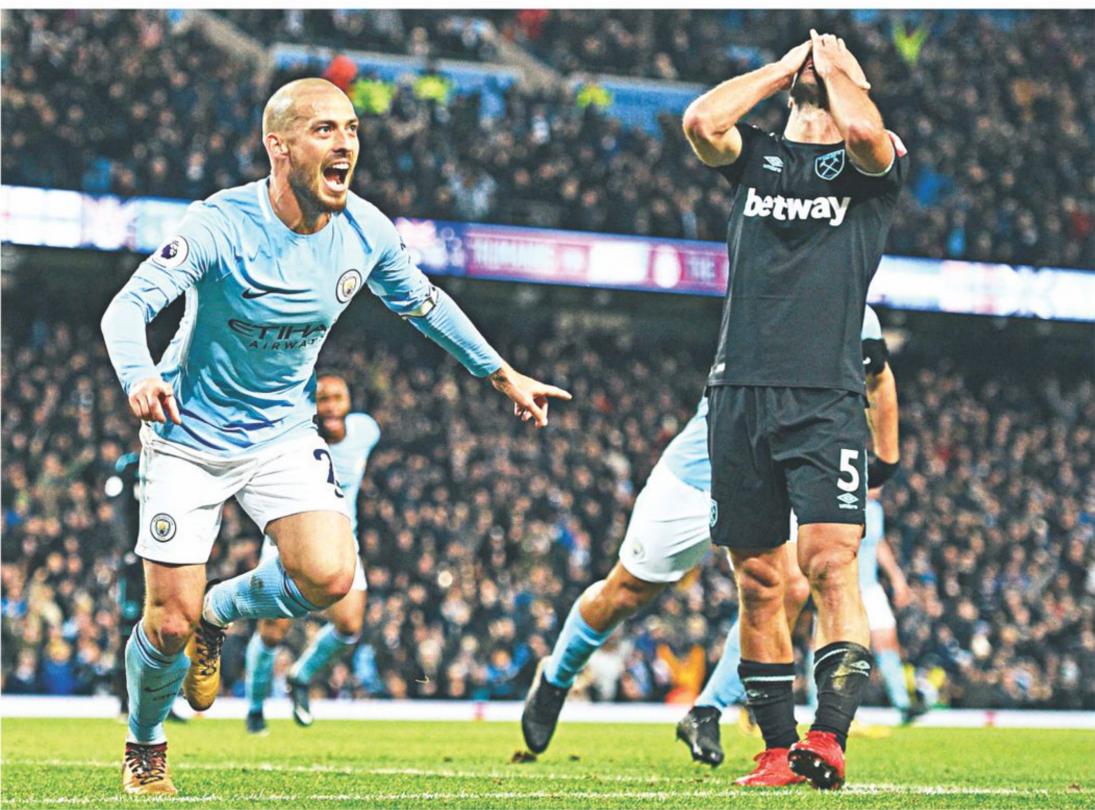


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TEN 2
La Liga
Girona v Alaves
Live from 2:00am (Tuesday)



Spanish midfield maestro David Silva struck seven minutes from time as Manchester City continued to find late winning goals and extended their Premier League winning streak to a record-equalling 13 matches.

Silva inspires City

AFP, Manchester

Manchester City moved eight points clear at the top of the Premier League as David Silva's superb late strike capped a dramatic 2-1 victory over West Ham on Sunday. Pep Guardiola's side maintained their recent habit of finding dramatic, late winning goals, with Silva netting seven minutes from full-time at Eastlands to give City a record-equalling 13th successive Premier League victory. Silva produced his impressive volley after Nicolas Otamendi struck in the second half to cancel out a first ever league goal from Hammers defender Angelo Ogbonna just before the interval. City have drawn level with Chelsea in 2016-17 and Arsenal in 2001-02 for the

most consecutive victories in a single season in Premier League history. The all-time record for successive victories is Arsenal's 14, achieved between February and August 2002. City also set a club record with a 20th straight win in all competitions, giving them the perfect preparation for next weekend's meeting with second-placed Manchester United at Old Trafford. West Ham are second bottom of the table after failing to win for the eighth consecutive league game. The visitors, looking for their first win under manager David Moyes, looked untroubled and created the better chances of the opening 45 minutes. That was certainly underlined a minute before the interval when Ogbonna headed his side into an unexpected lead that exposed some poor play in City's defence.

Aaron Cresswell exchanged a short corner with Manuel Lanzini and crossed for the Italian, who beat Otamendi to the ball and steered a well-aimed header into the corner. City were stunned but West Ham had enjoyed the better chances of the half, while surrendering possession. After 57 minutes, City were level. Raheem Sterling's touch sent Jesus darting to the right-hand by-line from where his low cross was turned in by central defender Otamendi. It was now one-way traffic with Sane's dribbling run and shot bringing yet another acrobatic parry out of Adrian before Sane and De Bruyne both tried shots from the edge of the area. Silva struck in the 83rd minute with a brilliant finish, diving to meet De Bruyne's cross at full stretch and steer the ball in from five yards.

Razib, Rakib share lead

SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champion GM Enamul Hossain Razib and last edition's runner-up GM Abdullah Al Rakib shared the lead at the end of the 11th round of the 43rd National Chess Championship yesterday. Razib beat SM Sharon while Rakib beat FM Mehdi Hasan to stay on nine points from 11 matches. GM Ziaur Rahman was in second position with eight points while FM Khandokar Aminul Islam was in third position with seven points.

Mamic leaves Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER

Five-time champions Abahani will have to make do without their coach Dragon Mamic for the remainder of the Bangladesh Premier League after the Croat left the club on expiry of his contract with eight games of the league still remaining. The 63-year-old reportedly joined Thai League outfit Chainat Hornbill on Thursday after informing the club during his vacation in Croatia on Nov 26 that he would not be able to return to Bangladesh for personal reasons. Mamic had left for Croatia after Abahani's last match on November 22 when the league was suspended due to the Asian Archery Championships. He was with the Sky Blues for 11 months and guided them in the AFC Cup and helped

them win this year's Federation Cup. However, his departure at the end of his contract would have been fine for the club had the league run on time, which was originally scheduled to conclude within November. Last season George Kottan, too, had left Abahani at the end of his contract with three games left, but the club clinched the title with a game in hand. However, this time they are much worse off, sitting in third with 30 points, five behind leaders Chittagong Abahani. Club manager Satyajit Das Rupu lamented the coach's departure. "Had the league ended on scheduled time [Oct 22] in line with the original calendar, Mamic could have left the club having guided in the league," Rupu said, adding that the club was in talks with him to extend contract for the remainder of the league as well as for the next AFC Cup.

'HE SHOWED ME HOW GOOD HE WAS'

David Beckham finally spoke about one of the most iconic, if infamous, moments of his career at a charity event on Friday night. Following a 2-0 defeat to Arsenal in the FA Cup, Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson was seething, and when England's former captain swore out loud all hell broke loose. "You know the boss, on European nights, Champions League nights, would always come onto the pitch and start taking penalties and free kicks and telling all of us how great he was when he played, the goals he scored and things like that," Beckham said to rounds of laughter. "But the time when I really got to find out how great he was, was after a game against Arsenal where I think I'd made a couple of mistakes. He came into the dressing room, we had a few words, he started to walk over toward me and he kicked a pile of clothes on the floor and out came this boot and hit me. And that's when I realised actually how accurate he really was." —AGENCIES



Arambagh march on Saif SC stutter to draw against Farashganj

SPORTS REPORTER



Saif Sporting Club lost more ground in the Bangladesh Premier League title race after being held to a 2-2 draw by Farashganj SC at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The newcomers had to come from a goal down to salvage a point, which took their tally to 27 from 14 matches, eight behind league leaders Chittagong Abahani. Farashganj, meanwhile, remained at the bottom of the table with seven points from the same number of matches. Farashganj took the lead in the 11th minute when Mohammad Alamgir tapped in after goalkeeper Pappu Hossain failed to grip a Lamine Camara header. But the lead lasted only three minutes as Camara's handball earned Saif SC a penalty, which was dispatched by Wedson Anselme. Jewel Rana then gave Saif SC the lead one minute into the stoppage time of the first half, but Farashganj hit back through Mohammad Shamim two minutes later. Saif SC created a few scoring chances after the break, but Wedson's effort rattled the post while Farashganj goalkeeper Mamun Alif stood tall to foil the other attempts. Meanwhile, Arambagh KS avenged their first-leg 2-0 defeat by inflicting an identical margin

ARAMBAGH (SOHEL 4, RAJON 7)	2 - 0	MUKTIJODDHA
SAIF SC (WEDSON 11, JEWEL 45+1)	2 - 2	FARASHGANJ SC (ALAMGIR 8, SHAMIM 45+2)

defeat on Muktiyoddha Sangsad in the day's first match. The win lifted Arambagh to eighth position with 14 points while Muktiyoddha remained in 11th position with their previously earned eight points. Arambagh, who struggled in the first leg of the league and managed only two wins and a draw in 11 matches, have been in fantastic form from the start of the second leg. The charges of Maruful Haque have posted two wins and a draw in their first three matches after the mid-season break. They came into this match on the back of a morale-boosting draw against Saif SC and took the match away from Muktiyoddha Sangsad after scoring twice within the first seven minutes. Striker Sohel Rana opened the scoring by driving home a rebound in the fourth minute after a clearance from Muktiyoddha Sangsad defender Shahidul Haque came off the crossbar and onto his path. Three minutes later, captain Mahbubur Rahman Sufil released a perfect cross from the left flank which Rajon Mia drove home. Despite taking a two-goal cushion, Arambagh kept playing attacking football and created a number of scoring chances but the forwards could not cash in on those opportunities. However, they had the satisfaction of registering their second win in three matches.

Leadbetter opens kids' golfing school

SPORTS REPORTER

The Leadbetter Golf Academy (LGA), the first and only private golf academy of the country, has opened a two-year programme to introduce young children to the game of golf in Dhaka. Titled Leadbetter Kids School (LBKS) and with a tagline of Game for Life, the programme was inaugurated at the academy in Kurmitola Golf Club on Saturday. The curriculum of the programme has been split into four levels spread over two years, focusing on four main aspects: life skills, education, fitness and golf. Mike Sanabria, director of certification and head of junior development at Leadbetter International, was present during the programme where he shared his experience and knowledge with the team of instructors. The programme was inaugurated by Major General Abdullahil Baquee, senior vice-president of Bangladesh Golf Federation (BGF) while Momin Ud Dowlah, chairman of LGA Bangladesh and other officials of the academy and the federation were present.



Australia batsman Shaun Marsh celebrates his century against England on the second day of the second Ashes Test in Adelaide yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Australia tighten screws

AFP, Adelaide



England stumbled, losing an early wicket, before rain forced play to be abandoned on day two of the second Ashes Test on Sunday after Australia had declared their first innings on 442 for eight. Mitchell Starc struck in the seventh over, trapping Mark Stoneman leg before for 18, to leave the tourists a shaky 29 for one when rain brought an early finish at Adelaide Oval. Alastair Cook was on 11 with James Vince yet to score in the first-ever Ashes day-night Test. Stoneman wasted a review, which only confirmed the umpire's decision, to end a dire day for the tourists. Shaun Marsh earlier claimed his fifth Test century as Australia tightened the screws on England, making captain Joe Root pay for sending the home side in to bat.

Marsh scored a watchful and undefeated 126 off 231 balls as Australia's score surpassed their previous best in pink-ball Tests, 383 in the first innings of last year's day-night match against South Africa in Adelaide. "I haven't thought about all the incidental noise (criticism) and my selection for the team," Marsh said. "I've just tried to come in and feel nice and relaxed. I've felt good about my game in the last three or four months. "Six months ago I wasn't sure whether I'd be back here. I'd always dreamt of getting back in."

SCORES IN BRIEF
AUSTRALIA: First innings 442 for 8 decl (Warner 47, Khawaja 53, Smith 40, Handscomb 36, Marsh 126 not out, Paine 57, Cummins 44; Broad 2-72, Overton 3-105)
ENGLAND: First innings 29 for 1 (Cook 11 not out, Stoneman 18; Starc 1-13)

Curse finally broken

REUTERS, Milan

Benevento, beaten in their first 14 Serie A matches, finally grabbed their first-ever point in extraordinary style on Sunday when goalkeeper Alberto Brignoli scored with a flying header deep into stoppage time to give them a 2-2 draw with AC Milan. The result was another deep embarrassment to big-spending AC Milan who were playing their first match under new coach Gennaro Gattuso. Milan twice led but were pegged back after Alessio Romagnoli was sent off for a second booking in the 75th minute. Brignoli went up to join the attack after his side won a free kick in the fifth minute of stoppage time and, as the ball was whipped in, he met it with a flying header into the bottom corner of the net to spark wild scenes at the modest Stadio Ciro Vigorito. The 26-year-old became the first



Goalkeeper Alberto Brignoli stunned AC Milan yesterday after heading in a 96th-minute equaliser to earn Benevento's first points of the Serie A season after 14 consecutive defeats.

PHOTO: REUTERS

goalkeeper to score in Serie A since Massimo Taibi for Reggina in 2001. Giacomo Bonaventura gave Milan the lead before George Puscas snapped up an equaliser five minutes after halftime but, as so often this season, they undid the good work by quickly conceding another, Nikola Kalinic scoring after being allowed a free header. Milan, however, handed the initiative to Benevento after Romagnoli was sent off and the hosts desperate attacks were finally rewarded with Brignoli's stunning effort on a memorable afternoon.



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