

What to WATCH

SONY SIX
Australia v Sri Lanka
First T20!
Live from 9:30am
STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
English Premier League
Newcastle v Wolves

Live from 8:00pm
Liverpool v Tottenham
Live from 10:30pm
STAR SPORTS SELECT 2
Bundesliga
Wolfsburg v Augsburg
Live from 8:30pm

English Premier League
Norwich v Man United
Live from 10:30pm
TEN 1
Serie A
Bologna v Sampdoria
Live from 5:30pm

Atalanta v Udinese
Live from 8:00pm
TEN 2
Serie A
SPAL v Napoli
Live from 8:00pm
Roma v Milan

Live from 11:00pm

DAY'S EVENT

National Cricket League
Four-Day Match, Day Two
Time (All Matches): 9:00am

Dhaka Div v Khulna
Venue: SKICS, Cox's Bazar
Rajshahi v Rangpur

Venue: SKICS, Cox's Bazar
Barisal v Dhaka
Venue: SCS, Bogra

Chattogram v Sylhet
Venue: SKS, Rajshahi



Terengganu FC forward Andrew Lee Tuck (C) held nothing back during their Sheikh Kamal International Club Cup match against Bashundhara Kings yesterday, scoring a hatrick to help his side thrash the Bangladesh Premier League Champions 4-2.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Gokulam building for big things

SPORTS REPORTER from Chattogram

Gokulam Kerala were late entrants into the Sheikh Kamal International Club Cup, arriving at the port city on the eve of their opening match against Bangladesh Premier League champions Bashundhara Kings. But the Durand Cup winners have proven that they came here well prepared to add to their trophy-haul in their first-ever international assignment. Coach Fernando Santiago Valera, after his team confirmed their semifinal berth with a comfortable 2-0 victory over I-League champions Chennai City yesterday, said that they were building on Durand Cup success. "After the Durand Cup in August, we played four matches against ISL teams. Even before coming here we played against some strong teams. So we came prepared from India," the Spaniard told reporters during the post-match press conference. Established in 2017, the Kerala-based outfit won a few trophies in the state in their first two years, but finished seventh and ninth respectively in the I-League. Since the appointment of Valera however, the club has seen a steady rise, making wholesale changes by retaining only eight players. The team

recruited a prolific Trinidadian striker, Marcus Joseph, and brought back Henry Kisekka from Mohun Bagan. The squad was further bolstered in the pre-season by the signing of Trinidadian playmaker Nathaniel Garcia, who set up both goals in yesterday's match. These acquisitions have made Gokulam Kerala a dominant force in Indian football, with Kisekka already having scored three goals in this tournament while Garcia got one goal and three assists. Playing the first two matches without inspirational captain Joseph, Gokulam Kerala cruised to a 3-1 win over Bashundhara Kings before playing out a goalless draw with Terengganu FC. The coach gave Joseph some game-time in the second half of yesterday's game, keeping him fresh for the later challenges. "Joseph is the best player we have. But he only returned from national duty the day before yesterday. So we need to take care of him and make sure he does not get injured," said Valera. The Trinidadian centre-forward was not at his best yesterday but he is a proven goal-poacher, having scored 11 goals in the Durand Cup. Even without his best, the team is playing like champions, thanks to the services of Kisekka and Garcia. If Joseph gets rid of the rust in the next match, Gokulam's semifinal opponents could be in big trouble.

Lee punishes sloppy Kings

SPORTS REPORTER from Chattogram

Andrew Lee Tuck scored a hatrick and set up a fourth goal as Terengganu FC of Malaysia thrashed Bangladesh Premier League champions Bashundhara Kings 4-2 to move into the semifinals of the Sheikh Kamal International Club Cup as champions of Group B yesterday. The former Abahani forward converted two spot kicks towards the end of the first half as the Malaysian outfit fought back after Daniel Colindres had given the Bangladesh champions an early lead in front of a partisan crowd at the MA Aziz Stadium. The Englishman then completed his hatrick with a superb effort from outside the box before setting up substitute Muhammad Azalinullah for the fourth as the Malaysians ran the fragile defence of Kings even more ragged. Jalal Kdouh's late goal came as only consolation as the Bangladesh giants were eliminated, with Terengganu FC and Gokulam Kerala moving through from the group. Bashundhara Kings, with their suspended coach Oscar Bruzon watching from the stands due to suspension, made two changes, bringing in Yeasin Khan in a five-man defence, with Colindres and Kdouh playing as strikers. But the defence was in early trouble, unsettled by the quality forward line

Terengganu 4 - 2 Bashundhara
(Lee Tuck 44', 45'+2', 78'; Azalinullah 78')
(Colindres 27', Kdouh 83')

GROUP B					
TEAMS	MATCHES	W	L	D	G/D PTS
Terengganu FC	3	2	0	1	+4 7
Gokulam Kerala	3	2	0	1	+4 7
Bashundhara	3	1	2	0	-3 3
Chennai City	3	0	3	0	-5 0

SEMIFINAL LINEUP
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Terengganu FC v Mohun Bagan **Oct 28**

of Terengganu FC. Zico produced a brilliant double-save early to deny the visitors from taking the lead before Colindres' towering header on Bishwanath Ghosh's cross gave the hosts the lead against the run of play. Two minutes later, Terengganu forward Syafik Bin Ismail forced another spectacular save from Zico, but the young goalkeeper's good work was undone by two late penalties in the first half as Yeasin and Bakhtiyar Duyshobekov brought down Syafik inside the box twice within three minutes after sloppily losing possession. Lee Tuck stepped up on both occasions and picked the same spot of the net with clinical accuracy as

Terengganu gained the advantage going into the break. Bashundhara started the second half aggressively and should have got the equaliser when Matin Mia set up Colindres for a nod-in with a chest-height cross, but the Costa Rican forward failed to get his head on the ball, instead getting his body on the ball and failing to get it across the line. Bashundhara Kings moved to a 4-4-2 formation, but their worries only increased when Lee Tuck picked the far corner of the net with a powerful attempt from the edge of the box on 74 minutes before setting up substitute Azalinullah for the fourth goal four minutes later. Bashundhara Kings made three substitutions, including bringing on Eleta Kingsley and the Nigerian almost had an immediate impact, rattling the crossbar before teeing up Colindres for a cross which Kdouh tapped home. But the Kings, who needed a victory to qualify, had the game already out of their reach by that time. The team's assistant coach Mahbub Hossain Roxy felt that the two penalties at the end of the first half and a couple of missed opportunities threw them out of the game and admitted they need more time and recruitment to build a more balanced side for next season, where they will play the AFC Cup alongside the domestic tournaments.



Manchester City midfielder Ilkay Gundogan (C) celebrates after scoring the third goal against Aston Villa during their Premier League encounter at the Etihad Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

City see off Villa

AFP, Manchester

Manchester City closed the gap on Premier League leaders Liverpool to three points as Raheem Sterling inspired a 3-0 win over Aston Villa on Saturday. Pep Guardiola's side survived a tame opening period as second half goals from Sterling, Kevin De Bruyne and Ilkay Gundogan put Villa to the sword. City's second successive league victory lifted them above Leicester into second place and put pressure on Liverpool to beat Tottenham in Sunday's clash at Anfield. The only frustration for Guardiola was a red card for Fernandinho, who was dismissed after earning a second booking when he tugged at Keinan Davis in the 87th minute. City were upset by Wolves in their last league fixture at the Etihad Stadium, but Guardiola had never

lost back-to-back home league games as a manager and Sterling was key to ensuring that impressive record wasn't ruined. Sterling's latest virtuoso display came just days after his second hatrick of the campaign in City's Champions League demolition of Atalanta. Gabriel Jesus made consecutive Premier League starts for the first time since December, but he squandered a chance to put City ahead when he dragged his close-range shot wide from Sterling's pass. A huge punt forward by Ederson was flicked on by Jesus into the path of the unmarked Sterling, who took one touch before shooting under Tom Heaton for his 13th goal in 14 appearances in all competitions this term.

Juve held by lowly Lecce

AFP, Milan

Paulo Dybala scored but Juventus were held 1-1 at lowly Lecce on Saturday as the defending champions in danger of being overtaken by Inter Milan at the top of the Serie A table. Both goals came from penalties with Dybala's strike from the spot after 50 minutes cancelled out by Lecce's Marco Mancosu's effort six minutes later. The Italian champions have 23 points from nine games, but could be overtaken by Antonio Conte's Inter who are two points behind before hosting Parma later on Saturday.

Leicester City make history

AFP, Southampton

Leicester City went into the Premier League record books on Friday with a 9-0 hammering of Southampton that equaled the biggest ever win in the history of the division. Ayoze Perez and Jamie Vardy both hit hatricks as Brendan Rodgers' side moved second with a huge win that continued their superb start to the season. The rout equaled Manchester United's 9-0 demolition of Ipswich at Old Trafford in March 1995. Leicester are just five points behind league leaders Liverpool, who host Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday, after a historic display that sank the Saints.



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SHORT CORNER

Under-16 in command

The visiting Bangladesh Under-16 women's team were in a commanding position against their Pakistani counterparts and were leading by 206 runs in their second innings with six wickets in hand in Rawalpindi yesterday. In an action-packed second day, a total of ten wickets fell as Pakistan, resuming the day on 40 for four, were bundled out for 117 in reply to Bangladesh's 204-run first-inning total. In reply, Bangladesh ended the day on 119 for 4 in their second innings. --SPORTS REPORTER

Finch fit for SL T20 series

Captain Aaron Finch was Saturday cleared to play in Australia's opening Twenty20 against Sri Lanka, but the team was dealt a blow with fast bowler Andrew Tye ruled out of the series. There were fears that Finch might not recover from a side strain he has been nursing for a fortnight, but the batsman was given the all-clear to open the innings with David Warner. "I was a bit worried about throwing yesterday," Finch told reporters in Adelaide after a training session ahead of the first game in the city on Sunday. "It didn't progress all that quickly but... the last three days it has been really good. I have got full movement... I feel confident to go." But short-form specialist Tye, who is usually deployed in the final overs, will take no part in the three-match campaign after injuring his right elbow fielding on Friday. Finch said Tye picked up the injury throwing the ball. "I think it was one of the first drills he did. He was a bit off balance and felt a bit of a pop in there," the captain said. New South Wales quick Sean Abbott will replace him after the match on Sunday, which marks the return to T20 action of Warner and Steve Smith following their bans for ball-tampering. The pair have already been welcomed back onto the Test and one-day teams. Despite Tye's absence, Australia have plenty of bowling firepower at their disposal, including Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, Billy Stanlake and Kane Richardson. --AFP

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