English Premiership

Gazi Tank v Doleshwar

Venue: SBNCS

Victoria v CCS Venue: Fatullah Stadium

Eintracht Frankfurt v Hamburg

Live from 10:30pm

English Premiership

Aston Villa v Man City

Live from 8:00pm

ESPN

Primera Liga Almeira v Barcelona Live from 10:00pm Real Sociedad v Sevilla Live from 12:00am (Sunday)

Real Madrid v Atletico Madrid

Live from 2:00am (Sunday) **ESPN HD English Premiership** Man United v West Bromwich Live from 8:00pm Swansea v Arsenal

Live from 10:30pm STAR Sports Serie A AC Milan v Sampdoria Live from 12:45am (Sunday)

Inter stage a comeback

REUTERS



Esteban Cambiasso inspired a stirring fightback as Inter Milan struck twice in the last 18 minutes to record a 2-1 victory on Thursday and hand Fiorentina their first Serie A defeat of the season.

The Argentine midfielder, back to his best after struggling last season, cancelled out Giuseppe Rossi's second-half penalty before Brazilian fullback Jonathan grabbed the winner with seven minutes to go.

Both unbeaten teams went into the match with 10 points from four games and Fiorentina delivered the first blow when Italy forward Rossi converted a penalty on the hour after Joaquin was tripped.

It was the fifth league goal of the season for Serie A's joint top scorer who is back in action after suffering successive knee injuries which sidelined him for the best part of two years. Fiorentina, who had looked dangerous throughout the

first half, sat back on their lead and gifted Inter a goal from a corner in the 72nd minute. Goalkeeper Neto flapped at the ball and his team mates missed another chance to clear before Cambiasso, 33, acro-

batically hooked in the equaliser. Fiorentina seemed more likely to grab the winner until Ricky Alvarez's cross found Jonathan at the far post and he

eluded Matias Fernandez's weak challenge to smash the ball into the roof of the net.



'I haven't killed anybody'

AFP, Milan

Mario Balotelli apologised for his latest red-card on Thursday but insisted his petulance should be kept in perspective by pointing out: 'I haven't killed anybody'.

The AC Milan striker was sent-off after scoring a late consolation goal in his team's 2-1 defeat to Napoli last weekend.

He has since been banned for three matches.

"Firstly, I am sorry for my teammates," Balotelli said in excerpts of an interview to be published in Friday's Gazzetta dello Sport.

"They train and work hard with me. What I did hasn't helped our cause. I also feel guilty for the fans, who care so much for the team."

However, the former Manchester City striker suggested there was a limit to just how far his apologies would stretch.

Battle of Madrid



Atletico Madrid return to Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu home on Saturday for the first time since breaking their 14-year drought in the Madrid derby back in May.

Diego Simeone's men won the Copa del Rey in their rival's own backyard 2-1 after extra time in an action-packed encounter that saw Real's star man Cristiano Ronaldo and then manager Jose Mourinho sent off.

Mourinho has since been replaced by Carlo Ancelotti on the Real bench, but Atletico's revival under Simeone continues unhindered as they currently lead their city rivals by two points in La Liga having won all six of their matches to date.

Victory over Osasuna on Tuesday meant Atletico equalled their best ever start to a league season and they are looking to continue their sensational form in the biggest game either side has faced so far this season.

"We know we can win and we know how to beat them. We have managed to do it now," said Atletico defender Filipe Luis.

"We know it is still going to be very difficult, even when having an off day in the cup final, they had six or seven clear chances and hit the post a few times.

"But our team is very solid, we have a spectacular collective level and we need to maintain that with the spirit that no one is

more important than anyone else."

FIXTURES

Saturday

Valencia v Rayo Vallecano (1400GMT), Almeria v Barcelona (1600GMT), Real Sociedad v Sevilla (1800GMT), Real Madrid v Atletico Madrid (2000GMT) Sunday

Osasuna v Levante (1000GMT), Celta Vigo v Elche (1500GMT), Espanyol v Getafe (1700GMT), Real Betis v Villarreal (1900GMT)

Monday

Granada v Athletic Bilbao (1900GMT)

his home debut for Real after a thigh strain forced him to pull out of last weekend's 4-1 win over Getafe in the warm-up.

Diego Costa will be the biggest threat to Real with his seven goals in six league games so far rumoured to have the naturalised Brazilian on the verge of a call-up to the Spanish national team.

And the hosts will have to substantially improve on their showing against Elche in midweek as only a controversial injury time penalty converted by Ronaldo prevented them from dropping four points behind Atletico and Barcelona.

"Obviously playing like this we are not going to win the derby," a furious Ancelotti admitted after his side's 2-1 victory.

"We need to play with more intensity and personality."

Marcelo could also return to the Madrid side after missing the last few weeks in place Gareth Bale is expected to finally make of Fabio Coentrao at left-back.

Old allies set to collide

AFP, London



Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur will put their Premier League title credentials to the test when they renew their rivalry at White Hart Lane on Saturday.

Both teams made a raft of new signings during the close season and have made steady starts to the new campaign ahead of the 149th encounter between the two London clubs.

An injury-time goal from Paulinho gave Spurs a 1-0 win at Cardiff City last weekend that took them level on points with Arsenal at the top of the table, while Chelsea are two points back following a 2-0 victory over Fulham.

The game will not want for sub-plots, with Portuguese managers Andre Villas-Boas and Jose Mourinho due to face off for the first time since they ended their collaboration at Inter Milan in 2009.

Villas-Boas failed to emulate his former mentor during an unsuccessful eight-month stint at Chelsea between 2011 and 2012, but in Spurs he has found a club with its eyes on the same prizes.

Spurs have conceded only one goal to date, in a 1-0 loss to Arsenal on September 1, and Villas-Boas says such parsimoniousness will stand them in good stead for the visit of his former team.

FIXTURES

Saturday

(1400GMT unless otherwise stated):

Aston Villa v Manchester City, Fulham v Cardiff City, Hull City v West Ham United, Manchester United v West Bromwich Albion, Southampton v Crystal Palace, Swansea City v Arsenal (1630GMT), Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea (1145GMT) Sunday

Stoke City v Norwich City (1230GMT), Sunderland v Liverpool (1500GMT)

Monday

Everton v Newcastle United (1900GMT)

Rebeka, Afrana in final

SPORTS REPORTER

Rebeka Sultana and Arfana Islam set up a final clash in the girls' singles of the ATF Asian U-14 tennis Series Competition after beating their respective semifinal opponents at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna yesterday.

Rebeka beat Shah Safina in 1-6, 6-1, 7-5 sets while Afrana defeated Fabiha Lamisa in 6-0, 6-1 sets to book their final berth.

Meanwhile, two Bangladeshi and two Pakistani boys made it to the semifinals of the boys' singles.

Rubel Hossain of Bangladesh beat compatriot Shadhin Hossain 6-3, 6-2 while Kawsar Ali of Bangladesh beat compatriot Mir Shahidul Islam 6-2, 6-1 to book their semifinal berth. Haris Irfanul Haque of Pakistan beat Faruk Hossain of Bangladesh 6-3, 7-5 while Shahib Zada Mohammad Ali of Pakistan blanked Juhayer Sami of Bangladesh in 6-0, 6-0 sets to complete the semifinal line-up.

Women's h'ball rolls into semis

SPORTS REPORTER BJMC will face Dinajpur

while Dhaka will play against Rangamati in the semifinals of the Walton Invitational National Women's Handball Tournament at the National Handball Stadium today.

Dhaka, Dinajpur, Rangamati, BJMC and Rajshahi had won their respective matches yesterday.

Dhaka defeated Rajshahi by 17-8 goals, Dinajpur beat Kushtia by 22-10 goals, Rangamati edged Bangladesh Police by 17-16 goals, BJMC thrashed Naogaon by 27-03 goals while Rajshahi outplayed Kushtia by 17-02 goals.

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Messi appears in court

AFP, Gava

Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi Friday appeared in court to answer charges of evading 4.16 million euros (\$5 million) in taxes in a case that stunned the sporting world.

Dressed in a dark jacket and white shirt, the 26year-old Argentine international made no comment before or after the closeddoor hearing at a court in Gava, the coastal suburb of Barcelona where he lives. Testimony by the four-

World Player of the Year award revealed his desire to resolve the matter, Messi's lawyer, Cristobal Martel, told reporters after the hearing. "It showed little intent to defraud and great intent to resolve the situation

with the tax office instead

battle with the state," the

of entering into a bitter

time winner of the FIFA

lawyer said. Crowds of reporters and fans gathered outside the court where first Messi's father Jorge Messi and then the player himself were quizzed on charges of evading tax on the striker's image rights to the tune of

They have denied wrongdoing, pointing the finger at a former agent of the player.

4.16 million euros.



the courthouse in the coastal town of Gava yesterday.