

# What to WATCH

**T SPORTS & GTV**  
Bangladesh vs Pakistan  
1st T20  
Live from 02:00 pm  
**T SPORTS & STAR**  
**SPORTS 1**  
India vs New Zealand

2nd T20  
Live from 7:30pm  
**T SPORTS**  
Abu Dhabi T10  
Delhi Bulls vs Team Abu Dhabi  
Live from 09:30 pm

Bangla Tigers vs Team Abu Dhabi  
Live from 11:30 pm  
**LA LIGA**  
Levante vs Athletic Bilbao  
Live from 02:00 am

(Saturday)  
**TEN 2**  
Bundesliga  
Augsburg vs Bayern Munich  
Live from 01:30 pm  
(Saturday)



Spain's Garbine Muguruza celebrates after winning the singles final of the WTA Finals against Estonia's Anett Kontaveit in Zapopan, Mexico on Wednesday. The former world number one and winner of the 2016 French Open and 2017 Wimbledon titles beat the Estonian to become the first Spaniard to win the elite season-ending title.

PHOTO: AFP

## Choton confident about title defence

SPORTS REPORTER

With the SAFF U-19 Women's Championship heading closer, the likes of Maria Manda, Monica Chakma and Tahura Khatun have been gearing up to demonstrate their performance in the five-nation tournament, which will perhaps be the last age-group tournament for the glorious girls of Bangladesh.

Maria, Monica, Akhi Khatun, Krishna Sarker, Sirat Jahan Swapna, Israt Jahan Mousumi and others made Bangladesh women's football popular, winning some regional age-group titles and taking Bangladesh to the finals of AFC U-16 Women's Championship twice in a row.

While Krishna, Swapna, Mousumi and Masura Parvin have already graduated from the under-19 level, Monica, Maria, Akhi, Marzia, Tahura and Shamsunahar Sr are some of the players still eligible to represent the under-19 team. Head coach Golam Rabbani Choton is optimistic that this batch can defend the title with SAFF U-19 Women's Championship, which was earlier SAFF U-18 Women's Championship.

Since the Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers in September, some 12 senior players along with others started preparation for the upcoming event from October 30, and they are now in good shape with three weeks left to the start of the tournament in

Kamalapur.

"We have been working in three areas -- physical, mental and tactical -- in training sessions while the players are also having gym and yoga sessions every day," head Choton told The Daily Star yesterday.

The big advantage for Choton is that most players of this group have been playing together since 2016 and they have turned into a unit to understand each other and carry out the game plan.

However, Choton believes the upcoming tournament is going to be a challenging one because each of the federations are emphasising on women's football.

"India and Nepal have always been our main competitors but I think all participating teams are good this time around because every association is working to develop women's football. So, the championship won't be easy for any side," Choton said. "We must give emphasis on every match separately if we want to defend the title. However, we are confident about delivering a good show."

Choton also believes that the two matches they played in the Asian Cup Qualifiers against Iran and Jordan will help them tremendously.

"The girls played against big teams in the Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers and gained a lot of experience there, so I think this experience will help them a lot in the upcoming championship," said Choton.



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### FIXTURES

DATE	MATCH
Dec 11	Bhutan vs Sri Lanka Bangladesh vs Nepal
Dec 13	Bhutan vs Bangladesh Sri Lanka vs India
Dec 15	Nepal vs Sri Lanka India vs Bhutan
Dec 17	Bangladesh vs India Nepal vs Bhutan
Dec 19	India vs Nepal Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh
Dec 22	Final between top two teams

## LaLiga returns with all eyes on Xavi

REUTERS, Barcelona



After a nerve-wracking last World Cup qualifier for Spain as they booked their place at next year's finals by beating Sweden 1-0, LaLiga returns this weekend with all eyes on Barcelona.

New manager Xavi Hernandez will take charge of the team in the Catalonia derby against Espanyol on Saturday and three days later Barca host Benfica in a game that could secure their place in the Champions League last 16.

Barca languish ninth in LaLiga, 11 points adrift of leaders Real Sociedad and 10 behind arch-rivals Real Madrid, and Xavi has the task of masterminding their first victory in four league matches.

The arrival of Xavi, one Barcelona's greatest midfielders in his playing days, and the return of Brazilian right back Dani Alves have breathed new life into the club



which their fans hope will kickstart their campaign.

"I'm completely aware of the challenge that I have in front of me and the pressure that being Barcelona manager holds, but I'm doing it with eagerness, hope and desire," Xavi said.

"It's not about only winning. It's winning with style, playing well, dominating. This is Barcelona's DNA. We have to bring it back."

Real Madrid travel to Granada on Sunday looking to keep up

the pressure on surprise leaders Sociedad ahead of a Champions League trip to Sheriff Tiraspol, the Moldovan side who pulled off a shock victory in the Spanish capital in September.

Vinicius Jr. has shone for Real Madrid this season and in the absence of the injured Neymar, the 21-year-old started for Brazil in the 0-0 draw with Argentina on Wednesday and carried his sparkling club form on to the international stage. Sociedad host Valencia on Sunday and Sevilla, level on points with Real Madrid, entertain Alaves on Saturday bidding to extend an unbeaten league run stretching back nearly two months.

Fourth-placed Atletico Madrid, who squandered a two-goal lead in stoppage time to draw 3-3 with Valencia last time out, host Osasuna on Saturday.

## Brazil v Argentina Match officials suspended

REUTERS

The referee and the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) who officiated in Tuesday's World Cup qualifier between Brazil and Argentina have been suspended for "serious errors", the South American soccer governing body CONMEBOL said.

An incident in the goalless draw where Argentine defender Nicolas Otamendi appeared to elbow Raphinha went unpunished and CONMEBOL said the use of his arm amounted to "violent conduct".

The 0-0 draw allowed Argentina to join Brazil in sealing qualification for the World Cup in Qatar next year.



## 'I'm all in'

REUTERS



Steven Gerrard promised Aston Villa supporters that the Premier League club has his full commitment despite his strong attachment to former side Liverpool, the new coach said in his first news conference on Thursday.

Gerrard, who led Rangers to the Scottish title last season, was appointed Villa manager last week, succeeding Dean Smith who was sacked with the club in 16th place in the league, two points above the relegation zone after 11 games.

The former midfielder spent the majority of his playing career, 17 years, at Liverpool and helped them win several trophies including the Champions League and then began his coaching career at the club's youth academy.

However, Gerrard insisted his focus was on Villa and leading them up the league table with his first match coming on Saturday at home to Brighton & Hove Albion. "Everyone knows around the world what Liverpool means to me but the focus and my commitment is very much on Villa," the 41-year-old said.

"I said last week in a one-to-one (club interview) that I'm all in and I can promise the supporters that's the case."

Villa are one of the few English sides to have won the European Cup, in 1982.

Although supporters would dream of a return to continental competition, Gerrard insisted the immediate priority was winning games, especially with the club on a five-match losing streak in the league.

"Success is always about winning matches. In the long term the club would like to be back at the European level. I don't think it's the right time now to put any specific date on that," he said.

"But for me more importantly it's about focusing on the short term, which is Brighton at the weekend, we need to start winning matches again and moving up the table, so that's the short term goal."

As a player, Gerrard was not one Villa fans would have welcomed the sight of as he scored more goals against their team than any other - 13 in 27 games across all competitions.

But he insisted he now wanted to bring cheers not jeers to Villa Park.

"I can't change the past, the goals are there and a lot of wins. I apologise to Villa fans for that but now I'm on their side," Gerrard said.

"It's different now. It's my job to make them smile and be happy, it's vital that there is unity."

## Bayern hit by Covid crisis

REUTERS, Munich

Champions Bayern Munich are struggling with COVID-19 cases and an ongoing discussion on players' vaccinations, with defenders Josip Stanisic and Niklas Sule sidelined after positive tests, as they prepare to face Augsburg in Friday's Bavarian derby.

Sule tested positive earlier this month, forcing four team mates - Serge Gnabry, Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting, Jamal Musiala and Joshua Kimmich - to go into isolation until two days ago.

Kimmich, who has not been vaccinated after voicing his concerns over potential long-term effects, has been at the heart of an ongoing discussion about whether top footballers should all take the shot given their role model function in society.

Fans for the game need to have either proof of vaccination or proof of having recovered from an infection.

Kimmich will, however, stay in the same hotel with the team for the trip to Augsburg, benefiting from an exception in new health rules issued by the state of Bavaria, that allows for professional travel and accommodation of non-vaccinated people.

Bayern, chasing an unprecedented 10th consecutive league crown, are four points clear of second-placed Borussia Dortmund and with a league record 40-goal haul after 11 Bundesliga matches, few would bet against them in Augsburg.

But the hosts know that if the champions are not fully focused on the game at the start, they could have a chance.



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### Invitation for Tenders (Re-Tender)

Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka		
1	Procuring entity name	'Up Scaling Regulatory Landscape of Green Banking for Shariah Based Banks and Financial Institutions in Bangladesh'. GCF RPSP Project Implementation Unit, Sustainable Finance Department, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
2	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
3	Invitation for	Procurement of 6 Laptop computers for GCF RPSP Project Implementation Unit, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office
4	Invitation reference no	SFD/GBMS/1003/6/2/2021-2914
5	Date	18 November 2021
Key Information		
6	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method
Funding Information		
7	Budget and source of fund	Green Climate fund
Particular Information		
8	Project program code (if applicable)	BGD-RS-004
9	Project program name (if applicable)	Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme
10	Tender package no.	BGD-RS-004/IT
11	Tender publication date	18 November 2021
12	Tender closing date & time	Date: 02 December 2021 Time: 12.00PM
13	Tender opening date & time	02 December 2021 12.30PM
14	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
-Receiving tender document		(a) gm.sfd@bb.org.bd, or (b) Hard copy GCT RPSP project Implementation Unit, Sustainable Finance Department 2nd Annex Building, 19th Floor, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka
-Opening tender document		GCF RPSP Project Implementation Unit, Sustainable Finance Department 2nd Annex Building, 19th Floor, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka.
Information for Tenderer		
15	Brief eligibility of tenderer	1. The minimum number of years of general experience of the tenderer in the supply of related goods as supplier shall be 3 (three) years overall experience. 2. Maximum 1 (one) number of arbitration against the tenderer over a period of last 3 (Three) years prior to the date of tender publication. 3. No joint venture is allowed 4. Minimum specific experience as supplier in supply of related goods (value BDT 15,50,000/-) successfully completed within the last 3 (Three) years. 5. Others specified in the STD.
16	Brief description of goods of works	Procurement and supply of 6 Laptop computers for GCF RPSP Up Scaling Regulatory Landscape of Green Banking for Shariah Based Banks and Financial Institutions in Bangladesh Project.
17	Lot No	Identification of lot
	1	6 Laptop Computers
		Location
		Sustainable Finance Department
		Tender Security amounts (Tk.)
		20,000/-
		Completion time in weeks/months from the date of contract signing
		4 (Four) weeks
Procuring entity details		
18	Name of official inviting tender	Khondker Morshed Millat
19	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director & General Manager.
20	Address of official inviting tender	GCF RPSP Project Implementation Unit Sustainable Finance Department 2nd Annex Building, 19th Floor, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka
21	Contact details of official inviting tender	Ahmed Zubaer Mahubub Joint Director Tel: 0192000800 E-mail: zubaer.mahubub@bb.org.bd
22	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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