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DAY'S EVENT

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Live from 1:00pm

Khulna Titans v Comilla Victorians

Live from 6:00pm

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Venue: ZACS, Chittagong



Roman Sana (L) and Tamimul Islam high five each other during men's recurve team event of the 20th Asian Archery Championships at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Mixed day for hosts

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh moved into the quarterfinals of men's team events in both recurve and compound in the 20th Asian Archery Championships at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The hosts had also moved into the quarterfinals of the compound mixed team event beating Hong Kong 148-142 in the first round, but they were eliminated after suffering a 158-144 defeat to South Korea in the quarterfinals. South Korea and India set the final clash in this event.

In men's recurve team event, Bangladesh comprising Roman Sana, Tamimul Islam and Hakim Ahmed Rubel beat Mongolia by 6-0 set points to move into the quarterfinals while Bangladesh men's compound team comprising Abul Kashem Mamun, Nazmul Huda and Milon Molla handed a 231- 220 defeat to their Iraqi counterparts to advance into the quarterfinals. Bangladesh will face number one side South Korea in both quarterfinals.

In women's compound team, Bangladesh will play quarterfinal against Chinese Taipei, the number three team of the seven-team event.

Apart from the team events, Bangladesh also produced some good results in individual events. Roman and Tamimul qualified for the third elimination round in men's individual recurve while Mamun booked berth in pre-quarterfinals of men's individual compound.

Roman beat Ma Hing Kim of Myanmar by 6-0 set points to set his third elimination round clash against Sri Lanka's De Silva Sanjeev, who is 43rd ranked player of the tournament. To reach the quarterfinals, Roman must win his next two matches in the third and fourth elimination rounds.

Though Roman had an easy time, Tamimul faced tough challenge from Bhutan's Kinley Tshering as the 19-year-old boy from BKSP entered the shoot-off to win the match by 10-7 points after the five sets ended 2-2. Tamim lost the first two sets before winning the third set to come into the race. The fourth set ended in a draw before the fifth set went in favour of Tamimul and thus the fate of the match entered into shootout in which Tamimul emerged winner.

Tamimul, however, will have to face second-ranked Lee Woo Seok of South Korea in the next round.

Sana and Tamimul's teammates Rezowan and Rubel were eliminated

from the first and second round after losing to India's Gourave Lambe and China's Tao Jin respectively.

In men's individual compound event, Mamun beat Pakistan's Adeel Qadir 141-138 to set his pre-quarterfinal match against number 10 archer Weng I-Cheng of Chinese Taipei while Nazmul Huda, Ehsan Ahmed and Milon Molla were eliminated from the first elimination round.

"Our target was to qualify for the quarterfinals and we made it in four events. So the initial target was achieved and we will be focusing on the quarterfinals now," said Bangladesh coach Nisith Das after yesterday's event.

Das was happy with the fact that three archers moved into the next round in individual events, especially with Roman, the lone of Bangladeshi to qualify for the quarterfinals.

Tamimul believed that they have done their best yesterday but they need to put improved performance against South Korean opponents in both individual and team events.

"We have been transforming our practice performance to competitive matches but we need to do more than today if we have to beat the South Korea," said the Youth Commonwealth Games gold medallist.

Kohli rested for SL ODIs

AFP, New Delhi

India's captain and star batsman Virat Kohli will be rested for the one-day matches against Sri Lanka after the ongoing Test series ends, selectors said Monday.

Kohli has stepped up calls in recent weeks for a break from cricket because of a packed calendar. India, the world's top Test nation, start a demanding tour of South Africa in January.

"I'm not a robot, you can slice my skin and check if I still bleed," Kohli said before the Sri Lanka series started.

He has played more international cricket in 2017 than any other Indian player -- nine Tests, 26 one-day internationals and 10 T20s.

The squad for India's tour of South Africa is expected to be named later this week.

India will go into the third and final Test against Sri Lanka in New Delhi on Saturday with Kohli leading the squad that hampered the visitors in the second Test.

India crush SL

Ashwin fastest to 300 Test wickets

AFP, Nagpur



Spin wizard Ravichandran Ashwin played down comparisons with Dennis Lillee after his record-breaking feat Monday helped India crush Sri Lanka by an innings and 239 runs in the second Test.

Ashwin became the fastest bowler to reach 300 Test wickets, taking 54 matches to reach the mark -- two fewer than Aussie pace legend Lillee who terrorised batsmen in the 1970s and early 1980s.

The off-spinner was all humility when asked to comment on the enviable record, saying any comparison with the greats would be unfair.

"We are a bit more blessed than the other greats. We have technology to help. We have help with our fitness. So we shouldn't compare," he said after the top-ranked hosts wrapped up the win inside four days to stamp their class.

"I really hope I can go on to double these 300 wickets. I've only played 50-odd Tests," said the 31-year-old, who finished with a match haul of 8-130.

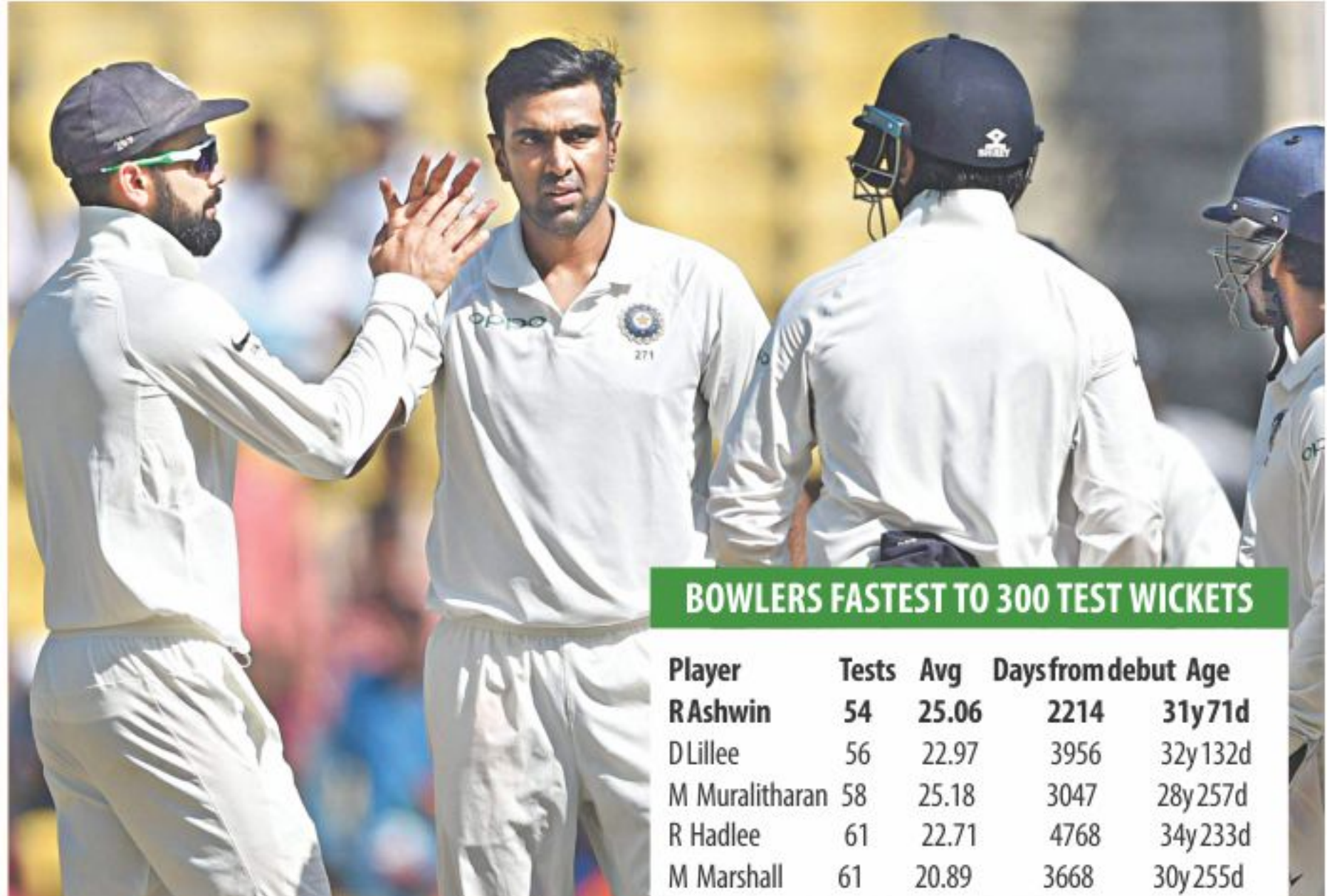
"It's not easy bowling spin, it looks like you're just stumbling up. But there's a lot behind it.

"We have bowled a lot of overs, me and Jaddu (fellow spinner Ravindra Jadeja) in the last 24 months. I am a lot more experienced now."

The victory equalled India's biggest Test win, achieved against Bangladesh in Dhaka 10 years ago.

Sri Lanka, who started the day on 21-1 after conceding a 405-run first innings lead, crashed to 166 all out, giving the hosts a 1-0 lead in the three-match series with the first game having ended in a draw.

Skipper Dinesh Chandimal put up some resistance with 61 but the rest of the batsmen fell by the wayside without showing



India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin (C) celebrates the dismissal of Sri Lanka batsman Dilruwan Perera during the fourth day of the second Test in Nagpur yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

much application.

Left-arm spinner Jadeja and fast bowlers Umesh Yadav and Ishant Sharma took two wickets each to underline India's all-round dominance.

Jadeja struck early in the morning session when he had opener Dimuth Karunaratne caught at short leg for 18.

The left-handed Karunaratne, who resumed the day on 11, got an inside edge on a tossed-up delivery from Jadeja and Murali

"It was a good toss to win. Unfortunately we were outplayed from the first day. Our batting let us down again. When you're playing against India, you've got to score 350-plus."

--- Dinesh Chandimal, Sri Lanka skipper.

I just wanted to bat the way I bat. Get into good positions and rotate strike and score quickly so our bowlers have time to bowl the opposition out.

--- Virat Kohli, India skipper.

Vijay took a sharp close catch.

Karunaratne's overnight partner Lahiru Thirimanne played a careless shot way outside off stump to hand a simple catch to Jadeja off Yadav for 23.

The third and final Test starts in Delhi on December 2.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SRI LANKA: First innings 205

INDIA: First innings 610 for 6 decl

SRI LANKA: Second innings 166 all out (Karunaratne 18, Thirimanne 23, Chandimal 61, Lakmal 31 not out; Sharma 2-43, Ashwin 4-63, Jadeja 2-28, Yadav 2-30)

Result: India won by an innings and 239 runs and led the three-match series 1-0.

Player-of-the-match: Virat Kohli.

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:

Messi's ghost goal

Lionel Messi was denied a chance to give Barcelona in their top-of-the-table clash against Valencia. The game was overshadowed by the league's refusal to embrace goal line technology as Messi was denied a clear opening goal.

Neymar puts PSG on cloud nine at Monaco

Edinson Cavani and Neymar were both on target as Paris Saint-Germain edged champions Monaco 2-1 to climb nine points clear atop France's Ligue 1. Guardiola relishes City's steely show Pep Guardiola says Manchester City's 2-1 win at Huddersfield gave him more satisfaction than other more high-profile victories because of the way they fought back in adversity.

Milan turn to Gattuso

AFP, Milan



Fallen Italian giants AC Milan named combative former player Gennaro Gattuso as their new boss on Monday after sacking Vincenzo Montella, the Chinese-owned club said Monday.

The seven-time European champions released Montella after a goalless draw against Torino on Sunday left them seventh in Serie A and have turned to 39-year-old Gattuso, a member of one of their most successful sides but a man with little coaching pedigree. Gattuso made more than 450 appearances for AC Milan between 1999 and 2012, winning a reputation as a rugged defensive midfielder, and he lifted the 2006 World Cup with Italy.

He spent a season at Glasgow Rangers before joining AC Milan.

Since retiring as a player has been working within the AC Milan structure as youth team coach after a stuttering coaching career elsewhere, with short stints at Sion in Switzerland, at Palermo and Pisa in Italy and at Greek minnows OFI Crete.

AC Milan have not finished higher than sixth in any of the last four seasons in Serie A but new Chinese owner Li Yonghong funded a 230-million-euro (\$270 million) signing spree in the summer.

Leonardo Bonucci arrived from Juventus for 38 million euros in an eye-catching move, while Portuguese player Andre Silva came for a similar sum from FC Porto and Hakan Calhanoglu was acquired from Bayer Leverkusen.

But even with those reinforcements, Montella failed to put the club that was once the jewel in former Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi's business empire in contention for a Champions League place. He leaves after 17 months at the San Siro.

There will be heavy pressure on Gattuso, who was a key cog in a team featuring Paolo Maldini, Andrea Pirlo and Filippo Inzaghi which won the 2003 Champions League by beating Juventus on penalties. He also helped Milan win two Serie A titles and made 72 international appearances for Italy.



Alaves sack coach again

AFP, Madrid

Trigger happy La Liga strugglers Alaves have sacked their coach for the second time this season as Italian Gianni de Biasi was dismissed after just seven games in charge on Monday.

De Biasi oversaw Alaves' only two La Liga victories this season against Levante and Espanyol, but defeats to Real Sociedad, Real Betis, Valencia, Getafe and Eibar have left the Basques rooted to the bottom of the table, six points off safety.

"The club has decided to terminate the contract of Gianni de Biasi after the latest results obtained in La Liga," Alaves said in a statement.

Javier Cabello, who took charge for defeats to Deportivo la Coruna and Real Madrid earlier in the season after Luis Zubeldia's sacking, has once again be put in temporary charge.

Under Southampton manager Mauricio Pellegrino, Alaves reached the Copa del Rey final last season and finished ninth in La Liga on their return to the top flight after a decade.

Alaves face Getafe once more in the second leg of their Copa del Rey last 32 tie on Thursday, leading 1-0 from the first leg.

Valencia hold Barca

Messi's clear goal disallowed

AFP, Valencia



Jordi Alba's late equaliser maintained Barcelona's four-point lead over Valencia at the top of La Liga in a 1-1 draw at Mestalla on Sunday overshadowed by the league's lack of goal line technology.

Lionel Messi's first-half effort clearly crossed the line, but wasn't allowed to stand as, unlike other major European leagues, La Liga has refused to introduce the technology on cost grounds.

Rodrigo's opener on the hour mark rubbed salt into Barca's wounds, but the visitors responded when Messi picked out Alba eight minutes from time to ensure both sides remain unbeaten in La Liga.

However, just a second slip up from Barca this season does allow Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid to close to within eight points of the leaders.

"It was a monumental error by the referee," Alba told Movistar.

"Even I could see it was in from the middle of the pitch. We saw the replay at half-time and it's clear."

La Liga does, though, intend to introduce video assistant refereeing (VAR) for controversial decisions next season.

"VAR is something which will help football and will stop moments like this happening," added Alba.

Gerard Pique's absence at the heart of the Barca defence through suspension meant a first La Liga start for Thomas Vermaelen in nearly two years.

However, Valencia failed to expose any fragility in the visitors' backline in the first 45 minutes as Barca dominated the ball without creating too many clear-cut chances.

Indeed, the first half left only one clear

target point when Messi's low shot slipped through Valencia 'keeper Neto's legs and over the line, only for referee Ignacio Iglesias Villanueva to wave play on.

"It is a shame that these situations still arise," said Valencia assistant boss Ruben Uribe, who took control from the sidelines with Marcelino Garcia Toral serving a touchline ban.

"We are in favour of technology and this time it has fallen in our favour."

Handed a huge let off, Valencia regrouped at the break and posed a far greater threat in the second period.

Simone Zaza dragged a shot just wide and Goncalo Guedes finally tested Marc-Andre ter Stegen for the first time from a narrow angle 58 minutes in.

Valencia had to wait just two minutes more to break the deadlock with Paris Saint-Germain loanee Guedes again heavily involved as he freed Jose Gaya down the left and his low cross was turned home by Rodrigo.



Barcelona defender Jordi Alba celebrates his equalising goal during their La Liga tie against Valencia at the Mestalla on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

2018 WORLD CUP

Infantino vows crackdown on racism

AFP, Moscow

FIFA President Gianni Infantino vowed on Monday to crack down hard on racist incidents when Russia hosts the World Cup next year.

"This is a very high priority and we will make sure no incidents will happen," Infantino said in a video statement.

"It is absolutely not tolerable and we will be very, very firm on that, so we can expect fair play in Russia."

Racism became especially pronounced in Russian football with the influx of foreign players that occurred after the Iron Curtain fell and the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

Brazilian striker Hulk said he heard monkey chants at "almost every match" when he led Zenit Saint Petersburg to a title and two second-place finishes between 2012 and 2016.

Infantino said the 2018 World Cup will be the first at which referees will be allowed to halt or even abandon matches should anything similar happen during matches.

"We expect fair play in Russia," he said.

He was speaking ahead of Friday's draw for the World Cup in the concert hall of