

GTV & MAASTRANGA
Bangladesh Premier League
Dhaka Dynamites v Khulna Titans
Live from 1:00pm
Comilla Victorians v Ctg Vikings
Live from 6:00pm

SONY ESPN
ATP Finals
Group Stage
Cilic v Sock
Live from 8:00pm

Federer v Zverev
Live from 2:00am (Wednesday)
TEN 1
International Friendlies
England v Brazil
Live from 2:00am (Wednesday)

TEN 2
FIFA World Cup Qualifiers
Republic of Ireland v Denmark
Live from 1:45am (Wednesday)

TEN 3
International Friendlies
Germany v France
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Time: 1:00pm

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Time: 6:00pm
Venue: SBNS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Premier League Football
Mohammedan v Sk Jamal
Time: 4:30pm

Team BJMC v Brothers Union
Time: 6:45pm
Venue: BNS, Dhaka

Charlie likes it here

SPORTS REPORTER



Charlie Sheringham may not have scaled the heights of his father the legendary England and Manchester United forward Teddy Sheringham, but the former Crystal Palace and Bournemouth forward is delighted to have made an impact at his new destination in Bangladesh.

A fringe player even in his handful of English Championship League outings, Charlie always knew he would never emulate his father's footsteps. As he is nearing the twilight of his career having spent time in non-professional football in the last few seasons, Charlie has chosen a new pasture to ply his trade and, for first time, outside of England.

With a goal in his first game for Saif Sporting Club against defending champions Abahani, the tall striker was looking forward to finding a new home in Dhaka football.

"My ambition was to play for England, but I don't think I have got that level. However, I love playing football and I just keep on trying," the 29-year-old told reporters at the end of the game at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. "Winning was my priority today. I scored a

goal and a win and three points against the champions, so I'm really happy."

The tall centre-forward looked a bit ragged in the initial stages of the game as he seemed to struggle with the sluggish pitch, but when the time came he was there to poach the perfect box-striker's goal with a fantastic header.

Saif Sporting's coach Ryan Northmore, who knew the striker from his time in London, praised his new signing and hoped that along with Wedson Anselme and Valencia Okaya, Charlie will definitely help his side mount a title-challenge.

"Charlie is an out and out striker; a proper goal scorer. He has got very clever movement and he can hold the ball well. He is going to be a handful for any defence," said the Englishman.

With only ten days of training together with the team, Charlie feels he would need more time to get a better grip of things here, especially getting used to the weather and culture, but the early signs, as he feels, are all good.

"It's freezing back in London. It takes a while to get used to Dhaka. Bangladesh is a lot different from London, but I'm enjoying it and hopefully we keep winning and I'll be even happier," Charlie said.



Saif Sporting Club's new recruit Charlie Sheringham (R) celebrates after scoring the second goal against Abahani during their Bangladesh Premier League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Dimitrov edges past Thiem

REUTERS, London

Grigor Dimitrov made a winning start to his maiden ATP Finals when he outlasted Austrian Dominic Thiem 6-3 5-7 7-5 in a gripping afternoon duel at the O2 Arena yesterday.

The opening match in the Pete Sampras Group produced a feast of stylish backhands from both players but it was Dimitrov, the first Bulgarian to qualify for the tournament in its 48-year-old history, who overcame some late jitters to prevail.

World number six Dimitrov served for the match at 5-4 in the decider but was broken to love before two consecutive double faults by Thiem gave him another chance to close it out.

Again Dimitrov wobbled, squandering two match points at 40-15 with a double-fault and a forehand error, but he finally bagged the win when Thiem looped a backhand long.

"I'm living my dream right now and I wanna keep on going," Dimitrov said.

Roger dismisses Rafa's clay claims

AFP, London

Nitto ATP FINALS Roger Federer has dismissed Rafael Nadal's claim that it would be fairer if the ATP Tour Finals were played on clay courts.

As the world's most formidable player on clay, Nadal has in the past suggested it would be better if the season-ending Tour Finals at least occasionally took place on his preferred surface.

The prestigious season-ending event has never been held on clay since its inception in 1970 and it's a tournament which Nadal has yet to conquer.

It has mostly been played on an indoor hard-court, with other stints on carpet, grass and outdoor hard-courts when it was staged in various cities before setting up home in London in 2009.

Federer has always thrived on the indoor hard-court used at the O2 Arena, as he showed once again by kicking off his bid for a seventh title at the event with a 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) win over Jack Sock on Sunday.

Asked about the world number one's desire for a clay finale to the season, Federer insisted the current surface was a good choice given the preponderance of other events on the crushed earth.

"Fair? I'm not sure if it's the right word. I think it's right and fair that it's indoors, as well," Federer said.

"There is no Masters 1000s on grass. There is one Masters 1000 indoors: Paris. So I feel like indoors also deserves its place."

"Could it be switched up to clay once in a while? Yeah, maybe. Could we have more 1000s on grass?"

Saif SC outplay Abahani

Chittagong Abahani extend lead with big win

SPORTS REPORTER

SAIF SC BPL Saif Sporting Club's two new foreign recruits made an immediate impact as the newcomers beat defending champions Abahani 2-1 in the opening fixture of the second leg of the Bangladesh Premier League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Wedson Anselme, the former Sheikh Jamal marksman who spent a season away in East Bengal, scored the opening goal from the spot in the first half before Charlie Sheringham, son of England legend Teddy Sheringham, doubled the lead with a glancing header in the second half as Saif Sporting Club sounded out a warning to all the title aspirants.

Although Sunday Chizoba, another new signing from the mid-season transfers, reduced the arrears with a late goal, Abahani's lacklustre performance, especially in midfield, meant they were condemned to their second defeat of the campaign, being pushed back to fourth position in the table with 24 points from 12 games.

Saif Sporting, on the other hand, moved up to second position with 25 points from 12 games.

With the second leg beginning after a four-week sabbatical, there were signs of rustiness in both sides' play, and there were very few open chances for either team. Saif Sporting, though, looked the more energetic of the two and enjoyed the lion's share of possession in the first half.

With Abahani's midfield almost non-existent, Jewel Rana and Matin Mia made some mazy runs, causing some serious trouble for the Abahani defence.

Sheringham, who was caught in an offside position quite a few times, justified his recruitment in the second transfer window with a perfect centre-forward's strike.

The 6 foot 1 inch striker shrugged off his marker to nod home Jamal Bhuiyan's corner kick with a superb glancing header.

Abahani made some impression in the latter stages of the game with some desperate pressing and were rewarded with a penalty at the end of regulation time, which Sunday dispatched with aplomb. The Nigerian forward even had a header brush off the post deep into stoppage time, but eventually a 2-1 scoreline was no more than Saif Sporting deserved for their dominant display.

The win also helped the fortified Saif Sporting exact revenge for their 3-2 defeat against the same opposition in the first match of the first leg.

Meanwhile, league leaders Chittagong Abahani brushed aside bottom-of-the-table Farashganj SC with a 4-0 victory in the day's second match to extend their lead at the top to four points.

The port city outfit had a player sent off, but goals from Zahid Hossain, Tawhidul Alam Sabuj, Monsur Amin and Alison Uddo eased them to their ninth victory in 12 matches, taking the tally to 29 points.

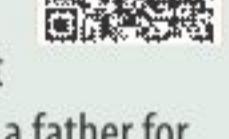
QUICK SINGLES

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:

Ronaldo becomes father for fourth time

Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo announced that he had become a father for the fourth time after girlfriend Georgina Rodriguez gave birth to a baby girl, Alana Martina.

Real's rumoured Neymar move in the works



Spanish website Don Balon are saying that Real Madrid are set to offer Toni Kroos and fragile winger Gareth Bale as part of a player-cash deal to bring Brazilian star Neymar to the Bernabeu.



PHOTO: AFP

French teenage sensation Kylian Mbappe juggles the ball during a training session in Clairefontaine on Sunday as part of their preparation for the friendly match against Germany tonight.

No WC hope for me: Benzema

AFP, Paris

Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema admitted Sunday that he had no hope of playing at the World Cup next year as long as Didier Deschamps remains as France coach.

"Of course I believe it (playing for France again). I still believe in it," the 29-year-old Benzema told Canal+.

"But it's been over two and a half years, you can't be stupid. As long as Didier Deschamps is coach I will have no chance of returning to the French team."

Benzema, who has scored 27 goals for France, last played for the national team in October 2015.



Institute of Business Administration (IBA)

MBA Admission Test

59th Batch, Full time & Part time (Session 2017-2018)

MBA Admission Test (2017-2018) of Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka, will be held on Friday, November 24, 2017 at 3:00 pm.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must have at least a Bachelor Degree in any field of study. The minimum qualifying point is seven (07) for all applicants. The points are calculated as follows:

SSC and HSC or Equivalents

SSC GPA/Div	HSC GPA/Div	O-Level GPA*	A-Level GPA*	Points Earned
>= 3.5/1st	>= 3.5/1st	>= 3.0	>= 2.5	3
>= 2.5/2nd	>= 2.5/2nd	>= 2.5	>= 2.0	2

* Letter grades of O-Level and A-Level subjects are converted into grade points as follows: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2 and D = 1. Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated by averaging the grade points of the best five grades (including mathematics) for O-Level and the best two grades for A-Level.

Candidates with third division or GPA of less than 2.5 in SSC or HSC or GPA of less than 2.5 in O-Level or less than 2.0 in A-Level examinations will not be eligible for application.

Grade below D in any subject in O-Level or A-Level is not acceptable.

Bachelors and Masters Program

Certificate/Degree	GPA / Division / Class		
	>=3.5/1st	>=3.0/2nd	>=2.5/3rd
Bachelor Degree (Pass)	4	3	2
Bachelor (Hons. 4 yr.)	5	4	2
Masters	1	1	1

For all other foreign certificates/degrees, equivalence is determined by the Equivalence Committee of IBA. Without such equivalence, the applicants are not allowed to sit for the admission test.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application must be submitted online by November 20, 2017. For detailed application procedure, visit the website at www.iba-du.edu or iba.registrationbd.com

Application fee is Tk. 1000/- (including service charge).

For further information contact the MBA Program Office (Room # 217, 1st floor, IBA) or call at 01764119001 or 01764119002 between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on any day except Friday.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The test has two components: Written Test and Interview. The Written Test component evaluates applicants' aptitude in Language, Mathematics, and Analytical ability. An applicant must obtain a minimum qualifying score in each of the above areas to pass the Written Test and appear at the interview.

An applicant with foreign nationality with minimum 75 percentile in GMAT may be exempted from the Written Test. However, he/she will be required to appear at an interview.

Mobile phone, calculator or any other electronic devices are strictly prohibited in the Examination Hall.

Director

Institute of Business Administration

University of Dhaka, Dhaka – 1000

AFP, Paris

Northern Ireland manager Michael O'Neill bemoaned the controversial first-leg penalty that saw his side's World Cup dream end with a 1-0 aggregate defeat by Switzerland in their play-off on Sunday.

Ricardo Rodriguez's spot-kick in Belfast on Thursday proved the difference between the two sides, as the Swiss held off some late pressure from the unfancied Northern Irish in the second leg at Basel in difficult conditions.

Meanwhile Croatia qualified for the 2018 World Cup by holding Greece to a 0-0 draw in the second leg of their play-off in Pireaus for a 4-1 win on aggregate.

A strong defensive performance, especially in the second half, was enough for Croatia to leave the Karaiskakis Stadium with a comfortable victory over the two legs after winning 4-1 on Thursday.

O'Neill said his players would still feel hard done by, after the decision from Romanian referee Ovidiu