

What to WATCH

DAY'S EVENT

DSPORT

Pakistan Super League

Lahore Qualandars v Karachi Kings

Live from 10:00pm

STAR SPORTS SELECT 2

Bundesliga

Dortmund v Augsburg

Live from 1:30am (Tuesday)

TEN 1

Serie A

Cagliari v Napoli

Live from 1:45am (Tuesday)

TEN 2

La Liga

Levante v Real Betis

Live from 2:00am (Tuesday)

Dhaka Premier League

Time: 9:00am

Gazi Group v Legends of Rugpanj

Venue: BKSP-3

Prime Doleshwar v Sheikh Jamal

Venue: KSOAS

Abahani v Mohammedan

Venue: SBNS

NASRI BANNED FROM FOOTBALL

Samir Nasri has been banned from football following an investigation into the intravenous drip treatment he received at a Los Angeles clinic. The player's legal representative in the case has confirmed that a six-month suspension has been imposed on Nasri by Uefa. Former Arsenal and Manchester City playmaker Nasri received 500 millilitres of hydration in the form of sterile water containing micronutrient components on December 26, 2016, while on holiday. At the time, he was at Sevilla, and Nasri had reported feeling ill and vomiting before calling a doctor, who provided an initial diagnosis. World Anti-Doping Agency rules state there is a 50 millilitre infusion limit per six-hour period for active athletes. Marca reported Nasri has been banned for one year, but Nasri's lawyer disputed that figure although conceding that his client had been banned.

AGENCIES



Goalkeeping coach joins camp

Booters to play two games against Thai clubs

SPORTS REPORTER



Former Welsh international Jason Brown began his work with Bangladesh's goalkeepers yesterday, after arriving in the country three days ago.

The 35-year-old coach, who made three appearances for Wales, apart from featuring for a number of English Premier League and Championship League sides, worked with the Arsenal youth academy and the Arsenal women's team of late.

"We have contracted Jason Brown for four months initially. After these four months, we will evaluate his activities and performance. We will also see how much he copes with the culture and environment here and what impact he has on the footballers. Then we will decide whether we will go for a long-term contract with him," Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag informed reporters yesterday.

The Welsh coach's immediate work will be to restore confidence among the national team goalkeepers, who have been guilty of horrendous errors both in international as well as club matches during recent times. The BFF previously had German Christian Schweisler as goalkeeping coach for a brief stint, which apparently improved the performance of the goalkeepers. However, the German was released before the game's local governing body appointed New

Zealand's Ryan Sanford. But the young coach hardly made an impact on the custodians.

Brown meanwhile has already started work under head coach Andrew Ord in the team's training camp in BKSP. The team will leave for Qatar on Wednesday for a two-week camp before heading for Thailand and eventually for Laos for a FIFA friendly later in March.

The camp in Qatar will be a conditioning one, with the BFF having asked their Qatari counterparts to arrange one or two friendly matches with any side, be it a club or a national age-group one.

"24 players and eight officials will go to Qatar. We have decided not to include any players from Abahani due to their two-legged AFC Cup fixture next month," Shohag said. "However, the Abahani players will join the squad and a final 23-member squad will leave for Thailand on the way to Laos."

The BFF spokesman also informed that the national team will play two matches in Thailand – against Thai League 1 sides Ratchaburi Mitr Phol FC and Bangkok Glass FC – on March 21 and 23 respectively. The team will fly off to Laos on March 25 and will play the FIFA International Friendly against the hosts on March 27.

The national team will wrap up their current training camp in BKSP with a practice match against league champions Abahani today.



Bangladesh national team footballers go through a practice session at the BKSP in Savar yesterday. The booters will play a practice match against Abahani today before flying out for Qatar on Wednesday for a two-week conditioning camp.

PHOTO: BFF



Manchester City players celebrate their first trophy under manager Pep Guardiola after swatting Arsenal aside in the League Cup final at Wembley yesterday. With the Premier League title all but in the bag, the high-flying Citizens can now turn their attention to the Champions League in a bid for a treble.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Pep's City thump Arsenal in final

AFP, London



Manchester City rolled back the years on Sunday to win the first trophy of the Pep Guardiola era with three of their veteran players scoring in an emphatic 3-0 win against Arsenal at Wembley.

Sergio Aguero, Vincent Kompany and David Silva were all on the scoresheet as City lifted the trophy for the fifth time -- only Liverpool have won it more.

It was an impressive statement of intent from Guardiola's men after a shock FA Cup defeat to lowly Wigan last week ended their bid for an unprecedented quadruple.

"It was a difficult game, but as much space there was for us and Arsenal, we did well and controlled the space and I am proud of the team," said Kompany. "Winning 3-0 at Wembley is a massive result against any opponent."

"Before the game, I thought I was going to score. I came close during the game so there was some luck on the day, but also self-belief."

City opened the scoring in the 18th minute when a long punt upfield from goalkeeper Claudio Bravo was controlled by Sergio Aguero, who coolly lifted the ball over a helpless David Ospina in the Arsenal goal.

Captain Kompany doubled the lead in the second half with just over half an hour to go and Silva put the game out of reach.

The runaway Premier League leaders will be hoping to use the victory as a springboard to greater glory as the season approaches its final stretch but defeat for Wenger means he has never lifted the League Cup.

On a bitterly cold, clear day in London, City, in their light blue kit, took control early, playing measured football and enjoying the lion's share of possession against a side who have made Wembley a second home in recent years.

It was Aguero who broke the dead-

lock, controlling the ball as Arsenal's defence failed to deal with the danger, silencing the boisterous Arsenal fans.

The Argentine striker has scored in each of his past five games in all competitions against Arsenal and this was his 199th goal in City colours. It was an unusual goal for Guardiola's team, who have been lauded for their silky passing game this season.

City made a bright start to the second half and captain Kompany was in the right place to steer home Ilkay Gundogan's shot from the edge of the box after a Kevin De Bruyne corner in the 58th minute.

Just seven minutes later Arsenal were left with a mountain to climb when Silva smashed the ball past Ospina into the far corner of the net to make it 3-0.

"THIS IS FOR CITY, NOT ME" Guardiola insisted his first trophy in English football was due to the skill and dedication of his players rather than his coaching magic touch.

"It's important. We're so happy, and a big congratulations to all of

Manchester City, and our fans. This trophy is for Manchester City and not for me," Guardiola told Sky Sports.

"The first half we were not good, there were a lot of mistakes, in the second half we played with a lot more courage and personality -- we were outstanding."

For Arsenal, it was a poor afternoon with fans leaving Wembley in their droves after Silva added the third goal in the 65th minute.

"Arsenal were an absolute disgrace," former Manchester United star Gary Neville said on Sky Sports as Gunners boss Arsene Wenger came under renewed pressure.

"You have to accept being criticised when you lose games," Wenger said.

"But I believe we have to recover quickly. We got to the final, we lost, so now we have to focus on the next Premier League game."

Saif rope in Stewart Hall

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Premier League side Saif Sporting Club appointed veteran English coach John Stewart Hall as their head coach for the upcoming season, informed a club official yesterday.

The 58-year-old former head coach of Saint Vincent & the Grenadines and Zanzibar will replace compatriot Ryan Northmore, who was sacked following the the club's elimination from the AFC Cup pre-playoffs.

The officials of the club claimed they have already signed a one-year-deal with the coach, who will start his work from April 15.

"We have already had the deal done via online," managing director Nasiruddin Chowdhury said. "We struggled a lot with our former coach who had a lack of experience. We considered Hall's experience of working in the subcontinent."

Hall, a former director of Birmingham City FC Academy and an UEFA Pro-licensed coach, guided India's Pune FC from 2007 to 2009. He also worked in Africa with countries like Tanzania and Kenya. His last assignment was with Kenyan top-tier side AFC Leopards last year.

"Last season we had to change our head coach twice but nobody brought any notable success and we had to end the season without silverware," Chowdhury said. "This time our vision is to prepare young players for the future and Hall has an experience of working with young footballers and has a clear idea about Bangladesh football."

Lukaku inspires Man Utd

AFP, Manchester



Jose Mourinho hailed Romelu Lukaku's ability to bounce back from a difficult start as the Belgian inspired a Manchester United fightback to beat Chelsea 2-1 at Old Trafford.

Lukaku cancelled out Willian's opener with his first United goal against top six Premier League opposition before crossing for Jesse Lingard to head home the winner 15 minutes from time.

"I think he played fantastically well," said Mourinho on Lukaku's performance. "The team didn't start well, didn't start very confident, happened the same to him...he was a little bit lost but then he went together with the team."

"He ended the game with the image of a hand in the goal." Victory against his former club was

particularly sweet for Jose Mourinho as he got one over on Chelsea boss Antonio Conte, but more importantly moves United back above Liverpool into second place in the Premier League.

"It's a good day for me and we won so that's the most important thing," said Lukaku. "To get the winner would have been even better for me, but to get the goal before half-time was really important for us. We showed our qualities and our desire in the second half."

Defeat allied to Tottenham Hotspur's late win earlier in the day at Crystal Palace sees Chelsea slip to fifth. The visitors enjoyed the better of the first period but failed to build on Willian's 32nd minute opener.

"For sure we missed by disappointed for the final result," said Conte. "Because when you have this type of situation you have to manage the game better with experience and

maturity to get three points."

MOU, CONTE BURY THE HATCHET The spectre of another fiery clash between Mourinho and Conte, who have publicly bickered in recent months, hogged the headlines before kick-off, but there was a peace offering when the pair shook hands before the action got underway.

"I think the handshake doesn't need any words," said Mourinho. "I think that's what me and Antonio will want to show to everyone. The handshake before and after the match is an example that everything in football you have to move [on] and you have to respect each other."

"Mourinho and Conte are not two ordinary persons in football. We have a history, we have an image and I'm really happy with that."

Conte was less effusive when quizzed: "He wanted to see shake hands and we did the peace," said the Italian.



Manchester United striker Romelu Lukaku (R) had a star turn in a Premier League clash against his former side Chelsea yesterday, scoring the equalising goal before setting up Jesse Lingard for the winner with a perfect cross.

PHOTO: REUTERS

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 always surprises'

Lionel Messi scored a gem of a free-kick that evoked memories of Brazilian genius Ronaldinho as Barcelona won 6-1 against Girona on Saturday night. The goal was so good that it even surprised Leo's coach and teammates. "It's difficult to get used to, especially because we're talking about a player about whom we say we've seen it all, but Messi always surprises you," said Valverde.



Two Koreas march apart as Winter Olympics close

The two Koreas marched behind their own flags as the curtain fell today on two weeks of competition against a backdrop of diplomatic manoeuvring at the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics. At a colourful and cold ceremony, Ivanka Trump sat near a blacklisted North Korean general and Russian competitors trooped in without their banned flag.



Keeper gets thirsty and concedes

Thirst got the better of German second division side Duisburg's goalkeeper Mark Flekken as he went from hero to zero in a matter of seven minutes. The 24-year old Dutchman had stopped an 11th minute penalty from Ingolstadt, but was guilty of conceding a goal that will top the list of football bloopers this year.



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