Time: 2:30pm

Mariner Young's Club v Mohammedan Time: 4:30pm

Venue: Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium

Kolkata v Rajasthan

IBRAHIMOVIC SENT OFF FOR HEAD SLAP

Zlatan Ibrahimovic received a red card for slapping an opposing player on the head on Monday but LA Galaxy were still able to eke out a 1-0 win over the Montreal Impact without their marquee acquisition. Impact defender Michael Petrasso stepped on the 36-year-old's foot in the 40th minute of the match in Montreal and the towering Swede retaliated with a slap to the back of Petrasso's head. Both players fell to the ground in an apparent effort to win the sympathy of referee Ismail Elfath but after a review of the video, Petrasso was shown a yellow card and the former Juventus, Barcelona and Manchester United striker a red. Despite Impact controlling the ball for 56 percent of the game and taking 15 more shots, Galaxy's 10 men prevailed when Ola Kamara scored the only goal of the game in the 75th minute.





Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo (C) tries a flick during a training session in Madrid yesterday ahead of their Champions League final against Liverpool on 26th May.

PHOTO: AFP

'No Liverpool player would make Real team'

GOAL.COM



Former Real Madrid manager Vicente Del Bosque insists that no Liverpool player would get into Los Blancos' team as the two sides prepare to face off in this weekend's Champions League

The Reds defeated Roma to reach the showpiece in Kiev, while Real overcame

Bayern Munich in the last four. Both sides have been in exciting, swashbuckling form in Europe, with the Reds scoring 17 goals in just six knockout fixtures, and Real hitting 13.

Mohamed Salah has inspired Liverpool's superb run to the final, scoring 10 goals in 12 appearances in Europe's premier club competition, but Del Bosque does not believe the Egypt international would make Zinedine Zidane's starting XI.

during his reign at Santiago Bernabeu, believes the final could be something of a

"Real Madrid have a great squad, and it's the best club in Europe right now," Del Bosque told Spanish outlet COPE.

"They have to ratify that on Saturday. Real Madrid will beat Liverpool 4-1. "I cannot find a single Liverpool player: the first time since 2007.

that improves Real Madrid, [not even] · Salah.

very good.

"Benzema is a great player too, someextraordinary performance, and Cristiano : Ronaldo makes them all better."

the European Championships with Spain in : "It's true I lived 18 years as a player inside the changing 2010 and 2012 respectively.

Liverpool prepared for this weekend's . much ego as me, " Zidane said. Indeed, the 67-year-old, who won the weekends ago, while a rotated Real XI drew -Champions League and La Liga twice apiece 2-2 with Villarreal on Saturday.

Real as hungry as ever: Zidane



Zinedine Zidane has told Liverpool his Real Madrid team are hungrier than ever to win the Champions League, despite clinching the title in three of the last four years.

Real are gunning for an unprecedented third consecutive success in the competi-: tion on Saturday while Liverpool have reached the final for

"No one can tell us we are less hungry," Zidane said. " · can't speak for our opponents but we want to stress we will "[Gareth] Bale and [Karim] Benzema are: always have the same motivation, the same as always, no · one can tell us we are less hungry than the rest.

"We are Madrid and despite what we have, we always times [he can go] cold, but he has given an : want more, and we will give everything to get even better."

Real's experience at the deep end of the Champions · League dwarfs that of this Liverpool team, who do not have Del Bosque also won the World Cup and : a single player to have made it this far before.

· room, with many coaches, with many players, with just as

final with a 4-0 win over Brighton on the : "I know the changing room and I know the mind of a player final day of the Premier League season, two and that is an important thing for me, but it is not the only thing.

"I am not the best tactician, but I have other things passion, motivation - and those are worth much more."



FIFA WORLD CUP 2018

AGENCIES, Undated

WILL SMITH TO FEATURE IN WORLD CUP SONG

Will Smith is making a return to music, recording the official 2018 World Cup anthem with Colombia-based reggaeton star Nicky Jam, and Kosovar pop singer Era Istrefi.

According to reports in Billboard and other publications, the track is to be released on 25 May, and is being produced by Diplo.

Alongside his burgeoning acting career in the late 1980s and 90s, Smith was a successful pop-rapper, first with DJ Jazzy Jeff and then as a solo artist. He had nine UK Top Five hits in all, including No. 1s with Boom! Shake the Room and Men in Black. He hasn't released an album since 2005's Lost and Found, and a new track with Jazzy Jeff in 2017, Get Lit, was a flop.

The official World Cup song is usually performed at either the opening or closing ceremony.

Pitbull and Jennifer Lopez performed We Are One at the 2014 opening ceremony, while Shakira's Waka Waka closed out the 2010 competition.

As well as the official song each year, there is also an "anthem", which have been performed in the past by the likes of Wyclef Jean, R Kelly and Vangelis. This year it will be Colors by Jason Derulo and Maluma.

LEE BLOW FOR KOREA

Former Asian Player of the Year Lee Keun-ho will miss out on representing South Korea at the World Cup finals in Russia after tearing ligaments in his right knee playing for Gangwon FC in the Korean league at the weekend.

Lee, who won the continental award in 2012 after helping Ulsan Hyundai to the Asian Champions League title, suffered the injury playing for his club against Gyeongnam FC on Saturday and his withdrawal adds to a growing injury list for head coach Shin Tae-yong. The 32-year-old's absence was confirmed

by the Korea Football Association on Tuesday and he joins first-choice central defender Kim Min-jae of Jeonbuk Motors and Dijon winger Kwon Chang-hoon in pulling out of the squad due to injury.

Kim has been sidelined by a hairline fracture to his shin while Kwon will miss the World Cup after rupturing his Achilles.

KANE NAMED ENGLAND CAPTAIN

Striker Harry Kane will wear the captain's armband for England at next month's World Cup, ending speculation about who would lead Gareth Southgate's squad in Russia.

The announcement was made in a video captain's armband at next month's World published on Twitter in which Southgate

said Tottenham Hotspur's Kane had "outstanding leadership" qualities.

England's last full-time captain was Wayne Rooney but the armband has been worn by several players since the former Manchester United forward lost his place in the squad. Southgate has often played down the

nurture a collective leadership within the team, but Kane will be the figurehead as England go into their 15th World Cup. Kane, who scored 30 Premier League

significance of the position, preferring to

goals for Tottenham this past season, has 23 caps for England and netted 12 times. "For me the key for a captain is that you

set the tone every day in everything that we do, the way we train, the way we prepare and the professionalism towards the task," Southgate said. "Harry is an exemplary model of that. He

is a meticulous professional and is prepared to challenge people.

"Now is a moment in his life where he is prepared to bring that into the team environment." Kane, who first captained England in a

World Cup qualifier against Scotland last year, said it was a "massive honour". "I'm very excited for the World Cup, can't

wait," he said. "Leading the lads out is going to be special." England face Tunisia, Panama and

Belgium at the World Cup in which they will send their third-youngest squad to a major tournament, with an average age of 26.



England star Harry Kane will wear the Cup in Russia. PHOTO: AFP

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Asian Chess Cup in question

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's status as hosts for the Asian Nations Chess Cup is now uncertain as the tournament regulations were not approved by the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) and sponsors seem to lack the desire to fund the expensive 12day competition.

Last December, the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) earned the right to host the Asian Nations Chess Cup, from July 15 to 27 in Dhaka, for the first time in 33 years. The country last staged the ACF-sanctioned event, which was an Asian Women's Chess Championship, in 1985.

Bangladesh did however host small scale ACF-sanctioned tournaments, such as the Asian Zonal 3.1 Qualifiers in 2003 and 2007, while the last BCF organised competition was a GM tournament in 2009.

Although the BCF won the bid to host the mega Asian chess event last year, the game's local governing body has virtually taken no initiative to ensure that the tournament takes place. In addition, the BCF officials report-

edly tried to shift the event to after the reporters when BCF general secretary Syed Bangladesh parliamentary elections are Shahbuddin Shamim returns from India. completed next year.

ACF general secretary Hisham Al Taher did suggest though that the venue should be shifted to Cox's Bazar in a bid to reduce costs. Hisham also proposed that the participants should bear expenses such as accommodation, food and transportation, rather than the host nation.

Hisham, who visited Dhaka in April, also promised that the ACF will provide the financial aid worth US\$ 25,000 to the BCF to help meet the expenditures, which are estimated at Tk one crore.

Inspired by these recommendations, the BCF sent the tournament regulations to the ACF but have yet to receive final approval and therefore cannot send out the official invitations to participating nations, who had earlier expenses.

BCF vice president KM Shahidullah did not inform of any possible progress made on the matter so far but said that the date for the tournament has not been finalised and that he would update

However another BCF official, seeking anonymity, said that the possibility to host the Asian Nations Chess Cup seems bleak as the BCF have not received approval for the tournament regulations with only a-month-and-a-half left till the scheduled date and as sponsors have not confirmed funding either.

"Initially some top Asian nations such as China, India, Kazakhstan, Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Iran unofficially confirmed their participation but we don't know whether they will officially accept the invitations after seeing the new regulation in which they will have to bear all of their own costs,' said the BCF source yesterday.

It is expected though that some nations will participate in the Asian Nations Chess Cup as a part of their preparabeen told that the hosts would bear the tions for the 43rd Chess Olympiad to be held in Georgia from September 23 to October 7 but the turnout may still be very low as the event is also considered as a qualifier for the 10-nation World Team Chess Championship.

Buffon to make PSG decision soon

AFP, Milan

Juventus legend Gianluigi Buffon said Monday that he will make a decision this week on whether he will be joining Paris Saint-Germain.

the Italian giants in a 2-1 win over Verona on Saturday, capping a 17-year career in Turin that harvested seven consecutive Serie A titles.

"PSG? I need a week to be calm and

the heat of the moment," Buffon told Sky Sports Italia on Monday. "Do I speak French? No," he added.

Buffon, 40, played his final game for

analyse everything. These aren't simple choices. At 40, you can't make decisions in

AFP, London

Former Paris Saint-Germain coach Unai

Emery looks set to

Emery set to succeed

Wenger's successor after 22 years as Arsenal manager, the BBC reported on Monday. Emery, 46, won Ligue 1 and four

domestic cups in two seasons in the French capital before departing earlier this month.

However, the Spaniard paid for two decades since Wenger his failure to get PSG beyond the last 16 of the Champions League in his

Wenger at Arsenal two seasons at the Parc des Princes.

> "Emery emerged as the unanimous choice following a recruitment process in which all candidates were spoken to," said the become Arsene BBC.

Emery previously enjoyed great success on the European stage at Sevilla, where he won three Europa League titles in three full seasons at the Sanchez Pizjuan.

Arsenal have been looking for a new boss for the first time in over শতাধিক মডেল ও ডিজাইন । ১০ বছর গ্যারান্টি (কম্প্রেসার) বাংলাদেশের একমাত্র BSTI অনুমোদিত ଓ স্টার এনার্জি রেটিং announced last month he was stepping down at the end of the season.





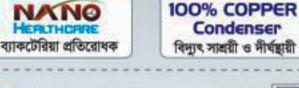




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