

STAR SPORTS 2
Hero Asia Cup
Super 4s
S. Korea v Malaysia
Live from 3:00pm

India v Pakistan
Live from 5:30pm
STA SPORTS SELECT 1
English Premier League
Huddersfield v Man United
Live from 8:00pm

Southampton v West Brom
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Eintracht v Dortmund
Live from 7:30pm

Hamburger v Bayern
Live from 10:30pm
TEN 1
Serie A
Sampdoria v Crotone
Live from 10:00pm

Napoli v Inter Milan
Live from 12:45am (Sunday)
TEN 2
La Liga
Barcelona v Malaga
Live from 12:45am (Sunday)

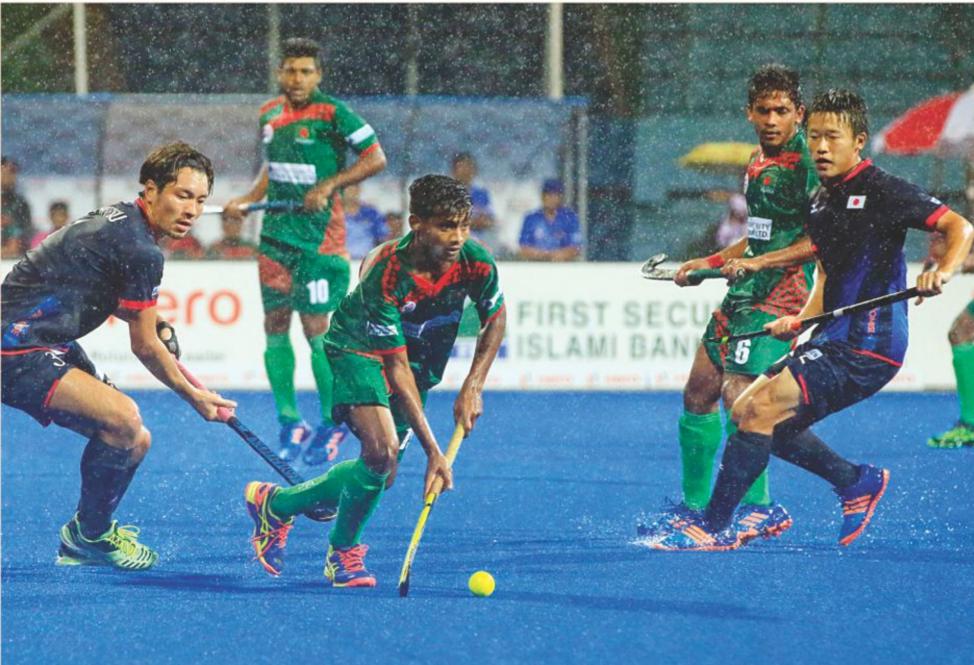


DAY'S EVENT

Hero Asia Cup
Super 4s
S. Korea v Malaysia
Time: 3:00pm

India v Pakistan
Time: 5:30pm
Venue: Maulana Bhasani
Hockey Stadium

Bangladesh A v Ireland A
3rd One-Dayer
Time: 9:00pm
Venue: SKICS, Cox's Bazar



Bangladesh youngster Arshadul Islam manoeuvres the ball past Japan players during their Hero Asia Cup place-deciding match as rain pelts down at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Hosts finish sixth

Lose 4-0 against Japan in place-deciding match

SPORTS REPORTER

Hosts Bangladesh had to be content with a sixth-place finish in the Hero Asia Cup after suffering a 4-0 defeat against Japan in a place-deciding match at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The home side had an opportunity to regain the fifth position having done so only once before, which was in the inaugural edition of the tournament held in 1982. But the men in red and green failed to replicate previous night's spirited performance against China and completed the campaign in sixth position, a feat they had last achieved in the sixth edition in 1999.

Interestingly, Bangladesh achieved their target with a single win while Japan, despite three wins, finished one place above the hosts.

The match began 30 minutes later than scheduled time due to heavy downpour. The hosts, who started the match less than 20 hours after their win against China, looked fatigued

and lacklustre against a side that had a day's rest since their win against Oman on Wednesday.

The home side showed some character in the first quarter before conceding the lead at the start of the second quarter when Yamada Shota's weak push following a penalty corner hit the board in between defender Mamunur Rahman Chayan and goalkeeper Abu Nippon.

It should have been a wake-up call for the hosts, but they could not lift their performance as Japan looked much more determined compared to their pool match against Bangladesh and held the control of the game till the last minute.

Many had expected Bangladesh would stage a strong comeback in the fourth quarter like they did against China, but Mahbub Harun's charges looked most vulnerable during the last quarter, conceding three field goals.

"We had a good start but could not maintain it," said captain Rasel Mahmud Jimmy, who however ruled out fatigue as the reason for the big defeat. He, however, admitted that

they could have prepared better had they got a one-day rest.

"If you consider only from margin of defeats, our performances were poor, but we have achieved our target," said Jimmy.

Experienced defender Chayan said that they are not happy with their overall performance and that they should have played better.

"If we want to produce good performances against India, Pakistan and Japan, we actually need to play more practice matches against strong teams. Only then everything including mental strength will improve," said Chayan.

"It was not an easy match for us but the boys played a very disciplined game and did not allow Bangladesh by putting heavy pressure on them from the beginning because we took the match seriously to achieve our target of finishing fifth," Japan coach Siegfried Aikman said.

Meanwhile, China finished seventh after a 3-2 win over Oman in the 7th-8th position-deciding match last night. Oman finished bottom with five defeats in five matches.

Everton punish fan

UEFA opens disciplinary proceedings

AFP, London



Everton on Friday banned a fan who appeared to try and strike a Lyon player while holding a child during their Europa League tie as UEFA opened disciplinary proceedings following the crowd trouble at Goodison Park.

The ugly scenes on Thursday erupted after Ashley Williams barged into Lyon goalkeeper Anthony Lopes midway through the second half of the 2-1 victory for the French side, sparking a melee.

That skirmish moved to pitch-side advertising hoardings, at which point a man carrying a child pushed Lopes in the head before hitting out at him again.

"Club officials have reviewed the footage of an incident that occurred in the 64th minute of the game against Olympique Lyonnais where supporters towards the front of the lower Gwladys Street End became involved in a confrontation between players," Everton said in a statement.

"We have identified one individual whom action will now be taken against. This will include a ban from attending future Everton fixtures and the club registering a formal complaint with

Merseyside Police."

European football's governing body UEFA later issued a statement saying it had opened disciplinary proceedings against Everton, charging the club with "aggressions by supporters against players".

The case will be dealt with by UEFA's control, ethics and disciplinary body on November 16.

Merseyside Police said they were investigating the incident, adding in a statement: "Detectives will be reviewing footage and speaking to witnesses to establish what, if any, offences have been committed."

Williams, who was Everton captain for the night, instigated the trouble when he shoved Lopes off the pitch as the goalkeeper went up to make a catch on the byline.

Numerous Lyon players reacted angrily and a fracas broke out involving players from both sides.

Williams, who shortly afterwards equalised for Everton, was booked for his role and appeared fortunate to escape with just a caution as replays showed he raised his hands to Lucas Tousart's face.

"It's what happens, it's football. It is what it is," said Williams after the game. "It's high emotions. We want to win the game, they want to win the game and stuff happens. That was just one of those times."

Athletics fed gets IAAF's fund

SPORTS REPORTER

The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) has recently allocated US\$15,000 annual grant to Bangladesh Athletics Federation (BAF) after lifting the financial suspension on the local game's governing body.

The IAAF had suspended its annual allocation last year following non-submission of BAF's annual report to the sport's world governing body, but the newly formed ad-hoc committee later sent the annual financial reports and convinced the IAAF to withdraw its suspension.

"On Wednesday, we received US\$15,000 from IAAF as this year's financial grant. We are also trying to get last year's allocation (US\$12,000) which was suspended due to negligence of the previous committee," BAF general secretary Abdur Rakib Montu told reporters yesterday.

City eye title charge

AFP, London



Manchester City will be aiming to continue their recent scintillating form when the free-scoring Premier League leaders host Burnley on Saturday.

Pep Guardiola's side are two points clear of second-placed Manchester United as they chase a first English title since 2014.

While City have been finding the net at a record-breaking rate, champions Chelsea are stuck in a rut and lie nine points off the top ahead of their clash with Watford.

Here are five things to look out for in the Premier League this weekend:

Inspired by Kevin de Bruyne's majestic form, Manchester City have taken the Premier League by storm and Burnley could be the next lambs to the slaughter.

City's 7-2 rout of Stoke City last weekend made them the first English top-flight team to score 29 times in their first eight games since Everton in 1894-95.

De Bruyne has been key to City's surge -- the Belgian's 32 assists are the most by any Premier League player in the period since September 2015.

Adding Leroy Sane, Gabriel Jesus, Sergio Aguero and Raheem Sterling to the mix is almost cruel on City's opponents.

"We play in a flow at the moment. It's not just me. It's wonderful to see the goals," De

Bruyne said.

Without a win in three games in all competitions, Chelsea are in danger of being cast adrift in the title race as the injury bug bites hard at Stamford Bridge.

Having already lost N'Golo Kante, Victor Moses and Danny Drinkwater to injuries, Blues boss Antonio Conte could have done without David Luiz, Tiemoué Bakayoko and Gary Cahill suffering knocks in the mid-week clash against Roma.

Add in Roma's fightback from two down to earn a 3-3 draw and it was all to much for Conte, who lashed out at Jose Mourinho's criticism of managers who complain about injuries.

Ahead of fourth-placed Watford's visit to the Bridge, Chelsea defender Cesar Azpilicueta reflected the frustration, saying: "The mood at the moment is not the best. We have to get back to winning ways."

FIXTURES

(1400 GMT unless stated):

Saturday
Chelsea v Watford (1130 GMT), Huddersfield v Manchester United, Manchester City v Burnley, Newcastle v Crystal Palace, Stoke v Bournemouth, Swansea v Leicester, Southampton v West Brom (1630 GMT)

Sunday
Everton v Arsenal (1230 GMT), Tottenham v Liverpool (1500 GMT)

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:

Mushfiq goes up five places in ODI rankings

Bangladesh's Mushfiqur Rahim has gone up five places in the ICC rankings after the latest ranking updates were carried out.

Imam ready to follow uncle Inzamam's footsteps

Pakistan cricket's newest discovery Imam-ul-Haq has some very large footsteps to follow in -- those of his uncle, the great Inzamam-ul-Haq.

Bairstow happy to bat higher

Jonny Bairstow said he would be happy to move up the England batting order for the upcoming Ashes series if talismanic all-rounder Ben Stokes is unavailable.

Neymar-Mbappe-Cavani 'trio' striking a balance

In the era of super clubs it has become a norm for the top challengers in European football to boast a versatile and deadly attacking trident upfront.

Giroud sinks Red Star

AFP, Paris



Olivier Giroud scored a fantastic late winner as Arsenal edged to their third straight Europa League win by beating 10-man Red Star Belgrade 1-0 in Serbia on Thursday.

Arsene Wenger's men rode their luck at times in an uninspiring performance, before Giroud struck in the 85th minute after Red Star had seen Milan Rodic sent off.

The Premier League side stay top of Group H, five points clear of Red Star, while Cologne remained pointless after losing 1-0 at BATE Borisov.

"I said yesterday in our press conference I don't think anyone can question our character, we showed that tonight," midfielder Jack Wilshere told arsenal.com.

"You know it's a tough place to come. I don't think they've lost here this season, we knew that before the game and we knew that they were going to be up for it."

"The boss said at half-time... 'just keep playing because spaces are opening up', and they did."

Wenger made sweeping changes to his team with Sunday's Premier League visit to Everton in mind.

Only goalkeeper Petr Cech remained from the starting XI that lost 2-1 at Watford last weekend, as injury-plagued French right-back Mathieu Debuchy made his first start for the club in 11 months.



Arsenal striker Olivier Giroud jumps for joy after scoring the all-important goal against Red Star Belgrade during their Europa League encounter in Belgrade on Thursday.

PHOTO: AFP

unmarked at a corner.

Arsenal were struggling to cope with the pace in the Serbians' attack and Cech was forced into a low save to deny Nemanja Radonjic before half-time.

The visitors started the second period with more urgency, as Giroud fired over and Walcott saw his shot smothered by Borjan after being released by Wilshere's through ball.

Arsenal were given a great chance of snatching all three points when home defender Rodic was given a second yellow card with 10 minutes to play.

The Londoners took it in style with a wonderful goal, as Wilshere's clever flick was turned across goal by Walcott for Giroud to send an overhead kick spinning into the top corner.

Italian Serie A high-flyers Lazio came from behind to win 3-1 at Nice.

Mario Balotelli opened the scoring for Nice in the fourth minute, after announcing the birth of his son Lion earlier this week, only for Felipe Caicedo to equalise seconds later.

The Italian capital-city side took top spot in Group K as midfielder Sergej Milinkovic-Savic scored a second-half brace.

Real Sociedad bounced back from their 3-1 defeat by Zenit St Petersburg last time out with a 6-0 thrashing of Vardar in Macedonia as Brazilian Willian Jose scored four goals in 25 minutes.

The La Liga outfit are second in Group L, three points behind Zenit after Roberto Mancini's Russians saw off Rosenborg 3-1.

Athletic Bilbao, Europa League runners-up to Atletico Madrid in 2012, are third in Group J on only two points after being held to a 2-2 draw at Swedish club Ostersund, despite a late leveller from Inaki Williams.

Swiss outfit Lugano picked up their first ever group-stage points in a European competition with a 3-2 victory over Czechs Viktoria Plzen in Group G, while Marseille warmed up for Sunday's clash with arch-rivals Paris Saint-Germain by beating Vitoria Guimaraes 2-1.

German FA to pay hefty back tax

REUTERS, Berlin



The German Football Association must pay 19.2 million euros in back taxes related to a controversial payment for the 2006 World Cup but it will challenge the Frankfurt tax office's decision, it said yesterday.

The tax office said a payment of 6.7 million euros from the DFB to FIFA in 2005 had not been declared properly and the association now owed 19.2 million.

That payment has triggered several investigations in the past two years over allegations it had been used as a slush fund to buy votes in favour of Germany's bid to host the 2006 tournament.

Officially the payment was for an opening ceremony. But such a ceremony never took place and a DFB-commissioned investigation last year said the sum was the return of a loan via FIFA from former Adidas chief Robert Louis-Dreyfus.

It has never been clarified what the initial loan had been for and why it had to be paid back to the late Dreyfus via FIFA.



The winners of Newage Professional Golf Tournament pose with chief guest Dr. Tawfique E Elahi (C), adviser of energy and mineral resources, and organisers at the Kurmitola Golf Club on Wednesday.

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