

**GTV & MAASRANGA**  
Bangladesh Premier League  
Qualifier-2  
Comilla Victorians v Rangpur Riders  
Live from 6:00pm  
**STAR SPORTS 1**  
India v Sri Lanka  
1st ODI

Live from 12:00pm  
**STAR SPORTS SELECT 1**  
English Premier League  
Southampton v Arsenal  
Live from 6:00pm  
Liverpool v Everton  
Live from 8:15pm  
Man United v Man City

Live from 10:30pm  
West Indies v New Zealand  
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Live from 4:00am (Monday)  
**STAR SPORTS SELECT 2**  
Bundesliga  
Koln v Freiburg  
Live from 6:30pm

Hannover v Hoffenheim  
Live from 8:30pm  
Augsburg v Hertha Berlin  
Live from 11:00pm  
**TEN 1**  
Serie A  
Chievo Verona v Roma  
Live from 5:30pm

Napoli v Fiorentina  
Live from 8:00pm  
Sassuolo v Crotone  
Live from 11:00pm  
AC Milan v Bologna  
Live from 1:45am (Monday)  
**TEN 2**  
La Liga

Real Sociedad v Malaga  
Live from 5:00pm  
Real Betis v Atletico Madrid  
Live from 9:15pm  
Levante v Athletic Bilbao  
Live from 11:30pm  
Villarreal v Barcelona  
Live from 1:45am (Monday)

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh Premier League  
Qualifier-2  
Comilla Victorians v Rangpur Riders  
Time: 6:00pm  
Venue: SBNS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Premier League  
Muktijoddha v Brothers Union  
Time: 4:30pm  
Saif Sporting v Mohammedan  
Time: 6:45pm  
Venue: BNS, Dhaka

## Arnab Sharar wins silver

16-year-old qualifies for Youth Olympics

SPORTS REPORTER



Arnab Sharar brought laurels for the nation by winning a silver medal in the youth section of 10m air rifle event in the 10th Asian Airgun Championships in Wako, Japan yesterday.

The achievement also earned the 16-year-old a place in next year's Youth Olympic Games to be held in Buenos Aires. He will be the second Bangladeshi athlete to participate in the Youth Olympics directly following archer Emdadul Haque Milon, who did so in 2010.

Arnab, who qualified for the eight-shooter final round in sixth position with a score of 620.9 points, narrowly missed out on the gold medal. The BKSP student from Satkhira scored 249.5 points in the final round, falling 0.5 points short of eventual champion Changhong Zhang of China. The bronze medal went to India's Shahu Tushar Mane.

### 10th ASIAN AIRGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wako-Saitama Japan  
2017.12.10(MON) - 12.11(TUE)



Arnab Sharar (L) poses with the silver medal that he won in the 10m air rifle event during the Asian Airgun Championships in Wako yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

## Emeka lifts Abahani to top

SPORTS REPORTER

Emeka a Darlington scored a third-minute goal as defending Champions Abahani beat Sheikh Russel KC 1-0 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday to go joint top of the Bangladesh Premier League table alongside league leaders Chittagong Abahani.

The Nigerian headed in Wali Faisal's floating cross from an unmarked position to extend the Sky Blues' winning streak to four matches and lead them to joint-top with 36 points from 16 matches. They have, however, played a match more than Chittagong Abahani. Sheikh Russel, with their sixth

defeat in 16 matches, remained in sixth position with 20 points.

Despite playing without their head coach, the Dhanmondi giants had registered a 4-1 victory over Team BJMC in their previous match. And they looked to be in similar vein of form when Emeka danced into the box in the first minute of play, only to earn a yellow card by taking a dive. The Nigerian, however, made amends two minutes later, expertly heading in Wali's cross.

Although the Sky Blues dominated possession, they failed to create anymore clear-cut chances in the first half, with Emeka's header cleared off the goal line in the 42nd minute and Emon Mahmud's long-range attempt in the additional time

being the highlights of the remainder of the half.

Abahani came out of blocks in a more dominant fashion after the break, with Rubel Mia, Saad Uddin and Emeka keeping the Sheikh Russel defenders on their toes with some incisive moves, but all their

**SK RUSSEL 0 - 1 ABAHANI (EMEKA 3)**  
**FARASHGANJ 1 - 0 TEAM BJMC (CAMARA 62)**

efforts came to nothing in face of some dogged defending from Shafiqul Islam Manik's charges. But going forward, Sheikh Russel hardly posed any threat as the Sky Blues left the field with full points.

Meanwhile, 10-man Farashganj Sporting Club moved off the foot of the table with a 1-0 victory against Team BJMC in the day's second match. Both sides failed to make much of an impression on a rain-soaked and sluggish pitch, but a spot-kick earned in the 62nd minute when Mahmudul Biswas was brought down by Team BJMC defender Mohammad Khokon proved to be decisive.

Lamine Camara stepped up and dispatched the spot-kick with aplomb. Interestingly, Team BJMC earned a penalty too just six minutes later, but substitute Ismail Bangoura drove the ball woefully wide of target. The win took Farashganj to 11th position with 10 points while Team BJMC remained in seventh position with 16 points.

## Revitalized Real thrash Sevilla

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid sent a warning to Barcelona just two weeks ahead of El Clasico by storming back into form as Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice in a 5-0 thrashing of Sevilla on Saturday.

Sevilla had started the afternoon on the same number of points as Madrid in joint fourth, but the sides looked worlds apart as Real scored all five goals before half-time to close to within five points of Barca at the top of the table.

Nacho got the hosts off to a perfect start before Ronaldo doubled his La Liga tally for the season with a cool finish and a penalty inside the half mark.

Toni Kroos and Achraf Hakimi rounded off the rout as Real leapfrogged cross city rivals Atletico Madrid into third.

Barca can regain their eight-point advantage over Real when they visit Villarreal on Sunday.

Real's spirits were lifted even before kick-off as Ronaldo showed off his record-equalling fifth Ballon d'Or to an adoring Santiago Bernabeu.

Ronaldo struck twice. The Portuguese swept home Marco Asensio's lovely through ball to double Madrid's advantage.



Paris Saint Germain winger Angel Di Maria celebrates his opening goal in trademark style during their League One 3-1 win against Lille at the Parc des Princes Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP



West Ham United midfielder Marko Arnautovic (L) celebrates his all-important goal against Chelsea during their Premier League encounter at the London Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Conte throws in the towel

AFP, London



Chelsea manager Antonio Conte declared his side's Premier League title defence over after Marko Arnautovic's goal condemned the champions to a 1-0 defeat at West Ham United on Saturday.

Chelsea's defeat, their first in eight league games, left them 11 points adrift of leaders Manchester City, who visit second-placed Manchester United in Sunday's Manchester derby.

"We have to consider that this is the fourth game we've lost in 16 games," Conte told Sky Sports at the London Stadium.

"In my previous experience, it won't be possible to fight for the title. With four defeats in 16 games, we must have another target."

Elsewhere, Tottenham Hotspur ended a run of four games without victory with a thumping 5-1 home win over Stoke City at Wembley in which Harry Kane scored twice.

Having previously been beaten by Burnley, Manchester City and Crystal Palace, Chelsea have lost just one fewer game than in the entirety of

their triumphant 2016-17 campaign.

Austria international Arnautovic struck in the sixth minute, neatly exchanging passes with Manuel Lanzini and cutting inside Cesar Azpilicueta before curling a low shot past Thibaut Courtois.

Alvaro Morata squandered Chelsea's best chance of an equaliser when he sliced wide from N'Golo Kante's through ball with seven minutes remaining.

It was West Ham's first win in nine league games and confirmed the progress they have made under new manager David Moyes, who saw his side narrowly beaten 2-1 at Manchester City last weekend.

"The win, the spirit of the team, how they stuck together and more importantly a lot of the basics were done well today," said Moyes. "All that really pleased me."

West Ham remain in the relegation zone, but they are now level on points with fourth-bottom West Bromwich Albion, who lost 1-0 to Swansea City in Alan Pardew's second game as manager.

Wilfried Bony scored for the second game running to lift Swansea off the foot of the table.

Spurs moved above Arsenal into fifth place on goal difference ahead of their local rivals' trip to Southampton on Sunday.

Burnley are level on points with the two north London heavyweights after Scott Arfield scored in a 1-0 home win over Watford, who had Marvin Zeegelaar sent off for a studs-up foul on Steven Defour.

Crystal Palace fell to the foot of the table after Belgian striker Christian Benteke squandered a stoppage-time penalty in a 2-2 draw at home to Bournemouth.



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