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#### CHIEVO KEEPER BREAKS NOSE IN RONALDO COLLISION

Cristiano Ronaldo's collision with Stefano Sorrentino on his Juventus debut resulted in the Chievo goalkeeper suffering a broken nose, whiplash and a bruised shoulder. Sorrentino came out to meet Ronaldo in his sixyard box from a cross in the closing minutes at Stadio Marc'Antonio Bentegodi and his head connected with the Juve debutant's thigh. With the Chievo keeper lying on the floor clearly injured, Mario Mandzukic scored only to see VAR rule out the goal. Sorrentino left the pitch on a stretcher and Chievo were unable to hang on for a point as they lost 3-2 in the opening match of the 2018-19 Serie A season. The club on Sunday confirmed the extent of the damage Sorrentino suffered when colliding with Ronaldo. Sorrentino uploaded a selfie to his social media accounts showing his neck in a brace and his nose bandaged up, accompanied by the message: "Thanks for your messages of affection. We are a fantastic group. CR7 got the bullseye!"



## Women fall flat in kabaddi

SPORTS REPORTER from Jakarta

The Bangladesh women's kabaddi team began their Asian Games campaign on the wrong foot, losing against Chinese Taipei by 43-28 points and all but ending their hopes of a medal in the event yesterday.

The women in red and green, who won a bronze medal at Jakarta Palembang the Incehon Games four years ago, fell flat against a more fit and agile Taipei team, who took a substantial lead in the first half before turning up the heat after the break. Bangladesh trailed the first half by 23-16 points.

Bangladesh coach Abdul Jalil claimed that their lack of competitive match practice and the opposition's improved performance were the reasons behind this disappointing start.

"We were a bit surprised to see the performance from the Chinese Taipei team. We did not play against them before, but we believe they have improved a lot," the coach said in his post-match reaction.

"We did not play a single competitive match this year. While we improved our performance, everyone else has improved a lot more," said the veteran coach. Chinese Taipei, who finished seventh among seven teams last time

around, played a few practice matches against South-East Asian teams ahead of this tournament. The defeat all but ends Bangladesh's chances of securing a medal in these

Games as they will have to win against last edition's runners-up Iran and a fast-improving South Korea in the remaining group matches. The men's team meanwhile, were up against the might of India and

despite putting up some resistance in the first half, they lost the game by 50-21 points. Bangladesh fought back from 8-0 to 20-12 at the end of the first half, but

surrendered meekly against the pro-kabaddi league stars after the break.



Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero scored his ninth Premier League hattrick as the reigning champions turned on the style in a 6-1 hammering of Huddersfield at the Etihad Stadium on Sunday.

## 'We made incredible mistakes'

Jose fumes after pathetic loss to Brighton

AFP, Brighton



Jose Mourinho admitted Premier Manchester United had League paid the price for "incredible mistakes" in their

dismal 3-2 defeat at Brighton on Sunday. Mourinho's side were blown away on the south-coast as Brighton scored twice in two minutes thanks to goals from Glenn Murray and Shane Duffy midway through the first half.

Romelu Lukaku got one back, but Pascal Gross's penalty capitalised on more poor United defending to send Brighton into the interval with a 3-1 lead.

United rarely looked like mounting a fightback and Paul Pogba's penalty with virtually the last kick of the game came way too late.

A shell-shocked Mourinho conceded United's players had only themselves to blame for their first defeat of the Premier League season.

"We were punished by the mistakes we made. For me that's the story of the game. We made incredible mistakes in some crucial moments. Mistakes that killed us," Mourinho said. "Especially that third goal -- we expected to come at 2-1 with positivity -- then the third goal killed us off in the second half. Our second goal came too late.

#### **RESULTS**

Brighton Manchester United Murray 25, Duffy 27, Lukaku 34, Pogba 90-pen Gross 44-pen Burnley Watford Tarkowski 6 Gray 3, Deeney 48, Hughes 51

Man City Huddersfield Aguero 25, 35, 75, Jesus 31, D.Silva 48, Kongolo 84-og

"The week leading up was good and I expected the team collectively to be better. There are basic mistakes that makes almost an impossible mission to win the match."

Many of Mourinho's stars, including World Cup winner Pogba, new signing Fred and French forward Anthony Martial, were anonymous for long periods, but the boss refused to criticise individuals.

France midfielder Pogba took blame for his lethargic display, admitting he had been well below his best.

"I'm disappointed, with my performance and the team performance. We didn't deserve to win," Pogba said. "I will always try. I know I lost a lot of balls which shouldn't happen. I tried, I kept pushing, that's my personality. I tried to help the team as much as possible. It didn't happen today."

CITY DISMANTLE HUDDERSFIELD Sergio Aguero hit a hattrick as Manchester City's

record-breaking forward inspired a 6-1 demolition of Huddersfield in one of the day's earlier matches.

Pep Guardiola's champions opened their home campaign with a pre-match display of ticker tape and exploding fireworks and Aguero continued the pyrotechnics on the field.

Aguero has now scored 14 times in his last eight Premier League games at City's Etihad Stadium. The Argentina star joins former Liverpool forward Robbie Fowler on nine Premier League hattricks. Only ex-Newcastle and Blackburn star Alan Shearer has scored more in the competition's history with 11.

City's rampant display underlined why they are such strong favourites to retain their title.

Such is City's strength in depth, Guardiola left Riyad Mahrez and Raheem Sterling on the bench. After relentless City pressure, which featured Guardiola's team having 80 percent possession, the champions finally took the lead on 25 minutes, the start of a three-goal blitz inside 10 minutes.



### **JAKARTA JAMBOREE**

The Bangladesh women's kabaddi team's Asian Games campaign got off to a bad

start as they were handed a massive 43-28 defeat by their Chinese Taipei counter-

parts yesterday. They next face tough match-ups in the form of last edition's run-

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ners-up Iran and South Korea.

#### HOCKEY TEAM'S BIG CHALLENGE

The Bangladesh hockey team take on Oman today in their biggest match of the group stage and they will look to improve on the eighth position they achieved four years ago. This time the competition features 12 teams with Malaysia, Pakistan, Thailand and Uzbekistan the other teams in Group B.

A win against Oman, who beat Bangladesh to secure seventh position last time, will likely ensure Gobinathan Krishnamurthy's charges a good chance of bettering their position, given that they get the better of lower-ranked teams like Thailand and Uzbekistan.

"Our target is to finish fifth or sixth. If we lose against Oman, that target will be difficult to achieve. So, we are fully focused on this target," veteran defender Mamunur Rahman Chayan, who will be taking part in his fifth Asian Games, said.

Bangladesh lost against Oman in the Asia Cup late last year at home, but they have been under continuous preparation under Krishnamurthy. They toured India and South Korea, where they played practice matches as training for these Games.

#### BAKI MAKES BOW TODAY

There were disappointments elsewhere too as Bangladesh's shooters failed to move into the final round of mixed events at the Jakabaring Shooting Range in Palembang yesterday.

The 10m air rifle mixed team of Syeda Atkiya Hasan and Arnab Sharar finished 13th among 22 teams with a score of 814.9 points, with South Korea securing top position in qualification round with 836.7 points. The 10m air pistol mixed team, featuring Noor Hasan and Adrina Ferdous, finished 19th out of 22 teams, securing 734 points while China topped qualification with 769 points.

However, things are expected to get better today when two-time Commonwealth Games silver medallist Abdullahel Baki makes his bow in 10m air rifle individual event. Risalatul Islam will also compete at the event while Bangladesh will be represented by Zakia Sultana and Sharmin Akter Ratna in women's 10m air rifle event.

#### KHADIZA ALMOST DEAD LAST

16-year-old swimmer Khadiza Akter Brishti finished 24th among 26 competitors in the 100m breaststroke at the Gelora Bung Karo Aquatic Centre yesterday. The youngster, who is a find of the nationwide talent hunt programme, clocked 1:27.20 minutes, 4.48 seconds slower than her personal best.

"We had a short training camp and when it began there was no water in the pool. Even after that, the pool was not in the best condition, so we had to move to Navy. Even at Navy. We couldn't continue practice twice a day regularly," Khadiza said.

# Messi, Barca lift-off

AFP, Madrid



Two goals from Lionel Messi either side of a Philippe Coutinho strike allowed Barcelona to start their defence of the Spanish title with a 3-0 LaLiga win over Alaves at the Camp Nou on Saturday night.

Wearing the captain's armband following the departure of Andres Iniesta to Japan, Messi stepped up to send a cheeky second-half free-kick under the jumping wall and into the net for the opener, and Barca's 6,000th La Liga goal.

Coutinho, who had come off the bench, lashed in the second goal before Messi added gloss to the scoreline in stoppage time, with the clock having ticked past midnight in Catalonia.

While they took their time to get going, it was an ideal opening result for Ernesto Valverde's side, who are hoping to once again see off the challenges of Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid in the battle for the title.

While Cristiano Ronaldo has left Real for Juventus, Messi remains as the figurehead at Barcelona and he won his 33rd trophy with the

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Every season Messi scored Barcelona's first goal in La Liga (08/09, 10/11, 14/15), the Blaugrana have gone on to win the Champions League.

club in the Spanish Super Cup victory over Sevilla last weekend.

The 31-year-old will be aiming to put behind him the desperate disappointment that was Argentina's World Cup campaign, and he was unlucky not to get a hat-trick here.

Messi saw a free-kick crash back off the bar late in the first half after going over the wall, so when he was handed another chance from a similar

position in the 64th minute, he changed tack. This time, 22 yards out, he surprised the jumping Alaves defenders by going underneath and giving Fernando Pacheco in goal no chance. He then sent

another curling effort off the post soon after. Coutinho started the match on the bench along-



this season's La Liga campaign and the club's 6,000th overall with a sublime freekick, placing the ball under the wall after watching his earlier free-kick rattle the crossbar. The Blaugrana went on to win 3-0 with another from Messi and a curler from Philippe Coutinho.

**Lionel Messi scored** 

Barcelona's first goal of

PHOTO: REUTERS

#### side summer signings Arthur, Malcom, Clement Lenglet and Arturo Vidal. However, he was sent on at

With Messi, you can expect absolutely anything. He sees things that others

don't see on the pitch. Sometimes we get too used to seeing it, he does things like he did today and we want him to pull a rabbit out of the hat every time. He's a genius and we're lucky to be able to see him play every day.

the start of the second half and his goal seven min-

after being played in by Messi when he picked up

a pass from compatriot Arthur before lashing in,

ensuring victory on the opening weekend for

utes from the end effectively killed the game.

**ERNESTO VALVERDE** 

Barca for the 10th consecutive season.

Messi, the top scorer in La Liga last season, then controlled a ball into the box on his chest before slotting in his second and his team's third in stoppage time. The Brazilian had just squandered one chance

> Elsewhere on Saturday, former Arsenal midfielder Santi Cazorla played his first competitive game in almost two years following a nightmare time with injuries. The 77-times capped Spanish international, who is now 33, suffered a serious Achilles injury playing for Arsenal in the Champions League in October 2016.

After eight operations, the little attacking midfielder suffered a serious infection in the tendon that almost led to an amputation. But he fought back and recently returned to Villarreal, seven years after his departure for Malaga.

Cazorla started in Villarreal's season-opener at home to Real Sociedad, as his side took a firsthalf lead through Gerard Moreno. However, the visitors fought back to win 2-1 with goals from Willian Jose and Juanmi, giving the Basque club's new coach Asier Garitano the perfect start.

The other winners so far on the opening weekend are Levante, who triumphed 3-0 at Betis on Friday.

### **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:

You can't buy class: Jose slams City over documentary Jose Mourinho accused Man City of lacking class in a scathing

response to his own appearances in a documentary series about the league champions. I want to play: Hazard makes his point to Sarri

Eden Hazard came off the bench to inspire Chelsea's dra-

matic 3-2 win over Arsenal on Saturday, then told Blues boss Maurizio Sarri he is desperate to return to the starting line-up. " Modric clears Inter of any wrongdoing at FIFA hearing

Real Madrid midfielder Luka Modric put his club in a difficult position after he exonerated

Inter Milan of all wrongdoing related to contacting the player and instead said that he was the one who contacted the Serie A club.

German FA boss says should have supported Ozil more German Football Association (DFB) President **Reinhard Grindel** said on Sunday he should have

been more supportive of Mesut Ozil when the midfielder was the target of "racist attacks".