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Bangladesh Premier League
Ctg Vikings v Dhaka Dynamos
Live from 1:00pm
Khulna Titans v Rajshahi Kings
Live from 6:00pm

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India v Sri Lanka
2nd Test, Day-4
Live from 10:00am
TEN 2
La Liga
Espanyol v Getafe
Live from 2:00am (Tuesday)
Serie A

Atalanta v Benevento
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DAY'S EVENT

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Venue: ZACS, Chittagong



(L) Bangladesh's Roman Sana wears a content look after scoring his best in ranking round while (R) South Korean archers head back to their mark after setting a world record score during the first day of the 20th Asian Archery Championships at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

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Deepika or MS?

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Popular Indian archer Deepika Kumari is more comfortable talking about herself and archery than about other Indian sports stars.

Deepika, a former world number one, is currently ranked fifth in the world in women's recurve bow. She finished fifth (667 points) in qualification round of her pet event yesterday to enter the elimination round with the hope of outshining Korean archers to win her first-ever gold medal in the Asian Archery Championships.

Though she had initially struggled in archery, everything changed after she won a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games in Delhi in 2010. She was the second Indian to win the title after Palton Hansda won Junior World Championship at Mérida (Mexico) in 2006 in the compound individual.

"Winning the gold medal in the Commonwealth Games was the turning point of my career even though the start of my archery career was difficult. Afterwards I got facilities professionally and financially and family members also started to inspire me. Archery started to get more popularity in India too," said Deepika.

The 22-year-old is from Jharkhand, a place famous for cricketing superstar Mahendra Singh (MS) Dhoni. So the obvious question was whether she was proud of being from the same city as such a superstar. Deepika's reply was pretty bold.

"It is not that I live in Dhoni's town rather I live in my town but it is pleasing that both of us live in the same town and we are both trying to do something good for the nation," said Deepika, who was in 2014 conferred the Arjuna Award, India's second highest sporting award and was given the Padma Shri award in 2016.

Roman Sana scores his best

Championships begin with Korea's world record

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20th Asian Archery Championships
Roman Sana produced his best international score to finish 11th out of 79 archers in the qualification round of men's individual recurve bow in the 20th Asian Archery Championships yesterday.

The opening day of the competition also saw a world record in women's compound team event at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Roman, who is hoping to reach at least the quarterfinals, eclipsed his previous best of 664 set in ISSF Islamic Solidarity Archery Championship in Dhaka by scoring 666 out of 720. His teammates Tamimul Islam, Hakim Ahmed Rubel and Sheikh Ibrahim Rezwan became 31st, 41st and 65th with scores of 660, 638 and 601 respectively to qualify for the elimination round which begins today.

Roman and Tamimul, however, have been given byes in the first elimination round while Rubel and Rezwan will have to fight against Rogelio Miguel of Philippines and Gaurav Trambak Lambe of India respectively in the first elimination round.

Meanwhile, South Korean archers expectedly dominated the qualification round to grab the first two positions, with Kim Jongho and Lee Woo Seok scoring 684 and 682 while the third position went to Indian archer Atanu Das, who scored 680. The top eight archers in the qualification round will enter the competition from the

third elimination round.

Roman, who had qualified for the quarterfinals in the event's last edition, was ecstatic after putting his best effort, but he felt he could have done better had he not felt nervous in the beginning.

"Initially I was a bit nervous, so the first three arrows I hit were pretty poor, but the coach made me rectify my mistakes and I returned to my natural performance," Roman said. "However, I am happy that I scored more than what I had expected and if

I can carry this performance to the elimination round, I can hope to reach the quarterfinals."

"As I finished nearly inside the top ten, I expect that the opponents will be a bit easier in the first three elimination rounds but then, it will be harder because many world class archers are competing here," said Roman, who is also happy that Bangladesh men's recurve team registered their best ever score of 1954.

"The boys and girls carried their consistency from practice sessions into the competition. Both teams in recurve and compound did well and I expect Roman Sana will play in the quarterfinals. There is also a good chance for Tamimul to do well," said coach Nisith Das.

In women's compound team event, holders South Korea women's team set a world record after So Chaewon, Choi Bomin and world Champion Song Yun Soo scored a combined 2108 out of a maximum 2160.

The Korean trio's score was 13 points higher than the previous world-best mark of 2095, shot by the USA in Shanghai in 2011.

"It was a bit windy today but that made us competitive," said top-scorer So Chaewon, who improved her international best score of 709 by 10 points.

"The most crucial factor was our preparation. We practised almost perfectly all year. Our coaches coached us well and I'm very thankful to them," added So Chaewon.

City go 8 clear

AFP, London



Manchester City moved eight points clear at the top of the Premier League after Raheem Sterling's late goal clinched a 2-1 win at Huddersfield Town, while Alexis Sanchez gave Arsenal victory over Burnley on Sunday.

City have swept aside all comers this season, but they found themselves in the unusual position of trailing at half-time after Nicolas Otamendi's own goal at the John Smith's Stadium.

Pep Guardiola's side quickly equalised through a Sergio Aguero penalty in the second half before Sterling's lucky 84th-minute winner sealed their 11th successive league victory.

City's gritty success reopened an eight-point advantage over second-placed Manchester United.

The leaders had controlled the first half yet found themselves behind in stoppage-time when a Tom Ince corner hit Otamendi on the shoulder and flashed into the net.

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City pressed for a winner, with Leroy Sane hitting the bar and Fernandinho booked for diving in the penalty area after a challenge from Rajiv van La Parra. They finally got the victory their dominance deserved late on, but the goal was fortunate.

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At Turf Moor, Arsene Wenger's side looked set for a frustrating draw as they entered stoppage-time, but they snatched the points when James Tarkowski was ruled to have pushed Aaron Ramsey.

Sanchez held his nerve to slot home the dramatic late penalty and moments later Arsenal were celebrating a 1-0 win that lifted them into fourth place in the Premier League.

Napoli return to top

AFP, Milan

Italy midfielder Jorginho scored the only goal to put Napoli back top of Serie A on Sunday with a 1-0 win at Udinese, as a moment of madness saw Roma's Daniele De Rossi sent off in a 1-1 draw at Genoa.

Jorginho fired in off the rebound after missing a penalty on 33 minutes as new Udinese coach Massimo Oddo's lost his first game in charge.

Maurizio Sarri's side pull clear of Inter Milan who went top on Friday with Argentina striker Mauro Icardi bagging a brace in a 3-1 win at Cagliari.

"It's a very important win, even though we didn't play our best game," said Napoli's Lorenzo Insigne.

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