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Spurs shine at Bernabeu

AFF, Madrid

Cristiano Ronaldo scored a penalty but holders Real Madrid were held 1-1 at home by Tottenham Hotspur in the Champions League on Tuesday, while Manchester City overcame Italian high-flyers Napoli 2-1.

Raphaël Varane's own goal gifted Spurs the lead on 28 minutes at the Bernabeu, but Ronaldo converted a spot-kick shortly before half-time after a foul by Sergio Reguilón on Toni Kroos.

Hugo Lloris produced a remarkable stop to thwart Karim Benzema from point-blank range and another acrobatic save by deno Ronaldo, while Keylor Navas foiled Harry Kane and Christian Eriksen as both teams remained unbeaten in Group F.

"The result is not the most important thing today. Having competed with Real Madrid today is what makes me happiest," said Tottenham coach Mauricio Pochettino.

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Although both keepers made a number of incredible saves in the Champions League match between Tottenham Hotspur and Real Madrid on Tuesday night, the most jaw-dropping was Hugo Lloris's point-blank stop from Karim Benzema.

Eastlands, with Gabriel Jesus tapping home a quickfire second from Kevin De Bruyne's precise cross.

Ederson preserved City's two-goal advantage by keeping out a Dries Mertens penalty, but the Brazilian was beaten from the spot as Amadou Diawara halved the deficit 17 minutes from time after Fernandinho brought down Fauzi

Chouhal, but City held on to secure a third straight win in Group F.

"It was an amazing game. Outstanding," Guardiola told BT Sport. "Napoli are one of the best teams I've faced in my career."

"The situation is that we go to the next game and try to win that. We are close but it is not already done. We need one more victory to qualify."

It's great to be back: De Villiers

SPORTS REPORTER from Paarl



When Shakhil Al Hasan trapped Quinton de Kock in front yesterday in the

third ball of the 18th over of South Africa's innings, and followed it up with the wicket of Faf du Plessis in the same over, it seemed as if Bangladesh were finally changing the script of a woeful bowling display so far on tour. But then, in stride AB de Villiers, for whom this was the first innings after he took time out since giving up the captaincy in the wake of a Champions Trophy exit in June.

And it was like he never was away as he pounded a furious, career-high score of 176 off just 104 deliveries.

"It's great to be back. A huge privilege," he said after the match ended in a 104-run win and consequently a series win for South Africa with a match in hand. "The last few months I've been working very hard on my game and all I wanted to get back in the side was quite nervous starting off. It felt like my first game again. It was important to get a partnership going."

He got two of those going, and dominated both, scoring 86 of the 136 runs put on for the third wicket with Hashim Amla, who was caught behind off Rubel Hossain for 85 in the 36th over, and then scored 90

of the 117 runs added for the fourth wicket with JP Duminy – a partnership that needed just 70 deliveries.

"It took me an over or so to remember that I had a good net in Kimberley and I am in good form. I had to remind myself that I am hitting the ball well. Having not been with the team the last few months I was extra nervous. It was great to be out there with Hash, he always has a calming effect. I'm hitting the ball as well as ever, and I could feel that. It was just a matter of making sure I spent a bit of time out there and then some of the boundaries started flowing and I got momentum on my side."

He also seemed to end months of speculation about his test future. "I selected, I am there. I can't expect that I am going to be in the squad. I have been out of the squad and guys that have come in have done well. You don't just walk into the test team. I am going to work my way back. I am prepared to do the hard work."

Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza said that they might have come out with a win had De Villiers gotten out. The man himself responded with a vote of confidence in his teammates.

"I won't say if I didn't play that knock that we would have lost the game. If I didn't play that knock someone else would have done so."

Hosts brace for China challenge

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A morally-shattered Bangladesh will be looking to salvage sixth position in the Hero Asia Cup Hockey when they take on China in the 5th-8th place deciding match at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium tonight.

A win over China will ensure that Bangladesh finish at least sixth, with the score expected to be a fifth-place finish subject to another win on Friday. On the other hand, a defeat against the Chinese will force the hosts to fight for either seventh or eighth position, the latter being the position Bangladesh achieved in 2013.

Beating China will be an uphill task for Bangladesh, who however beat the same opposition in their last meeting during inaugural Hockey World League Round-2 in Delhi four years ago.

The charges of Mahabb Harun have, however, not been in any rhythm so far as they have conceded three straight defeats and 17 goals in all.

"Our players could not play well in the last three matches, but over the last three days we have analysed our previous matches and prepared accordingly. If they can implement the instructions in the line with the game plan, then a win against China can be expected," Harun said after conducting a one-and-a-half-hour training session yesterday.

The coach may have sounded confident,

but the body language of his charges during the training sessions hardly relayed any positive message. The players tried to launch attacks on the break through the flanks but they struggled in the attacking third in controlling the ball, providing the perfect pass and executing hits effectively. They even struggled to hit the target from penalty corners.

"The boys know very well that all the criticism and discussion will be buried if they can beat China. I believe they will play positively and give their best on the pitch," said the former national player.

Captain Rasel Mahmud Jimmy was the architect of the China victory in 2013, but the ace forward has been a shadow of his former self during this tournament. A much-improved performance from him is badly needed for Bangladesh against China.

"I always play for the team and tomorrow I will do so too and give my hundred per cent. I have been trying to support the team as a captain and I believe Bangladesh will play well against China as a team," said Jimmy.

"We might have had a good time in the last four years but this time we are not being able to perform. Whatsoever we say means nothing until we perform on the pitch," Jimmy said. "We came into the tournament with the hope of finishing either fifth or sixth and if we can win the match against China, then our target will be fulfilled."

Riasatul wins 10m gold

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Risalatul Islam of Narayanganj Rifle Club bagged gold in the coveted men's 10m Air Rifle event on the final day of Priyanganu 29th National Shooting Championships at the National Shooting Complex in Gulshan yesterday.

Participating in the senior competition for the first time, Riasatul won the title beating Bangladesh Games gold medalist Rabbi Hasan while Commonwealth Games silver medalist and holder Abdullah Hel baki finished eighth despite moving into the finals as the top shooter.

Riasatul scored 249.4 points, six more than Rabbi Islamuzzaman won the bronze medal with a score of 221.5 points.

SA Games gold medalist Shaikh Ahmed won his second gold when he shot 542 points to finish top in 50m Free Pistol event while Anwar Hossain and Ramadan Islam won silver and bronze respectively.

Army Shooting Association became champions with three gold, nine silver and 14 bronze medals while BKSP finished second with three gold, two silver and five bronze medals.

India held, Pak beaten

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Archivhals India and Pakistan got off to contrasting starts in the Super 4 stage of the Hero Asia Cup as India were held to a 1-1 draw by South Korea while Pakistan suffered a 3-2 defeat against Malaysia at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

India found it hard against the four-time champions and eventually needed a 59th minute goal to salvage a point against the Koreans, who looked confident and determined and put up a much better performance compared to the group stage matches.

Both sides fought neck and neck throughout the game but hardly produced clear-cut chances in the first two quarters. However, South Korea had the upper hand as they had better movements and speedy runs and broke the deadlock in the third quarter through a clever strike from Lee Jungbin in the 41st minute.

Kim Youngjin unleashed a fierce push from outside the circle and Jungbin brilliantly received the ball with two Indian defenders behind him before deceiving the defenders with a scoop into the far post.

India pressed hard but hardly exposed the Korean defence before two-time champions eventually found the equaliser from a goal-mouth melee, with unmarked Ganraj Singh scoring from a rebound in the 59th minute.

In the day's first match, three-time champions Pakistan, who came into the match on the back of a 3-1 drubbing at the hands of Oman, took the lead twice but eventually lost against Malaysia, who had come into the Super 4 with an all-win record.

Experienced Muhammad Umar Bhatia opened the scoring with the fastest goal of

the tournament, controlling a fierce push from Mohammad Irfan inside the circle before smashing a reverse-hit to beat Malaysian goalkeeper Subramin Kumar in the 22nd second.

However, Pakistan surrendered the lead in the 10th minute, with Razie Rahim converting a penalty corner but Pakistan restored the margin nine minutes later through Muhammad Yaqoob.

Shahrii Saabhot brought Malaysia back in the match again in the 25th minute. Saan Fitr



A South Korea player tries to manoeuvre the ball into the Indian half during their Hero Asia Cup match yesterday.

finally wrapped up the victory in the 34th minute by converting a penalty stroke as the referee did not hesitate to make the decision after Pakistan goalkeeper brought down Samsul Haziq.

Meanwhile, in the day's third match, Japan came from behind to beat Oman 5-3. Japan will now play Friday's 5th-6th position deciding match against today's winners between Bangladesh and China while Oman will take on the losers between Bangladesh and China on the same day.

Pakistan romp to series win

AFF, Dhaka

Paceman Hasan Ali took a career best 5-34 while Imam-ul-Haq scored a debut hundred as Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by seven wickets in the third one-day international in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday, taking an unassailable 3-0 lead in the five-match series.

Energetic seamer Ali also became the quickest player to reach 50 one-day international wickets for Pakistan as Sri Lanka were dismissed for 208.

Sri Lanka lost their last nine wickets for only 106 runs.

Sri Lanka skipper Upul Tharanga (61) and Niroshan Dickwella (18) put on 59 for the first wicket, but from 102-1 in the 26th over their innings was derailed by Pakistan's bowlers.

SCORES IN BRIEF
 SRI LANKA: 208 all out in 48.2 overs (Tharanga 61, Perera 38; Ali 5-34, Shadab 2-37)

PAKISTAN: 209 for 3 in 42.3 overs (Imam-ul-Haq 100, Hafeez 34; Ganage 1-35)

Result: Pakistan won by 7 wickets and lead 5-match series 3-0

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:

Nadal to miss Basel in boost to Federer's No.1 bid
 Rafael Nadal on Tuesday announced he will miss this month's Swiss Indoors tournament, boosting arch rival Roger Federer's dream of ending the season as world number one.

Can't imagine La Liga without Barca: Perez
 Real Madrid president Florentino Perez insists he cannot imagine "Spain without Catalonia nor La Liga without Barcelona" but has admitted Catalonia at the political crisis sweeping Spain amid Catalonia's drive for independence.

Guardiola proud to beat 'best opponents' Napoli
 Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola described his side's 2-1 victory over Napoli in the Champions League group phase as one of the proudest moments of his storied career.

Sharapova in shock Kremlin Cup 1st-round exit
 Five-time Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova crashed out in the first round of the Kremlin Cup in Moscow on Tuesday, losing in straight sets to Slovakia's Magdalena Rybarikova.

Kheifali to be quizzed next week
 Paris Saint-Germain president and bel Media chief Nasser al-Kheifali will be questioned by Swiss prosecutors on October 25 in a World Cup media rights probe, his lawyer told AFP Wednesday.

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