

What to WATCH

NAGORIK & MAASRANGA

Bangabandhu Gold Cup

Laos v Philippines

Live from 6:30pm

SONY ESPN

UEFA Champions League

Dortmund v Monaco

Live from 1:00am (Thursday)

SONY SIX

South Africa v Zimbabwe

Second ODI

Live from 5:00pm

TEN 1

UEFA Champions League

Lokomotiv Moscow v Schalke

Live from 10:55pm

Napoli v Liverpool

Live from 1:00am (Thursday)

TEN 2

UEFA Champions League

PSG v Red Star Belgrade

Live from 10:55pm

Tottenham v Barcelona

Live from 1:00am (Thursday)

DAY'S EVENT

Bangabandhu Gold Cup

Laos v Philippines

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Sylhet District Stadium

National Cricket League

Four-day match

Day-3

Khulna v Rajshahi

Time: 9:00am

Venue: SKS, Rajshahi

Rangpur v Barishal

Time: 9:00am

Venue: SCS, Bogura

Sylhet v Dhaka Metro

Time: 9:00am

Venue: SICs, Sylhet

Women's Cricket

Bangladesh v Pakistan

First T20I

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Sheikh Kamal Int. Stadium



Bangladesh leg-spinner Rishad Hossain continued his fine form with three wickets against Hong Kong as the hosts sealed a comfortable win and moved into the semifinals of the Under-19 Asia Cup at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Hosts in semis after defeat for Pakistan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Chattogram*



The bowlers continued their fine form as Bangladesh posted a comfortable five-wicket victory against Hong Kong and reached the semifinal of the Under-19 Asia Cup yesterday. However, the victory at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium was not a good enough reason for the hosts to start celebrating, they had to wait for Sri Lanka to beat Pakistan at the MA Aziz Stadium.

Sri Lanka defended their total of 200 to secure a 23-run win as Pakistan could only get 177 for eight. The result ensured there were no run-rate equations which could have ended the host's campaign in the tournament.

Bangladesh lost their opening match against Sri Lanka but bounced back in their second match against Pakistan to keep their semifinal hopes alive.

"We reached the semifinal but I am not satisfied with our performance. The bowlers performed very well so far but our batting was still not up to the mark," said Bangladesh captain Towhid Hridoy.

Leg-spinner Rishad Hossain was once again the pick of Bangladesh's bowlers as his

three-wicket haul helped bundle out Hong Kong for 91 runs in 46.5 overs and also brought him the man-of-the-match award.

In their chase, the hosts' top order again faltered as they lost four wickets for 40 runs.

But Akbar Ali and Mahmudul Hasan Joy added 58 runs for the fifth wicket, guiding the home side to the target in just 11.2 overs with five wickets to spare.

Ali struck 25 runs of 19 balls while Joy was unbeaten on 32 after his 20-ball knock.

"If we reached the target with a better run rate, we wouldn't have had to depend on the result of the day's other match. We will need to bat well to show a good performance in the semifinal," said Towhid.

In other matches at the BKSP, India (221) defeated Afghanistan (170) by 51 runs and Nepal (274-7) beat UAE (268-8) by 3 wickets.

SCORES IN BRIEF

HONG KONG: 91 all out in 46.5 overs (Kalhan 16, Kabir 16; Rishad 3-11)

BANGLADESH: 92-5 in 11.2 overs (Mahmudul 32 not out, Akbar 25; Nasrulla 4-39)

Result: Bangladesh Under-19s won by five wickets.

SEMIFINAL LINEUP

Oct 4: India v Bangladesh
Oct 5: Sri Lanka v Afghanistan

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:

'Neymar, PSG not at 100 per cent'

Brazilian star Neymar and his coach Thomas Tuchel fully agreed Tuesday that no-one at Paris Saint-Germain was "yet at 100%."

Neymar "is perhaps not at 100%, but he's close," Tuchel said at a press conference ahead of Wednesday's Champions League home game against Red Star Belgrade.

'Complete breakdown' in Pique-Messi relationship?

Barcelona stars Lionel Messi and Gerard Pique have reportedly had a "complete breakdown" in their relationship after clashing over a run of poor results, media report says.

India eye Windies boost ahead of Australia tour

Stung by defeat in England and heading to Australia for a tough tour next month, India's cricketers are looking for some confidence-boosting home victories against the West Indies from Thursday.



Lionel Messi landed in London on the eve of his return to Wembley, the scene of one his greatest triumphs, as Barcelona face Tottenham tonight.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Asia Cup snub fuelled a fire

HIGHLIGHTS

Although he did not feature in any of Bangladesh's matches in the recently concluded Asia Cup, Ariful Haque grabbed an opportunity in the domestic circuit as he smashed his maiden double hundred, which was also the first of the season. It was also the 48th first-class double hundred in the domestic competition.

He may have played his last Test match for Bangladesh five years ago but left-arm spinner Enamul Haque Jr. has been a prolific wicket taker in the domestic circuit. The 31-year-old bagged yet another six wickets in an innings to take his tally of first-class five-wicket hauls to 33.

In recent years, Rony Talukdar has become a name which is up there with the top ten run getters in domestic competitions. The right-hander once again began the season with yet another hundred, which was his ninth first-class ton.

Opening batsman Mizanur Rahman has been scoring centuries quite regularly in the recent first-class competitions. The right-hander struck three in the previous edition of the National League and followed that up with another two in the Bangladesh Cricket League. Mizanur struck his first hundred of the league and 10th first-class century overall.

SCORES IN BRIEF

KHULNA v RAJSHAHI

KHULNA: First innings 210 all out in 52.3 overs.

RAJSHAHI: First innings 446 for 6 in 119 overs (Mizanur 115, Jahurul 91 not out, Farhad 83; Atif 3-57)

RANGPUR v BARISHAL

RANGPUR: First innings 502 all out in 145.2 overs

(Ariful 231, Naeem 92; Monir 3-128)

BARISHAL: First innings 91 for 1 in 34 overs (Rafsan 53 not out, Shahriar 24; Mahmudul 1-25)

DHAKA DIVISION v CHATTOGRAM

DHAKA: 238 and 176 for 0 in 43 overs (Rony 100 not out, Mazid 66 not out)

CHATTOGRAM: First innings 142 all out in 53.4

overs.

DHAKA METRO v SYLHET

DHAKA METRO: First innings 426 all out in 122.4

overs (Shadman 157, Ashraful 53; Enamul 6-165)

SYLHET: First innings 132 for 6 in 53 overs (Enamul 37 not out, Shahanur 34 not out; Sunny 4-48)

SPORTS REPORTER



Less than 24 hours after Ariful Haque returned from the UAE, where he warmed

the bench for Bangladesh in the Asia Cup, the right-hander smashed a hundred for Rangpur on the opening day of the National Cricket League and went on to complete his maiden double century in the Tier-1 encounter against Barishal at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogura yesterday.

Ariful, resuming the second day on 117, was eventually dismissed on 231 runs off 325 balls, featuring 21 fours and four sixes, as Rangpur posted 502 all out in the first innings.

"As I was batting with the tail-enders on the second day, I tried to keep the strike. I looked for boundaries off almost every fourth ball and also looked for singles off the last ball of each over to take the strike for the next over," Ariful told The Daily Star after the day's play.

"There were times in the Asia Cup where I heard that I might play the next match but eventually, I found out that I won't. That was mentally challenging

for me but it made me more determined. This double hundred will boost my confidence," he added.

In reply, Barishal ended the day on 91 for 1 with Rafsan Al Mahmud set to resume on 53 runs.



ARIFUL HAQUE... 231

At the Shaheed Kamruzzaman Stadium in Rajshahi, the hosts are in the driving seat of their Tier-1 match against Khulna, courtesy of opener Mizanur Rahman's 10th first class hundred. Mizanur smashed 16 fours and two sixes in his 115-run knock while skipper Jahurul Islam hit 91

not out. Rajshahi, who already lead by 236 runs, will resume the third day on 446 for six.

Dhaka Division are also dominating Chattogram in their Tier-2 fixture at the Khan Shaheb Osman Ali Stadium in Fatullah. Rony Talukdar struck an unbeaten century while partner Abdul Mazid remained not out on 66 as Dhaka Division posted 176 without loss in their second innings.

Earlier, Chattogram were all out on 142 in their first innings after resuming the day on 25 for 2. Dhaka Division pacer Shahadat Hossain picked up four wickets.

Meanwhile, Sylhet struggled against Dhaka Metropolis in their Tier-2 encounter at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium, ending the day on 132 for six to trail by 294 runs.

Left-arm spinner Arafat Sunny scalped four while Mohammad Ashraful took two wickets for Dhaka. After resuming the day on 332 for four, Dhaka were all out on 426 as Sylhet's left arm spinner Enamul Haque Jr. bagged six wickets and registered his 33rd first-class five-wicket haul.

CR7 denies rape claim

AFP, Los Angeles

Police said Monday they had reopened an investigation into a rape accusation made by a former model who says soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo attacked her in his Las Vegas hotel penthouse suite in 2009.

Ronaldo rejected the charges as "fake news" during a live chat on Instagram.

"What they said today, fake -- fake news," the 33-year-old star said in a post that was later deleted.

Kathryn Mayorga, 34, accused Ronaldo, in a 32-page complaint filed last month with a district court in Nevada, of raping her on June 13, 2009.

The Las Vegas Police Department in a statement that didn't name the superstar it had responded to a call of a sexual assault on that date.

"At the time the report was taken, the victim did not provide detectives with the location of the incident or suspect description. A medical exam was conducted," it said.

"As of September 2018, the case has been reopened and our detectives are following up on information being provided by the victim."



David Silva's (R) dramatic 87th-minute strike sealed Manchester City's 2-1 victory against Hoffenheim in the UEFA Champions League fixture at the Rhein-Neckar-Arena in Sinsheim, Germany yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Tuesday.

Dybala ran riot in his first European game this season, volleying in his first following a Leonardo Bonucci long ball after five minutes.

The Argentine doubled his account on 33 minutes when he picked up a rebound from a Blaise Matuidi shot, with Juan Cuadrado setting Dybala up for his third on 69 minutes.

Silva wins it for Man City with late strike

Dybala drubs Young Boys

AFP, Sinsheim



A late David Silva goal sealed Manchester City's 2-1 victory against Hoffenheim on Tuesday as Pep Guardiola's side got their Champions League campaign back on track in Germany.

After suffering a shock 2-1 defeat at home to Lyon a fortnight ago, the Premier League champions badly needed the three points to move off the bottom of Group F.

Silva poached the winner on 87 minutes when he reacted quickest to nick the ball off Hoffenheim defender Stefan Posch on the penalty spot and fire home.

The away win was thoroughly deserved as City were finally rewarded for their patience after dominating a determined Hoffenheim defence for long spells.

However, City got off to a disastrous start at the Rhein-Neckar Arena as Hoffenheim shocked the English side by taking the lead after just 44 seconds.

When central midfielder Kerem Demirbay spotted a hole in the City defence, his pass put Ishak Belfodil clear to fire past goalkeeper Ederson to the delight of the home fans.

City hit back almost immediately when Silva's pass split the Hoffenheim defence and found Leroy Sane who put Aguero into space to tap home the equaliser on eight minutes.

From that point on, City were repeatedly thwarted in their efforts to grab a second goal against a dogged Hoffenheim side until Silva struck.

Meanwhile in Turin, Paulo Dybala scored a hattrick as Juventus carried their winning streak into the Champions League with a 3-0 victory over ten-man Young Boys on