

What to WATCH

STAR Cricket
England v Australia
Second Test, Day 4
Live from 4:00 pm

TEN Cricket
West Indies v Pakistan
Fourth ODI
Live from 7:00 pm

TEN Action
Tour de France
Stage 21
Live from 11:55 pm

Messi leads Tito tributes

THE GUARDIAN

Lionel Messi was among a host of sports stars to offer support and encouragement to Tito Vilanova following Friday night's announcement that the Barcelona coach was having to step down from his post with the Spanish champions for health reasons.

The Barcelona president, Sandro Rosell, confirmed at a press conference that Vilanova would not be continuing in the role as he requires further treatment for the throat cancer that was first diagnosed in late 2011.

Vilanova, who replaced Pep Guardiola as coach last summer, suffered a relapse last



year and underwent a second operation in December before beginning a course of chemotherapy and radiotherapy in New York which saw him miss a number of matches in the second half of the 2012-13 season.

The 44-year-old returned to the bench as Barcelona won La Liga -- becoming only the second team after Real Madrid to reach 100 points in the process -- but it has now been confirmed he will not be returning for a second season in charge.

Famous names from the world of sport were keen to wish Vilanova the best in his battle following the announcement, including Messi. The Barcelona No 10 wrote on his Facebook page: "Strength Tito! We are all with you in this fight!"

Messi's teammate Andres Iniesta added

in AS: "Tito will once again win this terrible battle facing him. On behalf of the players and everyone, I send him all my love and support. At the end of the day, this is about a person, not a coach."

The midfielder Thiago Alcántara, who this week left Barcelona to join his former coach Guardiola at Bayern Munich, wrote on his Twitter account: "All the encouragement in the world for Tito and his family. We are all with you!!"

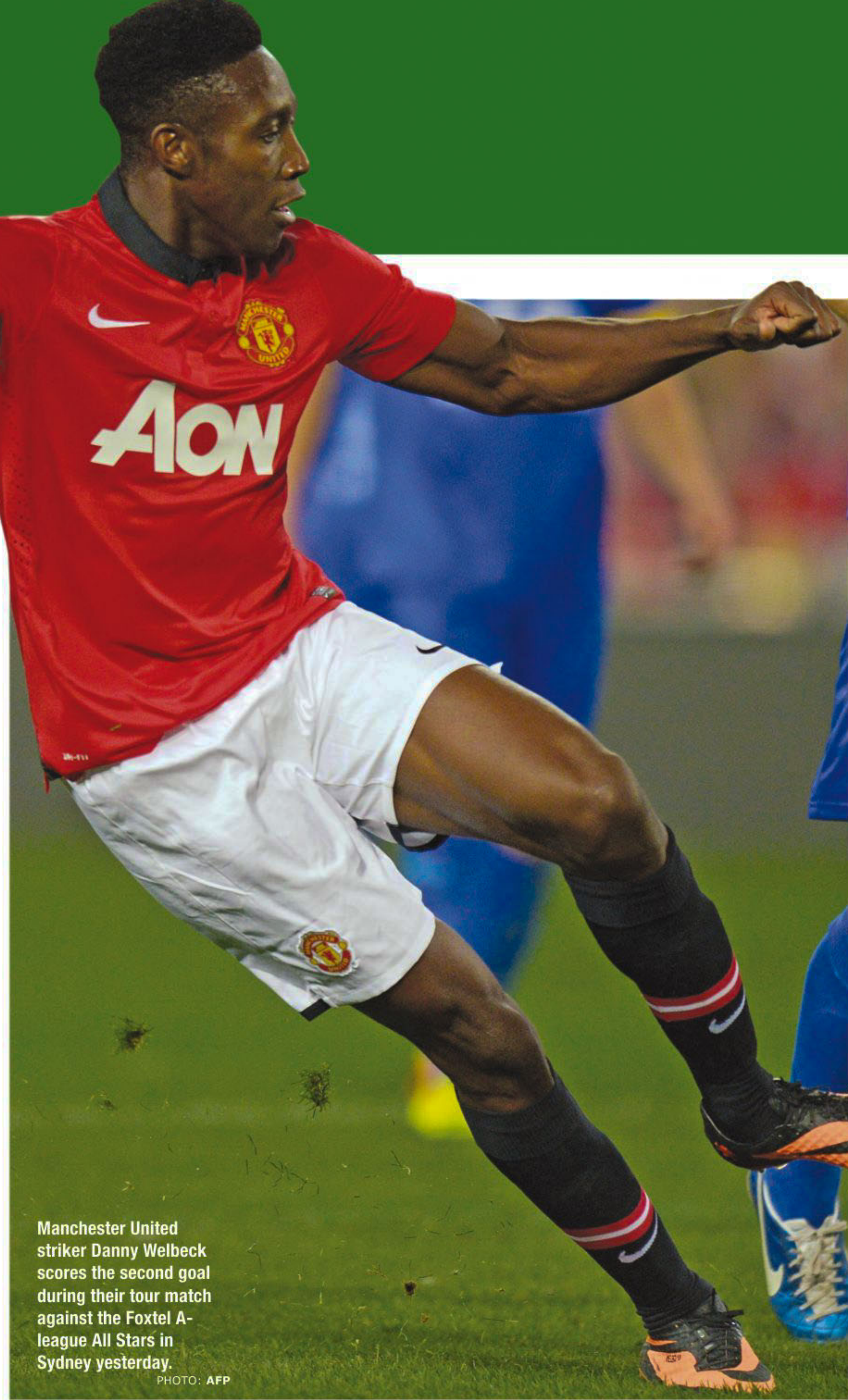
Liverpool's former Barcelona goalkeeper Jose Reina, who is close to joining Napoli on loan, said: "Football is equally fleeting in its victories and defeats. All my support for Tito Vilanova and his family! Support! You are going to win this game!"

Rival clubs both in Spain and abroad also came out in support of Vilanova, including Real Madrid who released a statement on their website which read: "Real Madrid CF want to express their support for and solidarity with Tito Vilanova and also to his family, friends and FC Barcelona."

Chelsea, whose new manager Jose Mourinho was in charge of Madrid last season as they battled Barca for the La Liga title, tweeted: "Everyone at Chelsea Football Club sends their best wishes to Tito Vilanova for a speedy recovery. Jose Mourinho, his coaching staff and the Chelsea players also all send their best wishes to Tito Vilanova for his fast recovery."

The support for Vilanova was not limited to the world of football. The Spanish cyclist Alberto Contador, the two-time Tour de France winner, wrote on his Twitter account: "From the Tour I'm sending lots of encouragement and strength to Tito Vilanova like all those who fight against this damn illness."

The NBA star Pau Gasol, who was born in Barcelona and played for his home-town club before moving to the United States, said: "The first and most important thing in life is health. My best wishes to Tito Vilanova in this difficult moment."



Manchester United striker Danny Welbeck scores the second goal during their tour match against the Foxtel A-league All Stars in Sydney yesterday.

MU thrash All Stars

AFP, Sydney

Danny Welbeck and Jesse Lingard scored doubles as Manchester United hit form on their Asian pre-season tour with a 5-1 win over Australia's A-League All Stars in Sydney on Saturday.

English Champions United shrugged off speculation over Wayne Rooney's playing future at Old Trafford in a commanding display, with Dutch ace Robin van Persie adding the icing with United's fifth goal minutes from full-time after coming on as a second-half substitute.

It was David Moyes' first win in charge since taking over from Alex Ferguson at the end of last season.

Moyes' reign at Manchester United began with an embarrassing upset when the Premier League champions slumped to a 1-0 defeat against Thailand's Singha All Star XI in Bangkok last Saturday, but there was no repeat in Sydney.

United dominated possession, with Michael Carrick and Tom Cleverley controlling the midfield and pinning the All Stars in their half for much of the game before 83,127 fans at Sydney's Olympic stadium.

United had a couple of early chances before they went ahead in the 11th minute when Welbeck played in Lingard, who finished clinically past the exposed Covic.

Reina loaned to Napoli

AFP, London

Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe Reina is to be loaned out to Serie A side Napoli next season where he'll be reunited with former Reds coach Rafael Benitez, the Liverpool Echo reported Friday.

The 30-year-old Spaniard has spent eight years at Anfield but the arrival of Simon Mignolet from Sunderland has meant he has lost his first-choice status.

Reina had been scheduled to fly to Australia this weekend to link up with the Liverpool squad for the second leg of their pre-season tour.

Instead he's expected to head for Italy to undergo a medical and complete his switch to last season's Serie A runners-up.

Reina arrived at Anfield from Villarreal in 2005 and helped Liverpool clinch the UEFA Super Cup and the FA Cup in his first season.

Kaka eyes fresh start

REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid playmaker Kaka has failed to live up to his billing since his big-money move to the Spanish capital in 2009 but new coach Carlo Ancelotti knows him well and says the Brazilian is confident and motivated for the new season.

Ancelotti was Kaka's coach at AC Milan when he won the World Player of the Year award in 2007 and Real fans are hoping the Italian will be able to help the player, who cost Real 65 million euros (\$85.4 million) and turned 31 in April, to rediscover some of that glittering form.

Kaka's four-year stint in La Liga has been disrupted by injury but when he has played he has looked a shadow of the man who inspired Milan to Champions League success six years ago.

Under Jose Mourinho, who quit Real and returned to Chelsea at the end of last season, he often cut a forlorn figure on the bench, leading to speculation that he might be sold before the transfer window closes at the end of next month.

He made only 12 La Liga starts last term and just two in Europe and one in the King's Cup.

"Kaka is a Real Madrid player like all the

others," Ancelotti said on Saturday in his first news conference since the players returned to training this week.

"He has started work well and it is clear that he has a lot of confidence for this season and a lot of motivation," the 54-year-old added.

"Later we'll see what happens. Kaka is a player with a lot of character and he wants to do better than last season."

Ancelotti's relaxed and good-humoured appearance before reporters was a refreshing change from the ill-tempered affairs hosted by Mourinho last season.

The Italian, who has also coached Chelsea and Paris St Germain, drew laughter when he listened to a lengthy question in English before announcing that he had not understood a word.

He gave little away about whether Real will add more players to the squad, brushing off enquiries about whether the club were interested in Tottenham Hotspur's Wales winger Gareth Bale or PSG's Sweden striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Ancelotti has Zinedine Zidane working as his number two and he praised the former France and Real midfielder's contribution.

"He is very motivated and has a lot of desire to learn," Ancelotti said of Zidane.

City sign Jovetic

AFP, London

Manchester City completed their swoop for Fiorentina forward Stevan Jovetic on Friday as the Premier League club's close-season spending spree reached £83 million (\$126 million, \$96 million euros).

Jovetic's move to Eastlands was revealed on Thursday when Fiorentina announced they had agreed a deal and 24 hours later City confirmed the Montenegro international's arrival.

Jovetic, reported to have cost City £22.4 million, is the club's latest big-money purchase since the end of a disappointing campaign, which saw the team surrender the Premier League title to bitter rivals Manchester United, as well as suffering an early exit from the Champions League and an embarrassing FA Cup final loss against Wigan.

Boost for athletics

AFP, Monte Carlo

Athletics received just the tonic it needed at a thrilling Diamond League meet in Monaco on Friday after a week tainted by the positive drugs tests of two of the best-ever male sprinters.

The failed tests of American Tyson Gay and Jamaican Asafa Powell, second and fourth fastest men of all time, and Powell's compatriot, three-time Olympic medalist Sherone Simpson, again brought into question the credibility of track and field just ahead of the World Championships in Moscow.

But that was dispelled as a high-quality line-up led by American sprinter Justin Gatlin, Kenyans Asbel Kiprop and Edwin Soi, and an unlikely new European record in the 1500m going to Briton Mo Farah in perfect, balmy conditions at the Stade Louis II.

Gatlin was expected to run in Monaco, where he set the current record of 19.72sec over 200m in 2010, and maintain an impressive streak of early-season unbeaten form in his battle against Jamaican sprint king Usain Bolt.

In their absence, Gatlin, the 2004 Olympic champion who rebounded from a four-year doping ban to win bronze at the London Games, scorched to victory in the 100m in 9.94sec, pushed all the way by teammate Dentarius Locke (9.96) and Frenchman Jimmy Vicaut (9.99).

Earlier in the evening, Farah's decision to compete in the 1500m, stepping down from the 5,000 and 10,000m in both of which he is defending Olympic champion, was rewarded with a European record.

The Briton was in fifth with two laps to run after a fast pace set by two hares.

Marquinhos joins PSG

REUTERS, Paris

Paris Saint-Germain signed Brazilian defender Marquinhos from AS Roma on Friday in another big-money transfer days after striker Edinson Cavani joined from Napoli.

"PSG is delighted to announce that Marquinhos has signed a five-year contract with the club after transferring from AS Roma," the Qatar-owned French champions said in a statement.

Serie A side Roma said separately that the fee was 31.4 million euros (\$41.26 million), with 10 percent of the difference between that amount and 4.5 million euros due to Sao Paulo club Corinthians.

The 19-year-old Marcos Aoas Correa, 'Marquinhos', joined Roma from Corinthians, where he made his professional debut, last year.

HP recommends Windows.

Finally, a tablet with a work ethic.

Introducing the HP ElitePad. Unleash your productivity.

Built for business with Windows 8¹ and enterprise-class security. And thanks to a suite of productivity-enhancing accessories like Smart Jackets, you can have a desktop PC experience when you're in the office or a nimble and light tablet when you're anywhere else. The new HP ElitePad - it works in all the ways you do.

Work easy. Play hard. **Windows 8**

Participating Business Partners: **DHAKA** • Computer Source Ltd Tel: 8125970, 01730359260 • Smart Technologies (BD) Ltd. Tel: 8115136, 01730 701910 • Flora Limited Tel: 9567846, 01711614460 • Rishit Computers Ltd Tel: 01191000120 • Ryans Computer Tel: 01915476712 • Computer Village Tel: 01711 845921 • Star Tech & Engineering Ltd Tel: 01723272766 • **HP Exclusive Shop at Multiplan Center, Elephant Road Tel: 01747184891** • Tech View Tel: 01199 845180 • Mashnoons Computer Tel: 01712 034919 • Techno edge Tel: 01819 780777 • Foresight Computer & Network Tel: 9183232 • PS Computer Tel: 01711846296 • Comtrade Tel: 01811408985 • Panorama Computer Tel: 01195014628 • SoftTech Computers & Networks Ltd. Tel: 01819127446 • Dolphin Computers Tel: 01670796239 • The Access Pvt. Ltd. Tel: 8122724 • Informatics Ltd. Tel: 01712050905 • ML Technologies Tel: 01911380640 • TCS Computer Services Ltd Tel: 01711661550 • ABC Computer Corner Tel: 0119000912 • Fastrack Solutions Tel: 01711679465 • Net Star Tel: 01711644148 • Binary Logic Tel: 01713 027521 • Creatus Computer Tel: 01715913309 • Chittagong Computer Center Tel: 01733080350 • CB NET Tel: 9130242 • Multistar Technologies Tel: 8360434 • Aigae Computer Tel: 8621393 • S3 Technologies Tel: 8620591 • Techno Palace Tel: 01819137267 • Rahman Corporation Tel: 01973 020022 • Brilliant Technologies Ltd. Tel: 01819085560 **RAJSHAHI** • Pixels Pvt Limited Tel: 72174462 • Cell Computer Tel: 01714 081082 **DHAKAPUR** • Silicon Computer Tel: 01819780202 **MYMENSING** • Lotus Computer Tel: 01711642779 • M M Computer Tel: 01713 027450 **KUSHTIA** • Aristo Computer Tel: 01839 902266 **SYLHET** • Genius Technology Tel: 01714 050072 • Computer Gallery Tel: 01711 326120 • Hi Tech Computer Tel: 01716 905994 • Digital Equipments Ltd Tel: 01718 197868 **BARISAL** • Ideal Computer Systems Tel: 01711 047733 • Ark Computer Systems Tel: 01611 347138 **KHULNA** • Inter wave computer Tel: 01711 187422 • Chips & Bytes Tel: 01711 443462 **CHITTAGONG** • Computer Village Tel: 01713 240717 • Computer Heaven Tel: 01812849084 • Global Touch Tel: 0154331152 • Janani Computers Tel: 01911883054 • Power Line Computer Tel: 01819536363 • Computer Care Tel: 01746 623225 **COX'S BAZAR** • Nyta Computer Tel: 01819801601

¹Optional accessories. Sold Separately. ²Not all features are available in all editions of Windows 8. Systems may require upgraded and/or separately purchased hardware, drivers and/or software to take full advantage of Windows 8 functionality. See <http://www.microsoft.com>. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners. ©2013 Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P.