

What to WATCH

SONY SIX
Australia v India
Second Test, Day Two
Live from 8:20am
STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
New Zealand v Sri Lanka
First Test, Day Two
Live from 4:00am (Sunday)

FIH World Cup
Semifinals
England v Belgium
Live from 4:30pm
Australia v Netherlands
Live from 7:30pm
English Premier League
Tottenham v Burnley

Live from 9:00pm
Fulham v West Ham
Live from 11:30pm
STAR SPORTS SELECT 2
Emerging Teams Asia Cup
Final
Sri Lanka v India
Live from 10:15am

English Premier League
Man City v Everton
Live from 6:30pm
Bundesliga
Hannover v Bayern Munich
Live from 8:30pm
Dortmund v Werder Bremen
Live from 11:30pm

SONY ESPN
Serie A
Inter Milan v Udinese
Live from 11:00pm
TEN 2
La Liga
Valladolid v Atletico Madrid
Live from 9:15pm

Real Madrid v Rayo Vallecano
Live from 11:30pm
Serie A
Torino v Juventus
Live from 1:30am (Sunday)



Bashundhara Kings goalkeeper Anisur Rahman Zico became the hero, stopping three shots in the tiebreak as the big-spenders got over the line against Rahmatganj MFS in the fourth quarterfinal of the Walton Independence Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: BFF

Kings survive R'ganj scare

SPORTS REPORTER



Goalkeeper Anisur Rahman Zico's heroic performance in shootout after Costa Rican Daniel Colindres' shining display in Walton Independence Cup helped Bashundhara Kings edge a spirited Rahmatganj MFS 3-2 in tiebreak in the fourth quarterfinal at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The win took newcomers Bashundhara Kings to the semifinals where they will take on Federation Cup champions Abahani on December 20 after Sheikh Russel KC and Brothers Union play the first semifinal on December 19.

Zico, an under-23 national team goalkeeper who never stopped a single shot from the spot in his premier league career since making debut in 2015, showed nerves of steel between the sticks to stop three shots from three foreigners -- Congolese Siyo Zunapio and Nigerians Damian Chigozie and Monday Osagie -- in the shootout to give big-spenders Bashundhara Kings an incredible win they twice came back to hold the

minnows 2-2 in regulation and extra time.

Colindres, carrying an ankle injury, came off the bench in 57th minute to level the margin first and then set up the second goal to push the match into the extra-time and tiebreaker after Federation Cup runners-up Bashundhara Kings had started without their seven of their regular players, who were out either through injury or were suspended.

BASHUNDHARA 2 (3) - 2 (2) RAHMATGANJ
COLINDRES 67', DUYSHOBKOV 90+5'
JAMAL 25, FAISAL 72'

However, it was frustrating for Bashundhara Kings as their local players failed to make an impact despite the side enjoying superior ball possession and had more shots on target. Jamal Hossain gave Rahmatganj the lead in the 25th minute by turning in a cutback from Enamul Islam.

Bashundhara Kings coach Oscar Bruzon sent on Colindres and the Costa Rican levelled the margin 10 minutes later with a fantastic curving shot from inside the box, but

Rahmatganj restored the lead within five minutes by availing a defensive fumble from Didarul Alam, who allowed Faisal Ahmed inside the box and the winger found the back of the net with an over-head chip.

Bruzon made two more changes, sending in Hemanta Vincent Biswas and veteran Rokonzaman Kanchan but they hardly made an impact before Colindres made the difference again in the final minute of five minutes of added time. The prolific playmaker whipped in a cross from the left and Kyrgyz forward Bakhtiyar Duyshobekov levelled the margin with a glancing header.

In extra-time, it was Rahmatganj who came close to regaining the lead twice but Zunapio, who scored two goals in the previous match, squandered both chances.

"Colindres made the difference in the match before Zico. We had a conversation with Zico and wanted him to be the hero of the night. He really played well and his confidence under the bar really made the difference," said Bruzon, who termed the victory a special one due to the unavailability of seven players.

Local shuttlers eliminated

SPORTS REPORTER

Hosts Bangladesh turned into mere spectators in the Yonex-Sunrise Bangladesh International badminton Challenge as the Alina Sultana and Shapla Akter pair was eliminated from the semifinals in women's doubles event as the last Bangladeshi shuttlers at the Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Indoor Stadium yesterday.

Alina and Shapla surrendered to the Malaysian pair of Vivian Hoo and Yap Cheng Wen with a straight 21-3, 21-7 points defeat in the second semifinal.

Despite the defeat, the local pair will be awarded bronze medals as per the bylaws of the tournament. The Malaysian pair will play the final against India's Aparna Balan and KP Sruthi pair, who beat Indonesian pair of Nita Violina and Putri Syaikhah 21-19, 21-17.

In women's singles, Vietnam's Cao Cuong beat Malaysia's Zulhelmi Zullkifeeli 21-19, 15-21, 21-16 to set up a final clash against Malaysia's Teck Zhi Soo, who beat Indonesia's Ikhshan Leonardo 21-19, 19-21, 21-14 in the other semifinal.

In men's singles, Vietnamese Thuy Linh Nguyen will take on Indonesia's Putri Kusuma Wardani as they beat India's Mugdha Agrey (21-13, 21-15) and compatriot Yasnita Enggira (21-8, 21-19) respectively.

Mominul misses out on double ton

SPORTS REPORTER



East Zone captain Mominul Haque missed out on a double-ton as he remained six runs shy of the achievement against North Zone on the final day of their fourth round encounter in the Bangladesh Cricket League.

Elsewhere, South Zone managed a seven-wicket victory over Central Zone, courtesy of Anamul Haque's unbeaten 101-ball 86-run knock.

At the Shaheed Kamruzzaman Stadium in Rajshahi, East's two overnight batsmen -- Mominul and Mahmudul Hasan -- added 198 runs to build a 207-run third-wicket stand before the latter was dismissed off a Sunzamul Islam delivery after scoring 83 runs off 149 balls.

However the star of the day, Mominul, who struck a quick-fire 190-ball 194, laced with 23 boundaries and three sixes, was the next one to fall. East declared on 362 for four immediately after the the left-hander's dismissal.

Coming in to chase 452 -- an impossible task given that only a handful of overs remained on the day -- North went on an all-out attack, scoring 116 runs for the loss of one wicket in just 16 overs with a staggering run rate of 7.25 per over and ending the match as a draw.

In the other match at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram, South defeated Central convincingly as opener Anamul remained unbeaten to see the side through. Central's struggles continued as they lost their remaining five wickets just after adding 89 runs and were eventually bundled out on 269.

Chasing a very low 134-run total, South always seemed to be in control as they won the match comfortably by seven wickets in just 32.2 overs.

SCORES IN BRIEF

CENTRAL ZONE V SOUTH ZONE
CENTRAL ZONE: First innings 261 and second innings 269 all out (Shuvagata 71; Rabbi 4-59)
SOUTH ZONE: First innings 397 and second innings 134 for three (Anamul 86 not out; Shuvagata 2-21)
Result: South Zone won by 7 wickets.
EAST ZONE V NORTH ZONE
EAST ZONE: First innings 446 and second innings 362 for four declared (Mominul 194; Sunzamul 3-122)
NORTH ZONE: First innings 377 all out and second innings 116 for one (Junaid 51 not out; Tajjul 1-33)
Result: Match drawn.

T20 squad announced

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board announced a 14-member Bangladesh squad for the three-match T20I series against West Indies which is scheduled to begin on December 17.

Shakib Al Hasan will lead the Tigers while Mohammed Mithun was also included in the squad following his recent good run of form in the fifty over format. Mohammad Saifuddin is another new inclusion in the T20 squad.

Mohammed Saifuddin is the other new inclusion in Bangladesh T20 squad. SQUAD: Shakib Al Hasan (C), Tamim Iqbal, Soumya Sarkar, Liton Das, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mahmudullah Riyad (VC), Rubel Hossain, Mustafizur Rahman, Mehedi Hasan, Nazmul Islam, Mithun, Saifuddin, Abu Hider, Ariful Hoque.

Aussies happy with Day One

AFP, Perth



Australia were pleased with their overall position at the end of the first day of the second Test against India on Friday, despite several top order batsmen failing to capitalise on promising starts in Perth.

A century opening partnership after captain Tim Paine won the toss and elected to bat appeared to lay the foundation for a sizeable total on a challenging pitch at Test cricket's newest venue, but openers Marcus Harris and Aaron Finch were among a number of top order players who couldn't build the big individual score Australia craved.

At stumps on a scorching day, the home side were 277 for six, with Tim Paine on 16 and Pat Cummins on 11, a crowd of 20,746 braving the heat to be part of history on the first day of Test cricket at the new Optus Stadium.

Finch, who made 50 at the top of the order to ease some of the pressure on his spot in the team, said the Australians were satisfied with their work given the conditions.

"I thought we batted really well today," he said, adding that the wicket presented "some challenges".

SCORES IN BRIEF

AUSTRALIA: 277 for 6 in 90 overs (Harris 70, Finch 50, Marsh 45, Head 58; Ishant 2-35, Vihari 2-53)

U-15 YOUTH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

BD score 10 past Maldives

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh wrapped up their campaign in the U-15 Men's Youth International Football Tournament in Thailand with a thumping 10-0 win against Maldives yesterday.

Anwar Parvez Babu's charges scored six goals in the first half before adding four more after the break to complete a commanding victory over their South Asian rivals, bringing an end to the campaign which had begun with a 4-0 defeat against Cyprus followed by a 1-1 draw against hosts Thailand.

Skipper Helal Ahmed and winger Ashikur Rahman scored a hattrick each while strikers Rasel Ahmed and Nishat

Jamal Uchhash bagged a brace apiece.

Despite the big victory, Bangladesh could only manage third-place in the four-team tournament financed by UEFA, with Cyprus becoming champions and Thailand sealing the second position.

"We wanted a massive win to have any chance of finish as runners-up. So we planned that way and played aggressively. We scored six goals in the first half, but wasted a lot of chances in the second half. Now we are waiting to see the scoreline from the match between Cyprus and Thailand and whether we can finish as runners-up," said the Bangladesh coach in his post-match reaction.



Australia batsmen Marcus Harris (R) and Aaron Finch shared a 112-run opening partnership against India on the first day of the second Test in Perth yesterday. Harris scored 70 while his opening partner scored 50. PHOTO: AFP

EXCLUSIVE COMMERCIAL SPACE

SALE

at Bashundhara (Business Park)
Road Facing
Car Parking Facility

01841413176, 01714389907

Victory Day



Millions of lives, we sacrificed to achieve freedom. These sacrifices are symbol of solidarity towards our country. Beneath it, a solid foundation is holding up the flag of freedom with pride.

We remember & salute all the martyrs on this glorious Victory Day.

