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Real Sociedad v Las Palmas

Live from 9:15pm

Villarreal v Sevilla

Live from 11:30pm

Valencia v Barcelona

Live from 1:45am (Monday)



Organisers and high-ups of world archery officially inaugurate the 20th Asian Archery Championships at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Archery show begins

SPORTS REPORTER



The 20th Asian Archery Championships was officially inaugurated at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday morning in presence of the game's world, Asian and local administrators. Around 200 archers from 33 countries will be taking part in the six-day competition, which will be contested in 10 events.

The opening ceremony was a low-key affair and there were no official speeches made by the dignitaries as focus quickly shifted to the archers, who got to practice for the first time at the chief venue, the Bangabandhu National Stadium. Today the archers will participate in the ranking round, which determines which player will compete against whom in different stages of the events, while the main competition will start from tomorrow.

The just-elected first vice-president of World Archery Asia (WAA) and general secretary of Bangladesh

Archery Federation (BAF) Kazi Razibuddin Ahmed Chapal, later told reporters that it was proud moment for the country's sports.

"This is a proud moment for Bangladesh, not just the game of archery. Our archery hasn't hosted an event of such magnitude before. Asian archery championships are almost similar to world archery championships as most of the powerful nations belong to Asia," he said.

He urged people to turn up at the big bowl to watch the world stars and cheer on local participants when the tournament gets underway.

While the fight for medals is expected to be dominated by countries like South Korea, India, China, Chinese Taipei and Japan, Bangladesh are expecting at least a few of its competitors to cross the quarterfinals stage and improve on their collective position of ninth, which they had achieved in the 2015 edition.

Syed Shahed Reza, the secretary general of Bangladesh Olympic Association who was present as chief

guest of the occasion, said the apex body of sports federations was all for promoting archery as it has promise at the international stage.

"Archery has already brought laurels for the country from several international meets. The more international tournaments we will hold here, the more will our reputation grow and the more will local players come out," Reza said.

He also added that the authorities concerned are mulling over the idea of bringing in a foreign coach for the long-term training of local archers. "There is no alternative to long-term training for attaining success. We are talking with other countries in a bid to bring in foreign coaches and conduct long-term training," he said.

The opening ceremony was attended, among others, by World Archery Federation's vice president Sanguan Kosavinta, World Archery Asia's secretary general Um Sung Ho, BAF's president Lt. General Mohammad Moinul Islam and other high-ups of the game.

Willian rescues Chelsea

AFP, London

Chelsea rode their luck to salvage a 1-1 draw at Liverpool thanks to Willian's late leveller, while Manchester United cut Manchester City's Premier League lead to five points with a 1-0 win over Brighton on Saturday.

Antonio Conte's Chelsea were five minutes away from suffering a major blow to their hopes of defending the title after falling behind to Mohamed Salah's opener at Anfield.

Salah, who spent an unsuccessful spell with Chelsea from 2014 to 2016, returned to haunt his old team in the 65th minute.

Chelsea midfielder Tiemoue Bakayoko miscued a clearance, giving Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain the chance to prod the ball into Salah, who slotted a low finish past Thibaut Courtois.

It was Salah's sixth goal in his last five

RESULTS				
Man United	1 - 0	Brighton	Young 66	
Newcastle	0 - 3	Watford	Hughes 19, Yedlin 45+1-og, Gray 62	
Tottenham	1 - 1	West Brom	Kane 74	
Liverpool	1 - 1	Chelsea	Salah 65	
			Willian 85	

appearances -- and his 15th for Liverpool this season -- but he opted not to celebrate, apparently out of respect for the more than 300 Egyptians killed in a terror attack this week.

But just as the champions were facing their first defeat in five league games, in-form Willian came off the bench to rescue Chelsea with an 85th minute equaliser.

The Brazil winger, who scored twice in the Blues' 4-0 Champions League win at Qarabag midweek, found space in the Liverpool penalty area for cross that he sliced and saw loop fortu-

itously over Simon Mignolet and into the far corner.

While Chelsea finished the happier side, the draw did little to enhance either club's title prospects.

The third-placed Blues are eight points behind leaders Manchester City, who travel to Huddersfield on Sunday, while Liverpool remain fifth and sit 11 points off the top.

At Old Trafford, Jose Mourinho's United bounced back from their surprise Champions League defeat at Basel in midweek to win their 39th straight home win in all competitions and equal a 51-year record set by Sir Matt Busby thanks to Lewis Dunk's second half own goal.

United made seven changes from the Basel loss and found it hard to break Brighton's stubborn resistance, before finally nabbing the crucial goal in the 56th minute, putting Mourinho's team just one game away from a club record 40 home wins in a row.

Real edge 5-goal thriller

AFP, Madrid



LaLiga

Cristiano Ronaldo's first La Liga goal for over a month ensured Real Madrid closed the gap on La Liga leaders Barcelona to seven points by squeezing past struggling Malaga 3-2 on Saturday.

Ronaldo's relief was clear to see when he fired home the rebound after seeing his penalty saved by Roberto 15 minutes from time.

First-half goals from Karim Benzema and Casemiro had twice put the European champions in front.

However, their defensive fragilities without injured captain Sergio Ramos were also exposed as Diego Rolan and Chory Castro twice levelled for Malaga, who remain in the relegation zone.

Ronaldo also played his part for Benzema's opener after just nine minutes.

The World Player of the Year rose highest at the back post and when his header came back off the angle of post and bar, the unmarked Benzema had the simple task of

nodding into an empty net.

However, a slack pass from Toni Kroos on the edge of his own box handed Malaga a route back into the game on 18 minutes.

Keko pounced on the German World Cup winner's gift and his cross was calmly chested down and slotted beyond Kiko Casilla by Rolan.

Parity only lasted three minutes for the visitors, though, as Kroos made amends with a corner from which Casemiro powered home.

Benzema and Ronaldo had plenty of chances to improve their meagre goalscoring returns this season with the Frenchman first to pull a great chance beyond the far post.

Roberto then denied Ronaldo from close range before producing an even more stunning stop by leaping to his left to claw away a powerful header from the Portuguese.

Malaga did level just before the hour mark thanks to some calamitous goalkeeping from Casilla as he let Castro's drive from 25 yards slip through his grasp into the bottom corner.

Siddikur out with back pain

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's premier golfer Siddikur Rahman pulled out of the UBS Hong Kong Open at the start of the third round yesterday due to back pain.

The 33-year-old had made the cut with one-over-par (141) on Friday, and teed off last morning in his third round. However, according to a message posted on his official Facebook page, the two-time Asian Tour winner felt discomfort on his back after finishing the first hole. He did not continue any further and withdrew from the rest of the event.

Siddikur is, however, expected to take part in the AfrAsia Bank Mauritius Open starting on November 30.



Lionel Messi (R) signs a contract extension sitting next to Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu yesterday. The new contract will keep the Argentine superstar at the club till 2021 with a buyout clause set at 700 million euros (\$835 million).

Messi Barca's till 2021

AFP, Barcelona

Lionel Messi ended months of speculation when finally putting pen to paper on Saturday to extend his contract with Barcelona until 2021, the club announced, making official an agreement reached in July.

Barca had announced in the summer that Messi, 30, had committed his future to the club but the Argentine had not signed the new deal.

With his previous contract set to expire in 2018, Messi could have left Barca for free next summer had he not extended his deal.

"FC Barcelona and Lionel Messi signed on Saturday morning a new contract that will keep the Argentinian superstar at the club through the 2020/21 season," read a club statement.

"The buyout clause was set at 700 million euros (\$835 million)."

The steep rise in the five-time World Player of the Year's buyout clause is designed to avoid any repeat of Paris Saint-Germain's capture of Neymar from Barcelona by paying the Brazilian's 222 million-euro buyout clause in August.

Barca first announced an agreement with Messi back on July 5, but pressure has been mounting on beleaguered club president Josep Maria Bartomeu to get Messi to put pen to paper after a turbulent summer for the Catalans.

Neymar's departure sparked an institutional crisis and Bartomeu was heavily

criticised for failing to ward off PSG with a higher buyout clause and a haphazard search for replacements in the final weeks of the transfer window.

Bartomeu did though manage to see off a vote of no confidence measure launched by disgruntled fans thanks to Barca's fantastic start to the season, in large part inspired by Messi's form.

Bartomeu had previously claimed the deal was all "agreed and signed" via Messi's father and agent Jorge Horacio Messi.

Yet, to eradicate any doubts, Bartomeu now also has the image he craved of a smiling Messi tying the remainder of his peak years to the club.

Messi's 30 trophies are, along with teammate Andres Iniesta, the most in Barca's history, including eight La Liga and four Champions League titles.

The diminutive Argentine, who joined Barca at the age of 13, has also smashed 523 goals in 602 games to become the Catalans' all-time top goalscorer.

"Obviously, a lot of time has passed and a lot of things have happened, both on and off the pitch since then, but the excitement and desire remains the same," Messi told Spanish sports daily Marca on Saturday, a day after picking up his fourth golden boot as the top goalscorer in Europe last season.

News of Messi's renewal also comes as a huge boost to the leaders of La Liga ahead of Sunday's top-of-the-table clash at Valencia (1945 GMT).

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