

What to WATCH

GTV & STAR SPORTS SELECT 2

Bangladesh v Zimbabwe
One-off Test, Day 3
Live from 9:20am
STAR SPORTS 1
New Zealand v India

First Test, Day 4

Live from 4:30am
STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
English Premier League
Liverpool v West Ham
Live from 1:50am (Tuesday)

STAR SPORTS 2

ICC Women's T20 World Cup
Australia v Sri Lanka
Live from 1:00pm
Bangladesh v India
Live from 5:00pm

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh v Zimbabwe
One-off Test, Day 3
Time: 9:20am
Venue: SBNS, Mirpur

Bangladesh Cricket League
Five-day Match, Day 3
Time: 9:30am
South Zone v East Zone

Venue: ZACS, Chattogram
Bangladesh Premier League
BD Police v Uttar Baridhara
Time: 6:30pm

Venue: BNS, Dhaka
Sheikh Russel v Mohammedan
Time: 6:30pm
Venue: Sylhet District Stadium

BRUNO FIRES MANCHESTER UNITED

Bruno Fernandes opened his goalscoring account at Manchester United on Sunday as Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side climbed to fifth in the Premier League with a 3-0 win against Watford. United have struggled for consistency all season but the victory at Old Trafford lifts them to 41 points, just three behind fourth-placed Chelsea. Fernandes scored from the penalty spot shortly before half-time and Anthony Martial and Mason Greenwood also found the net. "This is what I want to do and what I need to do," Fernandes said.

-- AFP



Real and Hazard go down

REUTERS, Valencia

A superb strike from Jose Luis Morales condemned Real Madrid to a 1-0 defeat away to Levante on Saturday which saw them unseated at the top of the La Liga standings by Barcelona.

Real's problems deepened with a suspected ankle injury to Eden Hazard, who limped off the pitch four days before their Champions League showdown with Manchester City and a week before their showdown with Barca in the 'Clasico'.

Morales won the game with an unstoppable strike in the 79th minute, flummoxing Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois by blasting a first-time shot inside the near post from a tight angle.

Real's first defeat in the league since October saw them fall to second place on 53 points after 25 games, while Levante climbed up to 10th.

Champions Barcelona replaced Real at the top of the table on 55 after hammering Eibar 5-0 earlier on.

"A week ago we were three points clear and now we're two points behind, that shows you cannot afford to switch off," said Real defender Dani Carvajal.

"We wasted a lot of chances, we began well but got worse as the game went on and we have lost three points."



Eden Hazard limped off with an ankle injury during Real Madrid's 1-0 defeat at Levante on Saturday. PHOTO: REUTERS



Cristiano Ronaldo scored the opening goal against SPAL on his 1000th professional appearance at the Paolo-Mazza Stadium in Ferrara on Saturday. Juventus won the match 2-1. PHOTO: AFP

Saif SC's five-minute miracle

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With two goals in the final five minutes, Emery Bayisenge completed a rousing comeback for hosts Saif SC, who clawed back to get a 2-2 draw with Chattogram Abahani in a Bangladesh Premier League encounter in Mymensingh yesterday.

With a 2-0 lead in the 89th minute, the visitors seemed to be heading for their second victory, but 10-man Saif SC surged back emphatically to earn a creditable point after two victories.

After a barren first half, Saif SC forward Faisal Ahmed Fahim received a straight red card in the 59th minute for a foul on Chinedu Mathew.

The visitors took just two minutes to make their advantage count as Brazilian forward Nixon Gylheme fired home from inside the box after receiving a pass from Rakib Hossain.

Mathew doubled the lead in the 78th minute after Didier Charles played him into the box. The Nigerian saw his first effort parried by an advancing Pappu Hossain, before firing the rebound home.

However, there was plenty of drama to come. Yeasin Arafat headed on a Mohammad Rafi cross and an unmarked Emery easily found the back of the net in the 90th minute.

In the fourth minute of the seven minutes of stoppage time, Emery rose high to nod a cross from Murolimzhov

Akhmedov into the net to spare Saif SC a defeat and keep them top of the table with seven points from three outings.

Chittagong Abahani raised their tally to four points from three matches following a forgettable defeat to Arambagh in their previous match.

In the day's other match, hosts Arambagh also came from two goals down to play out a 2-2 draw against Muktiyoddha Sangsad at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Eleta Benjamin scored an own goal to give the visitors a lead in the 12th minute before Eleta Kingsley leveled in the 47th minute. Mohammad Sohel restored Muktiyoddha Sangsad's lead in the 57th minute but Eleta Kingsley struck his second in the 89th minute.

Agreement signed, sponsors unveiled

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Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) yesterday signed an agreement with Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) to stage the Junior Asia Cup in June while also unveiling the logo of the event, which has been named Bangabandhu Al Arafat Islami Bank Junior Asia Cup.

The June 4-12 tournament, also a qualifying tournament for Junior World Cup, will feature 10 teams -- India, Japan, Pakistan, South Korea, China, Libya, Uzbekistan, Chinese Taipei, Oman and Bangladesh -- with top four teams advancing to the Junior World Cup to be held in India.

"We are enthusiastic and inspired to have the Bangabandhu Al Arafat Islami Bank Junior Asia Cup as this year we are going to celebrate the 100th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

"We will host Junior Asia Cup in June and Asian Champions Trophy in November. Junior Asian Cup will have 10 teams and as a host team, we are privileged to get maximum benefit from this competition. It is a great opportunity for us as Bangladesh team is expected to be one of the top four teams and qualify for the Junior World Cup," said BHF president and Air Chief Air Marshal Mashiuzzaman Serniabat during the logo unveiling and signing ceremony at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

The BHF president and AHF general secretary Tayyeb Ikram signed the agreement on behalf of their organisations while sponsor Al Arafat Bank's managing director Forman Chowdhury was the signatory in the sponsorship agreement.

Goals galore in women's league

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Following a 12-goal fixture on the opening day, the Tricofex Women's Football League saw 19 goals scored in two matches on the second day at the Shaheed Bishreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

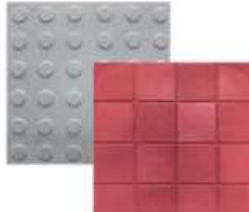
Nasrin Sports Academy overwhelmed Spartan MK Galactico Sylhet FC 12-0 riding on Aklima Khatun's four goals and Swapna's three goals. Mousin and Unnoti Khatun struck twice while Shohagi netted one goal in the match where Nasrin SA dominated the first half 5-0.

In the day's other match, Jannath Islam Rumi slotted a hatrick to power Jamalpur Kacharipara Ekados to a 6-1 win over Sylhet FC. Apart from Rumi's treble, Kursia Jannath struck twice and Tania scored one goal. Ashamoni scored the lone goal for the losing side.

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