

EUROPEAN SCENE

Football

PREMIERSHIP

London
Manchester United's hopes of a fourth straight Premiership title hang in the balance after a shock 1-0 home reverse to struggling Middlebrough on Saturday, their eighth league defeat of the campaign.

No team has ever won the Premiership after losing eight games in a season.

Croatian striker Alen Boksic silenced the Old Trafford crowd by scoring the decisive goal in the ninth minute.

Defeat for leaders United leaves them just one point clear of second-placed Arsenal, who have two games in hand. The title holders have 64 points from 32 games with the Gunners on 63 from 30, while Liverpool are in third place on 62 from 31.

Liverpool can now go top by a single point if they win Sunday's home encounter with Chelsea.

Elsewhere, attention focused on the wrong end of the table. In a remarkable relegation dogfight Everton won 4-3 at Derby, who had shown signs of a revival recently under John Gregory.

Bolton moved out of the bottom three after a 2-1 win at Charlton, France international midfielder Yuri Djorkaeff scoring twice.

Leeds knocked another nail in Leicester's coffin with a 2-0 win at Filbert Street to leave the Midlands ten points adrift at the bottom and relegation now appears a certainty for the Foxes.

Jason McAteer scored against the run of play to give Sunderland the lead against Southampton at the Stadium of Light - but Jo Tessem rescued a point for the Saints in a 1-1 draw while Ipswich are back in the drop zone after a goalless draw at home to Aston Villa.

PRIMERA LIGA

Madrid
Real Betis missed a golden opportunity to join the Primera Liga leaders Saturday night being held to a 0-0 draw at home in a grim derby match against local rivals Sevilla.

Betis, who have drawn 12 of their league games, remain stuck in fourth position two points behind leaders Real Madrid and Valencia and equal on points but behind Deportivo La Coruna on goal difference.

Meanwhile, ninth-placed Malaga were also held to a 0-0 draw at home against third from bottom Rayo Vallecano, with the referee disallowing a goal by veteran Malaga striker by Julio Cesar Del Valdes as offside.

Las Palmas came from behind to score a 3-2 win over Villarreal, a loss which could cost Villarreal coach Victor Munoz his job.

SERIE A

Parma
Juventus suffered a major setback in their quest for a 26th Serie A crown when they were beaten by a late goal at struggling Parma on Saturday.

Frenchman Sabri Lamouchi was the man of the moment hitting a superb strike with just three minutes left in the match after Juventus had squandered a host of chances throughout the match.

The result keeps Juve in third place in the table, a point behind joint leaders Inter Milan and champions Roma, who meet on Sunday at the San Siro.

BUNDESLIGA

Berlin
Bayer Leverkusen enjoyed a Saturday stroll swamping 1860 Munich 4-0 to maintain a four-point lead in the German Bundesliga.

It took 45 minutes for Leverkusen to batter their way through their visitors' defences but once Zoltan Sebeson had done so with a header from a Ze Roberto freekick on the stroke of half-time the floodgates opened.

Veteran striker Ulf Kirsten, 36, added two more either side of an effort by Turkish international Yildiray Basturk to wrap up a comprehensive win which leaves Leverkusen in command on 59 points from 28 games.

Bayern, meanwhile, thanked a pair of efforts from Brazilian forward Giovane Elber and a penalty from Bosnian international Hasan Salihamidzic for their easy 3-0 win over relegation-haunted Cologne - all the goals coming after the break.

Having taken his Bayern account to 108 goals Elber is now the highest-scoring foreigner in Bundesliga history.

Dortmund, a point clear of Bayern, face Energie Cottbus on Sunday as they look to keep their own title campaign on track.

Aussies again too

FROM PAGE 13

With Klusener around, though, South Africa still had a sniff. He spent much of 2001 fiddling around with his bottom hand having taken over almost completely, but he has found his range again since being dropped from the Test side in Australia and while he was hitting, Australia could never be entirely sure of victory.

This effort contained four huge sixes (two of them coming off successive Shane Watson deliveries), but eventually his luck ran out when he holed out at cow corner off Darren Lehmann.

Australia, then, have put some space between themselves and South Africa. With five matches in the series remaining, the home side have to win four to deny the Australians. And for that to happen, the top order needs to function.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard in the second one-day international between South Africa and Australia at Centurion Park here on Sunday:

AUSTRALIA
Gilchrist c Kirsten b Pollock 7
Hayden c Rhodes b Boje 38
Maher c Kallis b Telemachus 95
Ponting c and b Boje 0
Martyr c Boucher b Telemachus 42
Lehmann not out 13
Watson c Gibbs b Pollock 2
Bichel b Pollock 7
Gillespie lbw b Pollock 4
Hauritz not out 2
Extras: (lb-8, nb-7, w-1) 16
Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs) 226
Falls of wickets: 1-14, 2-99, 3-99, 4-192, 5-201, 6-206, 7-216, 8-220.

Bowler O M R W
McGrath 7 2 14 2
Gillespie 9.2 1 43 4
Watson 6 0 21 0
Bichel 10 1 33 0
Hauritz 8 0 46 1
Lehmann 6 0 22 1

Result: Australia won by 45 runs.
Man-of-match: Jimmy Maher.
Series: Australia lead 2-0.
Umpires: Ian Howell, Shahid Wadvalia (both Rsa)
TV umpire: Karl Hurter (Rsa)
Match referee: Cammie Smith (Wis)
Remaining matches:
Potchefstroom, March 27;
Bloemfontein, March 30; Durban, April 3; Port Elizabeth, April 6; Cape Town, April 9.

Pollock	10	1	32	4
Ntini	9	0	43	0
Kallis	9	0	38	0
Telemachus	10	0	42	2
Kluseener	4	0	26	0
Boje	8	0	37	2
Did not bat:	G McGrath.			

SOUTH AFRICA
Gibbs c Hauritz b McGrath 5
Kirsten c Ponting b Gillespie 21
Kallis c Ponting b McGrath 4
Dippenaar run out (Ponting) 21
Rhodes lbw b Gillespie 0
Boucher b Hauritz 1 6
Kluseener c Hayden b Lehmann 59
Pollock run out (Ponting) 17
Boje c Gilchrist b Gillespie 18
Telemachus lbw b Gillespie 2
Ntini not out 2
Extras: (lb-2, nb-3, w-1) 6
Total: (All out in 46.2 overs) 181
Falls of wickets: 1-18, 2-30, 3-42, 4-45, 5-80, 6-81, 7-110, 8-177 9-177

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Ben's girlfriend still in danger

AFP, Perth

The injured girlfriend of England cricketer Ben Hoolioake, killed in a car crash here Saturday, remains in a critical condition, a spokesman for Royal Perth Hospital said Sunday.

Janaya Scholten, 23, was travelling in the sports car Hoolioake was driving in South Perth when it spun out of control and hit a brick wall.

Pepsi Media Cup

FROM PAGE 13

Bhorer Kagoj (Group-B); ATN, Banglabazar Patrika, Sangram, New Nation (Group-C); Arthonity, Dinkal, ABAS and Janakanta (Group-D).

This will be a six-a-side tournament and each match will be played with stipulated six-over a side. Champions of each group will qualify for the semifinals to be held on April 1. The final will be held on the same day.

MSC sail, Biman

FROM PAGE 13

Mahbub b K mahmud 21
Sajal not out 15
Towhid not out 10
Extras: (lb-2, nb-1, w-16) 19
Total: (For 5 wickets in 45 overs) 264
Falls of wickets: 1-54, 2-160, 3-193, 4-229, 5-246.

Bowler O M R W
Aminuljr 9 2 43 1
Al-Amin 5 0 30 0
K Mahmud 9 0 63 3
Ziaur 9 0 47 0
Shariful 5 0 39 0
Aminul sr 8 0 36 1

BIMAN
Javed Omar run out 20
Faruque b Athar Ali 28
K Mahmud c Mustadir b Morshed 2
Aminul sr c & b Imran 11
Aftab b Mustadir 22
Hasanuzzaman lbw b Imran 8
Sajjad c Joy b Sajal 2
Ziaur b Morshed 57
Shariful c Sajal b Morshed 29
Aminuljr not out 0
Al-Amin not out 1
Extras: (b-1, lb-7, nb-6, w-12) 26
Total (For 9 wickets in 45 overs) 206
Falls of wickets: 1-48, 2-50, 3-61, 4-86, 5-94, 6-99, 7-115, 8-204, 9-204.

Bowler O M R W
Morshed 8 0 31 3
Sajal 9 0 49 1
Athar Ali 4 1 14 1
Imran 9 1 38 2
Jewel 7 0 21 1
Mustadir 6 0 33 1
Towhid 2 0 12 0

Result: Brothers Union won by 58 runs.

Sachin, skipper again?

Cricket

REUTERS, New Delhi

Sachin Tendulkar does not mind taking over as India captain for a third time, but feels he is not ready for the job yet.

"To be honest, I am not really thinking about it right now," Tendulkar said in an interview to Star Sports.

"But I haven't ruled it out completely," he added.

"I just want to give myself some time and when I am ready to take over, I will let the concerned people know that I am open for this. It's your (the selectors') call."

Tendulkar first became captain in 1996 but was removed at the end of 1997 after a series of poor results, only to assume the responsibility a second time in 1999.

He relinquished the job on his return home following a 3-0 Test series rout in Australia in early 2000

and hinted he would never return to lead the national side again.



SACHIN TENDULKAR

Current skipper Saurav Ganguly replaced him in the job.
The 28-year-old batsman also admitted he has become more

conservative in his shot selection in Tests, cutting down on uninhibited stroke-play that has featured his career so far.

Asked whether he had slowed down, he said: "I've just learnt to pace my innings better. I think my style has changed a bit."

He also attributed his new batting approach to his changing temperament: "Sometimes your frame of mind is also different. One can't forget that."

"Maybe my bat swing is not right, my footwork is not... so better not to fool around. On that occasion you don't end up playing too many shots."

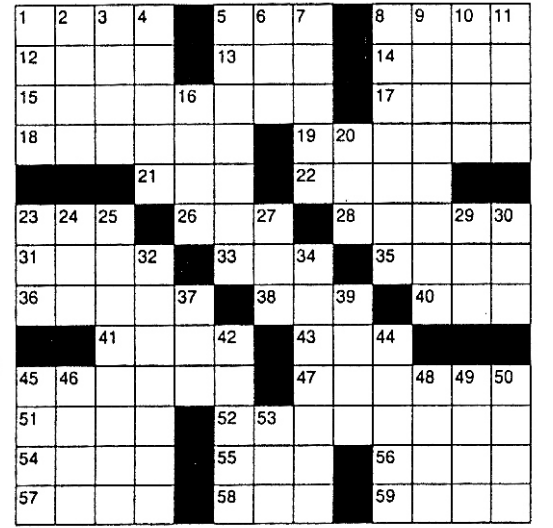
Tendulkar, the only batsman to score over 11,000 one-day runs with a world record 31 centuries, is also India's second highest Test run-getter with over 7,000 runs.

His 28 Test hundreds stand only behind compatriot Sunil Gavaskar's world record 34 and Australian Don Bradman's 29.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Lofly
5 Favorite
8 Not care
12 Reed instrument
13 Scull prop
14 Unadorned
15 Happiness
17 Lay — thick
18 Large bottle
19 Com-motion up the
21 Fedora, e.g.
22 Actor Sharif
23 Dict. offering
26 Deleted (Abbr.)
28 Kicking partner
31 You love (Lat.)
33 Sartorial mishap
35 Use a teaspoon
36 Channels

DOWN
1 Dandy, in honoree
24 Big bird
25 Ease
27 Under-stand
29 Complete
30 Sea eagle
32 Walks
34 Hair dressings
37 Oit-bracketed word
39 Small meal
42 Parlor pieces
44 Silly song-writer
45 Sherman
46 Bivouac
patria mia "is one ... from this opera
49 Ollie's pal
50 Model Banks
53 " — not choose to run"



CRYPTOQUIP

A E Z G J F U A V S U E A X N
M A P Q L U D P K Q X R " L J U !",
M D K D J U S A G H S Q ' X X

R U D F N Z H A G V Z R L Q G Q ?
Yesterday's Cryptquip: I AM A GARDENER WHO ALSO PLAYS POOL. YOU MIGHT SAY I WATCH MY PEAS AND CUES.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: U equals T

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 3:10 News Headlines
- 3:15 Desher Gaan
- 3:20 Open University
- 3:45 Shasthathalya
- 4:00 Khabar
- 4:20 School Debate
- 5:00 News Headlines
- 5:05 Shukhi Poribar
- 5:30 Special on Holy Ashura for children
- 6:00 Khabar
- 6:10 Hamd O' Naat
- 6:35 Programme from Chittagong station
- 7:00 News Headlines
- 7:05 Special discussion on Holy Ashura
- 7:30 Hamd O' Naat
- 8:00 News in Bengali
- 8:30 Special on Independence Day
- 8:50 Discussion (Holy Ashura)
- 9:00 News Headlines
- 10:00 News at Ten
- 10:30 Shadinotar Ghoshok Zia
- 11:30 Khabar / The News
- 12:00pm Ekushey Midday
- 12:30 Deshjure
- 1:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 1:05 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
- 1:30 Documentary Programme: Japan Video Tropic
- 1:50 Classic Cartoons
- 2:10 Nazrul Gitee
- 2:40 Drishti
- 3:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 3:05 Drama Serial: Pather Pachale
- 4:00 Radhune Rannaghor
- 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
- 5:00 Wildlife on One
- 5:30 Drishti
- 5:50 Aiker Potrikyal
- 6:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 6:05 Classic Cartoons
- 6:30 Deshjure Chalchitro
- 6:55 Ekushey Headlines
- 7:00 Toyota World of Wildlife
- 7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
- 8:00 Ekushey News
- 8:05 Drama: Bondhon
- 8:30 Bangla film: Ora Egarojon
- 10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
- 10:30 Bangla film: Ora Egarojon
- 11:00 Ekushey Nightly News

ATN BANGLA

- Morning Session**
- 5:30 "Islamic prog".
- 7:00 Nabin Boron
- 8:00 ATN Bangla News
- 8:25 Mega Serial "Mohine"
- 9:00 Islamic Prog "Marsheya"
- 10:10 Drama "Jeebon Jekhane Shes"
- 10:50 Indian Film "Boliwood Topten"
- 11:20 Bengali Film "Pataka Bhi"
- 12:00 ATN Bangla News.
- Evening Program**
- 06:07 ATN Sapla Saluk Gold Medal Protiogita
- 07:00 ATN Bangla Evening News.
- 07:35 Mage Serial "Mohine".
- 08:10 Drama: "Sattyer Sondane"
- 09:20 Mage Serial "Khon Semany Mukte".
- 10:00 ATN Bangla News.
- 10:35 Drama: "Gangchil Balobasha"
- 11:05 Drama Serial: "Todontho Chlose"
- 11:30 ATN Bangla News
- 12:00 Bengali Film: "Hangor Nadi Grened".
- STAR GOLD**
- 7:30am Barsaat Ki Ek Raat (Amitabh Bachchan, Raakhee)
- 10:30 Kuch Yaadein Kuch Baatein
- 11:00 Geet Bahar
- 11:30 Hare Kanch Ki Chooriyon (Biswajit, Naina Sahu)
- 3:00pm Geet Bahar
- 4:00 Ek Din Achanak (Shabana Azmi, Dr Shiram Lagoo)
- 7:00 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Monday Magic: Farouque Sheikh's B'Day Saath Saath (Farouque Sheikh, Deepti Naval)
- 11:00 Bollywood News
- 11:30 Chhoti Bahu (Rajesh Khanna, Sharmila

STAR PLUS

- 7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 8:00 Aatma
- 9:00 Hit Film:in Hit Sangeet
- 9:30 Fox Kids Daily
- 10:30 Small Wonder
- 11:00 Main
- 11:30 Meri Saahil
- 12:00pm Shanti
- 12:30 Hit Film:in Hit Sangeet
- 1:00 Hum Saath Saath Hein
- 1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
- 2:00 Sanskruti
- 2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 3:00 Shagun
- 3:35 Film Topprs
- 3:30 Kasauti Zaindagi Kay
- 4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli
- 4:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz
- 5:00 Meri Saheli
- 5:30 Hit Film:in Hit Sangeet
- 6:00 Small Wonder
- 6:30 Fox Kids Daily
- 7:10 Aaj Ki Baat
- 7:30 Sanskruti
- 7:35 Film Topprs
- 8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hein
- 8:30 Krishna Sharma c a
- 9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
- 9:30 Des Mein Nikla Hoga Chand
- 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
- 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 11:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz
- 12:00 am Film Toopers
- 12:05 Aaj Ki Baat
- STAR WORLD**
- 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 8:00 MacGyver
- 9:00 Nash Bridges
- 10:00 Bugs
- 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 12:00pm World Wildest Police Videos
- 1:00 Caroline In The City
- 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- STAR WORLD:** 6:00 & 9:30p.m. *King of Queens*. Doug Heffernan is a parcel delivery man in Queens, New York, with simple desires, like a 70-inch television set. When his wife, Carrie, surprises him with a big-screen set, Doug is the envy of the neighborhood. Life is very, very good for Doug and his sports-watching buddies, Richie, Spence, and Deacon. In tonight's episode, Carrie feels bad that Arthur has no friends and encourages Doug to take him out and do things with him.
- STAR MOVIES:** 7:00p.m. *Space Truckers*. John Canyon is one of the last independent space transport entrepreneurs. Rough times force him to carry suspicious cargo to Earth without questions being asked. During the flight the cargo turns out to be multitude of unstoppable and deadly killer robots.
- ATN BANGLA:** 9:20p.m. *Kon Shimanay Mukti*. This megaserial takes us back in time in 1952's language moment and then continues till the Liberation War of 1971. The story tells us about a family of three brothers and the daughter of the eldest brother. One of the brothers goes to Pakistan with a job. The eldest one gets hurt while going to India for the War training in 1971. He is then admitted in a mobile hospital unit.

PICK OF THE DAY

Heart and Souls
On HBO at 10:00 pm
Feel good with this story of the friendship between Thomas Reilly (Downer Jr.) "Ally McBeal" TV Series) and four ghosts. Through an unfortunate coincidence, which places Thomas' birth at the same time as the deaths of the four ghosts, Thomas finds himself stuck with them until they can fulfil their unresolved dreams.

- 2:00 Hollywood Squares
- 2:30 Happy Days
- 3:00 Baywatch
- 4:00 The Simpsons
- 4:30 3" Rock From The Sun
- 5:00 Star News Asia
- 5:30 Friends
- 6:00 King of Queens
- 6:30 Everybody Love Raymond
- 6:55 Star News Asia
- 7:00 Dhama & Greg
- 7:30 Frasier
- 8:00 Boston Public
- 9:00 Friends
- 9:30 King of Queens
- 10:00 Dhama & Greg
- 10:30 Everybody Love Raymond
- 11:00 Frasier
- 11:30 Boston Public
- STAR VIJAY**
- 8:00 Mudhal Pradhi
- 8:30 Mudhal Vanakkam
- 9:30 NGC
- 10:30 Mettukal Pudusu
- 11:00 Vijay Talkies
- 11:30 Dina Palan
- 12:00pm Om Namah Shivaya
- 12:30 Payanam
- 1:00 Marupadiam Aval
- 1:30 Kavyanjali
- 2:00 Agni Sakshi

- 2:00 Movie (Thithikkum Thingal) Manasu Rendum Pudhusu
- 5:30 Vijay Talkies
- 6:00 NGC
- 7:00 Chitragupthan
- 7:30 Vijay Sethigal
- 8:00 Agni Sakshi
- 8:30 Kavyanjali
- 9:00 Nadhi Enge Pogiradhu
- 9:30 Marumagal
- 10:00 Payanam
- 10:30 Marupadiam Aval
- 11:00 Best of Nayyandi Durbar
- 11:30 Vijay Sethigal
- 12:00am Star Hits
- 6:00am STAR News Hindi
- 6:30 STAR News Sunday
- 7:30 Breakfast News English
- 8:00 STAR News Hindi
- 8:30 Star News English
- 9:00 Star News Hindi
- 10:30 We the People
- 11:00 Star News English
- 11:30 Star News Hindi
- 6:30 Bollywood News
- 7:00 Star News Hindi
- 7:30 STAR bazaar Hindi
- 8:00 STAR Khe
- 8:30 Tonight At 8
- 9:00 STAR Samachar
- 9:30 Star News E
- 10:00 STAR Business News
- 10:30 Star Neshour
- 11:30 Star News English
- 12:00am Sports Tonight
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**
- 7:00 Planet Green
- 7:30 NGC Special
- 8:30 Endangered
- 9:00 Human Edge
- 9:30 Family Hour
- 10:30 Journey of life
- 11:30 Special Of The Week
- 12:30pm Endangered
- 1:00 Human Edge
- 1:30 Family Hour
- 2:30 Wild
- 3:30 NGC Special
- 4:30 Scientific American Frontiers
- 5:30 Explorer's Journal
- 6:30 Endangered
- 7:00 Human Edge
- 7:30 Family Hour
- 8:00 Wild
- 9:30 NGC Special
- 10:30 Scientific American Frontiers
- 11:30 Explorer's Journal
- 12:00am [V] Back To Back
- 8:00am [V] Back To Back
- 8:30 [V] Jumpstart
- 9:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 10:00 [V] Back To Back
- 10:30 [V] Hit Machine

- 10:30 Vertical Ray of The Sun
- 12:30 U-571
- HBO**
- 7:00 am Grace of My Heart
- 9:15 Basketball
- 11:15 3 Ninjas Kick Back
- 1:15 The Jackal
- 3:45 Guarding Tess
- 5:45 Sleepy Hollow
- 8:00 Dead Man on Campus
- 10:00 Heart and Souls
- 12:00 am Tales From The Crypt: Demon Knight
- 2:00 Talent For The Game
- 4:00 The Jackal
- AXN**
- 6:30 Movie: Crossworlds
- 8:30 Max Steel
- 9:30 CSI Justice is Served
- 10:30 Xena
- 11:30 Pacific Blue III
- 12:30 World's Most Amazing Videos II
- 1:30 CSI
- 2:30 Movie: Crossworlds
- 4:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents
- 5:30 World Most Amazing Videos II
- 6:30 Max Steel
- 7:30 Pacific Blue II
- 8:30 When Fun Turns To fear
- 9:30 X-Zone
- 10:30 The Amazing Rance
- 11:30 The Hunger
- 12:30 Charlie's Angels
- ANIMAL PLANET**
- 7:00 K-9 to 5
- 7:30 Animal Doctor II
- 8:00 Parklife Africa
- 8:30 Animal Planet Safari
- 9:30 Mad on Monday Zoo
- 10:00 Mad on Monday
- 10:30 Mad on Monday
- 11:00 Zebra in Your Stable
- 11:30 Champions of the Wild
- 12:00 Wild Rescues I
- 12:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
- 1:00 Barking Mad (I)
- 1:30 The Aquanauts
- 2:00 Battersea Dogs Home III
- 2:30 Zoo Episode 7
- 3:00 The Whole Story
- 4:00 Vet's in Practice
- 4:30 Crocodile Hunter (II)

- Episode 14
- Monday Connections Zoo
- Sea Trek
- Zookeepers
- Animal Planet Safari
- In the Wild
- Vets in practice
- Crocodile Hunter
- Monday Connections Zoo
- DISCOVERY**
- 7:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids
- 8:30 Lonely Planet IV
- 9:30 Deadline Discovery
- 10:30 On