

What to WATCH

STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
Indian Premier League
 Bangalore v Kolkata
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STAR SPORTS SELECT 2
English Premier League
 Southampton v Liverpool
 Live from 1:00am (Saturday)

MOHAMMEDAN FLY IN NEW COACH

Mohammedan SC yesterday flew in another British coach, Sean Lane, to guide the Black and Whites to victory in the Bangladesh Premier League as the previous coach, Christopher Evans, left the club after guiding them in the season's curtain-raising Federation Cup. Sean Lane, who was in Australia coaching different clubs, was the assistant head coach of the Gold Coast Knights, a National Premier League outfit from Queensland, Australia. He was also the head coach of the U-20 squad of the same team. Mohammedan are currently in 11th position on 13-team Bangladesh Premier League table with five points from nine matches with 15 matches remaining in the league.

—SPORTS REPORTER



Salman & Prome steal the show

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Since his time in third grade, Salman Ahmed had always dreamt of featuring in his school's football team for the Bangabandhu Gold Cup Primary School Football Tournament. Not only did that dream come true, the now fifth grade student has achieved something beyond his wildest imaginations.

Salman scored the winner for Sylhet's Haripur Govt. Primary School in a 1-0 triumph over Nilphamari's Dakkhin Kanialkhata Govt. Primary School in the tournament's final yesterday, delivering his team their first-ever trophy at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Likewise, last edition's runners-up Panchrukhi Govt. Primary School of Mymensingh handed a 1-0 defeat to Lalmonirhat's Tepughari BK Govt. Primary School to secure their first-ever Bangamata Gold Cup Primary School Football Tournament trophy at the same venue.

"I dreamt of playing for my school since I was in third grade but I didn't get the chance due to the presence of the elder brothers of fifth grade. But I prepared myself for when I did get the chance and I have now finally taken part in the Bangabandhu Gold Cup this time," Salman said. "It feels great that my school won because of my lone strike. I believed that I would score goals in the final."

Following their third place finish in the second edition in 2011, Haripur have finally become champions in front of a full-house and coach Sharif Uddin gave credit to the sport-loving community of his area for this accomplishment.

"People in Jaintiapur are sports crazy. Many people came to the capital in a bid to watch the final despite not knowing whether they would be allowed to enter the stadium. The locals always helped during training. For the final round, we trained for a few months with the help of school teachers. So the schools from Jaintiapur often

came to the final rounds," said coach Sharif who also plays for the Sylhet District team.

Meanwhile, Panchrukhi Primary School stole the show in the Bangamata Gold Cup, outshining their neighbours from Mymensingh at district level, Kalsindhur Govt. Primary School, who became renowned after a hat-trick of titles led to national call-ups for many on the squad, however, they have since lost their edge.

Panchrukhi's Prome Akter scored the all-important goal in the second half but coach Mokbul Hossain claimed himself to be the key behind the school's success.

"I guided Kalsindur Primary School to title three times but I didn't get the honour I deserved from them. Two years ago, I started coaching Panchrukhi and made them runners-up in the last edition and now I have guided them to become champions," said Mokbul, adding that they beat Kalsindur in last two editions.

Like it had been with Salman, participating in the Bangabandhu and Bangamata Gold Cup tournaments had become the stuff of dreams for young footballers, especially since they had to wait to secure places on their teams as the schools preferred to form squads with only fifth grade students to have equal competition.

Aside from the nearly 66,000 primary schools across the country, the two grassroots level tournaments have drawn much attention from school governing bodies as well as leaders of different divisions. The success the competitions have brought is evident with a closer look at the different zones.

Haripur is the third team from Jaintiapur Upazila of Sylhet to become champions following Nischintapur Non-Government Primary School and Korgram Govt. Primary School, who won the tournament in the first and sixth editions respectively. Cox's Bazar's Pakua Upazila is another place from where three separate schools have been crowned champions in the 2015, 2016 and 2017 editions.



Sport-loving Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina witnessed Panchrukhi Primary School lift the title of the Bangamata Gold Cup with a 1-0 win over Kalsindhur Govt. Primary School and handed out prizes among the winners at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: BSS

Dembele back in training

AFP, Barcelona

Barcelona winger Ousmane Dembele returned to team training on Thursday, increasing hopes that he will recover from his hamstring injury in time for next week's Champions League trip to Manchester United.

"Jasper Cillessen (also out injured) and Ousmane Dembele were back training with the group," the La Liga leaders said on their website.

Dembele was ruled out for a month after picking up a hamstring injury during Barca's 5-1 hammering of Lyon in the Champions League round of 16.

Bairstow sinks Delhi

IANS, New Delhi

Jonny Bairstow picked up where he left off against Bangalore as he hit a whirlwind 28-ball 48 to help Sunrisers Hyderabad defeat Delhi Capitals by five wickets in their Indian Premier League clash yesterday.

The start from the opening pair of Bairstow and David Warner set the platform. Looking to hit everything out of sight, Bairstow got Hyderabad off to a flyer as they reached 62 for no loss in the first six overs.

Even though Hyderabad lost Bairstow and Warner (10) in quick succession, Vijay Shankar and Manish Pandey settled down to ensure that the scoreboard kept ticking over.

SCORES IN BRIEF
DELHI: 129 for 8 (Iyer 43; Nabi 2-21, B Kumar 2-27)
HYDERABAD: 131 for 5 (Bairstow 48; Tewatia 1-10)
Result: Hyderabad won by 5 wickets.

Player-of-the-match: Jonny Bairstow

Locals make history as a rookie takes the lead

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Tour rookie Sadom Kaewkanjana of Thailand stole the show at the Bangabandhu Cup Golf Open yesterday, firing a nine-under-par (62) to take a solo halfway lead at the Kurmitola Golf Club at the conclusion of the second day, which proved to also be one of the best for local golfers.

The 20-year-old Kaewkanjana, who only turned professional at the end of 2018, had stroked a six-under-par (65) on the opening day and, after firing home an eagle and eight birdies against a bogey, now holds a three-shot lead — the largest halfway lead in the tournament's history — over India's Rashid Khan, who hit a bogey-free seven-under-par (64) yesterday.

Meanwhile, a record number of 12 Bangladeshis survived the halfway cut set at one-over-par 143, eclipsing the 10 locals who had made the cut in 2017 and 2018. Two-time Asian Tour winner Siddikur Rahman led the local charge,



Akbar Hossain was one of a record 12 locals to make the cut, putting in an impressive performance on the second day of the Bangabandhu Golf Open and getting a share of the seventh position.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Nazim and Sajib Ali reaching 11th position with six-under (136).

Unfortunately, the unheralded Muaj Mohammad dropped off quite a bit from his overnight position of joint-second with a torrid showing. He followed up his six-under (65) on the opening day with a three-over-par (74) and is now tied for 29th position alongside another local, Md. Sayum.

The other locals on the list include Jamal Mollah in 22nd place with a four-under, Badal Hossain in 40th with a one-under and four others with scores of one-over-par.

Muaj was not the only one to decline though, as overnight leader Maverick Antcliff of Australia slipped six shots off the pace to third following a battling 70 at the US\$350,000 event.

Kaewkanjana admitted that he had not expected to do so well, but with the largest halfway lead in the tournament's history, he was feeling confident.

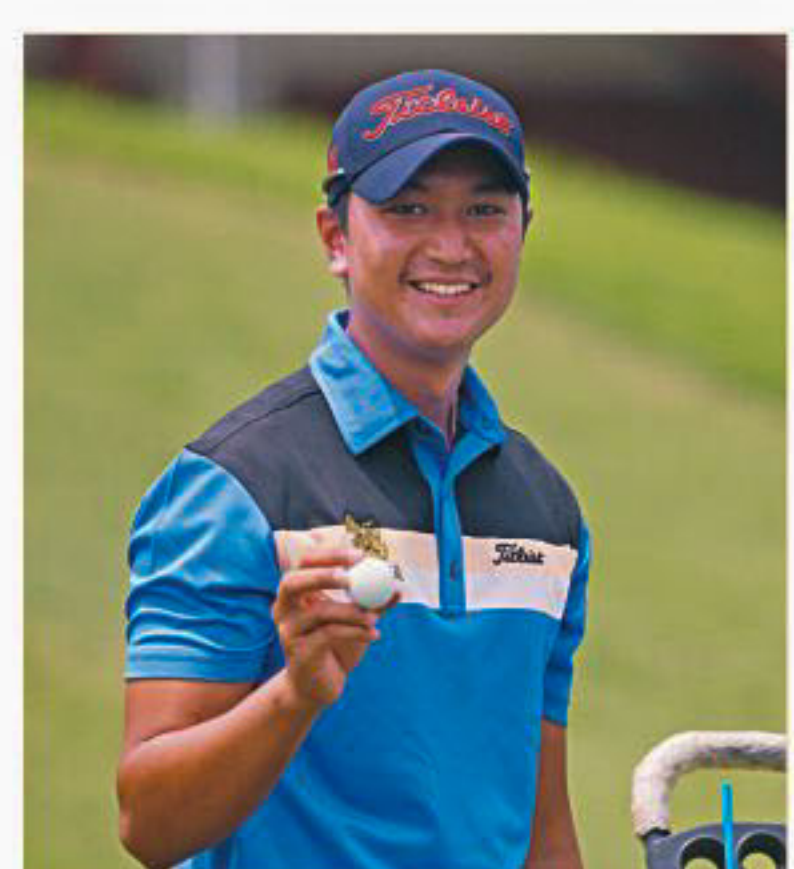
"My goal today was just to shoot

under-par. I didn't expect to play so well. I am really happy. I got off to a solid start. I had a great run from the 12th hole. I was just hitting fairways and greens and then making putts. It felt great," Kaewkanjana, making his first start on the Asian Tour this season, said.

"I feel excited now," he added on his second day at the course. He had previously played here four years ago in the 30th Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championship, coming in second. "It feels good to be in the lead after two rounds in my first Asian Tour start this season too. I hope to continue my good form over the next two days and see how it goes."

Siddikur lamented his play on the last hole, which cost him what he described as a 'silly bogey' but he was looking forward to staying in contention before turning his attention to the locals.

"It's good to see our local boys doing well. I can see that they are getting more experienced now. It's happy to see how the development of golf in Bangladesh has grown."



Sadom Kaewkanjana took a three-shot lead with a nine-under.

firing a three-under-par (68) to take a share of fourth position with an overall score of eight-under-par (134).

Akbar Hossain stayed close behind, in seventh place with a seven-under after a three-under in the second round. Others also rose to the occasion, with Mohammad

BHF election process halts

SPORTS REPORTER



The Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) election commission suspended all activities regarding the BHF polls to be held on April 8 on Wednesday after a High Court bench passed a stay order over the final voters' list.

Md. Sikandar, general secretary of Shishu Kishor Songo, a First Division Hockey League outfit, filed the petition against the secretary of the Youth and Sports Ministry, challenging the publication of the final voters' list, which included Taraque A Adil instead of the petitioner.

The bench, comprised of justices Tariqul Hakim and Md. Sarwardi, issued a Rule Nishi and stayed the election process after hearing the issue.

Yesterday was the deadline for candidates to withdraw as well as for the disclosure of the finalised candidates list. Approximately 58 of 84 councillors have submitted nominations for 28 executive posts.

"The chief election commissioner suspended all activities of the BHF polls after a stay order on the final voters' list but we are taking preparation to face it legally," said Kabirul Islam, law officer of the National Sports Council, an institute of the Youth and Sports Ministry.

Weightlifting tourney underway

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The inaugural Weight Lifting Competition, a three-day national tournament organised by the Bangladesh Weightlifting Federation, began at Shaillpacharya Zainul Abedin Park in Mymensingh yesterday.

A total of 102 male and 36 female weight lifters are participating on behalf of 21 teams such as Bangladesh Army, Border Guard Bangladesh, Police, Fire Service and Civil Defence, District Sports Associations of Dhaka, Dinajpur, Gazipur and Kishoreganj and Arambagh Club.



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Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company (Pvt.) Limited (BIFPCL), a 50:50 Joint Venture Company of Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB), Bangladesh and NTPC Limited (NTPC), India is setting up state of the art 2x660 MW Maitree Super Thermal Power Project at Rampal in Bagerhat District of Bangladesh. To fuel its ambitious growth plan, BIFPCL is looking for promising, energetic and dedicated young candidates for immediate appointment on contractual basis to the various posts and invites applications from only Bangladeshi nationals. The vacancies exist at various grades in the fields of HR, Finance, Procurement, Company Secretariat, IT, Safety etc.

Interested candidates to apply online for the posts by visiting <https://www.bifpcl.com/hrCareer.aspx>. The Online application process will commence from **05th April 2019 (Friday)**. Instructions are available on the page for application process, eligibility criterion, age and other norms. Last date of receipt of online application is: **30th April 2019 (06:00 P.M BST)**.

Important Dates :

Commencement of Online Application in BIFPCL	05/April/2019 (09:00 A.M BST)
Last Date for Online Application & Submission	30/April/2019 (06:00 P.M BST)

(Kazi Nazrul Islam)
 Chief Human Resources Officer
 BIFPCL

Spurs post record profit

AFP, London

Tottenham posted a world-record net profit of £113 million in 2017/18 but costs for the club's new stadium rose above £1 billion, annual accounts showed on Thursday.

Spurs opened their state-of-the-art 62,000-capacity home on Wednesday with the hope that increased matchday revenue will help the club compete financially with their Premier League rivals.

Much of that has been financed by loans. Spurs owed a total of £461 million, although the club have since extended their loans by another £100 million.

Net profits nearly tripled from £36 million in the previous year.