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GIVET REVEALS ALLARDYCE’S UNUSUAL TACTIC


Former Blackburn defender Gael Givet has lifted the lid on one of the motivational techniques used by erstwhile manager Sam Allardyce at the club. Rovers were still in the Premier League when France international defender Givet spent four years at Ewood Park from 2009-2013. Allardyce was the manager who took him to England from Marseille but had a rather unusual way of trying to get the players fired up for a 2010 Premier League match against Manchester United. “We had warmed up and we went back to the dressing room,” Givet reminisced to L’Equipe. “While we were putting on our shin guards, he said: ‘Guys, wait!’ He put down a projector and showed us a montage of the films ‘Gladiator’ and ‘300’. We were all in the dressing room going: ‘Ahhhh!’ [he said mimicking a soldier with a sword]. After 30 minutes, we were 3-0 down. We lost 7-1.”

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# Barbosa brace clinches Libertadores title

AFP, Lima



Flamengo came back from the dead to break the hearts of holders River Plate and win the Copa Libertadores in Lima on Saturday with a thrilling late brace from Gabriel Barbosa that decided the final 2-1 at the death.

Barbosa scored in the 89th minute and again in injury time to see his side bounce back from Rafael Santos Borré's 15th-minute opener for River after a game largely dominated by the Argentine side.

After turning the game on its head in a frantic finale, Barbosa then got sent off along with River's Ezequiel Palacios.

River had never looked like relinquishing their lead against the surprisingly sluggish Brazilians after Borré had put them ahead.

But then came Barbosa's late show. With barely a sniff all game from a robust River defence, the Flamengo striker popped up at the far post in the last minute to tap home after good work on the left by the tireless Bruno Henrique.

Two minutes into injury time he latched onto a long ball out of defence, moving into the box before firing crisply past River keeper Franco Armani and sending

Flamengo's fans delirious.

Palacios, River's best player, was then sent off for kicking out at Henrique, quickly joined by Inter Milan loanee Barbosa, who had sarcastically applauded the referee.

The striker left the field as the South American competition's top scorer, with nine goals.

The Brazilian side improved after the interval but only really got going late in the second half, having shown nothing of the attacking verve and fluid passing instilled by new Portuguese coach Jorge Jesus that had swept them to the final and to the cusp of the Brazilian championship.

Pressing high and aggressive in the tackle, River dominated the opening 45 minutes, time and again getting in behind Flamengo's 34-year-old full-backs Rafinha and Felipe Luis.

Borré put River in front when he rifled in a shot on the turn from the middle of the penalty area after Flamengo failed to clear a cross.

Before Barbosa's double, the closest Flamengo had come to an equalizer was in the 67th minute when Henrique cut back from the byline and Barbosa's shot was somehow blocked on the line by flying defenders, before being saved in the end by a grateful Armani.



Flamengo's Gabriel Barbosa (L) peeled off his shirt while sprinting away in celebration after scoring the second goal in the Copa Libertadores final against River Plate in Lima, Peru on Saturday. His brace helped the side secure a 2-0 win and subsequently, the title.

PHOTO: AFP



Manchester United must have thought that they had stolen a win at Bramall Lane when a seven-minute blitz produced three goals and saw them overturn a 2-0 deficit against Sheffield United in their Premier League game yesterday, but in another dramatic twist, Oli McBurnie (R) scored an equaliser in stoppage time and the points were shared.

PHOTO: AFP

## ASIAN ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Sana 14th in qualification

SPORTS REPORTER



Archer Ruman Sana finished 14th in the qualification round of the men's individual recurve event in the 21st Asian Archery Championships, which got underway in Bangkok yesterday.

Ruman, who qualified for the Tokyo Olympics, made a mediocre 660 out of 720 among 84 participants to get a first-round bye. He will play 51th-ranked Florante Matan of Philippines in the second round.

Apart from Ruman, Tamimul Islam, Hakim Ahmed Rubel and Sakib Mollah finished 23rd, 50th and 55th respectively after scoring 651, 626 and 621.

Sakib later beat Bhutan's Lam Dorji by 6-0 set points while Rubel outshot Philippines' Moreno Luis Gabriel by 6-2 set points to advance into the second round. Tamimul will play 71st-ranked Sung Hyok

Kim of North Korea next.

In the women's individual recurve event, Mehnaz Akter Monira, Nasrin Akter, Iti Khatun and Beauty Roy finished 20th, 44th, 52nd and 60th respectively after scoring 636, 614, 608 and 590 in qualification.

Beauty defeated Sharbekova Asel of Kyrgyzstan 7-1 and Iti beat Wu Sze Yan of Hong Kong 6-0 to move into the second round, where Monira and Nasir advanced directly.

In the qualification round of the men's individual compound event, Ashim Kumar Das finished 23rd with a score of 690 while Mohammad Ashiquzzaman, Sohel Rana and Siam Siddik finished 26th, 30th and 35th respectively.

Ashim, Sohel and Sohel Rana moved into the second with wins while Siam and Ashiquzzaman were eliminated after losing their first-round matches.

## Man Utd officials coming tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

A four-member logistics team from Manchester United Football Club will arrive in Dhaka tomorrow to inspect the facilities here and hold talks with the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) officials for a proposed tour of Bangladesh next year, confirmed a BFF official yesterday.

The BFF, as part of programmes marking the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, has been trying to bring marquee football teams to Bangladesh. As part of that plan, the BFF supposedly proposed the English giants to play a match here in June-July next year through an agent.

"The four Manchester United officials are coming through an agent with our acknowledgement. They will inspect the venue and hold talks with BFF officials regarding the feasibility of any match here," BFF general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag said, adding that the visit is a very early step in the procedure as the other dynamics of any proposed match – timing, opponents and status of the match -- are yet to be chalked out.

# ‘Resigned for abuse’

SPORTS REPORTER



The father of a female basketball player made allegations against the coach of the national women's team of physical assault and mental abuse of his daughter.

"My daughter resigned from the women's national basketball team due to physical assault and mental abuse by coach Sabuj Miah during the tour of Kolkata from November 10 to 22," Kawsar Chowdhury, the father of the player, said over phone yesterday, adding that they had also brought the allegations to the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA).

The women's basketball team had gone to Kolkata to play five practice matches as part of their preparations for the upcoming South Asian Games. They are scheduled to leave here Nepal on December 3.

"My daughter was very keen on playing basketball from her school life. She even dropped a semester at university to be part of the national women's team. She said before that their coach scolds girls. But when I spoke to them, my calm and logical approach was responded to with shouting and illogical retorts," said Chowdhury.

"My daughter burst into tears after returning from Kolkata and said that she would not return to the national team as the coach not only assaulted her, but other girls too."

Sabuj Miah denied the claims, saying: "I did not slap her or anyone else. It is a false allegation. Actually, the problem arose when I started training at 6:30am. In the morning, the roads were free and the girls got the opportunity to run, but her mother opposed it and her daughter was even late to training a few days."

BBF executive member and men's team head coach Ranjit Das, who

initially guided the women's team, said: "Sometimes a coach scolds players because of their reluctance in training and slaps them softly but that is not true physical assault. Besides, the guardians become emotional watching the hard training of their girls, whom we also love and cherish. I think her father made these allegations on emotional grounds."

Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) Director General Fakhruddin Haider said he had asked the father to meet him: "We have not received any mail in this regard but I talked to her father and asked him to come [to the BOA] tomorrow [Sunday]. I will hear the incident from him and take measures accordingly."

Last month, the Bangladesh national swimming team's Japanese coach, Takeo Inoki, resigned and left for his home country after witnessing how junior swimmers were punished in cruel fashion.



Australia's Marnus Labuschagne (L) scored 185 runs to set up an innings and five-run win over Pakistan on the fourth day of the first Test in Brisbane yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Aus go 1-0 up

AFP, Brisbane

Australia went one up in their two-Test series against Pakistan when they won the first Test by an innings and five runs at the Gabba in Brisbane yesterday.

After beginning their second innings 340 runs behind Australia and then losing three cheap wickets in the afternoon session on Saturday, the Pakistanis put up stern resistance Sunday before finally succumbing late in the final session.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**PAKISTAN:** 1st innings 240

**AUSTRALIA:** 1st innings 580


**PAKISTAN:** 2nd innings 335 all out (Babar 104, Rizwan 95, Yasir 42; Starc 3-73, Hazlewood 4-63)

**Result:** Australia won by an innings and 5 runs.

**Player-of-the-match:** Marnus Labuschagne

# Watling, Santner hound England

AFP, Mount Maunganui



England were battling for survival after Mitchell Santner took three cheap wickets following a match-turning double century by BJ Watling in the first Test against New Zealand yesterday.

After New Zealand declared at 615 for nine on day four in Mount Maunganui, England were 55 for three at stumps, needing a further 207 on the final day if they are to make the Black Caps bat again.

Watling swung the match firmly New Zealand's way with his Test best 205 and a record-breaking partnership with Santner who scored a maiden century and then capped his remarkable day by taking three wickets for six runs.

England wicketkeeper Jos Buttler blamed scoreboard pressure for the tourists' predicament after they had held the upper hand when New Zealand were 197 for five before Watling's marathon effort kept them in the field for a tiring 201 overs.



New Zealand's Mitchell Santner celebrates after scoring his maiden century on the fourth day of the first Test against England in Mount Maunganui yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

England had an uncomfortable two hours batting with openers Dom Sibley (12) and Rory Burns (31) as well as nightwatchman Jack Leach (nought) all falling to Santner.

Watling shared a 116-run partnership with Colin de Grandhomme and then put the home side firmly in charge as he rewrote the record books with Santner.

Watling's 205 comfortably beat his previous Test best of 142 not

out against Sri Lanka in 2015, while Santner's 126 overhauled his 73 against Bangladesh in 2017.

When New Zealand declared soon after Jofra Archer claimed Watling's wicket, the 615 was their highest total against England, going past their 551-9 declared at Lord's in 1973.

Watling faced 473 deliveries and hit 24 fours and a six during more than 11 remarkable hours of batting which extended his unbroken time in the middle to 16 hours 16 minutes after he batted for 306 minutes to score an unbeaten 105 in his last Test innings against Sri Lanka three months ago.

Sam Curran, who claimed Santner's wicket, finished with three for 119

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**ENGLAND:** Second innings 55 for 3 (Burns 31; Santner 3-6)

## Siddikur 21st at Sabah Masters

SPORTS REPORTER

Siddikur Rahman finished tied for 21st position in the inaugural Sabah Masters which concluded at the at the Sutura Harbour Golf and Country Club yesterday.

The 34-year-old golfer finished with an aggregate of five-under-par (279) following a par score in the final round on Sunday, having finished his third round with another par score earlier in the day.

The two-time Asian Tour winner returned cards of three-under and two-under in the first two rounds.

Siddikur finished eight shots behind eventual champion, Pavit Tangkamolprasert, who beat Phachara Khongwatmai and Australian David Gleeson with an incredible chip-in birdie on the second play-off hole.

# Booters to fly to Nepal on Nov 27

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh football team are expected to fly to Nepal on November 27 to take part in the South Asian Games, which is scheduled to take place from December 1 to 10.

The Bangladesh team will play their first match against hosts Nepal on December 1 before taking on Bhutan in their second and final group match two days later.

The team, depending on the availability of air tickets for November 27, will have three days to prepare themselves in Nepal for the regional event where six South Asian nations are participating.

The team were expected to start their training camp on November 21, but after Bashundhara Kings refused to release their eight players, the camp was suspended.

"We talked with Bashundhara Kings officials today. They have agreed to release their players on November 26 after their practice match on the same day. We are hoping to send the team to Nepal on November 27, subject to the availability of air tickets," Abu Nayeem Shohag told The Daily Star yesterday.

Coach Jamie Day, who is currently in England, is expected to join the team on November 28.