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Bangamata U-19 Women's Int'l Gold Cup
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English Premier League
Watford v Southampton
Live from 12:45am (Wednesday)

DAY'S EVENT



SOUMYA SARKAR'S

DPL scores:
33, 36, 43, 29, 12, 10, 14,
1, 2, 17, 0, 106

Although plagued by inconsistency, Abahani batsman Soumya Sarkar (R) justified his inclusion in Bangladesh's World Cup squad with a spectacular 79-ball 106 in a DPL match against Legends of Rupganj in Savar on Sunday. Surely, it was the sparkling century that gave Bangladesh batting coach Neil McKenzie something to smile about.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Soumya in focus on final day

SPORTS REPORTER

After more than a month of cricketing action, when Abahani and Legends of Rupganj will be playing for the Dhaka Premier League (DPL) title against Sheikh Jamal Dhamondi Club in Savar and Prime Bank Cricket Club in Mirpur respectively, the focus will surely be on Abahani's Soumya Sarkar to see whether the left-hander can pick up from where he had left off in the last game against Rupganj on Sunday.

Ahead of the last round of games, both Abahani and Rupganj have 24 points from 15 matches, but Soumya's blinding 106 off 79 balls on Sunday saw Abahani defeat Rupganj by a whopping 102 runs.

The margin eventually helped the Sky Blues overtake Rupganj at the top of the league table courtesy of a healthy 0.905 net run-rate.

While the remains no doubt about the left-hander's ability, consistency has been an everlasting issue for him. Soumya's previous best in the DPL of 43 against Mohammedan Sporting Club during the round-robin stage and his scores of 10, 14, 12, 17 and 0 in the last five games say a lot about his inconsistency. Soumya's century however will boost Abahani's confidence going into today's title-deciding last round of matches.

It is also a good sign for Bangladesh ahead of the World Cup, scheduled to begin form May 30 in the United Kingdom. But his record of being inconsistent put a question

in everyone's mind about whether or not the 26-year-old will repeat what he is known for when he features for Abahani today.

Both Rupganj and Abahani have the chance to clinch the DPL title but Abahani's huge win over Rupganj in the last match has given them the edge. The situation now stands such that if both Abahani and Rupganj manage to win their respective matches, then the team with higher net run-rate will be declared winners as even the head-to-head between the two remain even with one win each. On the other hand, Rupganj will have to win by a big margin in order to increase their net run-rate and hope for Abahani to fail while just a win for Abahani and a loss for Rupganj will see Abahani as the champions, and vice versa.

'We need to get them back into bowling'

SPORTS REPORTER



The Tigers began their training camp yesterday for the upcoming tri-nation series in Ireland, which will lead into the ICC World Cup in England and Wales. A total of five cricketers were present during the practice session at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Opening batsman Tamim Iqbal, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mahmudullah Riyad, Mustafizur Rahman and Rubel Hossain revved up under head coach Steve Rhodes. The remaining members of the squad opted to take rest as they will take part in the last Super League game of the Dhaka Premier League today.

Apart from spin bowling coach Sunil Joshi, all members of the Bangladesh coaching staff were present.

Injuries remain one of the biggest concerns for Bangladesh, especially those of the fast bowlers. Bowling coach Courtney Walsh said that it would be challenging to work on the fitness of the bowlers.

"Out of the five, we have three injured -- Fizz [Mustafizur Rahman], Rubel [Hossain] and [Mohammad] Saifuddin, who has a tennis elbow injury. We need to get them back into bowling, with the right frame of mind, and be sharp enough to do a bit of bowling in Ireland and be ready for the World Cup," Walsh told reporters yesterday.

Another pacer, Taskin Ahmed, was dropped from the Ireland series as well as the World Cup squad due to his lack of match fitness. Walsh however thought that the pacer should still prepare himself because anything can happen if someone gets injured.

"He has been injured for quite some time. He should've been in for the New Zealand tour. It's more about him getting back to match fitness. And you can only do that by playing. In an ideal world, we would have liked to have him to get a look at him in Ireland but that squad is already selected. So, he has got to try and play cricket, bowl and get the match fitness because anything can happen. Even if he is not in the World Cup squad now, if someone gets injured that's a name you want to call upon as well," he said.

Meanwhile, Shakib Al Hasan, who has

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Time: 6:00pm
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium, Dhaka

Novak extends lead as world number one

AFP, Paris

Novak Djokovic stretched his lead over Rafael Nadal at the top of the ATP rankings on Monday, after the Spaniard's failed bid to win a 12th Monte Carlo Masters title.

Djokovic, winner of the last three Grand Slam tournaments, is now over 3,000 points clear of old rival Nadal despite a quarterfinal defeat by Daniil Medvedev in the Principality last week.

World number two Nadal dropped ranking points after his title defence ended with a shock semifinal loss to eventual champion Fabio Fognini.

Warnock scores Salah tumble '9.9'

AFP, Cardiff

Mohamed Salah could not have "got much higher off the diving board" according to Cardiff manager Neil Warnock after the Egyptian won a penalty in Liverpool's 2-0 win in the Welsh capital on Sunday.

Salah was grappled inside the area by Cardiff captain Sean Morrison, but the theatrical nature of his fall saw Warnock compare last season's Premier League player of the year to British Olympic bronze medallist diver Tom Daley.

"We gave him an opportunity didn't we? He's got his arms around him," said Warnock.

"I think the end of it was a 9.9 Tom Daley job. I don't think he could have got much higher off the diving board at the end of it."

James Milner converted the spot-kick nine minutes from time to seal Liverpool's victory that took them back top of the Premier League.



Bangladesh bowling coach Courtney Walsh believes that Mustafizur Rahman, Rubel Hossain and Mohammad Saifuddin will need to recover from their injuries in time for the Ireland tour in order to sharpen up ahead of the World Cup.

PHOTO: STAR

been sitting in the dug-out after playing only one game in the ongoing Indian Premier League for Sunrisers Hyderabad, is yet to join the Bangladesh camp but Walsh does not see any problem if the all-rounder stays there and plays a few matches.

PSG crowned champions

Hattrick hero Mbappe to stay at club

AFP, Paris

Kylian Mbappe committed his future to newly-crowned Ligue 1 champions Paris Saint-Germain on Sunday after sweeping aside Monaco with a hattrick in a 3-1 win that also saw the return of superstar strike partner Neymar.

"I'm here, I've signed up to the project," said Mbappe, who has been linked with Real Madrid, to TV station Canal+.

"Good for Real Madrid if there is Zizou (Madrid manager Zinedine Zidane), I will watch their matches as an admirer."

Mbappe took his league tally for the season to 30 following his treble on Sunday, which came just hours after PSG were crowned champions for the sixth time in seven years when closest challengers Lille dropped points.

Their goalless draw at Toulouse left them 16 points behind PSG with only five games to play before kick-off in Paris and allowed the capital club to celebrate the title after missing chances to seal it in their previous three matches.

"I'm happy, the season isn't finished yet, and I want to score more," said Mbappe to Canal+.

The 20-year-old is targeting the domestic double ahead of next week's French Cup final against Rennes after his side crashed out in the last 16 in the Champions League.

"We're disappointed for what happened with Manchester United, but the game goes on," added Mbappe, referring to his team throwing away a 2-0 first-leg lead to the Premier League outfit.

"We obviously expected more from the Champions League but we can't let ourselves be demoralised."

Neymar's return at the start of the second half replacing Layvin Kurzawa is the cherry on the cake for Thomas Tuchel's side, who had been without the Brazilian superstar since January 23 with a right foot injury.

Edinson Cavani also returned to action for injury-ravaged PSG as a second half substitute, having a late strike correctly ruled out for offside, meaning that their famed front three are back together after months apart.

Mbappe has thrived in the absence of his strike partners, and gave his side a 2-0 first-half lead with two neat finishes, the first coming in the 15th minute and the second seven minutes before the break with an impressive 3-2 victory.

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Liverpool lead again

MU, Arsenal falter in top four chase

AFP, London

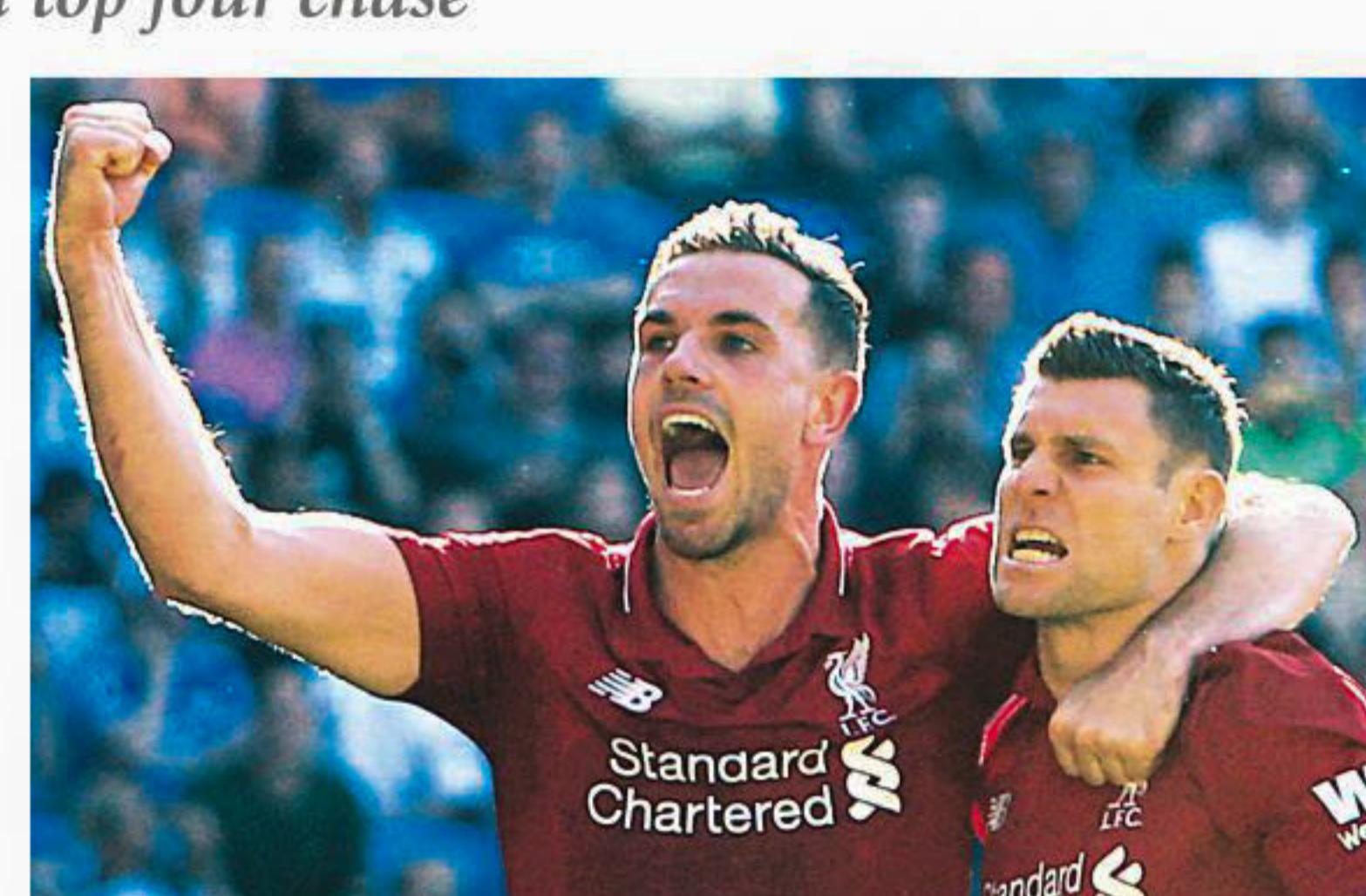
Premier League Liverpool moved back top of the Premier League with a 2-0 win at Cardiff, but Manchester United and Arsenal did little for their chances of Champions League qualification for next season in shock defeats to Everton and Crystal Palace respectively on Sunday.

United were thrashed 4-0 at Everton to continue a miserable run of six defeats from their last eight games.

Arsenal remain fourth, but failed to open up a five-point lead over United as Crystal Palace became the first visiting side to win at the Emirates in the Premier League since Manchester City on the opening weekend of the campaign with an impressive 3-2 victory.

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Jurgen Klopp's men have now won their last nine games in all



Liverpool midfielder James Milner (R) celebrates after scoring the second goal from a penalty with teammate Jordan Henderson during their Premier League encounter at Cardiff City Stadium on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

competitions, to also set up a Champions League semifinal against Barcelona.

"It's really massive. We spoke a lot about this game, how special it is, how special the situation is for

the opponent," said Klopp, who bemoaned the dry state of Cardiff's pitch under baking temperatures.

But in keeping with recent weeks, Klopp could not relax until late on as Roberto Firmino and Mohamed

Salah missed big chances to give the visitors a first-half lead.

Georginio Wijnaldum finally broke the deadlock in emphatic fashion with a thumping finish from Trent Alexander-Arnold's corner just before the hour mark.

Liverpool had to survive one major scare when Cardiff captain Sean Morrison failed to connect with his head when it seemed harder to miss with the goal at his mercy 26 minutes from time.

Morrison then compounded his error at the other end when he grappled with Salah inside the area and referee Martin Atkinson pointed to the spot, even though the Egyptian threw himself dramatically to the floor.

James Milner stepped up to bury the resulting penalty and ensure Liverpool are poised to strike if City

United look in no fit state to inflict the blow on the champions they need come the Manchester derby on Wednesday.

Delhi trump Rajasthan

PTI, Jaipur

Delhi Capitals defeated Rajasthan Royals by six wickets in an Indian Premier League encounter at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur yesterday.

Sent into bat, Rajasthan Royals scored 191 for six in the stipulated 20 overs, and then, Delhi Capitals chased down the target with four balls to spare.

SCORES IN BRIEF
Rajasthan: 191 for 6 in 20 overs (Rahane 105 not out, Smith 50; Rabada 2-37)

Delhi: 193 for 4 in 19.2 overs (Pant 78 not out, Dhawan 54; Gopal 2-47)

Result: Delhi won by 6 wickets.

Player-of-the-match: Rishabh Pant.

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Paris Saint-Germain star Kylian Mbappe (R) celebrates his hattrick goal with teammate Dani Alves during their Ligue 1 match against Monaco at the Parc des Princes Stadium on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP