

What to WATCH

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ICC Men's T20I World Cup 2021

India vs Namibia

Live from 08:00 pm

DAY'S EVENT

NCL (Round 4, Day-2)
Dhaka vs Sylhet, Sylhet
Khulna vs Rangpur,

SICS Academy
Chattogram vs Barishal, BKSP-3
Dhaka Metro vs Rajshahi, BKSP-4



SCORES IN BRIEF

PAKISTAN

189 for 4 in 20 overs (Babar 66, Hafeez 31, Malik 54 not out; Graves 2-43)

SCOTLAND

117 for 6 in 20 overs (Munsey 17, Berrington 54 not out; Shadab 2-14)

RESULT

Pakistan won by 72 runs.

PLAYER-OF-THE-MATCH

Shoaib Malik.

SEMI-FINALS

NOVEMBER 10

England Vs New Zealand, Abu Dhabi, 8pm (BST)

NOVEMBER 11

Pakistan Vs Australia, Dubai, 8pm (BST)

'We showed our quality'

REUTERS, Bordeaux

Paris Saint Germain stretched their advantage at the top of Ligue 1 to 10 points after two goals by Brazil forward Neymar and another from Kylian Mbappe helped them to a 3-2 win at Girondins Bordeaux on Saturday.

PSG, who carved out a 3-0 lead before late goals by Bordeaux set up a tense finish, have 34 points from 13 games, ahead of second-placed Lens who beat Troyes 4-0 at home on Friday. Bordeaux stayed 16th on 12 points.

Neymar struck twice in the first half thanks to a pair of sublime assists by France World Cup winner Mbappe, having opened the scoring in the 26th minute with a neat shot past two defenders inside the near post.

Neymar muted his celebrations and took off his jersey to unveil a message on his shirt paying tribute to Brazilian country singer Marilia Mendonca, who was killed in a plane crash in the state of Minas Gerais on Friday.

Mbappe acknowledged that an expensively assembled PSG outfit, who were missing Lionel Messi due to a niggling knee injury, were still a work in progress but rebuffed criticism that they are failing to live up to expectations.

"Everyone has the right to an opinion, some people think we are playing badly but I think we are just not playing very well at the moment," he said.

"We need to improve and we will continue to work hard. Today we showed our quality as we had spells where we played at a very high level."



PHOTO: REUTERS

PAKISTAN HAMMER SCOTS

AFP, Sharjah



Pakistan defeated Scotland by 72 runs on the back of magnificent half centuries from Babar Azam and Shoaib Malik on Sunday to set-up a Twenty20 World Cup semi-final clash against Australia.

Skipper Babar scored a polished 47-ball-66 for his 24th fifty in Twenty20 internationals, and his fourth in five matches, while Malik smashed an 18-ball 54 not out as Pakistan posted 189-4 in their 20 overs.

Scotland were never in hunt as they managed 117-6 with Richie Berrington fighting a lone hand during his 37-ball 54

not out with four boundaries and a six.

The victory gave Pakistan five wins in as many games, topping the Group 2 with ten points. They now face Australia in the second semi-final in Dubai on Thursday.

"Shoaib, the way he finished, the way he showed his experience, that's what he's known for," said Babar of his 39-year-old teammate.

"We'll carry good confidence into the semi-finals and try to play in the same way. Definitely Dubai is one of the best stadiums. As a player if you play in front of a whole crowd that cheers for you, your confidence increases."

Babar had set the platform with another fine knock. Malik then punished

the Scottish attack during his fiery knock comprising six hits over the fence and one boundary, taking 26 off Chris Greaves's last over.

Babar smashed five boundaries and three sixes to become the tournament's highest run scorer, passing England's Jos Buttler's 240 in five matches with 264 in as many games.

He holed out to spinner Greaves in the 18th over as Pakistan lifted the scoring rate, adding 129 in the last ten overs and an incredible 77 in the final five.

Babar and Mohammad Rizwan (15) had put on a slow 35 for the opening stand.

Rizwan, when on five, broke West

Indian Chris Gayle's record for most runs in Twenty20 cricket in a calendar year. Rizwan now has 1,676 runs in 41 matches. Gayle had notched 1,665 in 36 matches in 2015.

Mohammad Hafeez scored a brisk 19-ball 31 with four boundaries and a six.

"I thought we bowled really well today, especially in the powerplay," said Scotland skipper Kyle Coetzer whose team lost all five Super 12 games but defeated Bangladesh in the qualifying round.

"When you've got the power in the batting line-up like Pakistan you know that they are going to find the boundaries at some stage, but I thought our guys fought really hard today."



PHOTO: COLLECTED

Seven-wicket hauls for Nasum, Shohidul

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh national team left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed pulled off a seven-wicket haul for Sylhet Division right after returning from a devastating World Cup campaign while Dhaka Metro's Shohidul Islam stood out among the pacers as he also scalped seven wickets against Rajshahi Division on the first day of the fourth round of the 23rd National Cricket League yesterday.

Nasum, after returning from international duties on Friday, joined Sylhet Division immediately as his side faced Dhaka Division in their tier-1 encounter at Sylhet International Cricket Stadium. The left-arm demonstrated his class, plucking seven wickets off 43 as Dhaka got bundled out for 123 runs.

In reply, Sylhet placed 79 runs on the board while losing a couple of wickets as they trail by 44 runs ahead of Day Two.

Spinners have predictably established their authority throughout the current

edition of the National Cricket League. However, Shohidul Islam wreaked havoc for Dhaka Metro in their tier-2 encounter against Rajshahi Division in BKSP as he bagged seven wickets off 48 runs in his 15.3 overs spell, restricting Rajshahi's total to 232 runs.

Coming down to bat for their first innings, Dhaka Metro scored 53 for two as they ended the first day trailing by 179 runs.

In the other match at BKSP, Barishal Division scored 236 runs before getting bundled out by Chattogram Division. In-form Fazle Mahmud played a solid knock of 76 runs, featuring a couple of maximums and a dozen boundaries.

Chattogram, in reply, ended the day scoring 34 runs without losing any wicket as they trail by 202 runs.

Booters' opener deferred by a day

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's opening match of the four-nation Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa Trophy in Colombo, scheduled for today against Seychelles, was deferred by one day and will be held on Tuesday after incessant rainfall rendered the ground at the Race Course Stadium in Sri Lanka unplayable.

However, the day's second match between hosts Sri Lanka and Maldives will be held as scheduled tonight.

"In the presence of members of the Football Federation of Sri Lanka, the hosts had an emergency meeting with Bangladesh and Seychelles and requested us to play our match the day after originally scheduled due to incessant rain making the pitch unplayable. We accepted their proposal and let our players know the updates at about 10:15 [Sri Lanka time]. It has been raining here for the past few days and the heavy rain today caused further difficulties."

Bangladesh team manager Satyajit Das Rupu told The Daily Star over phone last night, adding that groundsmen could not even prepare the ground yesterday.

"However, the second match between Sri Lanka and Maldives will take place as scheduled at 9:00pm local time as the Prime Minister is scheduled to attend the opening ceremony," Rupu said, adding that the second round of matches would be shifted and be held on November 12 instead of 11. The third round of the tournament will now be held on Nov 15 and the final will take place on Nov 18.

West Ham end Liverpool's unbeaten run

REUTERS



West Ham United showed that their place in the Premier League's top four was fully warranted as they outmuscled Liverpool for a memorable 3-2 victory at a rocking London Stadium on Sunday.

Victory for high-flying West Ham ended Liverpool's 25-match unbeaten run in all competitions and lifted them above Juergen Klopp's side into third place in the table.

An own goal by keeper Alisson gave West Ham a dream start, but Liverpool went in level at halftime thanks to a superb Trent Alexander-Arnold free kick.

Craig Dawson hit the bar for West Ham early in the second half as Liverpool wobbled at the back, before Pablo Fornals restored West Ham's lead in the 66th minute when he was played through and his shot evaded Alisson.

Alisson was found wanting again eight minutes later when Kurt Zouma headed in West Ham's third in the 74th minute. Substitute Divock Origi gave Liverpool a lifeline with a shot on the turn in the 82nd minute, but the hosts clung on for a memorable victory.



PHOTO: REUTERS

Djokovic wins sixth Paris Masters title

AFP, PARIS

World number one Novak Djokovic won a sixth Paris title and record 37th Masters crown on Sunday, beating 2020 champion Daniil Medvedev 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the final.

The 34-year-old Serbian gained a measure of revenge over his Russian opponent who dashed his dreams of a Grand Slam sweep when he beat him in the US Open final in September.

The Masters title secured



Djokovic's second record in as many days after he was confirmed as season-ending world number one for a seventh time. Medvedev said Djokovic -- who he calls his "friend" -- was stronger on the crucial points.

"I don't like losing so I cannot say I am happy, I don't even like losing at Play Station!" said Medvedev at his press conference.

"But I gave everything and maybe I could have done a winner here or there or served one or two more aces. "When you lose a match you always have the feelings that you can do a bit better. Trouble was Novak won the crucial points and apart from the first set I did not."

"However, I take consolation in having given everything against the best player in the world of all time. It was a good battle."