Zinedine Zidane surprisingly left Luka Modric and Isco on the bench after their exertions on international duty and with one eye on Tuesday's Champions League clash against Tottenham Hotspur.

However, that decision backfired as once again Zidane's men produced a lacklustre performance in La Liga.

Part of Madrid's problem has been Ronaldo's poor league form since returning from an early season five-game suspension.

### Branch Shifting

the newly named of existing IDB Bhaban Branch of Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited has been shifted to new premises on October 15, 2017 Sunday at the following address.

**IDB Bhaban Branch**

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