

# What to WATCH

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Sheikh Kamal Int'l Club Cup  
Bashundhara v Chennai City  
Live from 4:00pm  
Terengganu FC v Gokulam  
Live from 7:00pm

## TEN 1

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## DAY'S EVENT

Sheikh Kamal International Club Cup

Time: 4:00pm

Bashundhara Kings v Chennai City

Time: 7:00pm

Terengganu FC v Gokulam Kerala

Venue: MA Aziz Stadium, Chattogram



Chattogram Abahani captain Jamal Bhuiyan (L) celebrates after scoring the third goal against Young Elephants during their Sheikh Kamal International Club Cup match at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chattogram yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

# Jamal drives Ctg Abahani

ATIQUA ANAM from Chattogram

Skipper Jamal Bhuiyan scored one goal and set up two more as Chattogram Abahani fought back from 2-1 down to beat a spirited Young Elephants 4-2 in their second match of Group A of the Sheikh Kamal International Club Cup yesterday, taking the hosts close to the last four following two wins in two matches.

The 29-year-old midfielder curled a precise cross for Luka Rotkovic to head home the equalising goal in the 54th minute after Young Elephants had taken a 2-1 lead in the first half.

The Bangladesh skipper then smashed home from the top of the box on 71 minutes after Rahmat Mia's long throw-in was half-cleared by the Young Elephants defence. Jamal, who was given a free role in attacking instead of his defensive midfield role in the second half, curled another corner-kick seven minutes later for Ivorian midfielder Jean Charles Didier to head home as Chattogram Abahani, who won their first match 4-1 against TC Sports, sealed the fate of the match.

With Mohun Bagan getting three points against defending champions TC Sports in the first match of the day, Chattogram Abahani are not into the semifinals yet, but the win takes them closer to that spot.

Earlier, Chattogram Abahani had taken a ninth-minute lead, with Chinedu Matthew

toe-poking a cut-back from Luka Rotkovic. However, Young Elephants fought back with Bounphachan Bounkong hitting the crossbar before Aphixay Thanakhanty's curling free-kick got the match on level terms on 14 minutes.

Jamal had a free-kick kept out by Young Elephants keeper Solasak Thilavong before the Southeast Asian team took the lead in the 33rd minute, with their prolific striker Somxay Keohanam taking advantage of a miscued

<b>TC Sports</b>	<b>0 - 2 Mohun Bagan</b>
	(Cyrus 4; Martinez 64')
<b>Young Elephants 2 - 4 Ctg Abahani</b>	
(Thanakhati 14; Keohanam 33')	(Matthew 9; Rotkovic 54; Jamal 71; Didier 78')

clearance by Chattogram Abahani defender Ikbol Jon.

The Laotians had gone for the break looking the stronger of the two teams, but Jamal's exploits in the second half saw the hosts power home.

Jamal said in the post-match press conference that he is enjoying his good form. "We didn't play well in the first half and gave them two goals, but with some tactical changes, we succeeded. I'm in good shape. Last 35 days, I have been playing and practicing continuously, so I'm happy with my form"

Jamal said.

## MOHUN BAGAN STAY ALIVE; DEFENDING CHAMPIONS ALL BUT OUT

Mohun Bagan revived their hopes of a semifinal berth with a 2-0 victory over TC Sports, all but ending hopes of the defending champions in the first match of the day.

Trinidadian defender Daniel Cyrus gave the Kolkata giants a fourth-minute lead with a powerful shot from inside the box after being set up with a cut-back by Julen Olaizola. Shilton D'Silva rattled the post in the 26th minute.

Salvador Perez Martinez had a shot cannon off the crossbar 13 minutes into the second half before the Spaniard scored his side's second goal six minutes later with an excellent placing shot, pirouetting on his heels and picking the corner of the net.

The Kolkata giants wasted quite a few chances and their coach Kibu Vicuna rued the wasted opportunities as qualification for the last-four may come down to goal-difference.

"We were the better team. Unfortunately we couldn't score as many as we should have. We played mostly in the opposition area and should have won by a bigger margin," the Spaniard said in his post-match reaction.

"We came out and showed everyone that the first match was a mistake. But I think we should have won the match by a bigger margin," said player-of-the-match Cyrus.

# A journeyman from Brazil

SPORTS REPORTER from Chattogram



From Brazil to Japan to Singapore to Malaysia -- Bruno Suzuki has made a long journey in search of a football identity, but he hasn't forgotten his roots and wants to return to the country of his father once he is done with this journey.

Currently a striker of Terengganu FC's second team, on loan to the first team which is participating in the Sheikh Kamal International Club Cup, this Brazilian-born Japanese caught the attention of everyone with four goals in their opening game against I-League champions Chennai City FC.

However, the 30-year-old striker is hardly content as his place in the club's first team, the one that plies in top-tier rather than the second tier where he plays is far from assured.

"I scored hattricks before, but four goals is a first for me. However, I'm not sure if I will be picked for Terengganu-I even if I play well here," the striker said during an interview at the team hotel in Chattogram yesterday.

Suzuki's family made the journey from the troublesome Belem near the Amazon to his mother's home in New Osaka when he was six years old. The ginger-haired striker, who only started playing football at seven and made his senior debut at 19, feels the early childhood memories from Brazil where every kid plays football and football stars are idolised, made a lasting impression on him.

"Even though I didn't play football at that age, I used to watch children play football on the streets. Ronaldo, The Phenomenon, was one I idolised. After him, I like Neymar a lot and I support whichever club he plays for," said Suzuki, who started his professional

career with Japanese second-tier outfit Albirex Niigata in 2009 but was soon loaned out to Singapore where he played five years.

Then he moved to Negeri Sembilan in Malaysia from where he finally landed in Terengganu last year where he is striving to make an impression and extend his contract, which is supposed to end this year.

Suzuki feels if his family did not move from Brazil, he might have had a better future in football, but he has taken this as his fate. He still misses the life in Brazil and the fun associated with it.

"I think I would be a better footballer if I had grown up in Brazil. My life would have been totally different," Suzuki said. "Even though I left Brazil when I was a kid, I still remember the life there. Brazil is more party, more fun. Japan is only work, work and work. One day I want to go back to Brazil."



BRUNO SUZUKI

# Bangabandhu Gold Cup in Nov?

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is mulling whether to hold the Bangabandhu Gold Cup after the completion of Bangladesh's Qatar World Cup and China Asian Cup Qualifying fixture against Oman on November 14.

The games' local governing body had earlier announced that the fifth edition of the international tournament would start this month but they were forced to shift it to November in order to pave the way for the ongoing 3rd Sheikh Kamal International Club Cup in Chittagong.

"Everything will be finalised within the next week after we discuss the matter at our next executive committee meeting," said BFF general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag, adding that they had kept the last 10 days of

November to hold the Bangabandhu Gold Cup.

Although neither the participants nor the number of teams has been decided, it is expected that the BFF would have a hard time convincing teams currently engaged in the ongoing World Cup and Asian Cup Qualifiers to participate. In that case, there are six available national sides who failed to make it to those qualifiers.

The BFF will hold its annual general meeting (AGM) on November 16, two days after the Bangladesh-Oman match in Seeb and it is expected that councilors may heat up the AGM with the issue of the BFF's alleged financial irregularities, which were made by two sitting vice-presidents. If that happens, the AGM may clear the path to hold the next BFF polls.

# Embassy Cup from Friday

SPORTS REPORTER

The second edition of the Embassy Cup Football Tournament, an initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to enhance relationships with the motto 'Sports for Peace', is set to get underway in Dhaka tomorrow.

13 teams from the embassies of Australia, Bhutan, Iraq, South Korea, Maldives, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, USA and Vietnam will join three other teams -- a United Nations side, Diplomat Police team and ministry of foreign affairs team -- will take part in the seven-a-side tournament.

# Postponed Clasico set for Dec 18

AFP, Madrid

The rearranged Clasico between Barcelona and Real Madrid will be played on December 18 despite opposition from La Liga, the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) confirmed on Wednesday.

Spain's most prestigious fixture, which was due to take place at Camp Nou on Saturday, was postponed last week because of protests in Catalonia.

La Liga had proposed December 4 or 7 and have said they are considering an appeal.

# Sterling, Mbappe hit hattricks

## Big wins for Man City, PSG, Spurs

AFP, Paris



Raheem Sterling and Kylian Mbappe both scored second-half hattricks in UEFA Champions League action on Tuesday as Manchester City, Paris Saint-Germain and Tottenham Hotspur all recorded big victories.

Juventus, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich laboured to wins on a night which brought 30 goals in eight games, a third of which were scored by Premier League clubs.

Sterling's three goals came 11 minutes apart in the second half as Pep Guardiola's City thumped Atalanta 5-1 at the Etihad Stadium to maintain their perfect record in Group C.

The Italians had earlier taken the lead from Ruslan Malinovskyi's 28th-minute penalty, but they were soon overrun and remain without a point in their debut Champions League campaign.

Sergio Aguero equalised from a Sterling assist and the Argentine scored a penalty to put City ahead before the break. Sterling then took over, although City finished with 10 men as Phil Foden was sent off late on.

City's will seal a place in the last 16 if they win away to Atalanta next, as nearest rivals Shakhtar Donetsk and Dinamo Zagreb played out a 2-2 draw in Ukraine earlier.

Yevhen Konoplyanka and Brazilian substitute Dodo netted for Shakhtar, with Dinamo's goals coming in between from Dani Olmo and a Mislav Orsic penalty.

Compared to Sterling, Mbappe took a sluggish 22 minutes to score his three goals in PSG's 5-0 romp away to former European Cup runners-up Club Brugge in Belgium in Group A. Mauro Icardi scored twice for the French champions, who were without the injured Neymar but had Angel Di Maria in exceptional form -- the Argentine set up four goals.

"I wanted to start and I thought I was going to start, but the coach made his choice and I had to accept it. I also wanted to show that it's difficult to get by without me," Mbappe told French broadcaster RMC Sport.

PSG have a maximum nine points, are yet to concede a goal in Europe this season and will



Paris Saint-Germain star Kylian Mbappe celebrates his hattrick against Club Brugge during their Champions League encounter at the Jan Breydel Stadium on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

be through to the last 16 with a win at home to Club next month.

Below them, Real Madrid are up to second after claiming their first win in Europe this season. Eden Hazard set up Toni Kroos for a first-half strike that handed them a 1-0 victory over Galatasaray in Istanbul.

Meanwhile, there was a welcome win for Mauricio Pochettino's Tottenham, who crushed Red Star Belgrade 5-0 in north London, three weeks on from their 7-2 humiliation at the hands of Bayern Munich at the same venue.

Captain Harry Kane scored twice for Spurs either side of a Son Heung-min brace and an Erik Lamela goal as they moved up to second place in Group B on four points.

They remain five points behind group leaders Bayern Munich, for whom Robert Lewandowski bagged two in a 3-2 win at Olympiakos that

maintained their perfect record.

Youssef El Arabi gave Olympiakos the lead, but Lewandowski's brace either side of half-time changed the game and Corentin Tolisso fired in a magnificent third before Guilherme pulled one back.

In Turin, Juventus needed a late Paulo Dybala pair to come from behind and beat Lokomotiv Moscow 2-1 in Group D.

Aleksei Miranchuk gave the Russians the lead on the half-hour and it took a stunning strike by Dybala to bring the Italian champions back level with 13 minutes left.

Moments later the same player scored from the follow-up after Alex Sandro's shot was saved.

Juve are level atop Group D on seven points with Atletico Madrid, who edged out Bayer Leverkusen 1-0 thanks to Alvaro Morata's 78th-minute header.

# Ganguly takes BCCI reins

REUTERS, Mumbai



Sourav Ganguly will lead the Indian board like he led the national team, the former captain said as he promised a fair and untainted administration after taking over as president of the world's richest cricket board on Wednesday.

One of India's most successful captains, Ganguly took over the reins from a court-appointed panel which governed the game in the country for nearly three years.

His transition from player to top administrator is seen as a natural progression for a former captain who helped India emerge a damaging match-fixing scandal in 2000.

"Fortunately or unfortunately, there was a similar sort of a situation even when I became captain of India," Ganguly told reporters after being elected unopposed as chief of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

"It is a similar sort of situation where things need to be brought back in place and reforms need to be done... It's a complete new start."

Ganguly wore an India blazer from his playing days in his news conference after a BCCI general meeting and said he was happy to lead reforms but was not fond of the word "control".

"I find myself very fortunate to be in a position where I can make a change. It's a challenge. I'll do it the way I know, with no compromise on credibility, corruption-free and same-for-all in BCCI," he said.

"That's the way I led India and that's the way I'll take this organisation forward."

Since early 2017, the BCCI was run by administrators appointed by the Supreme Court after the board's failure to implement administrative reforms.

The 47-year-old, however, described Test captain Virat Kohli as "the most important man in Indian cricket" and promised all support to make India the best team in the world.

"He's the captain of India and he's the most important man in Indian cricket. We will support him in every possible way he wants to make this team the best in the world," Ganguly said.

