

WHAT TO WATCH

T SPORTS & STAR SPORTS 1
INDIA VS AUSTRALIA
Third Test (Day 2)
Live from 3:00 pm
SONY SIX
UEFA EUROPE LEAGUE
Napoli vs Granada
Live from 11:55 pm
Leicester City vs Slavia Prague

Live from 2:00 am (Friday)
STAR SPORTS SELECT 2
CSA T20 CHALLENGE
Warriors vs Knights
Live from 6:30 pm
TEN 1
UEFA EUROPE LEAGUE
Villareal vs Salzburg
Live from 11:55 pm

AC Milan vs Crvena Zvezda
Live from 2:00 am (Friday)
TEN 1
UEFA EUROPE LEAGUE
Arsenal vs Benfica
Live from 11:55 pm
Manchester United vs Real Sociedad
Live from 2:00 am (Friday)



Chelsea striker Olivier Giroud scored a spectacular goal as the Londoners beat Atletico Madrid 1-0 in their Champions League last-16 first leg tie in Bucharest on Tuesday. The Frenchman broke the deadlock in the 68th minute with an outrageous bicycle kick which was flagged offside but eventually given following a VAR review as the ball had come off Atletico's Mario Hermoso before Giroud hit it.

PHOTO: REUTERS

'Giroud trains like he's 20'

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Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel paid tribute to the professionalism of Olivier Giroud on Tuesday after the veteran French forward's overhead kick gave his side a 1-0 win over Atletico Madrid in the Champions League. The 34-year-old's acrobatic effort in the 68th minute in Bucharest handed Chelsea the advantage going into the second leg of their last-16 tie at Stamford Bridge on March 17. Tuchel said Giroud, who has scored 11 goals for Chelsea in all competitions this season, was a joy to work with on the training field. "He trains like a 20-year-old," Tuchel added. "He is a guy who

has a good mixture of serious and joy in training. "He is always positive and it is a big factor for the group. "He enjoys every day being a professional soccer player on this level and this is the level he needs to be." INZAGHI RUES LAZIO ERRORS Lazio coach Simone Inzaghi was left frustrated at his side's error-plagued Champions League performance after poor defending led to three of Bayern Munich's goals in a commanding 4-1 victory for the German champions. A slack back pass from Mateo Musacchio was pounced on for Robert Lewandowski's opener, resulting in Inzaghi substituting the Argentine defender 31 minutes into the match. Defender Patric was at fault for Bayern's third goal, while Francesco Acerbi diverted

HIGHLIGHTS

Robert Lewandowski has now scored 72 UEFA Champions League goals with his opening strike against Lazio on Tuesday, overtaking Raúl to go outright third behind Cristiano Ronaldo (134) and Lionel Messi (119).

Aged 17 years and 363 days, Jamal Musiala has become the youngest ever Englishman to score in the Champions League. The Bayern Munich midfielder is the youngest to score in the tournament for a German club, too.

the game and the value of the opponent, but we made it easy for them. We made three of their goals and that is the greatest disappointment," Inzaghi told Mediaset. "We contributed to their goals, it's a bad night but we must go forward and it will be an important step in our development." The result extended the holders' unbeaten Champions League run to 18 games and came as a relief after a two-match winless run in the league. "Everyone fulfilled expectations today," said Bayern coach Hansi Flick. "We wanted to put them under pressure from the off, which we did well. We won the ball high up the pitch and created plenty of chances as a result. We're very happy."

Tigers brace for 14-day quarantine

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh cricket team reached Christchurch yesterday and started a mandatory 14-day quarantine period ahead of their bilateral series, which will run for over a month, against the New Zealand. The visitors will stay at the Lincoln University Performance Centre during the quarantine period. All 35 squad members will undergo three Covid-19 tests between the first and sixth day. However, the visitors will be allowed to roam around inside the hotel premises if the result of the first Covid-19 tests comes out negative. From day eight, the squad will be divided into five groups of seven members each and start using the training facilities such as gym and nets. After completing the 14-day quarantine, the visitors will be free to take in the sights as the Covid-19 situation in New Zealand is better compared to elsewhere. The visitors are also expected to conduct a five-day training camp in Queenstown but it is yet to be confirmed. Bangladesh will be desperate to register a maiden win in New Zealand after losing all 26 of their international games on their previous tours. The three-match ODI series will start on March 20 in Dunedin while the first of the three T20s will be held on March 28 in Hamilton.

Patel puts India on top

REUTERS

Axar Patel claimed a career-best 6-38 as he and spin colleague Ravichandran Ashwin skittled out England for 112 on the opening day to put India in charge of the day-night third test in Ahmedabad on Wednesday. The hosts were five for no loss their reply at the world's largest cricket stadium which was named after India Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. Rohit Sharma was batting on five at the dinner break and Shubman Gill was yet to open his account with India hoping to consolidate their position in the final session. Earlier, Joe Root's decision to bat backfired as the tourists wilted inside two seasons despite Zak Crawley's fluent 53. Playing his 100th test, seamer Ishant Sharma had Dom Sibley caught in the slip in the third over before the Indian spinners wreaked havoc. Home captain Virat Kohli introduced spin as early as in the seventh over and Patel trapped Jonny Bairstow lbw for nought with his first delivery. Crawley, however, appeared to bat on a different pitch, dealing mostly in boundaries and bringing up his fifty off 68 balls. Before his partnership with Root could flourish, Ashwin intervened. The wily off-spinner dismissed the England captain lbw for 17. Root reviewed the decision but could not prolong his innings. Patel ended Crawley's knock in similar fashion to trigger a batting collapse and England lost their last eight wickets for 38 runs.



Left-arm spinner Axar Patel took six wickets as England were bowled out for 112 runs on the first day of the third Test against India in Ahmedabad yesterday.

PHOTO: BCCI

Bangladesh's premier golfer Siddikur Rahman follows the path of his stroke during the third and final round of the 5th Paragon Professional Golf Tournament at the Army Golf Club in Dhaka yesterday. The two-time Asian Tour winner won the title with a score of five-under-par (211) following fierce competition with Jamal Hossain Mollah, who finished two strokes adrift. Akbar Hossain (one-under-par) was the only other golfer among 82 participants to complete the event with an under-par score.



PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

South Americans do it again for Kings

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Braces from Argentina's Raul Becerra and Brazil's Robson Da Silva led leaders Bashundhara Kings to an emphatic 4-0 win over Sheikh Russel in a Bangladesh Premier League encounter at the Shaheed Dhirendranath Datta Stadium in Cumilla yesterday. With a tenth triumph from 11 outings, the defending champions consolidated their lead at the top. Their tally of 31 points is nine more than second-placed Abahani, who have a game in hand. Meanwhile, Sheikh Russel remain glued to fourth place with 17 points from 10 matches. Sheikh Russel were helpless against the leaders despite a creditable 1-1 draw against six-time champions Abahani in their previous game.

Spanish coach Oscar Bruzon's charges took only 23 minutes to break the deadlock, Becerra putting them ahead before Robson doubled the margin in the 42nd minute with a powerful volley off a well-judged cross from Towhidul Alam Sabuz. After resumption, Kings added two more goals. Becerra scored his ninth league goal in the 74th minute and Robson surpassed Sheikh Jamal's Omar Jobe as the league's top scorer with his 12th strike of the campaign to wrap up the victory. At the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Saif SC came from behind to hand a 2-1 defeat to Uttar Baridhara Club, who came into the match on the back of five straight draws. Visiting Baridhara looked determined to turn the tables and stunned their superior opponents by opening the scoring in the 20th minute. Uzbek midfielder Evgeniy Kochnev played Arif Hossain into the box down the right and the winger brilliantly turned around before mustering an angled left-footed shot past goalkeeper Sushanta Kumar. Saif SC, who lost 2-1 to Kings in the previous match, looked hungrier after conceding and came close to equalising twice but Arifur Rahman's effort was parried by keeper Mitul Marma, who was then lucky that a powerful left-footed drive from Faisal Ahmed Fahim narrowly missed the target on the half-hour mark. Just one minute from break, Saif equalised through Nigeria's John Okoli before substitute Sazzad Hossain headed home a diving header, helping them jump to fifth place with 16 points from 10 matches.

Career Opportunity

POSITION: MANAGEMENT TRAINEE OFFICER

Mercantile Bank Limited, a leading private commercial Bank in Bangladesh with a vision to be a finest corporate citizen, intends to recruit smart, young, energetic and talented fresh graduates as Management Trainee Officer.

Job Requirement:

We welcome application from freshers for the position of Management Trainee Officer, who fulfills the following criteria and wants to be future leader in banking arena:

- Educational Attainment:**
 - Post graduation/ 04 years graduation in any discipline from any reputed UGC approved University with minimum CGPA 3.00 out of 4.00 scale or 1st Class. MBA, MBM, Economics, Banking, Finance, Marketing, Management, Accounting, Statistics and Computer Science & Engineering will be given preference.
 - 4.00 out of 5.00 scale in SSC and HSC or minimum "5 B" in O Level and "2 B" in A Level.
- Computer Operation:**
 - Good knowledge in latest operating systems.
 - Office Automation such as MS Word, MS Excel & MS Power Point.
- Applicant must be a Bangladeshi citizen.
- Age not over 30 years as on February 28, 2021.
- Job Location: Anywhere in Bangladesh.
- Candidates selected for appointment shall be required to execute a 'Surety Bond' to serve the Bank for a minimum period of 04 (Four) years from the date of joining.

Compensation Package:

The Management Trainee Officer will be entitled to a consolidated monthly remuneration of Tk.45,000.00 for 01 (One) year of probation period. On satisfactory completion of probation period, Management Trainee Officer will be confirmed as Officer in the regular pay scale of the Bank.

Selection Process:

- The selection process will be purely on merit basis.
- Shortlisted candidates will have to sit for a competitive written examination.
- Successful candidates in the written examination will be called for interview.

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Mercantile Bank's existing officials are encouraged to apply for this post, provided they meet the requisite qualifications. Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted at the sole discretion of the Bank regardless of eligibility or qualifications. The Bank reserves the right to accept or cancel any application without assigning any reason whatsoever at any stage of the recruitment & selection process and against which no claim can be made, either to the Bank or with any Authority.

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