

What to WATCH

STAR SPORTS 1 & 2
New Zealand v India
Fifth ODI
Live from 8:00am
SONY ESPN
South Africa v Pakistan
Second T20I

Live from 6:30pm
Serie A
Inter Milan v Bologna
Live from 11:00pm
SONY SIX
Australia v Sri Lanka
Second Test, Day Four

Live from 5:30am (Monday)
TEN 1
West Indies v England
Second Test, Day Four
Live from 8:00pm
TEN 2
Serie A

SPAL v Torino
Live from 5:30pm
La Liga
Atletico Madrid v Real Betis
Live from 9:15pm
Serie A
AC Milan v Roma

Live from 1:30pm
STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
English Premier League
Leicester v Man United
Live from 8:00pm
Man City v Arsenal
Live from 10:30pm

STAR SPORTS SELECT 2
Bundesliga
Augsburg v Mainz
Live from 8:30pm
Stuttgart v Freiburg
Live from 11:00pm

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh Premier League (Football)
Arambagh v Chittagong Abahani
Time: 3:00pm
Venue: Rafique Uddin Bhuiyan Stadium

Brothers Union v Saif SC
Time: 4:00pm
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Jibon breathes life into Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER

Nabib Newaz Jibon scored the first hat-trick of his Bangladesh Premier League career to propel Abahani to the top of the table with a comprehensive 5-1 win over strugglers Rahmatganj MFS at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The national team striker, who had scored his last hat-trick during his Championship League days with Uttar Baridhara during the 2011-12 season, scored a quickfire brace in the first half before sealing his hat-trick in injury time of the second half, with Nigerian forward Sunday Chizoba chipping in with two goals.

The win took the Sky Blues to nine points from four matches as they go level on points with early pace-setters Bashundhara Kings, who have maintained a 100 per cent record in three matches.

Coming into the match on the back of a win against Muktiyoddha Sangsad, the fifth-placed Abahani imposed their authority in the game even though goalkeeper Shahidul Alam Sohel had to be at his best in the 10th minute, producing a double save to deny minnows Rahmatganj the lead.

However, the Sky Blues soon broke the deadlock when Rainhan Hassan's long throw-in was headed home from close range by Jibon in the 18th minute. Rahmatganj defender Monday



RAHMATGANJ 1 - 5 ABAHANI
ZUNAPIO 45+3
JIBON 18', 19', 90+1
SUNDAY 50', 68'
TEAM BJMC 0 - 2 SHEIKH JAMAL
LUCIANO 13', TETTEH 33'

Abahani striker Nabib Newaz Jibon (L) celebrates one of his three goals with teammate Sunday Chizoba, who also scored two goals, during their Bangladesh Premier League encounter against Rahmatganj at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: BFF

Osagie was partly to blame for the goal as he failed to clear the throw-in despite having the ball brush his head.

Jibon, who was playing as the second striker in this match behind Sunday, doubled the lead a minute later, slotting home a rebound from the middle of the box after Sunday's shot was parried back by Rahmatganj keeper Ariful Islam.

Rahmatganj had a few decent attacks but they had to wait till injury time in the first half to reduce the margin, skipper Siyo Zunapio headed home from right in front of goal after Rakibul Islam's cross was turned towards him by Sohel Rana.

Abahani, who had been quite lacklustre in the league thus far, turned on the style in the second half and scored three more goals.

Sunday made it 3-1 five minutes after the break, poking home after rounding off the advancing opposition goalkeeper on a long ball from midfield.

The Rahmatganj goalkeeper was once again caught out of position in the 68th minute and Sunday took full toll by placing a through-ball from Kervens Belfort into the net.

And the win was wrapped up in

style by Jibon, who chipped the ball delectably over the goalkeeper's head and into the back of the net.

The young striker was relieved to get back into form after faltering so often for his club and country. "I am delighted with getting my first hat-trick in top-tier football, and I'm also pleased to have played as a striker," Jibon said after the match.

"I don't often get chances in the starting eleven and even when I do, I often don't get to play as a striker. So it was a more comfortable position for me and I hope the three goals will boost my confidence," the lanky striker added.

SHEIKH JAMAL END DROUGHT

Three-time champions Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club notched their first win of the campaign with a 2-0 win away to Team BJMC at the Shaheed Bulu Stadium in Noakhali yesterday.

The Dhanmondi giants, who had dropped five points out of six prior to this match, rode on two goals from their two foreign recruits in the first half to stop the rot and get back into contention for the title race.

Argentine forward Luciano Perez broke the deadlock in the 13th minute before Kyrgyz forward David Tetteh sealed the victory 20 minutes later to lift the giants from 12th to sixth position on the table.

Spurs strike late to leapfrog City

Higuain opens his account

AFP, London



Son Heung-min struck late to fire Tottenham into second place in the Premier League on Saturday as Gonzalo Higuain opened his account for Chelsea in a five-goal rout at Stamford Bridge.

Spurs looked to be heading for their first league draw of the season at Wembley but Son's 83rd-minute goal earned Mauricio Pochettino's men a hard-fought 1-0 win over Newcastle and enabled them to leapfrog Manchester City, who play on Sunday.

Chelsea beat bottom side Huddersfield 5-0 thanks to two goals apiece from Higuain and Eden Hazard and a late header from David Luiz as they returned emphatically to goalscoring form.

Tottenham are now just four points behind leaders Liverpool, who are in action at West Ham on Monday, but just as significantly they consolidated their position in the top four after their 19th win in 25 matches.

Spurs enjoyed more than 70 percent possession but faced a dogged Newcastle, buoyed by a stunning 2-1 win over Manchester City in midweek that carried the Magpies five points clear of the relegation zone.

An incredible clearance off the line from Fabian Schar denied what seemed a certain goal for Christian Eriksen.

But Son again stepped up to the mark, just as he did with an equaliser against Watford in midweek, with his 14th goal of the season. The South Korean had a helping hand from Newcastle goalkeeper Martin Dubravka, who let Son's powerful effort slip beneath his grasp to undo all his side's good work.

Chelsea manager Maurizio Sarri admitted before the match against bottom side Huddersfield that he had found it hard to get any rest since Wednesday's humiliating 4-0 defeat at Bournemouth.

His side went ahead in the 16th minute through Higuain and doubled their lead with a Hazard penalty on the stroke of half-time. Both players scored again midway through the second half and Luiz made it 5-0 with a late strike as Chelsea returned to the top four at the expense of Arsenal.

Young Tigers complete whitewash

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Under-19s completed a clean sweep against England Under-19s in their three-match one-day series, despite a fine hundred from Ben Charlesworth, as the home side cashed in on some solid team effort to win the third encounter by 63 runs at the Sheikh Kamal International Cricket Stadium in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

Player-of-the-match Shamim Hossain scored an 87-ball 72, featuring five fours and three sixes, before using his off-spin to send

back a few of England's top order batsmen for ducks. Fifties from Mahmudul Hasan (57 off 90 balls) and Shahadat Hossain (51 off 35) also greatly helped the young Tigers post a challenging total of 266 for nine.

In reply, England lost two quick wickets with the scoreboard reading 17 for two as Shamim removed opener Jordan Cox and one down Jamie Smith for duck. Charlesworth was firm at the other end but the visitors kept losing wickets at regular intervals. Bangladesh's Asadullah Galib was the pick of the bowlers, scalping four wickets for 17 runs in 4.3 overs but Rubel Ahmed and Towhid Hridoy, who joined the team

after playing in the BPL for Sylhet Sixers, also made valuable contributions with two wickets each.

Charlesworth's 149-ball 115, which included ten fours and a six, was ultimately not good enough for his side to end the series with some solace, however, he could take comfort in the fact that this hundred earned him the player-of-the-series award.

Following their 1-0 T20 and 3-0 one-day series wins, the young Tigers will play the first match of the two-match four-day series from February 7 at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram.

SCORES IN BRIEF

BANGLADESH U-19S: 266 for 9 in 50 overs (Tanzid 23, Mahmudul 57, Shamim 72, Shahadat 51 not out, Rishad 22; Finch 2-48, Hill 3-37, Morley 2-46)

ENGLAND U-19S: 203 all out in 46.3 overs (Charlesworth 115, Goldsworthy 21, Hollman 30; Ruhel 2-40, Shamim 2-43, Towhid 2-31, Galib 4-17)

Result: Bangladesh Under-19s won by 63 runs.
Player-of-the-match: Shamim Hossain.
Player-of-the-series: Ben Charlesworth.



Australia batsman Kurtis Patterson celebrates his first Test century during the second day against Sri Lanka at the Manuka Oval yesterday. Patterson was 114 not out when Australia declared.

PHOTO: AFP

Sri Lanka face uphill task

AFP, Canberra

Opener Dimuth Karunaratne was rushed to hospital after a frightening blow by a bouncer on Saturday as Sri Lanka chased a massive Australian first innings total built on the back of three centuries.

In overcast conditions, the home team resumed day two of the second Test in Canberra on 384 for four and extended their lead to a massive 534 for five when skipper Tim Paine declared.

The impressive Kurtis Patterson was not out 114 and Paine on 45 at the declaration with Vishwa Fernando the pick of the Sri Lankan bowlers with 3-126.

At stumps, Sri Lanka were 123 for three in reply with Kusal Perera on 11 and Dhananjaya de Silva not out one.

Paine's declaration looked premature given the ease with which Sri Lanka's openers weathered the new-ball attacked by under-pressure Mitchell Starc.

On a flat Manuka Oval track Karunaratne and Lahiru Thirimanne saw off some lightning quick deliveries and a bouncer barrage and had built an 82-run stand before disaster struck.

Playing in his 58th Test, Karunaratne was 46 not out when a rising Pat Cummins ball glanced off his shoulder and onto his helmet, close to the neck area. He slumped to the ground, dropping his bat as Australian players ran to assist.

A doctor and physio sprinted onto the ground and called for more medics and after some 10 minutes, he was put on a stretcher and taken off the field on a golf buggy.

Cricket Australia said he complained of pain in the neck and tingling to the

hands and was ferried to hospital.

Coach Chandika Hathurusingha said later he was in "good spirits" and "in no danger".

"It hit on the back of the neck so he is being assessed," he added.

It clearly unsettled Thirimanne who fell to spinner Nathan Lyon for 41 in the next over, caught by Usman Khawaja at slip. Cummins then clean-bowled Kusal Mendis for six and when captain Dinesh Chandimal gloved a Starc ball to Paine behind the stumps for 15, the tourists were in trouble.

SCORES IN BRIEF

AUSTRALIA: First innings 534 for 5 decl (Burns 180, Head 161, Patterson 114 not out, Paine 45 not out; Fernando 3-126)

SRI LANKA: First innings 123 for 3 (Karunaratne 46 not out, Thirimanne 41; Starc 1-32, Cummins 1-25)

West Indies reduce England

AFP, North Sound

Alzarri Joseph put aside deep personal grief to make two important strikes as the West Indies reduced England to 75 for four in their second innings at tea on the third day of the second Test against England at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua on Saturday.

Trailing by 119 runs at the start of their innings after Darren Bravo's ultra-patient half-century extended the West Indies first innings total to 306 in the morning, England go into the final session of the day needing to erase a deficit of 44 more runs before entertaining the prospect of setting the home side a challenging fourth innings target.

Jason Holder made the first two breakthroughs for his side in removing Rory Burns and Jonny Bairstow.

Then Joseph, who decided to continue playing even though his ailing mother, Sharon, died early in the morning, claimed the wickets of England captain Joe Root and debutant opener Joe Denly just before the end of the afternoon session.

SCORES IN BRIEF

ENGLAND: First innings 187
WEST INDIES: First innings 306 (Brathwaite 49, Campbell 47, Hope 44, Bravo 50; Broad 3-53, Moeen 3-62)

ENGLAND: Second innings 75 for 4 (Burns 16, Denly 17, Buttler not out 8, Stokes not out 7; Holder 2-27, Joseph 2-12)

SHORT CORNER



Lionel Messi rescued Barcelona scoring twice in their come from behind 2-2 La Liga draw against Valencia at the Nou Camp last night.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Qatar celebrates greatest football achievement

Qatar celebrated its biggest football achievement after stunning Japan to win the Asian Cup on Friday, with impromptu street parades marking the country's long-sought status in a sport that sits at the centre of its economic development.

Doha's streets were gridlocked with cars immediately after the tournament's final whistle blew, as Qataris draped in the country's maroon and white flag slung themselves out of car windows or hopped on to rooftops, horns blaring in celebration.

"This is the first continental cup we've taken and it's even despite all the pressure that was put on this team, which just proves that they are heroes," said Qatari fan Ahmed al-Kaabi.

--REUTERS

Gillesen injures calf, out of Real cup semis
Barcelona goalkeeper Jasper Gillesen will be out for six weeks after rupturing a calf muscle on Friday and will miss both legs of the Spanish Cup semi-final against Real Madrid.

The Dutchman is second choice at Barcelona behind Marc-Andre ter Stegen, but usually starts in Spanish Cup games.

"In training on Friday the first team player

Jasper Gillesen tore a muscle in his right calf. The goalkeeper is expected to be out for around six weeks," the club said on its web site.

German international Marc-Andre ter Stegen is set to stand in for Gillesen in Barca's semi-final first leg against Madrid on February 6 and the second leg on February 27 or 28.

--AFP

Man City look to revive title bid against Arsenal

Pep Guardiola needs a quick response from his side against Arsenal on Sunday to show that Manchester City's challenge for the Premier League title remains intact.

Guardiola can be thankful City will go into the match at the Etihad Stadium only five points behind leaders Liverpool.

It could well have been worse after a lethargic display brought a surprising 2-1 defeat at relegation-threatened Newcastle on Tuesday, but Jurgen Klopp's side struggled to take advantage as they were held to a 1-1 draw at home by Leicester the following night.

City could argue Tuesday's defeat was a blip, given they had won their previous eight matches, but three of those victories were in cup games against lower-division opposition.

--AFP

Announcement

MCQ Test for the post of Trainee Assistant Junior Officer (Cash)

The MCQ test for the post of **Trainee Assistant Junior Officer (Cash)** will be held on **Friday 15 February 2019, at 10:00 a.m.**

In this regard, an SMS has been sent to the short-listed candidates only. Instructions in details are given in the Admit Card.

The candidates are requested to download and print their Admit Cards for the MCQ test from the following link:
www.pubalibangla.com/career.asp



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