**National Cricket League** Four-day-match, Day Three

Raishahi v Dhaka Division Venue: SKICS-2, Cox's Bazar Rangpur v Khulna

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Juventus defender Matthijs de Ligt (M) celebrates his goal with teammates Gonzalo Higuain (L) and Cristiano Ronaldo during a Serie A encounter with Torino at the Stadio Olimpico Grande in Turin on Saturday. Juventus won the match 1-0.

# Juventus keep hold of top spot



Matthijs de Ligt made sure Juventus kept hold of top spot in Serie A on Saturday after his first goal for the club saw off local rivals Torino, leaving Inter Milan in second despite Romelu Lukaku taking his league tally to nine with a brace in a 2-1

win at Bologna Inter had briefly led in Italy after Lukaku slotted home a 92nd-minute penalty to snatch the three points at Bologna, but Juve retook first place thanks to De Ligt, who smashed home the only goal of the game

Maurizio Sarri's side stay a point ahead of Inter thanks to a hard-fought derby win that saw both sides exchange blows in a bruising contest.

in Turin with 20 minutes remaining.

"I am really happy, of course. It was a really important game, as Inter won also. We won 1-0 and it was my goal, so really special," De Ligt told DAZN

De Ligt has had a shaky start to life in Italy and could well have given away an early penalty when he touched the ball with his arm early in the first half, but was let off by referee Daniele Doveri and the

However the Netherlands international, who had already been denied by a superb Salvatore Sirigu stop just before the break, came up trumps in the 70th minute when he met substitute Gonzalo Higuain's pull back just after the Argentine had forced a corner with a sizzling volley.

"Obviously, when you come to a new club, it's always going to be hard. It's going well, the guys made me feel welcome and I think I'm improving every game," added

The win maintains Juve's unbeaten start to the season and keeps them on course for a ninth straight league title, while Inter have to content themselves with second despite Lukaku's match-winning display.

The Belgian became the first player since Ronaldo in 1997/98 to score at least nine goals in his first 11 Serie A matches as an Inter player after a 75th-minute tap-in which cancelled out Roberto Soriano's deflected opener and a stoppage time spot-

"I'm pleased to have had such a good start, but I am 26 years old and I need to grow every day, along with the whole team," Lukaku told Sky Sport.

## Novak romps to record fifth

Afp, Paris



Novak Djokovic eased to a record-extending fifth Paris Masters title by brushing aside Canadian youngster Denis Shapovalov in yesterday's final, boosting his hopes of taking the year-end world number one

The top seed claimed a dominant 6-3, 6-4 victory over his 20-year-old opponent, who looked nervous after being the beneficiary of Rafael Nadal's withdrawal before their scheduled semi-final.

Djokovic will lose top spot in the rankings to Nadal next week, but could still equal Pete Sampras' record by finishing a sixth year as the world's best player.

The 33-year-old Nadal is a fitness doubt for the ATP Tour Finals, which start in London on November 10, due to an abdominal muscle strain, while Djokovic has won the season-ending championships five times.

Djokovic, who lost to Russian Karen Khachanov in last year's Bercy final, saved the only break point he faced as he sealed his fourth win from as many matches against the world number 28 Shapovalov.

The 16-time Grand Slam champion has now won 34 Masters titles, moving to within one of Nadal at the top of the all-time list, and 77 on the ATP Tour in total

It was Djokovic's fifth trophy of the season after previous triumphs at Wimbledon and the US Open, as well as at the Madrid Open and in Tokyo.

His success adds to his previous Paris Masters titles from 2009 and 2013-2015.

Djokovic, playing in his 50th Masters final, wasted no time in making a statement, serving an ace on the first point en route to a hold to love.

#### NATIONAL CHESS C'SHIP | Malek bests Enamul

SPORTS REPORTER

The upsets continued in the 45th National Chess Championship as FM Mohammad Abdul Malek beat Grand Master Enamul Hossain Razib in the second round at the SREDA Auditorium of the Institution of Engineers of Bangladesh in Ramna esterday.

Malek of Chattogram, playing with white, beat Razib of Saif SC in the Queen's Gambit Accepted game on the 38th move. Earlier, CM Manon Reza Neer beat FM Nasir Ahmed, however, Neer lost his second game to IM Mohammad Fahad Rahman.

Abdul Malek and three other players -- GM Mollah Abdullah Al Rakib, GM Niaz Murshed and IM Fahad - topped the table with the maximum two points.

Seven players -- reigning champion GM Ziaur Rahman, GM Reefat Bin Sattar, IM Mohammad Minhaz Uddin, IM Abu Sufian Shakil, FM Debaraj Chaterjee, FM Mehdi Hasan Parag and CM Saiful Islam Chowdhury -- are in joint second position with 1.5 points each.

# BD U-19s leave for Bahrain today

SPORTS REPORTER



The Bangladesh team will depart for their AFC U-19 Championship campaign in Bahrain today with

hopes of qualifying for the final round, a stage the boys in red and green have not been able to reach for the last 17 years. Bangladesh, who emerged as champions

from a group featuring Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Maldives in 2002, have now been pit against Bahrain, Jordan, and Bhutan in Group E. The 11 group champions, four best runners-up teams and Uzbekistan will feature in the 16-team final round to be held in 2020.

The charges of English coach Andrew Peter Turner will take on Bahrain at the Khalifa Sports City Stadium in Manama on November 6 before going on to face Jordan on November 8. The final group fixture, against Bhutan, will take place on November 10.

"We look forward to the competition, which should be a fantastic experience for the players and all others concerned. We expect to qualify for the next round, which would be a different experience for the boys and something we could be proud of," said Turner at an official press conference at the BFF house yesterday.

"We are going there with inspiration from the SAFF Championship and to win two of the three matches with good results, which I think should be enough to qualify for the next round,"

The way Bangladesh performed in the SAFF U-18 Championship and a tri-nation tournament in Qatar has seemingly stoked the hope in Turner, who believes that the team's



Bangladesh team vice-captain Fahim Murshed (2nd from L) and coach Andrew Peter Turner (3rd from L) were, among others, present at the press conferance at the BFF house yesterday.

ultimate failure in the SAFF Championship themselves with a runners-up trophy following a 2-1 loss to India in the regional age-group championship.

"We kept training after the SAFF Under-18 Championship and the two friendly matches in Qatar so I think our preparations were done extremely well. We kept working hard and the coaching staff have formed a group of competitive players to compete in Bahrain," the British coach said. "Unfortunately, we couldn't win the SAFF Championship even though we were confident that we could do so. Now, we are looking forward to the AFC competition.

Bangladesh vice-captain Fahim Murshed is was unfortunate. Bangladesh had to satisfy also optimistic about producing good results by utilizing the experience they gained in the SAFI Championship and friendly matches against Qatar and Kuwait.

'We had good results in the SAFF U-18 Championship and played well in the two friendly matches in Qatar. We want to exploit the experience we gained from the two tournaments in the AFC U-19 Championship. think the two friendly matches against Qatar and Kuwait will help us more against Jordan and Bahrain, who are also equal with Qatar and Kuwait in terms of overall team strength. We want to utilize those experiences to qualify for the next round," said Murshed.

#### Zahir takes gold in India

SPORTS REPORTER

Zahir Rayhan grabbed the gold medal in the 400m race in India's National Junior Athletics Championships in Gunter, Andhra Pradesh yesterday.

Zahir, who was invited to meet along with four other athletes, clocked 47.34 seconds to snatch gold from 27 Indian competitors.

However, the former BKSP athlete, who currently represents Bangladesh Navy, could not better his timing from January's National Athletics Championships in Bangladesh when he clocked 46.86 seconds, his best-ever time in the 400m race.

The 19-year-old athlete came into the limelight after reaching the semifinals of the the World U-18 Championships in Nairobi in 2017 with a time of 48 seconds.

Five Bangladeshi athletes along with 3,000 athletes from 29 Indian states are competing in the five-day competition.



(From L) The five Grand Masters (GM) of Bangladesh -- Reefat Bin Sattar, Mollah Abdullah Al Rakib, Niaz Murshed, Enamul Hossain Razib and Ziaur Rahman pose for a photo during the 45th National Chess Championship in Ramna yesterday.

### Sanllehi-Mou dinner a farce?

AGENCIES, London



Arsenal have played down claims that the club's head of football, Raul Sanllehi, recently met with Jose Mourinho as pressure

continues to mount on Gunners boss Unai Emery.

Saturday's draw at home to Wolves led to further calls for Emery to lose his job, with the Spaniard having overseen just two wins from the north London outfit's last nine Premier League matches.

The Gunners were also knocked out of the Carabao Cup on Wednesday as they let a two-goal lead slip to draw 5-5 with a youthful Liverpool side before losing on penalties.

And reports emerged on Sunday that Mourinho had recently dined with Sanllehi, with Arsenal considering the former Chelsea boss as a potential replacement for

Sources close to the club have told Goal, however, that the rumoured meeting did not happen, with Sanllehi having not met Mourinho in person for a number of years.

Nevertheless, the suggestion that the Arsenal hierarchy are potentially considering their next move will do little to help Emery's cause as he looks to win over an increasingly unhappy fanbase.

Mourinho, meanwhile, has been out of work since he was sacked by Manchester United in December, though he continues to be linked with some of the top jobs in European football.

#### **Barty claims** \$4.42m purse

AFP, Shenzhen

World number one Ashleigh Barty ended her jinx against defending champion Elina Svitolina to win the WTA Finals yesterday and scoop the richest prize in tennis history.

Barty, who never beat Svitolina in five previous attempts, won 6-4, 6-3 at the Shenzhen Bay Sports Centre.

The Australian claimed a record-setting US\$4.42 million paycheque -- the largest sum ever awarded in men's and women's tennis.

Both players comfortably held service until Barty faced trouble in the ninth game, but she saved a break point and dug deep when it mattered most to fend off Svitolina's relentless defensive prowess.

Barty then attacked Svitolina's serve in the 10th game and claimed the set.

The Ukrainian was gifted a break in the third game through a Barty double fault but could not consolidate on serve.

Svitolina's title defence appeared in tatters when she double faulted to lose serve in the sixth game but courageously broke back.

The see-saw continued when Barty captured another break in a gruelling eighth game before serving it out to cap off a momentous season,

# 'Not in a great place with VAR'

REUTERS, London



Frank Lampard **Premier** believes the Premier League League are setting a dangerous precedent with the use of

the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) after technology intervened to give Watford a late penalty in Chelsea's 2-1 win at Vicarage

Lampard's Chelsea moved up to third in the league with victory on Saturday but they endured some nervy moments in

the closing stages after Gerard Deulofeu

converted an 80th-minute penalty for the

Deulofeu went down under slight contact from Chelsea's Jorginho and after initially pointing for a goal kick, referee Anthony Taylor was advised by the VAR to overturn his decision.

"We're not in a great place with it," the Chelsea manager told reporters after the match. "If we are overturning decisions because one referee somewhere else thinks it was more of a penalty than the referee on the pitch, then I think we are in a really dangerous place. You're going to be tossing a coin every week.

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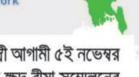
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