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Bangladesh midfielder Fahim Morshed (R) jets off in celebration after scoring a spectacular volley against Sri Lanka during their SAFF U-18 Championship fixture in Kathmandu yesterday.

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Perfect start for U-18s

Beat Sri Lanka 3-0 in first match

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh made a perfect start to their SAFF U-18 Championship campaign with a 3-0 win against Sri Lanka at the APF Stadium in Kathmandu.

Tanbir Hossain headed the boys in red and green ahead inside the first minute before late goals from Foysal Ahmed Fahim and Fahim Morshed ensured a comfortable victory for Bangladesh, which drove them close to a semifinal berth.

The charges of Andrew Peter Turner will play their second game of Group B against India tomorrow. Group A features Nepal, Maldives and Bhutan.

Bangladesh made a lightning quick start to the game, taking in the lead in the 59th second when Tanbir headed in Miraz Hossain's corner at the far corner of the net.

Although Bangladesh did not dominate the game, they certainly had more possession and had more shots on target in the rest of the half.

Sri Lanka earned a few corner kicks on either side of the break but goalkeeper Shanto Kumar Ray was up to the task while a defender made a goalline save to deny the

Lankans an equaliser.

The Sri Lankan goalkeeper made a fine save to deny substitute Amir Hakim Bappi after the hour-mark before Shanto made an excellent save from a corner, with the rebound missing the target by a distance.

As Sri Lanka were looking for an equaliser, Fahim scored a spectacular goal from the edge of the box to take the game away in the 77th minute, beating the Sri Lankan goalkeeper with a thunderous volley after the goalkeeper had fisted away Miraj's corner.

Then Fahim wrapped up the victory nine minutes later with a diagonal left-footed shot, picking the far corner of the net.

The win pleased the Bangladesh coach but he felt his team could have won the game by a bigger margin.

"It's always a hard game, the first game of any tournament...We had to be at our best defensively. We could've improved little things in our shape," the coach said in his post-match reaction.

"It was a good time to score early [the first goal]. It showed that we were working on certain things. We were fitter than them and we could have won by four or five in the end," Turner added.

U-16s take on Yemen today

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Bangladesh will take on favourites Yemen in the last match of Group E of the AFC U-16 Championship Qualifiers in Doha today with a slim chance of causing an upset to keep their fading hopes of a final-round berth alive.

The match will get underway at 7:00pm Bangladesh time at the Aspire Dome in Doha.

The boys in red and green started the campaign with a 2-0 defeat against Qatar, but bounced back to beat Bhutan 3-0 in their previous match. The win puts them in third position on the four-team table with three points, with both Qatar and Yemen at the top with four points each.

The winners of the 11 groups and four best runners-up teams will progress to the final round, which will be held in Thailand next year.

In the last edition, Bangladesh beat Qatar but lost against Yemen to finish second from the three-team group, with Yemen clinching the sole spot for the final round.

Ramsey, Ronaldo put Juventus top

AFP, Milan



Aaron Ramsey's first Juventus goal on his maiden start and Cristiano Ronaldo's spot-kick winner saw the Italian champions seal a comeback 2-1 win over Verona on Saturday that put them top of Serie A ahead of the Milan derby.

Welsh international Ramsey pulled Juventus level in the 31st minute in Turin in reply to Miguel Veloso's early Verona goal, with a well-taken Ronaldo penalty ensuring all



three points for the hosts just after the break.

It got Maurizio Sarri's side back winning after last weekend's Serie A stalemate at Fiorentina and a 2-2 Champions League draw at Atletico Madrid midweek.

Sarri's side move one point ahead of Inter Milan at the top of the table before Antonio Conte's side play city rivals AC Milan later on Saturday.

Italian goalkeeping legend Gianluigi

Buffon returned to the Juventus goal after spending a season in Paris Saint-Germain to match Paolo Maldini's Italian record of 902 club matches.

Buffon's appearances have been spread across three clubs -- Parma, Juventus and PSG -- with Maldini having spent his entire career with Serie A rivals Milan.

But the 41-year-old -- who played his last game for Juventus also against Verona here in May 2018 -- could not keep a clean sheet and was beaten by Veloso after 21 minutes.

Amid confusion in front of the Juve goal after Simone Di Carmine missed a Verona penalty, and Darko Lazovic's rebound rattled the bar, Veloso pounced to rifle a long range strike past Buffon.

But Ramsey got the champions back on level terms 10 minutes later on his full debut after coming on late against Atletico, with a deflected effort past Verona goalkeeper Marco Silvestri.

Ronaldo put Juventus ahead from the spot with just his second goal this season three minutes after the restart, having missed two chances before the break.

Verona kept pushing with Buffon denying Mattia Zaccagni and Lazovic on front of goal after 89 minutes and Veloso denied a brace by the post, but Juve held on to take the three points.

Carlo Ancelotti's Napoli travel south to promoted Lecce on Sunday after seeing off European champions Liverpool 2-0 on Tuesday.

U-18 FOOTBALL NoFeL SC knock out Arambagh on penalties

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NoFeL Sporting Club stunned Arambagh KS on penalties to seal a berth in the semifinals of the Walton U-18 Football Tournament after regulation time of the second quarterfinal ended in a goalless draw at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The youth team of the recently-relegated Bangladesh Premier League outfit had barely had two weeks' training ahead of the tournament, but kept at bay the young charges from Arambagh, who have had much better training for this tournament.

And when the game rolled into tiebreak, it was the side from the Southeast part of the country who prevailed by 5-3 goals, knocking out the Dhaka-based outfit.

Bashundhara Kings became the first team to move into the last four following their win over Brothers Union on Friday.

The third quarterfinal of the tournament between Dhaka Abahani and Chittagong Abahani will be held at 5:00pm at the same venue today.

Klopp braces for Chelsea test

AFP, London



Jurgen Klopp warned Liverpool on Friday to brace for a fierce fight with the Chelsea youngsters that remind him of the thrilling Borussia Dortmund sides.

Klopp, whose Premier League leaders take on Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Sunday, built a dynamic team in his seven years at Dortmund fuelled by gifted prodigies including Mario Goetze, Nuri Sahin, Shinji Kagawa and Robert Lewandowski.

He sees more than a few similarities between Dortmund teams that won the Bundesliga in consecutive seasons and reached the Champions final in 2013, and the way Chelsea boss Frank Lampard has put his faith in the Blues's kids.

"It's a really exciting team, it reminds me a little bit of my team at Dortmund years back when they were really young, even younger than this Chelsea team," Klopp said.

"People always talked about how young they are but they only played because they were that good, they didn't play because they were that young."

"They brought in Christian Pulisic in the summer and all the players around him have the same value -- Tammy Abraham, Mason Mount, (Callum) Hudson-Odoi.

"A good team, all my respect. They are a proper contender for pretty much everything."

Academy graduates Abraham, Mount and Fikayo Tomori have all enjoyed strong starts to Lampard's first season in charge, with Chelsea's transfer ban forcing their

new manager to give the youngsters an opportunity that was hard to come by in previous years of big spending by the Blues.

Abraham already has seven goals this season, while Mount is hopeful of featuring this weekend after recovering from an ankle injury suffered in Tuesday's Champions League defeat against Valencia.

Liverpool head to Chelsea having won all of their opening five league matches but with only one away win against top six opposition in their previous 12 attempts.

Despite his praise for Chelsea's young tyros,

Klopp must fancy his chances of ending that frustrating streak against a team still looking for their first home win under Lampard.

Liverpool had their own midweek blip in the Champions League, with a 2-0 loss at Napoli bringing the holders back down to earth after their superb start to the domestic season. But Klopp's team sit five points clear of champions Manchester City thanks to their perfect start.

The Reds have already beaten Chelsea on penalties to win the European Super Cup after a 2-2 draw in Istanbul in August.

"There are different ways to win away games, we have to find a way to find one," Klopp said.

"We go there to get a result, you can't go to Chelsea and have a guarantee that you are going to win the game, they are just too strong for that."

"I think in 2016, we won against all of the top six and had all of the problems. Now we are much more successful winning all the other games."



Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero celebrates after scoring the second goal from a penalty during their Premier League encounter against Watford at the Etihad Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Aguero tops Rooney

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Sergio Aguero has broken a record jointly held by Wayne Rooney to become the first man to score in each of the opening six games of a Premier League season, for Manchester City.

The Argentine was on song against Watford as he finished from the penalty spot seven minutes in to double his side's lead against the Hornets at the Etihad Stadium on Saturday.

Aguero, the all-time highest scorer for Pep Guardiola's side, converted after Riyad Mahrez was fouled by Ben Foster, to make it six consecutive top-flight appearances this season where he has found the back of the net.

It represented his second penalty of the year too, following a similar effort in City's opening game of the season against West Ham, in which

the 31-year-old added some further gloss to a 5-0 scoreline.

Since then, he has scored against Tottenham, Bournemouth, Brighton and Norwich, nabbing a brace against both the Cherries and the Seagulls.

However, in two instances, against Spurs and the Canaries, he was unable to salvage dropped points for the champions.

Aguero's finish against the Hornets means that he takes the previous crown from both former Manchester United forward Rooney and the late Arsenal winger Jose Antonio Reyes.

Both men previously scored in the opening five games of a Premier League season, with former England captain Rooney finding the net in victories against West Bromwich Albion, Tottenham, Arsenal, Bolton Wanderers and Chelsea in 2011, before he saw his run curtailed by a

hamstring injury that ruled him out of a draw with Stoke City.

Former Real Madrid star Reyes, who was a member of the Gunners' much-vaunted Invincibles, got himself on the scoresheet five times on the trot in 2004, against Everton, Middlesbrough, Blackburn Rovers, Norwich and Fulham, before drawing a blank in a 2-2 encounter with Bolton.

With both enjoying perfect records in their five opening wins, Aguero cannot lay claim to having enjoyed such similar results - but his major haul nonetheless elevates him beyond excellent company once again.

City are on course to cut the gap at the top of the Premier League to two points, behind leaders Liverpool, after racing into a 5-0 lead inside 20 minutes against Watford.