

TEN 1
Serie A
Roma v Bologna
Live from 1:30am (Tuesday)

TEN 2
FA Cup
Chelsea v Man United
Live from 1:30am (Tuesday)

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh Premier League (Football)
Chittagong Abahani v Mohammedan
Time: 4:00pm

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium, Dhaka
Arambagh v Nofel SC, Time: 3:00pm
Venue: Rafique Uddin Bhuiyan Stadium,

Myensingh
Bangladesh U-19s v England U-19s
Second four-day match

Day four, Time: 9:00am
Venue: Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium, Chattogram

Rampant Abahani go three clear

SPORTS REPORTER

Kervens Belfort scored twice as defending champions Abahani grabbed a solo lead in the Bangladesh Premier League with a 4-0 thrashing of strugglers Brothers Union at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The Haitian striker doubled Abahani's lead with a fine glancing header in the 18th minute after Uttam Roy's own goal had given the league leaders the lead in the 11th minute. Brothers, who have been languishing towards the bottom of the 13-team table, did get a chance to reduce arrears later in the half, but failed to do so as Leonardo Lima's shot from the top of the box was cleared off the goalline by Abahani defender Tutul Hossain Badsha.

Sunday Chizoba increased the margin, slotting home from inside the box in the

42nd minute, and the defending champions went into the break with a comfortable 3-0 lead. They increased the margin 12 minutes after restart, with Belfort getting his second goal with a powerful shot from the middle of the box.

The Haitian could have grabbed a well-deserved hattrick had his chip not come off the crossbar in the 80th minute, but the Sky Blues ran away comfortably winners regardless.

Brothers could have added some respectability to the scoreline had Abahani keeper Shahidul Alam not made a fine save from a Mannaf Rabbi effort towards the end of the game to confirm a clean sheet.

The fifth win on the trot took Abahani to 18 points from seven matches, three clear of Bashundhara Kings who have played five matches. Brothers remain on three points from six matches.

ABAHANI
UTTAM 11' (OG),
SUNDAY 42', BELFORT 18', 57'

4 - 0 BROTHERS



Sunday Chizoba celebrates his only goal during Abahani's 4-0 win over Brothers Union in their Bangladesh Premier League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED



After six straight defeats in La Liga, Girona went on a brilliant 10-minute burst that yielded two goals and secured a famous 2-1 win over Real Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu yesterday.

Girona derail Real's title bid

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid threw away their lead and perhaps their hopes of catching Barcelona as Girona came from behind to pull off a shock 2-1 victory at the Santiago Bernabeu on Sunday.

Girona had not won in 13 matches and looked on course for a seventh straight defeat when Casemiro headed a dominant Madrid ahead in the first half. But complacency set in, and Girona took full advantage as Cristian Stuani scored a penalty and Portu nodded in at the back post, leaving the European champions scrapping even for a point before Sergio Ramos was sent off in the 90th minute.

They failed even to muster that, with defeat here a major act of self-harm for what was beginning to look like a serious resurgence in La Liga's title race.

Barcelona had beaten Real Valladolid by a single goal on Saturday but their stodgy display continued a

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REAL MADRID COACH

period of uncertainty for the Catalans, while Madrid arrived here on the back of seven wins and a draw at the Camp Nou.

Barca still have to go to the Bernabeu later this month but that Clasico will be a lot less nervy now. Their cushion has been extended to nine points over Real, with Atletico jumping back above them into second, seven points off the top.

"It's a shame," Real coach Santiago Solari said. "We drop points and our

rivals won. It is a pity because we were on a great run. Is the league over? Not at all," he said.

Madrid barely broke sweat in the first half, in control but playing within themselves as long spells of possession were only occasionally turned into a clear-cut chance.

It was no surprise in the 25th minute when Casemiro nodded in Kroos' cross after Bono elected to punch rather than catch the initial ball in.

Madrid slipped from comfortable to complacent and shortly after the hour they were punished. Stuani's header spilled out to Douglas Luiz, whose finish was blocked by the hand of Ramos. Stuani made no mistake with the penalty.

Girona almost scored again, Portu's shot rattling the outside of the post, and then they did. Casemiro missed a tackle in midfield and Lozano's shot was parried to Portu. Marcelo dangled a leg but failed to stop the header creeping inside the post.

Woodwork leaves game goalless

SPORTS REPORTER



The woodwork came in the way a number of times as three-time champions Sheikh Jamal held one-time champions Sheikh Russel to a goalless draw in their Bangladesh Premier League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Hosts Sheikh Jamal were denied by the post once in the first half while Sheikh Russel were denied twice by the crossbar after the lemon break as the game of two halves failed to produce a winner, helping little in the title race for either side.

Sheikh Jamal had come into the match on the back of three consecutive victories following a dismal start as they had collected a single point from their first three matches. They played relatively better in the first half, creating two scoring chances. Argentine striker Luciano Araya Perez saw his left-footed diagonal shot from inside the box ricochet off the far post in the seventh minute.

The same striker had the best chance for his team in the 44th minute when he raced into the box on a through-ball from Solomon King, but his placed shot past Sheikh Russel goalkeeper Ashraful Islam Rana missed the target by a yard.

Sheikh Russel, who had the opportunity to take a solo lead in the table, having collected 13 points from their previous five matches, were more impressive after the break and manoeuvred the ball well inside the opposition half.

SHEIKH JAMAL 0 - 0 SHEIKH RUSSEL

But they had the crossbar to blame for not picking up all three points -- second-half substitute Rafael da Silva's curling effort from inside the box bounced off the bar in the 64th minute before midfielder Khalekurzaman's excellent left-footed strike from 25 yards brushed the top of the bar seven minutes later.

However, Sheikh Jamal could have continued their winning run had Saniye Bojang's low effort

from inside the box not been kept out brilliantly by goalkeeper Rana in the 80th minute. In the end, both teams had to settle for a point apiece, taking Sheikh Russel to 14 points from six matches and Sheikh Jamal to 11 points from seven matches.

"I'm happy with the performance. We missed chances, but that's not important. The important thing is we are picking points," Sheikh Jamal coach Joseph Afusi said after the match.

"It was our home game and we could have won, but the important thing is that we now have gone five matches unbeaten after defeats in the first two matches," added Afusi.

Sheikh Russel coach Saiful Bari Titu, however, was rather fretful for not picking up the full points and losing precious ground in title race.

"We should have won this game, but as long as you don't score you can't win," Titu reflected.

"We have drawn two matches and gone a little behind in the title race. But we cannot be disheartened and need to fight till the end," Titu said.

City romp into last 8 of FA Cup

AFP, London

Manchester City powered into the FA Cup quarter-finals as the Premier League leaders beat fourth-tier Newport County 4-1 on Saturday.

Pep Guardiola's side didn't have an easy ride in a full-blooded fifth round tie against a team 82 places below them in League Two.

City eventually hit their stride in the second half and Leroy Sane's powerful finish put them ahead before Phil Foden doubled the lead.

After a scare, Foden netted again, 79 seconds later before Riyad Mahrez wrapped up the win.

SHORT CORNER

Pizarro becomes Bundesliga's oldest scorer

Claudio Pizarro, the Bundesliga's record foreign goalscorer, claimed another milestone on Saturday when he became the league's oldest scorer in Werder Bremen's 1-1 draw at Hertha Berlin.

Aged 40 years and 136 days, the Peru striker claimed his 195th Bundesliga goal in dramatic fashion to equalise with the last kick of the game having come off the bench for mid-table Bremen in the 61st minute.

"I am very happy, this point helps us and I am very proud to have scored," said Pizarro, who has also played for Chelsea, Bayern Munich and Cologne.

Luck shone on Pizarro when he smashed a speculative free-kick under Hertha's wall and it took two deflections before hitting the net in the 96th minute at Berlin's Olympic Stadium.

"I just tried to shoot under the wall, because I knew they were going to jump," explained Pizarro.

Pizarro's goal, which delighted Bremen coach Florian Klopfeld, who is four years younger than the Peruvian, bettered the previous Bundesliga record of Mirko Votava, who also netted for Bremen, aged 40 years, 121 days, back in 1996.

Icardi and sister in Twitter feud over Wanda Inter Milan striker Mauro Icardi has been having a tumultuous time of late in football and unfortunately, it spilled over onto his personal life as well.

Icardi, 25, was stripped of the Inter Milan captaincy and benched for the Rapid Wien game after refusing to play and is also expected to sit out the upcoming match against Sampdoria.

However, the Argentinian striker has more immediate concerns on his mind after he got involved in an ugly Twitter altercation on Saturday with his own sister, Ivana, over his partner-agent Wanda Nara.

Ivana caught the attention of Mauro when she tweeted: "I want my brother back".



Footballing superstar Neymar met with countryman and pole-vaulter Thiago Braz, reigning Olympic gold medallist, as the former recovers from injury.

"It's not going to happen," replied Mauro. "Why don't you try using the time you spend on here WORKING!! You'll achieve nothing with this strategy. And remember to ask about some of your other six brothers, seeing as you never do that on Twitter. Bye."

In reply, Ivana chided him for being 'stupid' and said that he had a 'viper behind him' in Wanda.

"Seeing as they answer the phone when I call them. They don't have a viper behind them who casts a spell to make them in her image. Stop being so stupid and open your eyes! Get back to being the person you were," she said.

Piatek makes Milan history

AFP, Rome

Krzysztof Piatek hit a wonder goal and grabbed a second as AC Milan came back to defeat Atalanta 3-1 on Saturday and stay on course for the Champions League.

Piatek took his season's Serie A total to 17, just two behind Juventus star Cristiano Ronaldo.

The Pole now has scored six times in four starts for Milan since moving from Genoa in January.

He also becomes the fastest Milan player to reach six goals for the club, overtaking Gunnar Nordahl. Piatek scored his six goals in just 310 minutes, well ahead of Nordahl's six in 419 minutes.

After Remo Freuler had given Atalanta a 33rd-minute lead, Piatek struck with a memorable left-footed volley in first-half stoppage time.

Ricardo Rodriguez swung in a cross from the left, Piatek hooked the ball around defender Berat Djimsiti before volleying into the top corner from 12 yards out despite



AC Milan's winter signing Krzysztof Piatek continued his red-hot run of form against Atalanta, scoring two great goals and in the process becoming the fastest player to reach six goals for the Italian giants. His efforts were heralded by La Gazzetta Sportiva, who gave the headline 'Magical Piatek'.

not even looking at the target.

"I was being marked closely, but I knew the ball would come into the box sooner or later, so I made the movement to ensure I got there first," Piatek said. "I am happy with the two goals today and want to keep going like this. I am a striker, so

I'd like to score in every game."

Turkish winger Hakan Calhanoglu then put Milan ahead with a sharp drive 10 minutes into the second period before Piatek headed in from a corner just after the hour mark to seal victory.

Milan fans have taken Piatek to



their hearts, even devising a new chant "Piatek! Pum pum pum pum!" to mirror the striker's goal celebration of a pistol-shooter.

Gennaro Gattuso's Milan stay in fourth spot but they now have 42 points, four more than Atalanta, Roma and Lazio.

Announcement

MCQ test for the post of Junior Officer

The MCQ test for the post of Junior Officer will be held on **Friday 01 March 2019, at 10:00 a.m.**

In this regard, an SMS has already 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:

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