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Bangladesh v Zimbabwe First Test, Day Two

Time: 9:30am Venue: Sylhet International Cricket Stadium

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Super-sub goalie delivers title

SPORTS REPORTER

Goalkeeper Mehedi Hasan came off the bench to stop three shots from the spot as Bangladesh beat Pakistan 3-2 in tiebreakers in the final to regain the title of the SAFF U-15 Championship at the ANFA Complex ground in Kathmandu yesterday.

The youngster, who had also saved two spot kicks in the tiebreaker of their semifinal against India while deputising for suspended first-choice goalkeeper Mitul Marma, showed nerves of steel and excellent guesswork to almost singlehandedly win the title for the boys in red and green.

He dove to his left to deny Pakistan from taking the lead after Bangladesh's Rajon Hawlader had blasted the opening shot over the bar. Then he dove to his right to stop Pakistan's second shot, helping his side take the lead following Tawhidul Islam Hridoy's successful conversion.

BANGLADESH 1 (3) - 1 (2) PAKISTAN HASEEB 25' (OG) MOHIB 55' (P)

While both sides converted their next two spot kicks, Bangladesh's Rabiul Alam missed the fifth shot, hitting it straight at the Pakistani goalkeeper, giving the opposition a chance to take it to sudden death. But Mehedi, who was only brought on by coach Anwar Parvez during stoppage time of the second half, ensured that the victory belonged to Bangladesh by thwarting Pakistan's fifth spot-kick with his feet.

This drama and excitement followed a rather drab 90 minutes of football between

Sheikh Jamal DC as Group D of the Walton

Federation Cup, dubbed the group of death,

The two giants played an entertaining

draw in their second match of the campaign

and, with Mohammedan Sporting Club

winning against NoFeL Sporting Club ear-

lier in the day, qualification from this group

difference, while Mohammedan -- who beat

NoFeL 2-0 with both goals coming from

Kingsley Chigozie, are very much in the

The big match of the day got off to a

bursting start as the Bashundhara Kings, the

winners of last season's Championship

League, took the lead when Brazilian for-

ward Marcos Vinicius swept in from inside

the box, with the ball hitting the crossbar on

the way in, after Daniel Colindres's pass was

cut back to the Brazilian by Baktiyar

Bashundhara Kings KINGSLEY

SPORTS REPORTER

lived up to its name.

has turned into a three-

and Sheikh Jamal are on

top with four points

apiece, even though the

former are ahead on goal

hunt with three points.

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WALTON

horse race.

Sk Jamal hold Kings

MSC stay in the hunt with win over NoFeL

MOHAMMEDAN 2 - 0 NoFel SC

down.

SOLOMON 12'

BASHUNDHARA 1 - 1

VINICIUS 8'

Big-spenders

Bashundhara Kings were

held to a 1-1 draw by

three-time champions



Bangladeh players celebrate with the SAFF U-15 Championship trophy after defeating Pakistan in the final at the ANFA Complex ground in Kathmandu yesterday.

whom had remained unbeaten during the campaign. Bangladesh had more possession and showed more penetration in their attacks, in fairness, there was little goalmouth action to decide the tie in regulation time.

The two goals that were scored during the 90 minutes were more due to defensive mistakes than from any attacking threats posed by the forwards. Bangladesh were the first to take the lead though as left-back

However, it took former champions

Sheikh Jamal only four minutes to equalise as

Gambian striker Solomon King Kanform

unleashed a piledriver of a shot from the edge

of the box, giving no chance to Kings' goal-

After an initial spell of domination from

the Kings, Sheikh Jamal took control of the

match and it was only due to Zico's heroics -

- the young goalkeeper made two point-

blank saves, first in the 45th minute against

Sainey Bojang and seven minutes after the

break against Solomon King -- that the big-

bounce in front of goal and beat the goalie,

only to come off the crossbar in the 58th

minute before Solomon wasted the easiest

opportunity a minute later by trying a weak

pass to a fellow forward when all he needed

to do was chip it over Zico, who was trying

desperately to close the Gambian forward

Both teams had their fare share of

chances, but Sheikh Jamal would feel that

they could have left the field with a victory

against the star-studded Kings had it not

been for those missed opportunities.

spenders stayed in the

giants, however, had a bit

of luck too when

Colindres's shot from 30

yards took an awkward

The Dhanmondi

keeper Anisur Rahman Zico at the far post.

the two evenly matched sides, both of Helal Ahmed's floating corner kick was that was how it finished in normal time headed in by Pakistan defender Haseeb

> The boys in red and green hardly looked uncomfortable defending the lead until seven minutes after restart Helal needlessly brought down a Pakistan forward inside the box by mounting his back in an attempt to clear the danger.

> Mohib Ullah converted the penalty, beating Mitul to his left as Pakistan wrestled back the initiative from Bangladesh. And

before a clever move from the Bangladesh coach and heroics from Mehedi ensured Bangladesh regained the title which they had won for the first time at home in 2015.

It will not only be the championship trophy that Bangladesh will be bringing home today, but they will also bring the fair play award as well as the top-scorer award, which was won by striker Nihat Jaman Ucchash, thanks to his four goals against Maldives in the opening match.

SHORT CORNER

Vinicius makes the difference for Solari's Real Santiago Solari tasted victory in his first La Liga match in charge of Real Madrid but he had the 18-year-old Vinicius Junior to thank for their 2-0 win over Real Valladolid on Saturday.

Solari threw Vinicius on with the score goalless and tension building at the Santiago Bernabeu but the teenage striker delivered, before Sergio Ramos' late penalty gave the scoreline a deceptively comfortable look.

The opener in the 83rd minute was an own-goal, deflected off Kiko Olivas, but prompted by Vinicius' weaving run and shot, the kind of exuberance Madrid's toothless attack has been so bereft of in recent weeks.

Vinicius celebrated by running over to the bench and hugging Solari. He knows the youngster better than anyone at the club, having managed him with Castilla this season.

Rashford's late winner caps fightback Marcus Rashford's dramatic late winner capped Manchester United's fightback as they maintained their recent revival with a 2-1 win against Bournemouth on Saturday.

Rashford's close-range finish came after Anthony Martial's effort had cancelled out Callum Wilson's early opener for Bournemouth at Dean Court.

It was United's third victory in their last four Premier League games.

"I think by the end of December, which is the end of the first half of the Premier League, I think we are not going to be in the position we are now. We are going to be in a better position," Mourinho said. Bolt not giving up hope on football career

Superstar sprinter Usain Bolt is adamant he can become a professional footballer despite his trial with an Australian club ending, insisting Saturday: "I still have it".

"It's sad that it didn't work out," the Jamaican 100m and 200m world record holder told Melbourne's Herald

Sun newspaper at the Derby Day horse races in Melbourne, where he arrived in a suit, sunglasses and with a gold-handled cane.

"But we parted on good terms, and that's a good

"I had a great experience with them. The guys were great -- we just couldn't work out things with the contract, but hopefully I get another chance with another

UEFA, PSG, Man City targeted in Football Leaks revelations

UEFA helped Paris Saint-Germain and Manchester City get around their own Financial Fair Play (FFP) rules, according to a Football Leaks investigation published on Friday.

According to the investigation of "more than 70 million documents" analysed "over eight months by 80 journalists" from members of European Investigative Collaborations (EIC), UEFA "knowingly helped the clubs to cover up their own irregularities for 'political reasons'" under the leadership of Michel Platini and Gianni Infantino.

Both clubs, owned and bankrolled by wealth from Qatar and Abu Dhabi respectively, have avoided the most severe FFP punishment of being excluded from the UEFA Champions League.

PSG break successive win record French champions Paris St Germain beat Lille 2-1 in Lique 1 on Friday to break the record for the best start to a season in Europe's top five leagues with their 12th successive win.

France forward Kylian Mbappe and Brazilian Neymar scored the goals as PSG surpassed the 11 victories Tottenham Hotspur notched up to begin the 1960-61 English top flight campaign.

The result left leaders PSG on 36 points, 11 ahead of closest challengers Lille.

'A reward for our hard work'

SPORTS REPORTER

Substitute goalkeeper Mehedi Hasan, who became the unlikely hero of Bangladesh's SAFF U-15 Championship triumph at the ANFA Complex ground in Kathmandu yesterday, thanked the goalkeeping coach Mizanur Rahman for guiding him to success in this competition.

The youngster was not the first choice goalkeeper, but he

grabbed his opportunity with both hands when he stood

between the sticks in place of suspended Mitul Marma against India in the semifinal. His two brilliant saves took Bangladesh to the final against Pakistan where he came off the bench to stop three spot kicks to win it for Bangladesh yesterday. "I have followed the instruction of my goalkeeping

coach. I did exactly the way he instructed me to do," Mehedi said after the victory, adding that he was 'overjoyed at contributing to the success of the team'. Mitul, the one he replaced towards the end of regulation

time, was happy too as he felt the coaches made the right decision by bringing on the 'tiebreaker specialist'. "When we were tied 1-1, the coach did the right thing by bringing on the tiebreak specialist," Mitul said. "Our men-

tality was strong. We wanted to be champions." The coach Mostafa Anwar Parvez, who had saw his side falter at the semifinal stage last year, had set a modest target of reaching the last four this time around. But with only two months of training, his charges have achieved the highest

feat, following the footsteps of the batch of 2015, which

won the then SAFF U-16 championship at home. "This title is a reward for our planning and hard work. The players and coaching staff worked hard for it. I won't be able to describe my feelings right now," said a seemingly

proud Parvez. The top scorer of the tournament Nihat Jaman Ucchash, who scored four goals in the opening match against Maldives, thanked his father and local coaches for their support.

"I had this target of becoming the top-scorer, which came true today and it's definitely a great feeling. I thank my father and the coaches of my locality who helped me come this far," the young striker said.



Bangladesh goalkeeper Mehedi Hasan was the hero after making three crucial saves in the tiebreaker against Pakistan during the SAFF U-15 Championship final at the ANFA Complex ground in Kathmandu yesterday.

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Mohammedan's Nigerian striker Kingsley Chigozie celebrates one of his two goals against NoFeL Sporting during their Walton Federation Cup fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Djokovic outlasts Federer AFP, Paris

Novak Djokovic defeated Roger Federer in a thrilling semi-final at the Paris Masters on Saturday to extend his winning run to 22 matches ahead of his return to world number one next week.

The Serb outlasted Federer in just over three hours to prevail 7-6 (8/6), 5-7, 7-6 (7/3). He will meet Russia's Karen Khachanov in Sunday's final as he bids to draw level with Rafael Nadal on 33 career Masters titles. Russia's unseeded Karen

Khachanov is into his first Masters final after beating Austrian sixth seed Dominic Thiem 6-4, 6-1 in their semi-final.

Khachanov took just 71 minutes to see off Thiem to continue his fine run in the French capital where he has already defeated John Isner and Alexander Zverev.

"I am very happy with the way I have been playing," said the Russian who is assured of climbing at least to 12th in the ATP rankings when they are published on Monday.



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