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Bangladesh v Zimbabwe First Test, Day Four Time: 9:30pm Venue: Sylhet International Cricket

Stadium **National Cricket League** Round Six Four-day match

Day Two Khulna v Rangpur Time: 9:00am Venue: KSOAS, Fatullah

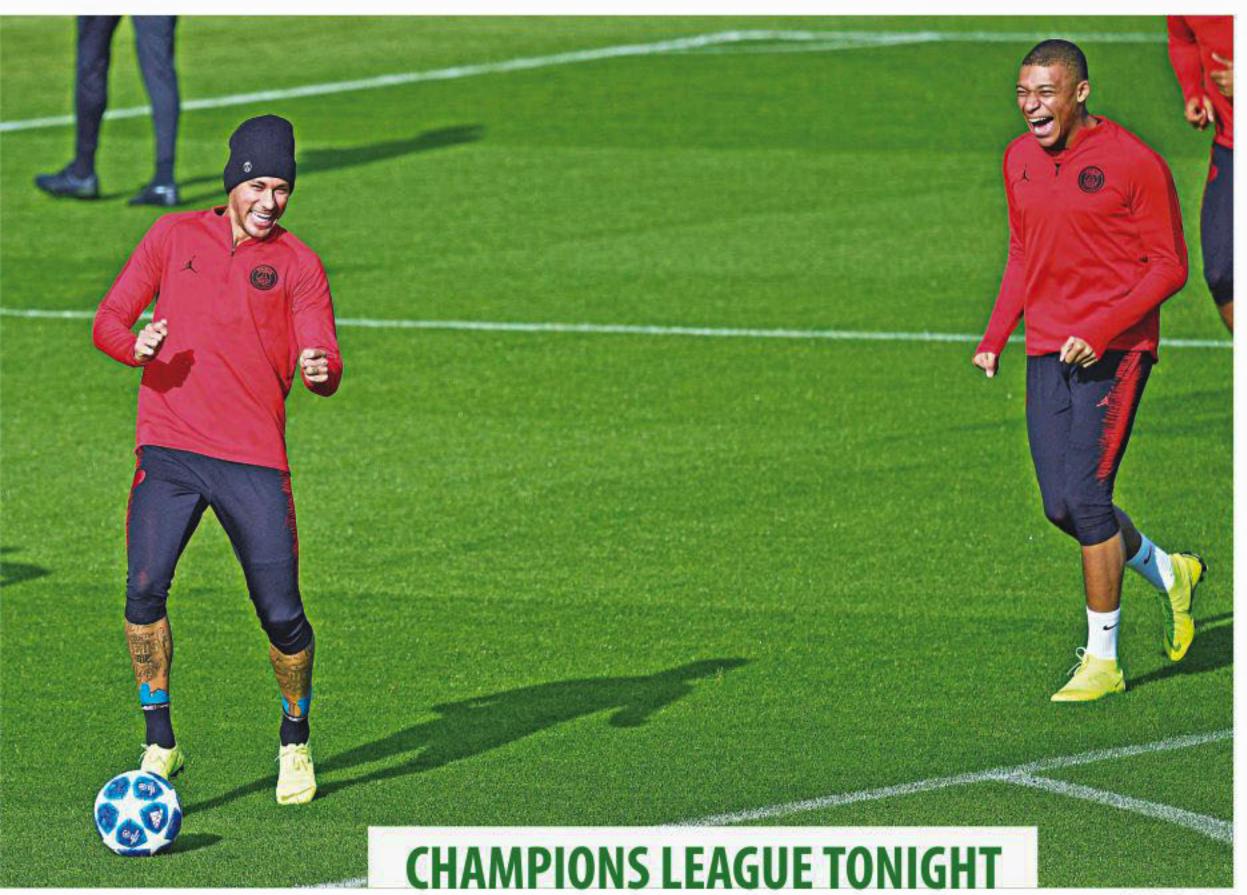
Barishal v Rajshahi Time: 9:00am Venue: SKS, Rajshahi Dhaka Division v Sylhet

Time: 9:00am Venue: SANS, Khulna Dhaka Metro v Chattogram Time: 9:00am

Napoli v PSG

Venue: SKICS, Cox's Bazar **Federation Cup** Bashundhara Kings v NOFEL SC Time: 3:15pm

Sheikh Jamal v Mohammedan Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium



Paris Saint-Germain's star duo Neymar (L) and Kylian Mbappe share a light moment during training in Paris yesterday ahead of their Champions League match against Napoli tonight. The other big games tonight are Red Star Belgrage v Liverpool, Atletico Madrid v Borussia Dortmund, Inter Milan v Barcelona and Tottenham v PSV.

Mohor takes Rajshahi closer

SPORTS REPORTER



Rajshahi Division's WALTON bid for a record-NCL equalling sixth National Cricket

League title was given an immense boost by 21-year-old pacer Mohor Sheikh's maiden five-wicket haul that helped bundle out Barishal Division for 97 on the first day of the sixth and final round yesterday.

A win would confirm Tier-1 leaders Rajshahi as champions and take them level with Khulna Division on six titles.

However, there is still work to be done at the Sheikh Kamruzzaman Stadium in Rajshahi as the hosts had some batting troubles of their own, ending the day on 124 for six. Junaid Siddique was not out on 72 along with all-rounder Forhad Reza, and the duo will look to extend their 27-run lead

today. But the day belonged to Mohor, who burst through the Barishal batting bagging five wickets for 24 runs in 13.2

Fellow 21-year-old seamer Shafiqul

HIGHLIGHTS

In just his second first-class game, Rajshahi

pacer Mohor Sheikh ran through the Barishal

confirm their sixth championship.

batting to bag his maiden five-wicket haul and

help dismiss the opposition for a paltry 97. If Tier-1

leaders Rajshahi win their last-round match, it will

O Former Bangladesh batsman Marshall Ayub hit

his 17th first-class century to give Dhaka Metro the

early edge in their match against Chattogram.



MOHOR... 5 for 24

MARSHALL... 110 not out

Islam dispatched the first three batsmen -- Shahriar Nafees, Salman Hossain and Fazle Rabbi -- with just 16 runs on the board. A brief revival followed in the form of a 31-run fourth-wicket partnership between Al-Amin and Mosaddek Hossain, but they were both dismissed by Mohor. It could have been worse for Barishal as they were at 75 for nine at one stage, but tail-ender Tanvir Islam hit a four and two sixes to add some desperate runs.

In the other Tier-1 game at the in just his second first-class match, Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogura, defending champions Khulna were flirting with relegation after ending the day on 217 for eight against Rangpur

Division. At the bottom of the Tier-1 table, Khulna need to get some bonus points or an outright win to climb above Barishal. Rangpur's pacers did the damage, with Robiul Haque taking three wickets for 34 runs and Sajedul Islam two for 59. Moinul Islam was unbeaten on 48 when bad light forced an early end to play.

At the Sheikh Kamal International Stadium in Cox's Bazar, Marshall Ayub's 17th first-class ton put Dhaka Metro in a strong position against Chattogram Division in their Tier-2 match. The former Bangladesh batsman finished the day on an unbeaten 110 off 211 balls with 10 fours and two sixes as Metro reached 265 for five. Former Bangladesh captain Mohammad Ashraful scored just nine.

Also in Cox's Bazar, Sylhet Division and Tier-2 leaders Dhaka Division finished the day on equal footing. Riding on skipper Rajin Saleh's 67, Sylhet reached 220 for six at stumps. Jaker Ali will resume batting on 40 today along with Enamul Haque Jr, who was unbeaten on 14. Dhaka pacer Shahadat Hossain and off-spinner Shuvagata Hom took two wickets each.

SCORES IN BRIEF

KHULNA V RANGPUR

KHULNA: First Innings 217 for 8 (Soumya 26, Afif 22, Nurul 36, Ziaur 40, Moinul 48 not out; Robiul 3-54, Sajedul 2-39, Tanbir 2-3)

BARISHAL V RAJSHAHI

BARISHAL: First innings 97 (Al Amin 25, Mosaddek 22; Reza 2-42, Shafiqul 3-20, Mohor 5-24) RAJSHAHI: First innings 124 for 6 (Junaid 72 not

out, Jahurul 25; Kamrul 2-46, Monir 2-8) SYLHET V DHAKA DIV

SYLHET: First innings 220 for 6 (Rajin 67, Kapali 28, Shahanur 29, Jaker 40; Shahadat 2-52, Shuvagata 2-33)

DHAKA METRO V CHATTOGRAM DHAKA METRO: First innings 265 for 5 (Shadman

27, Azmir 35, Shamsur 29, Marshall 110 not out, Zabid 30 not out; Nayeem 2-94, Shakawat 2-76)

Abahani feel the blues

SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Abahani tasted their first defeat of the season as the Sky Blues suffered a 1-0 loss to Sheikh Russel KC in a Walton Federation Cup encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Sheikh Russel dominated from the get-go but had to wait till Uzbek forward Azizov Alisher headed home a Mezbah Uddin cross from the left flank in the 30th minute to gain the lead.

After resumption, Sheikh Russel

faced huge pressure from Abahani but to no avail as substitute Nabib Newaj Jibon and Haitian forward Fils Belfort squandered their opportunities to equalise the margin. The defeat ensured that Abahani

finished behind Group C champions Sheikh Russel KC and hence, they will now face Group A champions Arambagh KS in the quarterfinals where Sheikh Russel will take on Group B runners-up Chittagong Abahani.

In the day's first match, Saif SC sent Brothers Union packing by inflicting a massive 5-0 defeat with right-back Rahmat Miah, Javed Khan, substitute Sajjad Hossain scoring one goal apiece while Russain striker Denis Bolshakov struck a brace.

Meanwhile, Team BJM moved into the quarterfinals with three points to set up their fixture with the yet to be decided Group D champions.

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Long-term training for SAFF heroes

SPORTS REPORTER



Following Bangladesh's recent success at international age-level tour-Following Bangladesh's recent success at international age-level tournaments, the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) declared yesterday that they will provide the country's SAFF U-15 Championship winning team long-term training and a three-year contract team long-term training and a three-year contract. This announcement was made at a reception accorded to the national under-

15 team at the BFF House, where the budding booters met with BFF president Kazi Salahuddin ahead of their departure for residential training at the Sylhet BKSP today. "The Bangladesh Football Federation has big plans for you and as a part of

those plans, we will provide you with long-term training round the year under

the care of the federation as we want to groom you in the proper way. The BFF also wants to award you with a three-year contract, in addition to a monthly salary but you will have to undergo another trial at the BKSP to secure the contract," said BFF general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag during the reception. 23 players of the U-15 squad, who will be awarded Tk one lakh each by the BFF, will leave for Sylhet today alongside national coach Jamie Day and assis-

tant coach Stuart Watkiss, who will likely join the selection procedure. The U-15 team is expected to take part in a four-nation tournament involving hosts Thailand, Bangladesh, Maldives and Cyprus between December 6 and 14. Shohag added that junior and senior team members will also be included in the U-15 squad's long-term training so that more than one group can be nursed

round the year, considering next year's busy international schedule. Meanwhile, the game's local governing body had previously announced a similar training for the 2015 SAFF U-16 Championship winning team but that promise was never realised. Aside from which, under the FIFA Goal project, the BFF academy can only run for eight months before it could be closed without

any prior announcement. Asked how the money needed to manage the residential camp and provide month salaries would be raised, Shohag said: "How the money will be arranged has yet to be decided but we will manage some sponsors. We will get some money from FIFA and the AFC under the development programme next year while the government is also supposed to provide some funds."

Shohag also informed that BFF technical director Paul Smally is drawing up the details of the development programme.

Whether or not the BFF can continue the training though, the players are ecstatic with the opportunity.

"We had no idea about such a declaration but we are ready to go through the trail and take this opportunity. We are hopeful that we can pass the trail to get the long-term training," said Bangladesh's top-scorer in the SAFF U-15 Championship Nihat Zaman Ucchash.

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SHORT CORNER



Herath's last hurrah The spotlight in Sri Lanka's first Test against England in Galle remains on the departing Rangana Herath, the most successful left-arm spinner in history, as he seeks a fairytale swansong. Herath made his debut at Galle in 1999, got a hattrick there in 2016 and is one scalp away from a century of wickets at the picturesque venue. The 40year-old Herath has taken 430 wickets in 92 Tests.

Djokovic hails 'most amazing' resurgence

Novak Djokovic officially returned to world number one on Monday for the first time for two years, replacing Rafael Nadal. Novak Djokovic said he was proud of his "most amazing last five

months" despite losing to Karen Khachanov in Sunday's Paris Masters final. Djokovic's elevation is remarkable as it comes just five months after he slumped to 22nd in the world -- his lowest ranking for 12 years -- when he was knocked out of the French Open in the quarterfinals.

"I'm satisfied of course and I'm going to be No. 1 tomorrow officially. And what more can I ask for? I won 20-plus matches in a row and had a most amazing last five months of the year," Djokovic said following his 7-5, 6-4 defeat by Russia's Khachanov.

Liverpool omit Shaqiri over political tensions Xherdan Shaqiri has been left out of Liverpool's travelling squad for

Tuesday's Champions League match against Red Star Belgrade, the Premier League club have announced. The midfielder was at the centre of controversy along with Switzerland

teammate Granit Xhaka when they celebrated goals with a pro-Kosovo "double eagle" gesture that represents the Albanian flag during the World Cup win over Serbia in Russia.

Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp said on the club's website on Monday: "It's a situation where we will go to the fantastic city of Belgrade as a football team to play football.

"We have heard and read the speculation and talk about what kind of reception Shaq would receive and although we have no idea what would happen, we want to go there and be focused 100 per cent on football and not have to think about anything else, that's all."



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