

What to WATCH

STAR SPORTS SELECT 1

New Zealand v England

2nd ODI

Live from 7:00am

DSPORT

Pakistan Super League

Islamabad United v Qetta Gladiators

DAY'S EVENT

Dhaka Premier League

Time: 9:00am

Prime Bank v Agrani Bank

Venue: KSOAS

Kalabagan KC v Khelaghar SKS

Venue: SBNS

Brothers Union v Shinepukur

Venue: BKSP-3

Live from 10:00pm

SONY ESPN

FA Cup

Tottenham v Rochdale

Live from 1:45am (Thursday)

TEN 2

La Liga

Athletic Bilbao v Valencia

Live from 12:30am (Thursday)

Atletico Madrid v Leganes

Live from 2:30am (Thursday)

Neymar has 'small chance' of playing against Real

AFP, Paris

Neymar still has a "small chance" of playing against Real Madrid in the Champions League and there are no plans for an operation on his cracked bone, Paris Saint-Germain coach Unai Emery said on Tuesday.

"For Neymar there has been no decision to have an operation," said Emery, denying an earlier report in the Brazilian press that the world's most expensive player would go under the knife to fix the cracked bone in his foot.

"Neymar is the first to want to play every match, he's very focussed on Real. I think there's a small chance that he'll be ready for the match," added Emery.

PSG trail 3-1 from the last 16 first leg in Madrid two weeks ago and the loss of Neymar would be a huge blow to their chances of overturning that deficit at the Parc des Princes on March 6 and reaching the Champions League quarter-finals.

Neymar suffered a cracked metatarsal in his foot and a twisted ankle in an innocuous looking incident against Marseille on Sunday night.

And while Emery said there is a possibility he'll recover by next week, he was more pessimistic than he had been on Sunday. "Today, after analysing Neymar, it looks less likely than it did on Sunday that he'll be ready for this match."

However, he was clear in his dismissal of a report published by Brazilian outlet Globo Esporte on Tuesday that claimed a decision had been reached for Neymar to undergo an operation, and that he would be out until May.

"Last night [Monday] the club issued an official statement: it said how



PSG coach Unai Emery binned rumours that Neymar would be out for the season, adding that the Brazilian had a slim chance to face Real Madrid on March 7.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

the player was medically," added Emery. "Things (like operations) aren't decided like that," he added, clicking his fingers.

"You need discussions with the doctor, the player, his entourage. To make such an important decision you need tranquillity and a bit of patience. Right now, I don't think you need anything else. There's a lot of information from outside, but the truth is what I told you, which is what the doctor told me."

While PSG's primary concern is having Neymar for their Champions League match next week, in Brazil it is Neymar's participation at the World Cup that is most important.

Booters leave today for tactical training in Qatar

SPORTS REPORTER



Having completed a two-week fitness camp, the national football team will fly out this afternoon to Qatar for a two-week tactical training camp with an eye on finding the right combination for the March 27 FIFA Friendly against Laos.

The charges of Andrew Ord had rigorous fitness sessions at BKSP under the supervision of Portuguese fitness trainer Mario Lemos. Initially 24 footballers participated in the camp on February 13 before the remaining 11 players join for a one-week training from February 21.

Players like Yeasin Khan, Jewel Rana, Zahid Hossain, Pashban Mollah, Toklish Ahmed, Matin Mia and Hemanta Vincent Biswas withdrew from the camp either due to injury or sickness while Javed Khan, Fazle Rabbi, Mohammad Zahid, Mitul Hasan and Mohammad Arif were dropped for having failed to impress.

Ord designed the ongoing training in three phases -- fitness training in BKSP, tactical training in Qatar and the final preparation in Thailand with the full national team-- before the squad heads to Laos for the FIFA Friendly.

As there are no players from league champions Abahani for the club's AFC Cup campaign next month, Ord's obvious intention is to pick the best from the 24 players, including experienced footballers such as Mamunul Islam, Asharful Islam Rana, Uttam Kumar Banik, Faisal Mahmud, Tapu Barman and Jamal Bhuiyan.

"The first phase focusing on fitness ended in BKSP and the second phase focusing on tactical



Bangladesh football team's head coach Andrew Ord (2nd from L) speaks as manager Satyajit Das Rupu, goalkeeping coach Jason Brown and assistant coach Mahbub Hossain Roxy (R) look on during a press conference at the BFF House yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

training will be held in Qatar. We will do everything to give the team a shape; such as how we can defend, how we should attack, how we should take set-pieces, as these weren't completed in BKSP where the focus was on physical, gym and technical things," Ord said at a press conference at the BFF House yesterday.

"There is no chance for Abahani players to join the camp in the second phase because they have been in training [for the club competition], so I will integrate them with the best players from the Qatar training in the third phase and then it will be the national team," Ord added.

The Australian-born Brit was a bit frustrated about injuries to players who carried their afflictions

from the recently-ended season to this one, and none of the players were seemingly serious to stay with the national team. He, however, believes this will not have any impact on the future team he is trying to build for the Laos match.

"We have not lost one player in two weeks, and we trained twice a day. We trained in a very smart way, trained hard and trained smart with the young players who were mixed with a few senior players. Those young players that will do well will earn the right to be a national team player and also the youth national team players," Ord said. "Of course when experienced players from Abahani join the camp, some young players will depart and the best players will be picked to go to

Thailand."

After conceding four goals against Abahani in a warm-up match, Ord believes there are many areas to improve for the national team.

"Abahani are a team which has played together for a long time. They are already a team while we [the national team] are still not a team. We are just a bunch of young players with a few older players who are trying to get experience. At the moment, this is a long-term training group with an eye on the future team," said Ord.

Goalkeeping coach Jason Brown, who joined the camp on February 21, emphasised on the positional sense of goalkeepers as well as their control of emotions so that they make fewer mistakes under the bar.

I couldn't desert my team: Buffon

AFP, Milan

Italy goalkeeping legend Gianluigi Buffon confirmed on Tuesday he is ready to come out of international retirement if he is called up for friendlies against England and Argentina.

Buffon called time on his international career after Italy failed to qualify for the World Cup in Russia. But Italy interim national coach Luigi Di Biagio said on Monday he was ready to recall Buffon for friendlies against Argentina and England in Manchester and London in late March.

"I had thought about going on holiday for a few days with my family, but when the national team needs you, you must be present and not desert them," Buffon told Italian programme Tiki Taka.

The 40-year-old goalkeeper has represented the Azzurri for 20 years, winning the 2006 World Cup title, and earning a record 175 caps.

"There's nothing to add to Di Biagio's words other than I feel a sense of responsibility and loyalty which I must give to the national team in this transitional moment," he continued. "I repeat, it's a way of showing loyalty and a sense of responsibility towards Italy. A new national team is being born and the first games are not comfortable ones."

"I think that any experienced player can be useful at the start, even if it's just to give advice to the young ones."

Buffon, who intends to retire as a player at the end of the season, said he will announce his final decision in due course.

"The only thing I have to do right now is focus on the end of the season," Buffon continued. "The thing I can tell you is that I'm sure and I'm very happy with what will be my choice."

UNICEF CHARITY MATCH

Bolt to play at Old Trafford

AFP, Paris

Multiple Olympic champion Usain Bolt will line up opposite British pop star Robbie Williams in a charity football match at Manchester United's Old Trafford stadium, the Jamaican said Tuesday.

Now retired, Bolt had given a teaser of what was to come on Twitter on Monday, claiming that he had signed for a football club and would reveal all 24 hours later.

His new team is the Soccer Aid World XI -- a motley crew put together to help raise funds for the United Nations Children's Fund, Unicef.

Bolt comes straight into the team as captain, with Williams leading out an England side in opposition.

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:

'I don't have any more dreams'

Cristiano Ronaldo reveals that he does not harbor anymore dreams football wise as he has won so many beautiful things.

Napoli crush Cagliari to pull clear in Serie A

Napoli pulled four points clear at the top of Serie A with a 5-0 hammering of Cagliari a day after champions Juventus' game in Turin was snowed off.



ঢাকা ইন্টিগ্রেটেড ট্রাফিক ম্যানেজমেন্ট প্রজেক্ট (ডিআইটিএমপি)



ফুলবাড়িয়া, পল্টন, গুলশান-১ ও মহাখালী মোড়ে আধুনিক ট্রাফিক সিগন্যাল ব্যবস্থা স্থাপনের লক্ষ্যে

গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা পরিবহন সমন্বয় কর্তৃপক্ষ ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটান পুলিশ এবং ঢাকা উত্তর ও দক্ষিণ সিটি করপোরেশননের সহায়তায় ঢাকা মহানগরীর যানজট নিরসন ও যানবাহন চলাচলে শৃঙ্খলা আনয়নের লক্ষ্যে "Dhaka Integrated Traffic Management Project" শীর্ষক একটি প্রকল্প গ্রহণ করে। এ প্রকল্পের আওতায় ফুলবাড়িয়া, পল্টন, গুলশান-১ ও মহাখালী মোড়ে আধুনিক ট্রাফিক সিগন্যাল ব্যবস্থা ইন্টেলিজেন্ট ট্রান্সপোর্টেশন সিস্টেম (ITS) প্রবর্তনের লক্ষ্যে ভৌত নির্মাণ কাজ শুরু হয়েছে। প্রকল্পের কাজ আগামী জুন, ২০১৮ তে সমাপ্ত হবে।

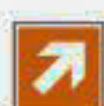
উল্লিখিত ৪ টি মোড়ে কাজ চলাকালীন সময়ে উপযুক্ত ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণের পরও পথচারী, গাড়ীচালক ও যাত্রীগণের সাময়িক অসুবিধা হতে পারে। নির্মাণ কাজ চলাকালীন সময়ে সাময়িক অসুবিধার জন্য আমরা আন্তরিকভাবে দুঃখিত। প্রকল্প এলাকায় পথচারী ও সকল প্রকার যান চালকদের যথাযথ সতর্কতা অবলম্বনের জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে।

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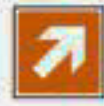
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