

What to WATCH

T SPORTS
 Bangladesh vs Pakistan
 2nd Test, Day 5
 Live from 09:30 am
 Independence Cup
 Bashundhara Kings vs

Chattogram Abahani
 Live from 06:00 pm
TEN 1
 Uefa Champions League
 Juventus vs Malmo FF
 Live from 11:45 pm

Manchester United vs Young Boys
 Live from 02:00 am
 (Thursday)
TEN 2
 Uefa Champions League

Zenit Petersburg vs Chelsea
 Live from 11:45 pm
 Bayern Munich vs Barcelona
 Live from 02:00 am
 (Thursday)

SONY SIX
 The Ashes
 Australia vs England
 1st Test, Day 2
 Live from 06:00 am
 (Thursday)

DAY'S EVENT

Independence Cup
 Bangladesh Police vs Bangladesh Navy, Kamalapur Stadium

Bashundhara Kings vs
 Chattogram Abahani, Kamalapur Stadium



Premier League riches sow fear among CL rivals

AFP, Liverpool



As Barcelona and Spanish champions Atletico Madrid scrap for a place in the Champions League last 16 this week, the Premier League's four participants can take it easy knowing their places in the knockout stages are already guaranteed.

Liverpool, Manchester City and Manchester United have all secured top spot in their groups with a game to spare, while defending champions Chelsea will join them with victory over Zenit Saint Petersburg.

The success of English clubs this season continues a worrying trend for the rest of Europe.

Two of the past three Champions League finals have been all-English affairs, contested by four different clubs.

If results on the field were not galling enough for the rest of Europe, the Premier League's ability to attract record-breaking television rights deals from around the globe has fuelled fears the gap between the top English clubs and the rest will only grow in coming years.

The English top-flight has long enjoyed its position as the wealthiest league in the world on the back of bumper TV deals for the domestic market.

But even as the value of those rights has stalled over the past two tenders, the international market has ensured there is still steady growth.

Last month, the Premier League secured a reported \$2.7 billion



(£2 billion) renewal with US broadcaster NBC for a six-year rights deal.

That followed another £2 billion overseas six-year deal for the Nordic countries, starting in 2022.

By comparison, Spain's La Liga celebrated a \$1.4 billion deal in May with ESPN for US rights that runs for the next eight years.

The relative size of those deals means the impact of the coronavirus pandemic has been felt very differently across the continent.

In the most recent transfer window, Premier League clubs' net spend of £560 million was more than 10 times that of La Liga (£55 million), Serie A (£50 million) and Ligue 1 (£15 million), while

Bundesliga clubs made a net profit of an estimated £35 million thanks to Jadon Sancho's £73 million move from Borussia Dortmund to Manchester United.

Sancho followed Kai Havertz and Timo Werner in swapping Germany for England with another Dortmund pair, Jude Bellingham and Erling Haaland, tipped to make the same move next year.

Bayer Leverkusen CEO Fernando Carro told AFP the Bundesliga risked becoming merely a development league for the Premier League if the current trend continued.

"We tried to buy a player in the summer and in the end a promoted side from the Premier League was able to pay more money and a

higher salary than us, a top-four side in Germany," said Carro.

"The Premier League has so much more money and resources than any other country. This is not good for us."

Spanish clubs have suffered from the talent drain. Between 2013 and 2020 La Liga boasted the best UEFA coefficient for performance in European competition.

This week financially stricken Barca, Atletico, Sevilla and Villarreal are all in serious peril of bowing out at the group stage of the Champions League. Exits would deal another heavy economic blow to a league that has already mortgaged a share of future TV rights to private equity firm CVC for a cash injection.

Leverkusen's Carro warned differences were becoming stark.

"We could double or triple our TV income and we still wouldn't close the gap," he warned.

The failed European Super League project was designed to bring the superpowers of Spanish and Italian football back on a level playing field.

That plan was foiled when the six English clubs involved quickly withdrew after a furious backlash from fans earlier this year.

But Real Madrid, Barcelona and Juventus have refused to give up the fight as they seek fresh income streams that their domestic competitions do not provide.

Others may soon come back to the table should the Premier League clubs continue to pull away and establish themselves as unchallengeable giants in the European game.

‘Every time my players take the pitch, I hold my breath’

SPORTS REPORTER



After Bashundhara Kings' Tapu Barman sustained an injury at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium earlier, national discard Jafar Iqbal suffered the same fate, being ruled out for six weeks, after picking up a knee injury in an Independence Cup fixture against Saif Sporting Club.

Mohammedan's vital winger also blamed the poor turf at the Big Bowl for the injury, which occurred following his challenge on Saif SC defender Nasirul Islam in the sixth minute of the match. Jafar eventually hobbled off in the 30th minute after failing to contend with the pain.

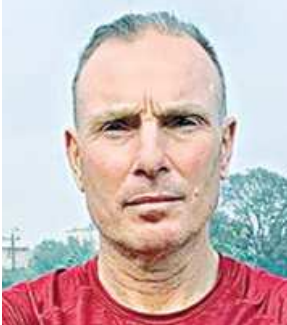
Jafar had also sustained an injury on the same turf during a Third Division Football League match in 2015.

"While sliding in to clear a ball from the feet of a Saif SC player at the start of the match, the spikes on my right shoe got caught in the turf and I hit my right knee against the player, thus injuring myself. Now I can't fold my leg or walk without support," Jafar told The Daily Star, adding that he was scheduled to undergo an MRI test in the afternoon.

Mohammedan coach Sean Lane guessed that it may be ligament damage, which could rule Jafar out for a long time.

"He could be out for a long time. We are waiting to have an MRI test today," the Australian said, adding that five to six Mohammedan players had also suffered injuries due to the poor turf in Kamalapur.

"It's like playing on concrete. The players' studs get caught in the turf. I have lost more than six players to long-term injuries at Kamalapur since I have been here. There will be more knee injuries during this tournament for sure. Every time my players take the pitch, I hold my breath. It's unsafe and well below FIFA standards," Lane told The Daily Star. "We surely can't be forced to play the Federation Cup there."



Abahani thru as group winners

SPORTS REPORTER

Debutant Brazilian striker Dorielton Gomes Nascimento struck a brace in Riviera Independence Cup as Abahani emerged group champions with a 3-1 win over Rahmatganj in final group D match at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium yesterday.

Raphael Augusto netted the third one to send Abahani into the quarterfinals with an all-win record to set a last-eight battle against Bangladesh Army.

Rahmatganj were eliminated while newcomers Swadhinata KS advanced to the knockout stage as Group A runners-up to set up last-eight clash against Saif SC.

Abahani conceded the lead against the run of play in the 15th minute when Enamul Islam's shot took a deflection off Abahani defender Tutul Hossain Badsha.

But the last lasted only one minute as Dorielton converted a penalty in the 16th minute while Tetty squandered a spot-kick to deprive Rahmatganj from restoring the lead in the 42nd minute.

Dorielton gave Abahani the lead back-heeling an Augusto cut-back in the 50th minute before Augusto wrapped up the victory converting a penalty in the 71st minute.



Free tattoos for fans

AFP, Belo Horizonte

Fresh off winning the Brazilian league title for the first time in 50 years, football club Atletico Mineiro gave its fans free tattoos Monday to celebrate.

Hundreds of fans lined up in the rain in the club's hometown, the southeastern city of Belo Horizonte, to get one of four designs immortalized on the body part of their choice.

Organizers brought in some 30 tattoo artists to put ink to skin at the MRV Arena, the champions' under-construction new home, offering a select menu of options: a picture of the trophy; a rooster, the club's mascot; the words "The Rooster Won"; or

a drawing of the arena.

"I have a rooster in my heart, and now I've got one on my arm," said 73-year-old pensioner Terezinha das Gracas, proudly showing off her new tattoo.

Some die-hards even lined up overnight to be sure to get one of the 1,000 tattoos on offer.

Organizers asked fans to donate one kilogram (2.2 pounds) of food to charity in exchange for the tattoos.

The event was sponsored by construction company MRV, founded by Rubens Menin, one of a group of benefactors who lent Atletico Mineiro money at zero interest to enable the club to sign a series of star players.

BAF lifts ban on Ismail

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Athletics Federation (BAF) on Monday lifted a ban on Mohammad Ismail, the country's fastest man, after the 29-year-old sprinter sought exemption from a one-year ban.

Ismail had been banned by the BAF for lodging a complaint to the Bangladesh Olympic Association against BAF officials after they selected Zahir Raihan ahead of him for the Tokyo Olympics.

"I admitted my mistake and promised not to make such mistakes in the future in a letter placed to the BAF president. I also requested the president to lift my ban for the sake of my career as well as the country's athletics and to allow me to take part in the upcoming National Athletics Championships," Ismail told The Daily Star, adding that his employers, Bangladesh Navy, had also worked to lift the ban.

Ismail was banned for one year effective from October 2. He served more than two months before the ban was lifted although he did not stop training.

"I was optimistic of being acquitted and continued training because the upcoming national championships are going to be tough because England-based sprinter Emdadur Rahman is coming to compete," added Ismail.



NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY
Center of Excellence in Higher Education

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

North South University (NSU), the first private university in Bangladesh, seeks applications from candidates with required qualifications and experiences for the following positions:

Please read the full job description carefully to see if you have the skills, knowledge and experience that we are looking for. Only eligible candidates will be contacted by NSU for written test and viva.

Lab Officer (EEE/EET): 3 (three) positions and Lab Officer (CSE): 1 (one) position, Department of ECE

Job Responsibilities:

- Delivering lecture relevant to the lab session assigned Laboratory Room.
- Preparing Lab Manuals for the respective lab sessions.
- Attending 3 (three) hours for a Lab session for each of the Lab sections assigned per week.
- Evaluating student performance of the lab sessions.

Qualifications:

- B.Sc/ M.Sc in CSE/EEE/EET from any reputed university with good academic background.
- Minimum CGPA requirement is 3.50.

Job Experience:

EEE/EET Candidates

- The EEE/EET candidates are required to have preferably 1 (one) year of experience in teaching (a) Machine, (b) Power Electronics, (c) Control Engineering, (d) Electrical Circuits, (e) Analog Electronics, (f) Fiber Optic Communication, (g) Digital Signal Processing and (h) Mobile and Wireless Communication System Lab.
- Preference will be given to the candidates having practical knowledge of experiments in Fiber Optic Communication and Mobile and Wireless Communication System Lab.

CSE Candidates

- The CSE candidates are required to have a strong background in C/C++/Java, Computer Architecture, Digital Logic Design with strong theoretical and practical knowledge in Data Structure and Algorithm.
- Preferably 1 (one) year of experience in teaching related laboratory classes.
- Preference will be given to the candidates skilled in Dynamic Web Development/ Programming using open-source software.

In all the above cases, additional research with publications and teaching experience, especially in English medium, in the relevant subject will be considered as a plus point.

Laboratory Officer, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences: 1 (one) position

Job Description:

- Setting up the equipment required for teaching and practical demonstration classes.
- Assisting faculty members in conducting lab classes and relevant research activities.
- Maintaining sophisticated laboratory equipment.
- Helping research students to conduct their research projects.
- Performing any other job that may be assigned by the authority from time to time.

Qualifications:

- M. Pharm.
- NSU applicants with a 4 year Bachelor degree are encouraged to apply.
- Should be conversant with laboratory techniques.
- Having experience of handling laboratory animal will be given preference.

Other Terms and Conditions (for all positions):

- The age limit of the candidates for this position is between 25-32 years.
- For Laboratory Officer, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, candidates must have 2 to 3 years of practical laboratory experience at least in academic/diagnostics/research institutes.
- Should be proficient in English and have good communication skill.
- Candidates should be well conversant in computer applications and Internet browsing for data search.
- Candidates should be able to work in shifts and holidays, if required.
- Third division/ class/ equivalent GPA of the candidates in any educational level will not be accepted.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any application without giving any reason.

Attractive salary packages and other allowances and service benefits with Provident Fund, Gratuity, Festival Bonuses, Group Insurance, in- house free Medical Consultation, as per NSU salary structure and policy will be offered.

Candidates should apply from his/her own e-mail address with complete CV, photograph, copies of certificates, transcripts and other credentials by **22nd December 2021**, by e-mail.

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