

<div>What to WATCH</div> <div>DAY'S EVENT</div>	T SPORTS Sri Lanka vs West Indies 1st Test (Day 01) Live from 10:30 am Abu Dhabi T10 Deccan Gladiators vs	Team Abu Dhabi Live from 06:00 pm Chennai Braves vs Delhi Bulls Live from 08:00 pm Bangla Tigers vs Northern Warriors	Live from 10:00 pm La Liga Real Sociedad vs Valencia Live from 02:00 am (Monday)	STAR SPORTS HD 1 EPL Manchester City vs Everton Live from 08:00 pm Tottenham vs Leeds	Live from 10:30 pm STAR SPORTS 1 India vs New Zealand 3rd T20I Live from 07:30 pm TEN 2	Bundesliga Freiburg vs Eintracht Frankfurt Live from 08:30 pm Mainz 05 vs Koln Live from 10:30 pm
	NCL (Round 6, Day 1) Dhaka vs Khulna, BKSP-3 Rangpur vs Sylhet, BKSP-4	Chattogram vs Dhaka Metro, Sylhet Rajshahi vs Barishal, SICS Academy				



Chelsea players celebrate Antonio Rudiger's opening goal against Leicester City in their Premier League encounter at the King Power Stadium on Saturday. The Blues won the match 3-0 to go six points clear at the top of the table with 29 points from 12 matches.

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Chelsea cruise at King Power

AFP, Leicester



Chelsea swept to a 3-0 win at Leicester as N’Golo Kante’s rocket helped the Premier League leaders move six points clear at the top on Saturday.

Antonio Rudiger opened the scoring and Kante’s long-range blast put Chelsea in control before Christian Pulisic came off the bench to score in the second half.

Thomas Tuchel’s side are unbeaten in their last nine games in all competitions after erasing the bitter taste of a frustrating 1-1 draw against lowly Burnley before the international break.

Chelsea’s ruthless display provided the perfect riposte to Paris Saint Germain manager Mauricio Pochettino’s recent claim

that the European champions are a “defensive” team.

It was the ideal preparation for a big week that features a crucial Champions League tie against Juventus on Tuesday before Manchester United visit Stamford Bridge on November 28.

With Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku hoping to return shortly after an ankle injury and Timo Werner back among the substitutes following his hamstring problem, Chelsea are perfectly positioned to cement their place at the top of the table.

The only concern was an injury that forced off Italy midfielder Jorginho in the closing stages.

Chelsea made quick work of dispatching lacklustre Leicester, who had managed only one clean-sheet in their previous 17 league games and none since the opening

day of the season.

Ben Chilwell curled an inswinging corner towards Rudiger and the German centre-back got between two Leicester defenders to glance a header into the far corner.

Having squandered the lead against Burnley after missing a goal since scoring in the win at Tottenham in September.

Chelsea denied Leicester a single shot in the first half and they

remained firmly in control after the interval.

Hudson-Odoi was inches away with a long-range curler before under-worked Chelsea keeper Edouard Mendy was tested by Daniel Amartey’s fierce strike.

Jamie Vardy headed over from James Maddison’s cross as Leicester briefly put Chelsea under pressure. Chelsea midfielder Mason Mount was anonymous in his first start for almost a month after dental surgery and he was hauled off on the hour.

Pulisic was Mount’s replacement and the United States winger seized his chance when he stabbed home from fellow substitute Hakim Ziyech’s pass in the 71st minute.

It was Pulisic’s first club goal since the opening weekend of another injury-plagued season for the 23-year-old.

BKSP lads get chance to learn from world’s best

SPORTS REPORTER



Ten promising players from the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) had the chance to undergo a unique session with one of the world’s best penalty-corner specialists as Argentina’s Gonzalo Peillat, currently representing defending champions Mohammedan in the Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League, shared his knowhow.

Bangladesh’s domestic hockey league, being held after a three-and-half year gap, had already drawn attention when the world’s top players from Argentina and Netherlands committed and BSKP’s Malaysian coach Iman Gobinathan Krishnamurthy could not turn down the opportunity for his boys to get a lesson from a player who has hit 153 goals in 176 international matches.

After Mohammedan coach Modudur Rahman Shuvo was requested by Iman to arrange a practical session, 10 penalty-corner flickers from BKSP -- one from grade eight, four from grade nine, three from grade 10 and two from grade 11 -- met Gonzalo on Friday and received a demonstration of how to properly position their body, legs, shoulders and arms and other penalty-corner techniques for approximately 45 minutes at Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium.

“The penalty corner is the biggest weapon in hockey when it comes to winning matches. Gonzalo was the

best in the world from 2013 to 2018. Argentina won an Olympic gold medal in 2016 because of him. He scored 11 goals in those Olympics. Gonzalo sharing his knowledge will motivate the young generation to greater heights. I’m taking every opportunity to develop Bangladesh hockey,” Iman told The Daily Star yesterday.

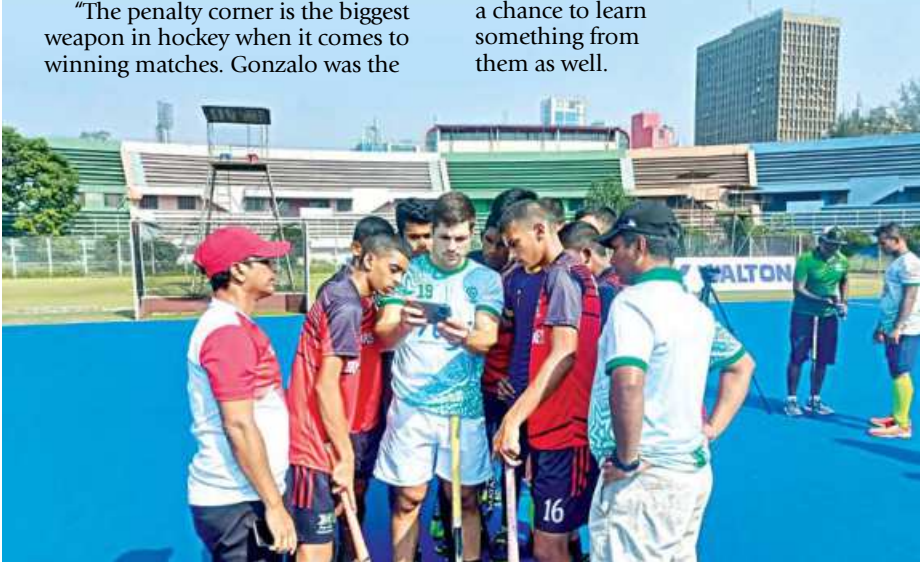
Iman thanked Gonzalo and Mohammedan for providing BKSP’s rising stars with the opportunity to learn from the best in the world.

Gonzalo was top-scorer in 2014 World Cup hockey with 10 goals as Argentina claimed a bronze medal before he finished as the top scorer in the 2016 Rio Olympics and led his nation to gold.

Mohammedan coach Shuvo, also a BKSP coach, welcomed the shift in training budding players practically instead of through video footage.

“We teach players by showing them videos but learning something directly from the one of the world’s best players is something different, it’s live. Gonzalo taught the boys how to position their body, legs and hands, when to release the ball during penalty corners. So, I believe this session will really help them a lot and inspire them to be best in the country,” the former national player said.

Shuvo informed that he had taken Indian players Sunil Vitalacharya and Vinaya V Swamy to BKSP earlier this month to give the boys a chance to learn something from them as well.



AFP, Melbourne



All players at the Australian Open must be vaccinated, tournament chief Craig Tiley confirmed Saturday,

piling more pressure on world number one Novak Djokovic, who has refused to reveal if he has been inoculated.

Melbourne, where January’s Grand Slam is held, has spent more than 260 days under lockdown during the pandemic and the government of the state of Victoria made clear last month there would be no concessions for unvaccinated players.

Tiley said the playing group know they must get the jab to compete at Melbourne Park.

“There’s a lot of speculation about vaccination and just to be really clear, when the (Victoria) premier announced that everyone on site... will need to be vaccinated, we made that clear to the playing group,” he told Channel Nine television.

“All the playing group understands it, our patrons will need to be vaccinated, all the staff working at the Australian Open will need to be vaccinated.

This includes nine-time champion

Djokovic.

Tiley said the Serbian superstar, who would be gunning for a record 21st Grand Slam singles title if he competes in Melbourne, “has said that he views this as a private matter for him”.

“We would love to see Novak here. He knows that he’ll have to be vaccinated to play here,” he added.

“He’s won the Australian Open nine times, I think he’d love to make it double digits and win it 10 times.”

Djokovic said this month he would await official confirmation on the requirements from Tennis Australia before making a decision.

“I am going to decide on whether I go to Australia after I see an official statement from Tennis Australia,” he said on the eve of the Paris Masters.

“There has been no official announcement or statement and until that is out I won’t be talking about this anymore. I do not want to be part of the stories about the assumptions and what ifs.”

Just 50 percent of players were fully vaccinated six weeks ago, but it shot up to 80 percent after the Victoria government’s announcement, Tiley said, adding that it was “continuing to track towards 100 percent”.

The Australian Open went ahead this year, but players were forced to spend two weeks in hotel quarantine, crowds were restricted and a five-day snap lockdown was called mid-event.

Organisers expect it will run as scheduled in 2022 from January 17, with fully vaccinated players set to enter Australia without being quarantined or confined to bio-secure bubbles.

Bumper crowds will also be permitted, with Victoria hitting 90 percent vaccination, allowing long-standing restrictions to be swept aside, including capacity limits on sporting events.

While doubt remains over Djokovic, Tiley said Rafael Nadal will return in search of a 21st Slam crown, although fellow 20-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer has been ruled out with a persistent right knee injury.

Top-ranked Ashleigh Barty will make another attempt to win her home major on the women’s side, and defending champion Naomi Osaka will also play.

Tiley said Serena Williams was also expected as she continues to target a 24th Slam title to equal Margaret Court’s all-time record.

‘A bitter setback FOR BAYERN’

AFP, Augsburg



Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich crashed to a shock 2-1 defeat at strugglers Augsburg on Friday without Germany midfielder Joshua Kimmich, who is back in quarantine after contact with someone who tested positive for Covid-19. Goals by Mads Pedersen and Andre Hahn put Augsburg 2-0 up and although Robert Lewandowski claimed his 14th goal in 12 league games, it was not enough to rescue Bayern.

“We deserve to fall behind in the first half,” Thomas Mueller told DAZN after his 600th appearance for Bayern ended in disappointment.

“We gave away possession, dealt with crosses badly. This is a bitter setback for us and our confidence.”

The Bundesliga leaders suffered only their second league defeat this season and their third in all competitions while Augsburg escaped the bottom three.

Second-placed Borussia Dortmund can now trim Bayern’s four-point lead when they host Stuttgart on Saturday.

Thick fog shrouded the Augsburg Arena, but the hosts were crystal clear with their game plan.

Brazilian left-back Iago caused havoc on the flank as Augsburg, who were third from bottom before kick-off, raced into a deserved 2-0 lead.

Iago floated in a cross to Swiss striker Andi Zeqiri, who laid the ball off to Pedersen to drill his first Bundesliga goal past Manuel Neuer after 23 minutes.

With Kimmich again watching at home having only been released from house quarantine on Tuesday, Bayern struggle in midfield.

Augsburg doubled their lead to the joy of home fans when Kimmich’s replacement Marcel Sabitzer lost possession and Iago again swung in a cross which Hahn headed home on 36 minutes.

Bayern responded when Thomas Mueller deftly flicked the ball into the path of Lewandowski who drilled his shot home despite Augsburg goalkeeper Rafal Gikiewicz getting a glove to the ball.

With Bayern 2-1 down at the break, Julian Nagelsmann plugged the pace on the flanks by bringing on right-back Alphonso Davies - who Mueller nicknamed ‘Bayern’s Road Runner’.

The fleet-footed Canadian stemmed Augsburg’s attacks on the flank and had two clear chances, but with twenty minutes to go Nagelsmann added a second striker with Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting alongside Lewandowski.

With time ticking down, Lewandowski was denied by a great save from Gikiewicz as Augsburg held on for the first win over Bayern since 2015.



Hamilton wears rainbow helmet

AFP, Doha

Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton wore a rainbow-coloured helmet during Friday’s practice sessions at the Qatar Grand Prix after saying Formula One was “duty bound” to raise awareness over human rights and equality in the country.

The tiny Gulf state is hosting its first F1 race this weekend and has signed a 10-year contract from 2023. Qatar’s motorsport chief recently said drivers would be free to “speak their minds” on controversial issues such as human rights.

Hamilton’s helmet sported pride rainbow colours designating support for LGBTQ+ rights and displayed the words “We



Stand Together” on the back. The Mercedes star spoke out Thursday about equal rights and increasing scrutiny on some of the countries the sport visited.

“I do feel that there are issues in these places that we are going to, as there are around the world, but of course (this) seems to be deemed as one of the worst in this part of the world.” “I do think as these sports go to these places they are duty bound to raise awareness for these issues and these places need scrutiny and need the media to speak about these things. Equal rights is a serious issue.”