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GTV & STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
 Bangladesh v Zimbabwe
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STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
 ICC Women's World T20
 India v Pakistan
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STAR SPORTS 1
 India v West Indies
 Third T20I
 Live from 7:30pm
 ICC Women's World T20
 Australia v Ireland
 Live from 2:00am (Monday)

SONY ESPN
 Australia v South Africa
 Third ODI
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SONY SIX
 New Zealand v Pakistan
 Third ODI
 Live from 5:00pm

STAR SPORTS SELECT 2
English Premier League
 Liverpool v Fulham
 Live from 6:00pm
 Chelsea v Everton
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 Man City v Man United
 Live from 10:30pm

TEN 1
Serie A
 Roma v Sampdoria
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 Sassuolo v Lazio
 Live from 11:00pm
TEN 2
Serie A
 Atalanta v Inter Milan

Live from 5:30pm
La Liga
 Barcelona v Real Betis
 Live from 9:15pm
 Sevilla v Espanyol
 Live from 11:30pm
Serie A
 AC Milan v Juventus
 Live from 1:30am (Monday)

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh v Zimbabwe
 Second Test, Day One
 Time: 9:30am

Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium

Federation Cup
 Quarterfinals
 Bashundhara Kings v Team BJMC

Time: 5:00pm
 Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium



Sheikh Russel's Nigerian forward Raphael Odoyin (airborne) has a shot on target during their quarterfinal of the Federation Cup against Chittagong Abahani at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Odoyin's goal gave Sheikh Russel a 1-0 win.

Titu's Sk Russel edge Mintu's Ctg Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER



Saiful Bari Titu's Sheikh Russel KC booked the third spot in the semifinals of the season's curtain-raising Walton Federation Cup following a 1-0 victory over his former club and last season's runners-up Chittagong Abahani in the third quarterfinal at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The champions of the 2013 edition did not play quite as well as they did in their two group matches, but managed to eke out a win within regulation time to move into the last four as the only team with a hundred per cent record and clean sheets all throughout.

Nigerian forward Raphael Odoyin's strike in the 46th minute proved to be the decider for the otherwise lacklustre affair, which had garnered attention for being a battle of prestige between Titu and his former assistant Zulfikar Mahmud Mintu.

Titu was sacked by Chittagong Abahani towards the end of last season due to the team's failure to land any silverware, and the charges were bestowed on Mintu.

Although Chittagong Abahani lost many of their star players in the intervening time, they did not let Sheikh Russel dominate the game entirely yesterday.

There was no goalmouth action in the first half, even though both sides saw one of

their efforts go across the face of the goal with no striker to pounce on.

Sheikh Russel broke the deadlock two minutes after restart when Sheikh Russel forward Alisher Azizov's cross came off a Chittagong Abahani defender which Odoyin turned in at the far post with a slight deflection off another Chittagong Abahani defender Mufia Lawal.

Chittagong Abahani were unlucky to lose their main attacking threat Mamdou Bah in the 71st minute through a horrific injury as the Gambian hit the side of his head on the ground following an aerial tussle with Sheikh Russel defender Alison Udoka, with the former being rushed to the hospital.

Despite defending well, Chittagong Abahani failed to mount serious challenge as Sheikh Russel edged home comfortably in the end.

Sheikh Russel coach Titu gave credit to his opposite number for putting up a fight, but was happy to have kept a hundred per cent win record.

"It is a satisfying win. Although we could have got more goals, I'm pretty happy with the effort, especially with our defensive display as we haven't yet conceded a goal," Titu said. "Mintu is a good coach and his charges played to their full potential."

Titu's team will play the semifinals against the winners of the fourth quarterfinal, which will be played today between Bashundhara Kings and Team BJMC.

SK RUSSEL 1 - 0 CTG ABAHANI
 ODOYIN 47'

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Women's hockey team end series with a defeat

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh women's hockey team, playing under the banner of Dhaka Eleven, conceded a 1-0 defeat against Kolkata Warriors in the last game of their three-match friendly series at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The home side had won the first two matches by 3-0 and 2-0 goals respectively.

Dhaka Eleven, formed mostly with under-18 players being groomed for the future national team, dominated and created more chances but lacked the final touches as they wasted five penalty corners. Shama Bano netted the only goal for the visitors in the 22th minute.

"We have to work in every sector in women's hockey as we didn't get enough time. Maybe they are now up for age-group level, but not ready for national team," opined team manager Tariquzzaman Nannu after the match.

India test for BD women

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh women's football team will look to recover from their disastrous start in the 2020 Olympic Qualifiers when they take on India in their second match of Group C today.

The match will get underway at Yangon's Thuwunna Stadium at 2:30pm Bangladesh time.

Golam Rabbani Choton's charges started the Round 1 of qualifiers with a 5-0 drubbing at the hands of hosts Myanmar and to keep any realistic chances of progressing to the second round alive, they must beat India and follow it up with a win against Nepal in their last match.

India and Nepal are jointly in second position in the group, having shared the spoils of a 1-1 draw. Bangladesh, on the other hand, are yet to open their account while Myanmar sit pretty on top with three points.

The Bangladesh players, many of whom are yet to turn 16, are likely to face a tough challenge against an experienced India side, ranked 59th in the world.

"We have a very important match against India tomorrow (Sunday). They are the best team in South Asia and they have some experienced players," coach Choton said in a video interview yesterday.

"However, we have gained experience with round-the-year practice and matches against teams like South Korea and Myanmar. So we are expecting a competitive match tomorrow. We are looking forward to giving a good account of ourselves," the coach added.

If not for this qualifying campaign, this match will be important for the women in red and green to gauge how much fight they can put up against a side they have never managed to even force a draw against and who are expected to be their main competitors in the upcoming SAFF Women's Championship.

SHORT CORNER

Kaur first Indian woman to hit T20 century

Captain Harmanpreet Kaur became the first woman from her country to smash a T20 international century on Friday as India defeated New Zealand by 34 runs on the opening day of the Women's World Twenty20.

Kaur battled cramps to lift India to a winning 194-5 at the Guyana National Stadium with Jemimah Rodrigues hitting 59.

She finally fell for 103 off 51 balls having hit eight sixes and seven boundaries.

In reply, the White Ferns could only reach 160-9 despite opener Suzie Bates providing a solid foundation with a top score of 67.

Imam cleared to rejoin team

Pakistani opener Imam-ul-Haq has been cleared to rejoin the team after undergoing scans on his injury on Friday.

"Imam ul Haq all scans clear. He joined the team and will remain under observation of team physio," the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) tweeted.

Imam was forced to retire during the second one-day international between Pakistan and New Zealand in Abu Dhabi on Friday after being hit by a short ball.

According to a source in the PCB, the doctors have advised Imam to rest for the next 72 hours.

Pep 'prefers sex to coaching'

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has laughed off a suggestion his coaching is "better than sex".

The comment was reportedly made by Paris Saint-Germain defender Dani Alves, who is currently promoting a documentary about his time at Barcelona playing under Guardiola.

Before Sunday's Premier League home match against Manchester United, a reporter asked Guardiola for his reaction at a press conference, prompting him to respond: "I prefer the sex -- by far."

Brazilian star Alves, referring to Barca's late winner against Chelsea in the 2009 Champions

League semi-final, said: "It is because of moments like this that we all love football. The only thing that beats it is sex."

--AFP

Pakistan pick Shaheen for NZ Tests

Pakistan's selectors Saturday included teenage pace sensation Shaheen Shah Afridi in a 15-man squad for the first two of the three Tests against New Zealand starting in Abu Dhabi next week.

The 18-year-old has been in a devastating form in the ongoing one-day series in United Arab Emirates, taking 4-46 and 4-38 in the two matches so far. The third and final one-day international is in Dubai on Sunday.

Smith, Warner play together for first time since ban

Banned opener David Warner shared a home field with Steve Smith for the first time since the ball-tampering scandal Saturday, but he didn't last

long as Steve Waugh's son claimed his wicket.

The two appeared for their respective Sydney club teams in a game at Coogee Oval also featuring Shane Watson and with Test great Waugh and bowling legend Mitchell Johnson watching from the grandstands.

Both players were given a warm reception by a bumper crowd, with no sign of animosity towards them, according to cricket.com.au.

Warner's Randwick Petersham was sent in to bat by Smith's Sutherland and he spanked two boundaries before cutting a ball from Austin Waugh to backward point on 13.

Smith fared better when his turn came to bat, compiling 48 before being stumped. Former Test all-rounder Watson overshadowed them both with a 41-ball 63 to help Sutherland win by three wickets.



Novak Djokovic (L) and Roger Federer (R), along with six other top tennis players, take a train ride in the London Underground yesterday ahead of the season-ending ATP Finals beginning today.

PHOTO: TWITTER

Leicester held on day of tributes

AFP, Leicester



Leicester City rode a wave of emotion on Saturday but were unable to break the deadlock against Burnley in their first home match since owner Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha was killed in a helicopter crash outside the King Power Stadium.

A special tribute video was shown on big screens before kick-off, two weeks after his aircraft plummeted to the ground and burst into flames just moments after taking off from the pitch.

With football kits from many different clubs ringing the perimeter of the pitch, a huge banner was unfurled reading: "Khun Vichai, Forever in our Hearts" as former Leicester managers including Premier League-winning Claudio Ranieri looked on.

Vichai's son Aiyawatt, the club's vice-chairman who is known as Top, carried out one of a series of floral tributes.

Then the entire stadium fell silent for two minutes to remember Vichai and the four others killed in the crash as well as servicemen and women who



Leicester City players applaud the fans, commemorating their late chairman Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, following their Premier League match against Burnley at the King Power Stadium -- the first home game after the helicopter tragedy -- yesterday. The match ended 0-0.

PHOTO: AFP

have died in battle on the eve of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.

Fans turned the stands into a sea of white during the silence, holding aloft special scarves

dedicated to their former owner.

The first half of the match itself was relatively uneventful but the atmosphere built as the second half wore on, with fans desperate to honour Vichai with

a victory.

Leicester produced wave upon wave of attacks but few clear-cut chances and had to settle for a 0-0 draw on a day when the result was secondary.

Messi ready to return

AFP, Barcelona

Ernesto Valverde has indicated Lionel Messi and Samuel Umtiti are both ready to return for Barcelona against Real Betis on Sunday but Ousmane Dembele has been dropped.

Messi has been out since breaking his arm against Sevilla on October 20 while Umtiti has been nursing a knee problem and has not played since September 26.

Both are included in the squad to face Betis in La Liga this weekend but there was a surprise omission for Dembele.

Valverde said the 21-year-old had been left out after a "sporting assessment".

Messi's return would come as a major boost to Barca. Their captain was included in the travelling squad to face Inter Milan on Wednesday but was not deemed fit enough even for the bench.

Asked if he could play 90 minutes against Betis, Valverde said: "We will see, but he's lost his fear of falling or struggling against an opponent."

Chamily forgotten again

OUR CORRESPONDENT from Rajshahi



Rajshahi lawmaker Fazle Hossain Badsha is sending former women's national team cricketer Chamily Khatun abroad after he found that government authorities had left her uncared for since flying her to Dhaka for treatment.

The lawmaker said that he only learnt of her condition upon visiting her at the National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation in Dhaka yesterday morning.

"Those who took responsibility for her treatment and flew her to Dhaka have not come to see her again since admitting her to hospital. They have not even inquired about her," Badsha, also general secretary of the Workers' Party, said.

"I asked her relatives to collect their passports in order to take Chamily abroad. I am sending her wherever she prefers treatment -- either India or Thailand," Badsha said.

Chamily suffered an injury during a practice session in 2011 and has not received proper treatment since.

After news of her condition broke, Rajshahi's mayor rushed to her house. He donated money and,

on November 2, the Rajshahi district administration flew her to Dhaka and admitted her to the hospital following directives from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

"Doctors here told me that they can perform the surgery. But then why don't other cricketers have surgeries performed here? I need a treatment that will help me play again," Chamily said.

Chamily added that she had been using the money she received from donations in order to pay her bills at the hospital. She was also upset that none of the officials returned to visit her after she was admitted to hospital.

When contacted, Rajshahi Deputy Commissioner SM Abdul Kader said that, after taking her to Dhaka, it was the responsibility of the hospital authority, the PMO and the Bangladesh Cricket Board to look after Chamily.

"I couldn't know from Rajshahi how she is doing at the hospital in Dhaka," he said.

However, Badsha said he would gather the money for her treatment at any cost.

"As a representative of Rajshahi dwellers, I have the responsibility to protect our own. I will not let a national cricketer from our city go without the treatment she desires."