What to WATCH

T SPORTS
Sri Lanka vs West Indies
1st Test (Day 4)
Live from 10:30 am

TEN 1
UEFA Champions League
Liverpool vs Porto
Live from 02:00 am (Thursday)

TEN 2
UEFA Champions League
Inter Milan vs Shakhtar Donetsk
Live from 11:45 pm
Manchester City vs PSG
Live from 02:00 am (Thursday)

TEN 3
UEFA Champions League
Sheriff vs Real Madrid
Live from 02:00 am (Thursday)

SONY SIX
UEFA Champions League
Besiktas vs Ajax
Live from 11:45 pm
Atletico Madrid vs AC Milan
Live from 02:00 am (Thursday)

DAY'S EVENT

NCL (Round 6, Day 4)
Dhaka vs Khulna, BKSP-3
Rangpur vs Sylhet, BKSP-4
Chattogram vs Dhaka Metro, Sylhet
Rajshahi vs Barishal, SICS Academy

No early skirmish among giants

SPORTS REPORTER

Giants avoided an early clash of heads as the draw for the 15-team Riviera Independence Cup was held alongside the signing ceremony and logo unveiling at the Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday.

The Independence Cup, which is usually held either in the middle of the season or at the end, is this time being launched as the season's opening tournament in line with the BFF's promise of holding the tournament to start the new season after failure to stage the Independence Cup last season.

While previous editions of the Independence Cup featured only Bangladesh Premier League clubs, three services teams -- Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Air Force -- have this time been given the green light to compete against top professional clubs.

The 15 teams will be split into four groups and will seek passage to the quarterfinals.

The last Independence Cup, held in 2018, saw Bashundhara Kings, Sheikh Russel and Sheikh Jamal pitted in the same group, which led to an early exit for Sheikh Jamal.

This time, defending champions Bashundhara Kings find themselves in Group D alongside former champions Chittagong Abahani, Bangladesh Police and Bangladesh Navy.

Last edition's runners-up Sheikh Russel were drawn alongside Sheikh Jamal, Uttar Baridhara Club and Bangladesh Air Force in Group B while Mohammedan, who were eliminated from the group stages in the last edition, were drawn alongside Saif SC, Muktijoddha Sangsad and Bangladesh Army in Group C.

Abahani have been handed a relatively easier Group A assignment, contending with Rahmatganj and newcomers Swadhinata Krira Sangstha.

The tournament's inaugural match will be between Abahani and Swadhinata KS at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium on Nov 27.

"We could not complete some competitions last season, including the Independence Cup, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We are going to start the season through the Independence Cup in the month of victory to mark the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as well as to honor those martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country," BFF senior vice president and professional league committee chairman Abdus Salam Murshedy said at a press conference yesterday.

GROUPINGS

Group A:
Abahani, Rahmatganj MFS and Swadhinata KS
Group B:
Sheikh Jamal DC, Sheikh Russel KC, Uttar Baridhara Club and Bangladesh Air Force
Group C:
Saif SC, Mohammedan SC, Muktijoddha Sangsad and Bangladesh Army
Group D:
Bashundhara Kings, Ctg Abahani, Bangladesh Police and Bangladesh Navy

PSG *in* CITY

AGENCIES

Seeking to avenge their September defeat at the Parc des Princes, Manchester City welcome Paris Saint-Germain to the Etihad Stadium for Wednesday's Champions League Group A battle.

The hosts currently sit at the summit with nine points to their name, but PSG are only one point behind and will also eye qualification to the next round this week.

Such a thumping saw this merciless City side surge to the top of the rankings in Group A after PSG were held by RB Leipzig, and Pep Guardiola's side will assure themselves of a first-place finish and a spot in the last 16 with all three points against PSG.

Man City will remain without Kevin De Bruyne for this fixture following his positive coronavirus test, and it remains to be seen if Jack Grealish will be passed fit after missing the Everton win with a minor injury.

Meanwhile, PSG's medical room has emptied out in recent weeks, and there is a chance that Sergio Ramos may finally be ready for his long-awaited debut in navy blue.

Among the other big battles on the night will see Inter host Shakhtar Donetsk in Milan as Real Madrid travel to FC Sheriff, with Real, Inter and Sheriff in the hunt for the two qualifying spots.

Meanwhile, after picking up their first Group B point on Matchday 4, AC Milan may have an eye on Atalanta's great escape of 2019-20 when the Serie A club recovered from a similarly grim start to make it to the round of 16. With Liverpool already through, and Porto and Atletico not out of reach, that escape route is open and Milan would look for all three points away to Atletico.

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A woman walks past a mural of late football legend Diego Armando Maradona in Buenos Aires as Argentina prepare to mark the first death anniversary of its famous son. (Inset) Cuban Mavys Alvarez presents documents at a press conference alleging Maradona of rape and human trafficking.

PHOTO: AFP/REUTERS

'All my innocence was stolen from me'

REUTERS, *Buenos Aires*

Mavys Alvarez, a Cuban woman who had a relationship with late soccer star Diego Maradona two decades ago, told a news conference on Monday that the Argentine player had raped her when she was a teenager and "stolen her childhood."

Alvarez, now 37, gave testimony last week to an Argentine Ministry of Justice court that is investigating her allegations of trafficking against Maradona's former entourage, linked to events when she was 16.

Maradona, widely considered one of the greatest ever soccer stars, died a year ago on Nov. 25, 2020.

The complaint relates to a journey Alvarez took to Argentina with Maradona in 2001, when he was around 40 and she was 16.

Alvarez said that she first met the soccer star shortly before the trip, when he was in Cuba to undergo drug addiction treatment.

At a news conference in Buenos Aires, Alvarez said Maradona had raped her in the clinic in Havana where he was staying, while her mother was in the next room.

"He covers my mouth, he rapes me, I don't want to think about it too much," Alvarez said.

"I stopped being a girl, all my innocence was stolen from me. It's hard. You stop living the innocent things that a girl of that age has to experience."

Matias Morla, Maradona's lawyer before his death, did not respond to a request for comment. Reuters could not identify other legal representatives for Maradona in the case.

Alvarez has previously described the relationship in media interviews as consensual, but also said that Maradona had at least on one occasion forced himself upon her.

She said that her family had only allowed a relationship with the star to happen, despite the large age gap, because of Maradona's friendship with the late Cuban President Fidel Castro.

"My family would never have accepted it if the Cuban government had not been involved," she said. "They were forced in another way to accept a relationship that was not good for them, or for anyone."

Cuba's government did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Alvarez said she had filed the complaint "in order to help all women, all victims of trafficking, of crime," she said. "To be able to help them in whatever way I can. That's my idea."

She said it was hard to be back in Argentina, where Maradona remains a hero to many.

"It's hard to be in his country, to see that he is everywhere, he is an idol and at the same time everything I remember about him as a person feels ugly," she said.