

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



The rise continues despite hurdles

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The stories of female athletes in Bangladesh are those of struggles, hardships, and eventually breaking barriers to emerge stronger. As the country prepares to celebrate its 50th year of independence, female athletes have made considerable strides.

While there is a long way still to go for women in Bangladesh sports to matching the incentives enjoyed by their male counterparts, there have been a lot of positives.

In the immediate aftermath of independence, the participation of women in sports was limited to a few individuals who wanted to break the barrier. Over the years, the picture changed as women are now coming out in numbers in all sorts of sports.

Whether it's handball, volleyball, badminton, archery, weightlifting, football, or cricket, women in Bangladesh have been gradually making an impact in both national and international levels.

However, the majority of the women's sports have been patronised by services teams and federations. The Bangladesh Cricket Board or the Bangladesh Football Federation has also played a big role in empowering women's sports by scouting players from school and age levels.

Whether it was the heady title triumph in 2018 Asia Cup in cricket, or the age-level football team's successes in regional tournaments, women in Bangladesh have more than proven their worth on the international circuit.

Women's impact on Bangladeshi sports has not just been limited to playing -- the number of female coaches and referees in various disciplines has started to rise and the interest has been widespread, ranging from Dhaka to remote areas of Khagrachari as well.

Despite the pandemic that hit the world hard, the courage and determination of women in Bangladesh has kept them going in difficult times and they can be expected to emerge stronger than ever.

BD emerge from break with win

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The Bangladesh Emerging Team defeated Ireland Wolves by four wickets at Chattogram's Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium as the series got back on track after a Covid-19 scare led to cancellation of the first one-day on March 5 when Irish pacer Ruhan Pretorius tested positive.

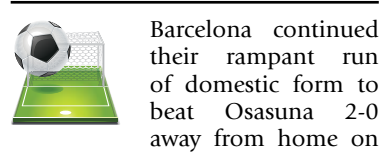
The results of a Covid-19 test of all players and officials was returned in the middle of the game on March 5. Following further tests on March 6 that showed Pretorius along with all the other players and officials had tested negative, the BCB decided to resume.

Shamim Hossain's blistering 39-ball 53, laced with three fours and two sixes, allowed the hosts to chase down the visitors' 263 for seven and take a 1-0 lead in what is essentially a four-match one-day series.

Mahmudul Hasan Joy held the innings together with a 95-ball 66 while Saif Hassan struck 36 at the top.

Barca, PSG tune up for Champions League in style

REUTERS



Barcelona continued their rampant run of domestic form to beat Osasuna 2-0 away from home on Saturday and move to within two points of La Liga leaders Atletico Madrid, with Lionel Messi setting up goals scored by Jordi Alba and teenager Ilaix Moriba.

Paris St Germain also geared up for their Champions League last-

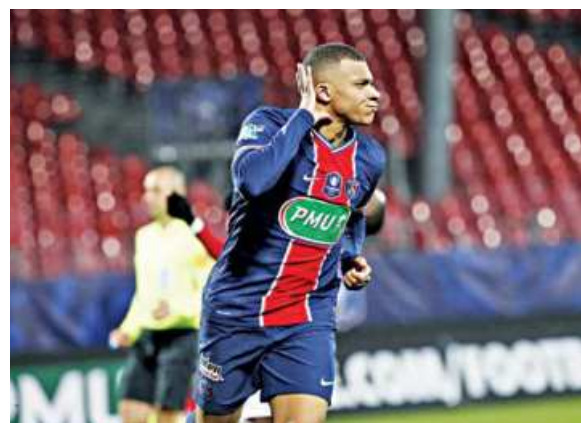
16 second leg against Barcelona on March 10 with a no-nonsense 3-0 victory at Stade Brestois in the French Cup last 32 on Saturday.

Kylian Mbappe struck twice and Pablo Sarabia scored for the second game in a row as holders PSG, who host Barcelona on Tuesday after winning the first leg 4-1, stayed on course for a sixth domestic Cup triumph in seven years.

Coach Ronald Koeman hailed Barcelona's next generation of exciting talents after 18-year-old

Ilaix Moriba became the latest teenager to make his mark by scoring his first goal for the club.

Barca fielded seven players aged 23 or under but substitute Ilaix made the biggest impact, smashing into the net from outside the box to clinch victory after Jordi Alba had broken the deadlock. "The most important thing for me is that the players are competitive. For me age doesn't count, what counts is what I see on the pitch," Koeman told reporters.



Kylian Mbappe celebrates his second goal during PSG's 3-0 victory at Stade Brestois in the French Cup last 32 on Saturday while Ilaix Moriba became the latest teenager to make his mark by scoring his first goal for Barcelona during their 2-0 win against Osasuna in a La Liga match.

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Sheikh Jamal end MSC's run

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The Bangladesh Premier League reached the halfway mark with Sheikh Jamal handing a 2-0 defeat to Mohammedan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

A seventh triumph from 12 outings saw three-time league champions Sheikh Jamal topple six-time champions Abahani to climb into second place with 26 points, eight behind leaders Bashundhara Kings and one ahead of Abahani. Mohammedan remained glued to sixth in the 13-team table with 19 points.

The Black and Whites started the match energetically and exerted tremendous pressure on Sheikh Jamal from the onset. Abiola Nurat came close to providing Mohammedan with a third-minute lead with a powerful shot, only for it to be tipped

POINTS TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	GF/GA	Pts
Bashundhara Kings	12	11	1	0	32/5	34
Sheikh Jamal DC	12	7	5	0	31/16	26
Abahani	12	7	4	1	23/12	25
Saif SC	12	7	1	4	23/16	22
Sheikh Russel KC	12	6	2	4	20/15	20
Mohammedan SC	12	5	4	3	17/14	19
Ctg Abahani	12	5	4	3	13/11	19
Police FC	12	3	3	6	14/22	15
Rahmatganj MFS	12	3	4	5	12/14	13
Uttar Baridhara	12	1	6	5	19/25	9
Muktijoddha SKC	12	2	3	7	7/17	9
Brothers Union	12	1	2	9	12/25	5
Arambagh KS	12	0	1	11	11/43	1

HATTRICKS

Pa Omar Jobe
(Sk Jamal)
against Arambagh

Obi Moneke
(Sk Russel)
against Arambagh

Raul Becerra
(B Kings) against Arambagh

over by Sheikh Jamal goalkeeper Samiul Islam.

Seven minutes later, Malian forward Souleymane Diabate mustered a powerful left-footed shot from inside the box that floated inches over the Sheikh Jamal goal.

However, Mohammedan conceded against the run of play when Pa Omar Jobe ran down the left and cut back for Jonov Otabek, who hammered a powerful drive from the top of the box past goalkeeper Ahsan Habib Bipu in the 25th minute.



Sheikh Jamal's Gambian forward Solomon King celebrates his team's second goal during a 2-0 win against Mohammedan in their Bangladesh Premier League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Tigers leaving for SL on April 12

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Sri Lanka Cricket backtracked on their decision to impose strict quarantine protocols which had forced the Bangladesh Cricket Board to cancel a planned tour to the island nation in September last year and the series is now slated to be held in April, BCB CEO Nizamuddin Chowdhury informed yesterday.

Bangladesh are scheduled to travel to Sri Lanka on April 12 to take part in a two-match Test series which will be part of the ICC Test Championship.

The BCB had refused to move ahead with last year's tour after Sri Lankan health authorities had insisted on a 14-day quarantine for Bangladesh, with players' movement strictly limited to their hotel rooms.

Quarantine protocols were later relaxed for a touring England side in January this year as the visitors were asked to isolate after landing in Sri Lanka for three days before being allowed to practice.

"Both Tests will be played at the same venue and the team will play in Colombo. If everything remains on track, the Bangladesh team is expected to travel to Sri Lanka on April 12. Initially, we have to quarantine for six-seven days, during which time the team will follow health safety protocols accordingly," Chowdhury told media yesterday.

After playing the two Tests, Bangladesh will host Sri Lanka for a three-match ODI series which will be part of the ICC Cricket World Cup Super League.

Lewandowski hattrick lifts Bayern

REUTERS, Munich



Champions Bayern Munich roared back from two goals down to beat Borussia Dortmund 4-2 on Saturday with a hattrick from Robert Lewandowski, to remain two points clear at the top of the Bundesliga. Dortmund, who had won their four previous games in all competitions, scored twice with Erling Haaland in the opening nine minutes and Poland striker Lewandowski responded with a brace of his own in an explosive first half.

But a goal from Leon Goretzka in the 88th minute put the hosts in front and Lewandowski scored his third in the 90th to kill off the game.

"It is currently the case that if an opponent gets a chance, we get punished," said Bayern coach Hansi Flick. "But we shook ourselves after 2-0 and showed that we won't have it

taken away from us.

"We deserved the win in the end because we dominated the game for an hour. The team showed it was awake after going 2-0 down."

Bayern, hunting a record-extending ninth consecutive league title, are on 55 points, two ahead of RB Leipzig, winners 3-0 at Freiburg. Dortmund dropped to sixth on 39. The league's two best attacks lived up to their reputation in Der Klassiker with a stunning four-goal first half performance in an empty Allianz Arena.

In a flawless start, Dortmund, who had won the last four games in all competitions, were 2-0 up by the ninth minute with Haaland thundering in a shot and tapping in a cutback to take his league tally to 19 goals. Bayern, however, quickly worked their way back, took control and struck twice with Lewandowski in the 26th minute and a 44th minute penalty.



Bayern Munich striker Robert Lewandowski scored a hattrick against Borussia Dortmund during their 4-2 win in Saturday's Bundesliga match to take his league tally to 31 goals. He is chasing Gerd Mueller's record of 40 league goals in one season dating back to the 1971-72 campaign with 10 league games remaining.

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