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T20I tri-series
Final
Bangladesh v Afghanistan
Live from 6:30pm

DAY'S EVENT T20I tri-series Final Bangladesh v Afghanistan Time: 6:30pm Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Dhaka



Neymar saves PSG blushes yet again

AFP, Paris

Neymar scored a fine late winner as Paris Saint-Germain beat Lyon 1-0 on Sunday to move three points clear at the top of the Ligue 1 table.

The Brazilian finally beat Anthony Lopes, who had pulled off numerous impressive saves, with three minutes of normal time to play at the Groupama Stadium.

It was Neymar's second winning goal in as many league games since being reinstated to the team following a protracted transfer saga which saw him attracted to force through a return to Barcelona.

The Parisians sit top on 15 points after Angers and Nice both won over the weekend to temporarily join Thomas Tuchel's side at the summit and followed up their impressive midweek Champions League victory over Real Madrid with the win in constant drizzling rain in Lyon.

Sylvainho's Lyon remain in ninth place and are without a win since mid-August.

PSG were without the attacking trio of Kylian Mbappe, Edinson Cavani and Mauro Icardi due to injuries, while midfielder Marco Verratti started on the bench.

The best of the early chances fell to Neymar on 22 minutes but his effort was

He is 100% with us. He is 100% in the squad – he laughs and jokes and is reliable. This is only his third match in four months. He will gain in physical capacity with the matches and this will help him.

THOMAS TUCHEL
 Paris Saint Germain coach

Neymar (L) was once again the saviour for Paris Saint Germain as he scored the winner in a 1-0 victory over Lyon just three minutes from time in their Ligue 1 encounter at the Groupama Stadium on Sunday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

SHORT CORNER

Rain mars Day One

The first day of the four-day match between Bangladesh A and Sri Lanka A was called off due to heavy showers at the MCG in Katunayake yesterday.

The management had selected a strong lineup for the tour of Sri Lanka with players like Soumya Sarkar, Mominul Haque, Mehdi Hasan Miraz, pacer Abu Jayed, Mohammad Mithun, Shadman Islam, Jahurul Islam and Anamul Haque featuring in the squad.

The opportunity is there for players such as Soumya and Anamul to regain some confidence and return amongst the runs while the management will be hoping that play goes on without any hindrance for the next three days.

-- Sports Reporter

Warne banned from driving

Australia Test great Shane Warne was Monday banned from driving for 12 months after his sixth speeding offence in a two-year period.

The former leg-spinner admitted breaking a 40-miles-per-hour (64 kilometres-per-hour) limit in a hired

Jaguar in London last year, a magistrates' court heard.

The 50-year-old, who was not in court for the hearing, was clocked at 47 mph early on August 23, 2018.

Warne, second on the all-time list of Test wicket-takers with 708 scalps, had 15 penalty points on his licence at the time for five previous speeding offences.

Warne, who lives in west London, was also ordered to pay a total of £1,845 (\$3,000) to the court.

-- Agencies

Apte no more

Veteran cricketer Madhav Apte died after suffering a cardiac arrest in Mumbai on Monday morning, a family member said. He was 86.

The former India and Mumbai opener was admitted to the Breach Candy Hospital where he breathed his last at 6.09 am, his son Vaman Apte said.

Madhav Apte played seven Tests in which he scored 542 runs, with a lone hundred and three fifties to his credit. His highest score was 163 not out. He had a much better first class record where he scored 3,336 runs from 67 matches, including six hundreds and 16 fifties. His highest first class score was 165 not out.

-- Agencies

U-18 FOOTBALL

Saif through to semis

SPORTS REPORTER

Saif Sporting Club reached the Walton U-18 Football Tournament semifinals with a 2-1 victory over Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club in the fourth quarterfinal at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Saif SC led the first half 1-0 after Sujon Mahat got the side ahead in the 29th minute but Mohammad Jobin scored the equalizer in the 80th minute.

However, Emon Molla made sure that their earlier strike would not be wasted as his 89th minute goal helped Saif SC ensure a semifinal berth.

NoFeL Sporting Club and Bashundhara Kings will meet in the first semifinal on Thursday while Chittagong Abahani are set to face Saif SC in the second semifinal on Friday at the same venue. The final is slated for September 30.



Team Europe's Alexander Zverev (bottom L) defeated Team World's Milos Raonic 6-4, 3-6, 10-4 in the deciding singles match in Geneva on Sunday to secure the side's second Laver Cup title.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Team Europe best World

AFP, Geneva

Alexander Zverev sealed Europe a dramatic Laver Cup victory over Team World in Geneva on Sunday, as the German beat Milos Raonic in the deciding singles match.

The holders trailed 11-7 midway through the final day but Zverev, after Roger Federer had edged past John Isner, downed Raonic 6-4, 3-6, 10-4 to deny John McEnroe's visitors their maiden triumph in the third edition of the event.

Instead, Bjorn Borg's Europe made it three wins from three since the inaugural staging in 2017.

After Rafael Nadal withdrew from Sunday's play with a hand injury, Isner and Jack Sock beat Federer and Stefanos Tsitsipas in the opening doubles encounter, before Taylor Fritz saw off Dominic Thiem to leave Team World one win from the trophy.

But Federer claimed a 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) victory over Isner to set up a winner-takes-all clash between Zverev and Raonic.

World number six Zverev took the first set courtesy of a break in game seven, with big-serving Canadian Raonic hitting back to force a super tie-break, saving four break points to serve out the second set.

But the 22-year-old Zverev, selected by Borg ahead of Tsitsipas and Fabio Fognini for the first-ever Laver Cup decider, raced to victory as Raonic's serve deserted him.

Federer had to win a tense tie-break over world number 20 Isner to take three points in the penultimate match, smashing an ace on the final point to raise the roof in Geneva, after the American had somehow shot wide on the previous point with the court at his mercy. "I'm thrilled that I was able to give something back to the team," said Federer.

"Obviously to see Rafa on the

I'm thrilled that I was able to give something back to the team. To see Rafa on the sidelines after having pulled out, it's great camaraderie.

ROGER FEDERER

sidelines after having to pull out with an injury, it's great camaraderie I feel."

Team World had started the day 7-5 behind.

Fritz had earlier put Team World to within touching distance of a shock success with a 7-5, 6-7 (3/7), 10-5 win over Thiem.

The American, himself a replacement for the injured Nick Kyrgios, followed up Isner and Sock's 5-7, 6-4, 10-8 defeat of Federer and Tsitsipas with a surprise tie-break triumph over world number five Thiem.

This year is the first time the tournament has been played since being added to the ATP Tour.



NOT READY YET
 Although Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal was seen batting at the nets in Mirpur yesterday, it was learnt that the left-hander said that he was not ready to return to cricketing activities when asked by the selectors to feature in the final of the ongoing T20I tri-series against Afghanistan today.

PHOTO: STAR

IFAB mulls temporary subs

AFP, Lausanne

The body in charge of the laws of football is considering allowing temporary substitutions in cases of possible concussion, the International Football Association Board (IFAB) told AFP yesterday.

The IFAB confirmed that they will start with "deliberations on the assessment and management of concussions" in the game.

Allowing the player to be temporarily taken off for a period of up to 10 minutes would allow medical staff to determine if the player can return to the pitch.

Bairstow left out for NZ tour

AFP, London

England have dropped Jonny Bairstow from their Test squad for the tour of New Zealand, with paceman James Anderson unavailable for the two-match series due to a calf injury.

Four uncapped players will be on the plane -- Warwickshire opener Dominic Sibley, Kent batsman Zak Crawley and Lancashire pair Saqib Mahmood and Matt Parkinson.

Batsman Jason Roy, who starred in England's World Cup triumph, is another name missing from the 15-strong Test squad after a difficult Ashes series, which ended 2-2 last week.

Surrey batsman Ollie Pope, who played two Tests against India in 2018, is back in the squad while Jos Buttler will be the wicketkeeper in New Zealand due to Bairstow's absence.

Bairstow, 29, scored just 214 runs in the five Ashes Tests during the English summer at an average of 23.77.

Anderson, England's top Test wicket-taker, has been out of action since the first Test against Australia and is targeting the South Africa tour, starting in December.

The first Test, at Mount Maunganui, starts on November 21. The series is not included in the new World Test Championship.

'Beating Australia would be better'

SPORTS REPORTER

After the team returned on Sunday night, Bangladesh striker Tohura Khatun said that nothing would have been sweeter than if had they come home with a victory from their AFC U-16 Women's Championship match against Australia.

The match against Australia had ended in a 2-2 draw at the IPE Chonburi Stadium in Thailand last Saturday.

"It feels really good as I scored goals [two] against a big team. This jolt is different. I was confident that I could capitalise on chances. I had got the chance to score against Thailand but unfortunately the ball deflected from the crossbar. Nothing could have been better than returning home with a win against Australia," said the fleet-footed striker.

Bangladesh conceded 12 goals while

scoring only two during their campaign. They lost against Thailand 1-0 and Japan 9-0 but team coach Golam Rabbani Choton saw lot of positives in his charges' performance.

"We played against strong opponents. We had to play with our limitations. I think this time we played well. Despite a good showing, we lost the match against Thailand but it was a really tough game against Japan. On the other hand, we could not win the match against Australia though we had the upper hand," said Choton.

"We knew there were huge expectations as our girls had been playing well at different tournaments but we have to consider the standard of a tournament as well as the strength of the opponents. Our opponents prepared in Europe and their football infrastructure is very high. So if you consider everything you must say our girls did not perform badly," he added.



The Bangladesh team is pictured upon their return from a disappointing AFC U-16 Women's Championship in Thailand on Sunday night. The sole highlight of their campaign was a 2-2 draw with Australia.

PHOTO: AFP