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DAY'S EVENT

Bangamata U-19 Women's Int'l Gold Cup
 United Arab Emirates v Kyrgyzstan
 Time: 6:00pm
 Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium, Dhaka

Forwards vow to be more lethal

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Bangladesh striker Sirat Jahan Swapna is looking to work on her mistakes in order to be more accurate in front of goal despite scoring one of the two goals against United Arab Emirates (UAE) in their opening match of the Bangamata U-19 Women's International Gold Cup on Monday.

"We tried and created opportunities but missed the opportunities. Now we will try to rectify those mistakes in training and cash in on the opportunities in next matches," Swapna said after yesterday's recovery session at the BFF astroturf.

The Bangladesh team squandered a lot of scoring chances against UAE, a team against whom they scored 17 goals in last three meetings of the AFC U-16 Women's Championship Qualifiers, due to lack of composure in the attacking third. Besides, the forwards looked to play individually instead of helping each other to extend the winning margin.

"The most important thing for us is to play for the team and help the team win the match rather than concentrating on who is going to be the highest scorer in the tournament. We want more goals and it doesn't matter who scores as we want to increase the winning margin in every match," Swapna said.

The speedy striker was a bit upset about squandering the scoring chances but promised to score more goals in the next

match against Kyrgyzstan on Friday.

"The weakest point of yesterday's [Monday] match was missing the scoring chances. It is obvious to feel sad when you miss chances, but what happened is past and we are looking forward to be more focused on the next match," said Swapna.

Captain Misrat Jahan Moushumi is, however, not too worried about the opportunities missed, rather she wants the team to focus on the next match.

"We must admit that we made some mistakes upfront because we converted only two chances despite producing a lot of scoring opportunities. We don't want to dwell in past, though, as we are looking forward to rectifying those mistakes from the next match," said Moushumi.

"We tried to give our hundred percent against UAE but there were mistakes in finishing. It is being said that some of us played individually but that is not true because we always makes promises among us not to play selfishly," said the midfielder adding that they also discuss among themselves regarding the mistakes they make in each match. Moushumi believes this tournament is a big platform to show their class in front of home crowd and that they are determined to display their best performance in the tournament.

"This tournament is something big for us as we are playing on home ground in front of home crowd. This tournament is also inspiring for all girls, so there is no pressure on us," Moushumi said, adding that they are taking Kyrgyzstan as a strong opponent.



Mongolia players respond to the crowd's applause following their 3-0 victory over Tajikistan in the Bangamata U-19 Women's International Gold Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

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Mongolia make flying start

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Mongolia got off to a flying start in the Bangamata U-19 Women's International

Gold Cup with an emphatic 3-0 win against Tajikistan in an ill-tempered Group A encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

It was only the second international win for Mongolia U-19 women's team, who tasted their first-ever international win against Hong Kong in a 1-0 victory during last year's AFC U-19 Women's Championship Qualifiers. The win only

Tajikistan 0 - 3 Mongolia
 Tuvshinjargala 12', Enkhbaatar 28', Nyamsuren 68'

brightened Mongolia's chances of advancing to the semifinals but also served as a revenge for their senior women's team's 4-1 defeat against Tajikistan during the 2020 Olympic Games Qualifiers in November last year.

Mongolia went ahead in the 12th minute when unmarked Undral Tuvshinjargala rose high to nod home a corner from Lora Tom while Enkhmargand Enkhbaatar, the most valuable player of the

match, doubled the lead in the 28th minute with a diagonal shot from the edge of the box as Tajikistan goalkeeper Shukronai Azimzoda slipped on the pitch.

Tajikistan showed some signs to bit back to the match as Rajobova Sayohat rattled the crossbar on the half hour mark.

Delgerzaya Nyamsuren ensured the victory, converting a spot-kick in the 68th minute before Tajikistan coach Latipov Kanoat was sent off for entering the pitch arguing with the referee in the latter part of the match.

"I am sorry for entering the pitch. I was too emotional," Latipov said at the post-match briefing. "The referee was not good and

made many mistakes which let us down. However, we will work hard to come back in the next match."

Mongolia's Japanese coach Kawamoto Naoko, however, felt the referee made the right calls.

"I am satisfied with the performance of my players and this win has all but ensured our semifinal berth," Naoko said. "We expected a win over Tajikistan because the players of Tajikistan are under-aged and not physically strong."

"I am really happy to score a goal. We really played better than Tajikistan. We will try our best again in the next match against Laos," said most valuable player Enkhmargand Enkhbaatar.

Heavy defeat for Bangladesh

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Bangladesh's top female table tennis players endured a bitter experience in the 2019 ITTF World Championships with national women's champion Moumita Alam Rumi and former champion Sonam Sultana Soma being eliminated from the group stage following heavy defeats in the women's singles event in Budapest, Hungary.

Neither Rumi nor Soma put up any resistance against their opponents even though the two participated in the national table tennis championship ahead of the tournament.

Rumi was first humiliated 11-5, 11-4,

11-3 and 11-2 by Wang Amy of USA. She then suffered a 11-3, 11-3, 11-2 and 11-4 defeat against Lithuania's Paskauskienė Ruta to finish on the bottom of the three-player group.

Likewise, Soma was beaten in both her matches. Serbia's Surjan Sabina handed a 11-4, 11-2, 11-3 and 11-6 loss to Soma, who went on to lose by 11-8, 11-6, 11-3 and 11-5 against Doval Ilka of Norway in the second game, to finish at the bottom of her three-player group as well.

Rumi and Soma were scheduled to take part in the mixed doubles event but they did not get the opportunity as teammates Mohammad Javed Ahmed and Iram Hossain had their visas refused.



Nazmul retires

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Former Bangladesh paceman Nazmul Hossain, who acted as assistant coach to Legends of Rugganj rather than participate in this Dhaka Premier League (DPL) season, announced his retirement from cricket yesterday. After making his debut for the Bangladesh national team during the 2004 ICC Champions Trophy, the 31-year-old played a total of 38 ODIs and two Tests for the Tigers. Nazmul last featured for Bangladesh in March 2012 while his last match in any form of cricket was for Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club in the previous DPL season.

Watson guides CSK to easy win

PTI, Chennai

Shane Watson brought back memories of last year's IPL final with a blazing knock as Chennai Super Kings beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by six wickets on Tuesday. Watson roared back to form with a 96 off 53 balls.

Earlier, Manish Pandey's unbeaten 83 off 49 balls powered Sunrisers to a fighting 175 for 3.

SCORES IN BRIEF
Hyderabad: 175 for 3 in 20 overs (Warner 57, Pandey 83 not out, Shankar 26; Harbhajan 2-39)
Chennai: 176 for 4 in 19.5 overs (Watson 96, Raina 38)
Result: Chennai won by 6 wickets.

Burnley frustrate Chelsea

AFP, London



Chelsea accused Burnley of time-wasting and playing "anti-football"

after Blues boss Maurizio Sarri was sent off before a touchline skirmish marred their frustrating 2-2 draw on Monday.

Sarri's side fell behind to Jeff Hendrick's fine finish before N'Golo Kante equalised moments later.

In a frantic opening 24 minutes at Stamford Bridge, Gonzalo Higuain put Chelsea ahead, only for Burnley's Ashley Barnes to punish more dismal defending from the Blues.

Without a win in their last two league games, Chelsea will take only slender comfort from climbing one point above fifth placed Arsenal into fourth place, level on points with third placed Tottenham.

Chelsea would have gone third with a victory, but instead they have

now played a game more than top four rivals Tottenham, Arsenal and Manchester United, who are three points behind in sixth.

It was a missed opportunity after defeats for Tottenham, Arsenal and United at the weekend and Chelsea were booed off at full-time.

In a fitting coda to a damaging evening, Sarri was sent to the stands for protesting in the final seconds before several members of the Blues bench were involved in a tetchy touchline clash with their Burnley counterparts.

Sarri's assistant Gianfranco Zola said his boss was so "emotional" after the game that he couldn't fulfil his media duties.

"He was very upset because he has heard not good words towards him from the Burnley bench. The only reason he walked over there was to get our players to go into position, he was trying to help the ref," Zola said.

Zola took a swipe at Burnley's perceived gamesmanship, which included Claret's keeper Tom Heaton being booked in the first half for time-wasting.

"We are unhappy. There was too much time wasting. Five minutes injury time wasn't enough to compensate. We couldn't build important rhythm," Zola moaned.

"We expected it to be a tough game. We didn't expect so much time wasting. We expected (referee) Kevin Friend to give more extra time. That's why we're very unhappy."

Chelsea defender David Luiz went even further in his criticism of Burnley.

"It's anti-football. Wasting time all the time, especially when you have the ball. Their players went to the floor and stopped the game," he said.

Now Arsenal can replace Chelsea in fourth if they avoid defeat at Wolves on Wednesday.



Chelsea striker Gonzalo Higuain is ecstatic after scoring the second goal against Burnley during their Premier League encounter at Stamford Bridge on Monday.

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Cumilla High School celebrate with the Prime Bank National School Cricket trophy after defeating Police Line School and College in the final at the Rangpur Cricket Garden yesterday.

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