

What to WATCH

GTV & MAASRANGA
Bangladesh Premier League
Khulna Titans v Rangpur Riders
Live from 2:00pm
Ctg Vikings v Sylhet Sixers
Live from 7:00pm

SONY SIX
Australia v England
1st Test, Day-3
Live from 6:00am (Saturday)
STAR SPORTS 1
India v Sri Lanka

2nd Test, Day-1
Live from 10:00am
STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
English Premier League
West Ham v Leicester
Live from 2:00am (Saturday)

STAR SPORTS SELECT 2
Bundesliga
Hannover v Stuttgart
Live from 1:30am (Saturday)

TEN 2
La Liga
Celta Vigo v Leganes
Live from 2:00am (Saturday)



Brazilian superstar Neymar, who cost PSG more than every signing in Celtic's 129 year history put together, put on a show against his favourite opponents Celtic in their Champions League match on Wednesday with two goals.

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh Premier League
Khulna Titans v Rangpur Riders
Time: 2:00pm

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Time: 7:00pm
Venue: ZACS, Chittagong

History in the making

STAR SPORT DESK



Ahead of their Champions League encounter, Celtic manager Brendan Rodgers took aim at Paris Saint-Germain, saying: "You can't buy history". And while that sentiment remains true, Neymar and co. showed with a 7-1 demolition of the storied Scottish Club that although they cannot buy history, they are most certainly capable of creating it.

Le Parisiens created history with their biggest ever win in Europe. They created history in the pages of European football by breaking the most number of goals scored in the Champions League group stages; that too with one game to go.

Celtic stunned the Parc des Princes when they netted in the very first minute. But the celebrations were short-lived upon realisation that all they had really done was poke the bear. Led by world-record signing Neymar, who cost more than every signing in Celtic's 129 year history combined, the hosts romped back and hit seven to humiliate the most dominant side in Scottish football.

Meanwhile, Celtic are still creating history in their own league. The 48-time Scottish League winners recently set a British domestic record of 63 games unbeaten but they are on the verge of exiting the Champions League this season after failing to make it into the tournament in the

past two years. Their only glory in Europe's elite competition came in the 1966-67 season; history indeed.

Still, Rodgers statements on buying history do stand and he backed them with sound logic. If history is perceived in a non-literary sense, then it is not simply about what happened in the past but of having long stories to tell and traditions to maintain. What it all boils down to is legacy and PSG, despite having six league titles and a UEFA Cup Winners' Cup -- making them one of only two French clubs to win a European cup -- certainly cannot compare with the cream of the crop.

Yet, at the rate that PSG are going, it seems just a matter of time. Four of their six league titles have come since 2012, a period which has also seen them claim six league cups and make forays into the latter stages of the Champions League, including twice reaching the semifinals.

Even if PSG were not to get any success in the Champions League, they are capable of winning every league title for the foreseeable future. They have arguably the most exciting front three in the world at the moment.

Whether it was down to being located in the untapped yet highly lucrative football market in Paris that led to the initial investment from Qatar Sports Investments, when the history books are written this side will be remembered fondly, and given more time perhaps remembered as the most dominant team in French football's history.

PHOTO: AFP

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:

South African hits record 490 off 151 balls
Shane Dadsell, a South African student, has set what is believed to be a cricket record by smashing 490 not out in a limited-overs club match. Dadsell, a second-year business psychology student at Potchefstroom University, slammed 57 sixes and 27 fours in a 151-ball innings on his 20th birthday. **Unnameables? Vince hits back after 'statement' innings**

James Vince says he was motivated to seize his new chance in England's team after being written off as a batting nobody in the Ashes tour of Australia. The Hampshire right-hander, playing in only his eighth Test match and his first in an Ashes series, was on track for a dream debut century against Australia before he was brilliantly run out for 83.

When I talk I'm not understood: Cristiano
Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo refused to be interviewed after his side's six-goal demolition against APOEL Nicosia and accused the media of twisting his words.

BAF moving ahead against all adversity

AL-AMIN



Dhaka is bracing for another international sporting carnival in the form of the Asian Archery Championship, which begins at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) on November 25.

Although an international event of this repute evokes frantic activities from organisers and sponsors alike, the Bangladesh Olympic Association Auditorium was quite an exception yesterday when the Bangladesh Archery Federation (BAF), the hosts of the meet, officially disclosed the competition details and announced a national team with Asian Archery Federation general secretary Sung-Ho-Um in attendance.

For a young federation, established only in 2001, it was a quite a challenging media session. And the job at hand for them is more challenging with the knowledge that they will get the BNS -- the premier venue of the country now hosting the Bangladesh Premier League -- today.

It is something extraordinary that the organisers will get the venue for an international event only one day before the tournament. Besides, there has been little effort from the National Sports Council, who owns this all-purpose venue, to create a healthy and sporting atmosphere around a venue located in the commercial hub of the capital. There are a few co-sponsors for the event, but understandably no lead sponsor as the game has little commercial value.

Ask the organisers and they will tell you that a couple of teams have arrived but most of the participating nations are either on their way or have just confirmed their flight schedule. Ask them if the event at a venue which is prone to serious noise pollution will affect the performance of the players, including a couple of Olympic gold win-

ners, and they will tell you that 'it was an issue 20 years ago but not now'. Not only that, the Asian Archery Federation will hold its General Council at a posh city hotel today, where they will elect the new executive committee for the next four years.

It is quite the adversity a young federation has been facing. But the most heartening aspect is the steely determination from a committed federation, duly backed by its Asian bosses, to overcome the adversity and make it an occasion to celebrate. The BAF has made significant strides and has won a few laurels, but also made an honest statement when confronted with the obvious question: whether the target is to win a medal.

"The Asian Championship is as good as the World Championship. Our target is to make it to the quarterfinals," BAF general secretary Razib Uddin Ahmed Chapal told reporters while adding that they have ensured doping test facilities from a sparing budget.

While detailing the tournament schedule, the BAF general secretary said that of the 35 participating nations, 32 had confirmed their arrival. A total of 400 archers, including 161 women, will fight it out for glory in ten events.

"This is an amazing figure," Sung said in his brief speech.

He also delivered the most inspiring remark after complying with official photographs along with the members of the Bangladesh archery team after the briefing.

"How old are you? Sixteen?" Sung asked a girl standing behind him. "Fifteen," responded the girl.

"You will be playing perhaps one of the best in the world in the eliminator round because in archery a gold winner starts from scratch. If you are good and beat the opponent, you can pull off the biggest surprise," said Sung.

Truly inspiring for a young federation and its younger brigade!

Roman to carry hosts' hopes

SPORTS REPORTER



Whatever recognition Bangladesh archers have earned since their journey began in 2001 has come

from the Recurve Bow event and again recurve archers will be carrying the host nation's hopes when the Asian Archery Championship begins tomorrow.

Bangladesh have set their sights on crossing the quarterfinals hurdle as well as improving on the Asian position (ninth) they secured in 2015. And these ambitions are at the fingertips of Roman Sana, Tamimul Islam, Ibrahim Sheikh Rezowan and Hakim Ahmed Rubel, who will be competing in individual and team events in the six-day bonanza.

Among them, only Roman had reached the individual recurve bow event

quarterfinal in the last edition. His teammates Tamim and Rubel have won gold in junior international tournaments but cannot compare to Roman, who also has a gold in the Asian Grand Prix.

"As Roman has previously reached the quarterfinal stage in the same meet, we have set our sights on the semifinals and placed our hopes on him," coach Nisith Das said at a press conference yesterday.

"Roman himself is expecting to reach the semifinals. He is scoring 340 to 342 in practice, which is more than his previous scores of 333 to 335. If he can finish between 1 and 10 in the Ranking Round, then it will be easy to reach the quarterfinals," Nisith explained.

However, Roman was disappointed at not getting the opportunity to practice at the Bangabandhu National

Stadium, the venue for the tournament.

"If we had the opportunity to practice at the main venue for a week then we could have understood where to stand by adjusting to the conditions. But we are hopeful of getting better results with the preparation we have taken over the past eight months," said Roman. "It is my target to reach the semifinals but it is a huge matter of luck because champions from Olympics, Asia Cup and Asian Archery Championship will be here. If the weather is in my favour, I am confident of getting a good result."

Nisith also has expectations from Youth Commonwealth Games gold medallist Tamimul and newcomers Ibrahim and Rubel as well since all three have experience of competing at the international level.



After training for eight long months, the Bangladeshi archers were getting a final tune-up at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday ahead of the Asian Archery Championship, which begins tomorrow.

PHOTO: STAR

Barca, Chelsea advance

AFP, PARIS



Barcelona and Chelsea progressed to the Champions League last 16 on Wednesday, but Jose Mourinho's Manchester United must wait to seal their

spot after a last-gasp 1-0 defeat in Basel.

Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde rested Argentina star Lionel Messi in Turin, later introducing him as a substitute as a 0-0 draw against Juventus sent the five-time European champions through as winners of Group D.

Willian scored twice and won a pair of penalties as Chelsea thrashed 10-man Qarabag 4-0 in Baku to guarantee Antonio Conte's side a top-two finish in Group C.

Atletico Madrid, runners-up twice in the past four years, retained an outside chance of pipping Roma to a place in the knockout stage as Antoine Griezmann snapped an eight-match goal drought in a 2-0 win in Spain.

However, they must beat Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in their final game and hope Roma drop points at home to Qarabag to avoid parachuting into the Europa League.

EMERY SINGS NEYMAR'S PRAISES

Paris Saint-Germain coach Unai Emery urged his team to stay focused on completing an impressive Champions League group campaign after an "extraordinary" Neymar

Berizzo to continue

AFP, Sevilla

Sevilla's Argentine coach Eduardo Berizzo, who the club confirmed was diagnosed with prostate cancer on Tuesday, oversaw training on Wednesday and Sevilla president Jose Castro insisted he will remain in charge as long as his duties are compatible with his treatment.

"Berizzo is strong and will continue while we wait for treatment," Castro told Sevilla's radio station. "It is a personal matter and we want to make it clear that he is our coach."

"We will support and rally round him because we are sure his problem will be solved."

The hashtag AguanteToto (staystrongToto) was trending in Spain with clubs, including Real Madrid and Barcelona, and players sending Berizzo messages of support.

RESULTS				
CSKA Moscow (Schennikov 13, Jardel 56-og)	2	-	0	Benfica
Basel (Lang 89)	1	-	0	Man United
Anderlecht (Hanni 63)	1	-	2	Bayern Munich (Lewandowski 51, Tolisso 77)
PSG (Neymar 9, 22, Cavani 29, 79, Mbappe 35, Verratti 75, Alves 80)	7	-	1	Celtic (Dembele 1)
Qarabag	0	-	4	Chelsea (Hazard 21-pen, Willian 36, 85, Fabregas 73-pen)
Atletico Madrid (Griezmann 69, Gameiro 85)	2	-	0	Roma
Juventus	0	-	0	Barcelona
Sporting Lisbon (Dost 40, 66, Cesar 43)	3	-	1	Olympiakos (Odjidja 86)

led a record-breaking win over Celtic.

With Neymar back on song after a dip in form over the last six weeks, PSG can head to Monaco in confident mood at the weekend.

"Sunday's game away at Monaco, whom we respect, will be a great test as well but Bayern is the big match," added Emery before he sung Neymar's praises. "He was extraordinary. There were a few matches where he stopped playing for different reasons but when he is in form physically and his mentality is right, he can play."



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