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Paris Saint-Germain star Kylian Mbappe (C) takes a shot during their Champions League encounter against Real Madrid at the Bernabeu on Tuesday. Mbappe scored once as PSG came from behind to hold Real to a 2-2 draw.

PHOTO: AFP

Spurs, Man City qualify

Lewandowski hits four for Bayern

AFP, Paris



Tottenham Hotspur came from two goals down to beat Olympiakos 4-2 and qualify for the Champions League last 16 on Jose Mourinho's home debut on Tuesday, while Robert Lewandowski continued his incredible season by scoring four times for Bayern Munich.

Spurs were one of three teams to secure their place in the knockout phase with one game to spare as Manchester City and Real Madrid also made it to the last 16.

However, it looked like it might not be Tottenham's night as they went 2-0 down inside 19 minutes in north London with a Youssef El Arabi strike followed by a Ruben Semedo tap-in for Olympiakos. Dele Alli pulled one back for Spurs just before the interval, and Lucas Moura set up Harry Kane to equalise five minutes after the break.

A thumping Serge Aurier strike completed the turnaround on 73 minutes before Kane headed in Christian Eriksen's free-kick to become, on his 24th appearance, the quickest player to 20 goals in Champions League history.

Tottenham will finish second in Group B behind their final-day

opponents Bayern, who made it five wins from five in Europe this season as Lewandowski's quadruple helped them to a 6-0 win at Red Star Belgrade. Lewandowski scored four goals in the space of 16 second-half minutes, the first of them a penalty, in between goals by Leon Goretzka and Corentin Tolisso. Manchester City got the point they

needed to progress from Group C, drawing 1-1 with Shakhtar Donetsk. On a subdued occasion, Ilkay Gundogan got a 56th-minute opener, but Manor Solomon levelled for the Ukrainians. Meanwhile, Paulo Dybala overshadowed Cristiano Ronaldo by scoring a superb free-kick to give Juventus a 1-0 home win over Atletico Madrid.



Bayern Munich striker Robert Lewandowski shows four fingers after scoring four goals in 16 minutes against Red Star Belgrade during their Champions League match in Belgrade on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

SA GAMES VOLLEYBALL Men's team win, women lose

SPORTS REPORTER

Even though the 13th South Games will have its ceremonial opening on December 1, the action on the ground already started yesterday with volleyball matches taking place.

Bangladesh men's team made a winning start to the campaign, beating hosts Nepal in 3-2 sets (21-25, 25-23, 19-25, 26-24, 15-12) in their first Group A match at the Tripureshwar Covered Hall in Kathmandu yesterday. The men in red and green fought back from 2-1 sets by winning the next two sets and took the match. This win will be a massive stride to the semifinals as they take on favourites India in their second and final group match tomorrow.

However, the women's failed to match their male compatriots' feat, losing in straight sets (25-9, 25-9, 25-11) against their Nepalese counterparts.

Bangladesh women's team had recently lost by the same margin in the Asian Senior Women's Central Zone Volleyball Championship against Nepal, who eventually won the title of the five-nation meet.

Like the men, Bangladesh women's team will square off against India in their second and final group match tomorrow.

Archer ready to bounce back

NZ-Eng 2nd Test starts tomorrow

AFP, Hamilton



England paceman Jofra Archer said Wednesday he had "moved on" after being racially abused by a spectator in New Zealand and was ready to help the tourists bounce back from a heavy first Test defeat.

Archer said his focus was on the second Test in Hamilton beginning Friday, not the racial taunts thrown at him late in the opening match in Mount Maunganui on Monday as England were drubbed by an innings and 65 runs.

"I'm over it. I've left what happened at the ground and I've moved on," the Barbados-born bowler said in a column for the Daily Mail.

New Zealand, who will be without opening bowler Trent Boult and all-rounder Colin de Grandhomme for the second Test, expressed shock at Archer's treatment, with skipper Kane Williamson offering an apology on behalf of all Kiwis.

"I should also say it was just one person who was shouting stuff. But I found the incident a real shame," said Archer who added he was disappointed other spectators did not intervene. "I thought members of the crowd around the guy might have pulled him up because I could hear him from the pitch as I was walking off. I guess they didn't," the 24-year-old said.

New Zealand Cricket said a life ban and a referral to police awaits the perpetrator once identified.

The incident has overshadowed the build-up to the second Test and its impact on the tourists in the wake of a demoralising loss remains to be seen.

Director of cricket Ashley Giles described Archer as "emotional" and "hurt", but the abuse could also serve to draw England's players together.

Further unsettling the team in Hamilton will be new coach Chris Silverwood's departure at the end of day two, when he leaves for England after a family bereavement.

What is beyond doubt is that England need to vastly improve with both bat and ball after an insipid display at Mount Maunganui that raised questions about Joe Root's Test captaincy.



'Countrywide school kabaddi next year'

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation (BKF) will host a massive school kabaddi tournament next year involving close to one-and-a-half lac school students across the country as part of the birth centenary of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, informed BKF president and Inspector General of Police Mohammad Javed Patwary yesterday.

"To mark the 'Mujib Year', we are planning to host a big international and a number of domestic tournaments next year. We are also working on hosting a school kabaddi tournament involving one-and-a-half lac school students across 550 venues of the country," Patwary said while talking to reporters at the conference room of Bangladesh Police headquarters.

The Police chief also congratulated the men's youth kabaddi team for finishing third in the inaugural Junior World kabaddi Championship in Iran recently.

While talking about the current activities and future plans of the federation as well as other sporting activities and achievements of Police, the IGP disclosed the men's and women's kabaddi teams for the upcoming South Asian Games, hoping good results from both teams in Nepal.

PSG snatch dramatic point

AFP, Madrid



Kylian Mbappe instigated a dramatic Champions League comeback on Tuesday as Paris Saint-Germain scored twice in two minutes to rescue a 2-2 draw against Real Madrid and secure first place in Group A.

Madrid dominated the majority of a pulsating contest at the Santiago Bernabeu and looked to have sewn up an impressive victory when Karim Benzema scored his second goal in the 79th minute.

But PSG pulled off an unlikely turnaround as Mbappe capitalised on a defensive mix-up to pull one back in the 81st minute before Pablo Sarabia, once of Real, drove into the top corner second later.

"Real were better for long periods," said PSG coach Thomas Tuchel. "We were lucky but that's not a crime."

Gareth Bale, who came on as a substitute to a mixed reception from

the home fans, almost won it in injury-time when his bending free-kick struck the post.

The draw means PSG will go through as group winners while Madrid are guaranteed to finish second after Club Brugge drew 1-1 at Galatasaray in the early kick-off.

Madrid's late capitulation tarnished an excellent display that highlighted their transformation since the 3-0 thrashing at the Parc des Princes in September.

"It was a great performance," said Zinedine Zidane. "The players are not happy with the result but you have to be happy with what we have done for 80 minutes. I'd take that performance all day long."

There was also the worrying sight of Eden Hazard hobbling off with what looked like an ankle injury in the second half, with the Clasico against Barcelona only three weeks away.

"It's more than just a knock but I

hope the twist is a minor one," said Zidane.

Neymar was also left on the bench by Tuchel despite recovering from a hamstring injury, only to be brought on at half-time. It was his dummy that led to Sarabia's equaliser.

"I didn't want to risk him," said Tuchel. "I preferred to be sure he could finish the match."

Zidane's press conference on Monday became another ode to Mbappe, who will reportedly be Madrid's number one target next summer.

The Frenchman, in his 100th game for PSG, looked like he wanted to put on a show, puffing out his chest after an early foul by Sergio Ramos and squeezing Zidane's hand as he fetched a ball from behind his back.

The threat of Mbappe hung over the match but Madrid were much the better side, slicker in their passing, faster with the ball and more aggressive in winning it back.

Shooting team leaves with slim hopes

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh shooting squad left for Nepal yesterday to complete in the 13th South Asian (SA) Games with slim hope of win gold medals even though the discipline has so far produced one-third of 67 gold medals for the country in the regional multi-sports extravaganza.

Since the inclusion of shooting in the SA Games in 1991, Bangladesh bagged at least one gold in every meet except for the 2006 edition in Colombo with most success coming in air-rifle events. However, Bangladesh had to be satisfied with a gold medal in pistol event in last edition held in India in 2016 and this time around shooters of both rifle and pistol events will remain in attention.

"We had a good preparation for the Games even though training started a bit late. Our target is to play in the final round which is really tough and uncertain for every participant and no one can give you guarantee of winning gold medal," said rifle coach Saiful Alam Rinku on the eve of the team's departure for Kathmandu yesterday afternoon. "You know the standard of India, who have gone way past us. Our fight will be against India."

"However, the shooters have good spirit

and tough mentality to fight for gold. If they can give their best on the day, it is not impossible to win gold. I think shooters like Abdullah Hel Baki, Sayeda Atkia Hasan Disha, Sharmin Akter Ratna and Shakil Ahmed have the ability to win gold medal," said the former national shooter, who took charge of the rifle team in October.

"I will try to repeat the feat of the last edition," said gold winner Shakil Ahmed, who broke a 23-year draught of gold medal in pistol events after grabbing gold in 50m pistol event in Guwahati.

"I could have hoped for better if the 50m pistol event remained in the meet. Now I have to compete in 10m pistol event and I hope I can do well in this event too due to good preparation," said Shakil, who also won silver medal in 50m pistol event in last Commonwealth Games in Australia.

"I think Indian shooters are main contenders for gold medals but I believe I can overcome their challenge even though luck is a factor in the final round," lad from Khulna said, adding that they will get seven days to acclimatise with condition in Nepal before shooting events get underway from December 3.

However, rifle shooters - Abdullah Hel Baki, Rabbi Hasan Munna and Robiul Islam -- will leave for Nepal on December 1. Some 17 Bangladeshi shooters will compete in 10 events.

Klinsmann takes charge at Hertha

AFP, Berlin

Former Germany and United States boss Jurgen Klinsmann has taken over as head coach of Bundesliga side Hertha Berlin until the end of the season, the club announced Wednesday.

Former Hertha boss Ante Covic, who only took charge in July after six years coaching the reserves, has been dismissed after Sunday's 4-0 thrashing at mid-table Augsburg, the club's fourth straight league defeat.

The 55-year-old Klinsmann, a former European and world champion with Germany, was appointed to Hertha's supervisory board at the start of November and takes over with the club just above the relegation zone.

Klinsmann, a former Tottenham, Bayern Munich and Inter Milan striker, won the 1990 World Cup and 1996 European championships with Germany, making 108 appearances and scoring 47 goals for die Mannschaft.

Barella has successful knee surgery

AFP, Milan

Inter Milan's Italy international Nicolò Barella has undergone successful surgery on his right knee, the club confirmed on Tuesday.

Midfielder Barella said he "felt the knee go click," as he was forced off during Saturday's 3-0 win under heavy rain at Torino.

"Barella this morning (underwent) keyhole surgery on his right knee to remove cartilage fragment from his kneecap," Inter Milan said in a statement.

"The operation was a perfect success and the player will begin rehabilitation treatment in the coming days."



Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation president and IGP Mohammad Javed Patwary (C) poses for a group photograph with the Bangladesh team, who finished third in the inaugural Junior Kabaddi World Championship recently, at the Bangladesh Police headquarters in Dhaka yesterday.

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