

**GTV & MAASRANGA**  
**Bangladesh Premier League**  
 Qualifier-2  
 Comilla Victorians v Rangpur Riders  
 Live from 6:00pm  
**STAR SPORTS SELECT 1**  
 New Zealand v West Indies  
 2nd Test, Day-4

Live from 4:00am (Tuesday)  
**TEN 1**  
**Serie A**  
 Genoa v Atalanta  
 Live from 12:00am (Tuesday)  
 Lazio v Torino  
 Live from 2:00am (Tuesday)

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

**DAY'S EVENT**

**Bangladesh Premier League**  
 Ctg Abahani v Rahmatganj  
 Time: 4:30pm

Arambagh v Sk Jamal  
 Time: 6:45pm  
 Venue: BNS, Dhaka

## Napoli miss out on top spot

AFP, Milan

Napoli missed out on the chance to reclaim top spot in Serie A after drawing 0-0 with Fiorentina on Sunday.

Napoli stayed second on 39 points, one behind unbeaten leaders Inter Milan, who drew 0-0 at arch-rivals Juventus on Saturday night, after a below-par performance that did not live up to their reputation as Serie A's most attractive side.

Maurizio Sarri's side surrendered first place to Inter after losing at home to Juve last time out, and Sunday's was another uninspiring home display.

Fiorentina had the best of a tight first half, and while Napoli woke up after the break, with Piotr Zielinski going closest when his shot was pushed onto the post by Fiorentina stopper Marco Sportiello in the 54th minute, the away side were well worth a point. Napoli's result meant all the top four had goalless draws over the weekend. Inter and Juve played to a 0-0 result on Saturday and earlier on Sunday fourth-placed Roma was frustrated at Chievo,

whose goalkeeper Stefano Sorrentino made several magnificent saves to deny the dominant away side.

Roma stay five points behind Inter, and can be caught by local rivals Lazio, who host Torino in Rome on Monday.

Rock-bottom Benevento returned to losing ways after picking up their first point of the season in last-week's dramatic last-gasp draw with AC Milan. On Sunday, Benevento lost 2-0 at Udinese whose goals came from Antonin Barak and Kevin Lasagna.

Hellas Verona stayed second-bottom on ten points after throwing away a two-goal lead to draw at SPAL, who snatched a points thanks to an Alberto Paloschi strike four minutes before the end and Mirco Antenucci last ditch penalty.

Fourth-from-bottom Sassuolo will have the chance to pull away from the drop zone when they host fellow strugglers Crotona later.

AC Milan have the chance to bounce back from last week's humiliating draw with Benevento when they host Bologna later on Sunday.



Try as they might, Napoli failed to break down Fiorentina as they were held to a goalless draw on Sunday, missing a chance to topple Inter Milan and claim top spot in Serie A.

PHOTO: AFP



An unfortunate clearance from Manchester United's Romelu Lukaku, which hit his own teammate, landed right in front of Manchester City defender Nicolas Otamendi (R), who made no mistake in firing home the winner in yesterday's Manchester derby.

PHOTO: AFP

## Kiwis take command

AFP, Hamilton

New Zealand enjoyed a "fun" day out as Tim Southee and Trent Boult ensured they seized command on a rain-affected day two of the second Test against West Indies on Sunday.

Southee and Boult starred with bat and ball as the West Indies were left struggling 158 runs behind on the first innings with only two wickets remaining.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 373 (Raval 84, De Grandhomme 58; Gabriel 4-119, Roach 3-58)

**WEST INDIES:** First innings 215 for 8 (Brathwaite 66, Dowrich 35; Southee 2-34, Boult 2-67)

## City go 11 points clear

AFP, London



Manchester City took a giant step towards the title as the leaders beat Manchester United 2-1 to clinch a record-equalling 14th successive Premier League victory, while Wayne Rooney's late leveller gave Everton a 1-1 draw at Liverpool on Sunday.

City drew level with Arsenal's previous record winning streak, set between February and August 2002, thanks to Nicolas Otamendi's second-half winner. Pep Guardiola's side are now 11 points clear of second-placed United, who were beaten at Old Trafford for the first time in 41 games in all competitions.

Guardiola's latest success at the expense of old rival Jose Mourinho could drain much of the drama for the title race as it would take an epic meltdown for City to surrender their lead.

Having bossed the first half, City's pressure was rewarded 43 minutes in.

Kevin De Bruyne's corner was flicked on and, with Ashley Young playing Silva outside, the Spaniard hooked home from close range.

Mourinho's team got an equaliser in first-half stoppage time when Fabian Delph made a hash of clearing and Marcus Rashford pounced to slot

RESULTS			
Liverpool (Salah 42)	1 - 1	Everton (Rooney 77-pen)	
Man United (Rashford 45+2)	1 - 2	Man City (Silva 43, Otamendi 54)	
Southampton (Austin 3)	1 - 1	Arsenal (Giroud 88)	

his ninth club goal of the season.

But United returned the favour with an even more farcical piece of defending in the 54th minute.

Silva's free-kick should have been cleared by Romelu Lukaku, but instead the Belgian slammed a panicked clearance into the back of United team-

mate Chris Smalling and the ball looped towards Argentine defender Otamendi, who stretched to fire home.

United felt they should have had a late penalty for Otamendi's challenge on Ander Herrera, but the midfielder was booked for diving, while Lukaku and Juan Mata were denied an equaliser by Ederson's brilliant double save.

At Anfield, Liverpool took the lead in the old rivals' 229th meeting when Mohamed Salah curled home from the edge of the area in the 42nd minute. But Everton refused to wilt and were awarded a penalty after Dejan Lovren barged over Dominic Calvert-Lewin.

Rooney drilled down the middle with 13 minutes left, but Reds boss Jurgen Klopp was furious with the penalty.

"I don't understand why the ref is doing that. Lovren doesn't make a challenge," Klopp said. "If you think it is a penalty say so. Does my opinion change anything? I only want to speak to people with a little bit of understanding about football."

## Pistol shooters fail

SPORTS REPORTER



After a bright day in Wako City in Japan on Saturday, the Bangladeshi pistol shooters produced disappointing performances in the 10th Asian Airgun Championships yesterday.

Rifle shooter Arnab Sharar won a silver medal in youth 10m air rifle event on Saturday to qualify for the next Youth Olympic Games, but his senior teammates -- Shakil Ahmed, Anwar Hossain, Armin Asha and Ardina Ferdous -- could not shine at the shooting range on Sunday, even failing to qualify for the final rounds.

Shakil, who won a gold medal in 50m pistol event in the South Asian Games in India last year, became 29th among 37 shooters in 10m pistol event with a score of 562 points, 14 points less than the eighth qualifier for the final round.

Shakil's teammate Anwar became 34th after scoring 554 points in the qualification round.

In women's 10m pistol event, Armin and Ardina became 13th and 23rd out of 38 shooters after scoring 376 points and 370 points respectively, with China's Qian Wang advancing as the eighth shooter with a score of 376 points

## 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:

**England's booze issues no joke, says Lehmann**

Australia coach Darren Lehmann says England's latest alcohol-fuelled indiscretion is no laughing matter and his team are not relishing the tourists' misfortunes.

**PSG sink managerless Lille sans Neymar**

Runaway leaders Paris Saint-Germain shook off the absence of the suspended Neymar to end their recent wobble with a 3-1 win over managerless Lille in Ligue 1.



## Teddy here for his son



SPORTS REPORTER

Former England international and Manchester United star Teddy Sheringham had a glittering career, but his son Charlie is barely making scraps out of the game. A non-league player in England, Charlie is now in Bangladesh playing for Saif Sporting Club in the Bangladesh Premier League. The fact that his son failed to make it to the upper echelons of the game hardly discourages Teddy.

The former England international, now Atletico de Kolkata coach, flew from the City of Joy to Dhaka yesterday to watch his son play.

"I'm very proud of the way he's conducted himself and what he's done in his career," Teddy said of his son while talking to reporters at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

"He's done well to get where he is and I'm very proud that he's come out to Bangladesh to try his luck out here because it's not easy to do that. A lot of people would have shied away from that but he's come out here and put his neck on the line and I hope it works out well," the 51-year-old, who was here on a one-day visit on invitation from Saif SC, said.

Charlie scored twice in his first four appearances for Saif SC, but failed to get on the scoresheet yesterday as his side lost the match. Like his son, Teddy's start to his coaching stint across the border hasn't been fruitful thus far as Atletico de Kolkata are currently bottom of the ISL table. Nevertheless, Teddy said he's enjoying his job in India.

"I'm really enjoying it. Things haven't gone fantastic in the first four games of the ISL season. I'm enjoying coaching the Indian boys and the foreign boys and it's been a fantastic experience in Calcutta," said Teddy.

In his heyday, Teddy was a prolific forward for club and country. He appeared 51 times for the Three Lions and scored 11 goals while scoring 98 goals in 236 appearances for Tottenham Hotspur. He also scored 31 goals in 104 appearances for the Red Devils, becoming a fan favourite after scoring the equaliser in the 1999 Champions League final against Bayern Munich.

"People always ask me about the 1999 Champions League final. That was 17-18 years ago, but I still get asked about that three times a day," said Teddy, who is the tenth leading goal-scorer in the history of the English Premier League with 147 goals.

While English clubs are doing well in European football, the national team's performance has taken a nosedive since the days of Teddy and Co. The former striker feels too many foreign players are having a detrimental impact on the national team. "English football has been helped by all the foreigners that have come across, but I also think that we have it wrong. We have too many foreigners and I think that's hampered the national team."

"I think we need to cut that down so our young players can grow. I think we have it right with the youth teams, with the U-17s, U-19s, etc. We're doing quite well with them and that holds us in good stead in the future," concluded Teddy.

## MSC end Saif streak

SPORTS REPORTER



Saif SC's unbeaten run in the Bangladesh Premier League came to an end

after 14 matches as they suffered a massive 3-0 defeat to Mohammedan SC in a crucial encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

On the other hand relegation-threatened Muktijoddha Sangsad finally tasted victory after 12 matches with an emphatic 2-0 result against Brothers Union.

A third win from 16 matches helped them leapfrog Farashganj and reclaim 11th position in the 12-team table with 11 points, one more than bottom-placed Farashganj.

Muktijoddha made a good start with two successive wins following a defeat in their league opener, but have since struggled, managing two draws from 12 matches before avenging a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Brothers.

Magalan Awala put Muktijoddha ahead with a perfect drive after beating the offside trap before Monir Alam wrapped up the win with a close-range header in the 80th minute.

In the day's second match, Saif SC, who were undefeated since a defeat in the league opener against Abahani, were aiming to close the gap with leaders Chittagong Abahani. However, they left the field with a defeat to struggling Mohammedan, who raised their tally to 23 from 16 games to remain fifth.

A second defeat left Saif in fourth with 30 points from 16 games, six behind the leaders, who also have a game in hand.

After a barren first half, Mohammedan wrapped up the win with a 12-minute blitz to start the second. Nkowcha Kingsley's diving header gave them the lead a minute after the break before Augustin Walson doubled the lead two minutes later. Kingsley then wrapped up the win in the 57th minute.

<b>SAIF SC</b>	<b>0 - 3</b>	<b>MSC</b>
		(KINGSLEY 46, 57, WALSON 48)
<b>MUKTIJODDHA</b>	<b>2 - 0</b>	<b>BROTHERS</b>
(AWALA 77, MONIR 80)		

ASIAN GAMES 2018

## Fun Run today

SPORTS REPORTER

Asian Games Fun Run will be held in the capital today in a bid to promote and raise awareness about the upcoming 18th Asian Games, which will be held in Jakarta-Palembang Indonesia from August 18 to September 2, 2018.

With association of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and the 18th Asian Games Organising Committee, Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) has arranged the Fun Run where sportsmen, sports organisers and students of Physical Institutes will run.

The run will start from the Bangladesh Football Federation House in Motijheel and end at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Ahead of the Games, the OCA has planned to the run in 28 countries, which is also expected to give the national Olympic councils an opportunity to develop their own awareness programme for their athletes.

Bangladesh is the second country to hold the run after Pakistan hosted it on December 7.

"The Fun Run is a kind of message for Asian Games that the OCA wants to convey to all participating countries. As part of this endeavour, they are holding the event in Dhaka. A delegation of OCA is here to help us organise the event," BOA's deputy secretary general Ashikur Rahman Miku said at a press conference yesterday.