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DAY'S EVENT

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Live from 3:30am (Saturday)

# World Cup draw tonight

BBC ONLINE

 Today will go some way to determining the prospects of the 32 participating nations when the draw for the group stage takes place for the FIFA World Cup 2014 starting at 22:00 Bangladesh Standard Time.

It will be held in the upmarket coastal resort town of Costa do Saupe in the province of Bahia, approximately 56 miles from the host city of Salvador.

Brazilian actors Fernanda Lima and Rodrigo Hilbert host the draw, with singers Margareth Menezes, Olodum and Emicida involved in a lavish opening show, which has been designed to showcase the host nation's natural beauty.

The balls will be drawn by famous players from previous tournament. These will include Cafu, Fabio Cannavaro, Mario Kempes, Lothar Matthaus, Zinedine Zidane and Geoff Hurst

The 32 teams who have qualified for the finals will be drawn into eight groups of four - with the top two in each group progressing to the knockout stages.


There can be no more than two European teams in any one group and only one from South America.

The World Cup starts with the opening game in Sao Paulo on 12 June 2014 and ends with the final in Rio de Janeiro on 13 July.

In total 12 stadiums in 12 cities will host matches - providing they are all completed on time.

# Moyes stays upbeat

AFP, Manchester

 Manchester United manager David Moyes maintains that his side can still win the Premier League despite slipping 12 points behind leaders Arsenal.

The Old Trafford side suffered a fourth defeat of the season when they were stunned 1-0 at home by his former club Everton on Wednesday.

The champions are now ninth in the table and are as close to the relegation zone as they are to the summit.

United only lost five league games in the whole of last season, but even though Moyes accepts it will be a struggle, he insists his team should not be ruled out.

"We have got a long way to go," he said. "We will need to play some great football and win an awful lot of games in the run-in if we are going to be in there and around it at the end of the season."

Asked if he believed United were capable of that, he replied: "Yes. I've got nothing to suggest anything else."

The United manager admits he does not know when last season's top scorer Robin van Persie will return from a groin problem.

Striker Wayne Rooney, meanwhile, will be suspended for Saturday's home match against Newcastle United after picking up five yellow cards.

Netherlands international Van Persie has not played since the 1-0 win over Arsenal on November 10.

"It is a sort of a groin injury. Nothing desperately serious, just a groin injury," Moyes said.

"It (defeat) doesn't hurt more being Everton. I know they are a very good team with very good players. You would imagine it is a sore one when it is your old team, so that is the way it is."

After Rooney and Danny Welbeck hit the woodwork either side of half-time, Everton's Costa Rican left-back Bryan Oviedo turned in the game's only goal from Romelu Lukaku's scuffed shot with four minutes remaining.



Liverpool striker Luis Suarez (L) opens the scoring with a stunning strike against Norwich during their Premier League encounter at Anfield on Wednesday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

# One-man wrecking ball

REUTERS, London



Liverpool's Luis Suarez showed his devastating ability to act as a one-man wrecking ball with four goals in a 5-1 demolition of Norwich City as Arsenal's forgotten man Nicklas Bendtner jogged a few memories in the Premier League on Wednesday.

Suarez delivered a dazzling collection of goal-of-the-season contenders at Anfield and Bendtner scored two minutes into his first start in more than two years to help the Premier League leaders beat Hull City 2-0.

Second-placed Chelsea and Manchester City in third came through tight tussles to beat Sunderland and West Bromwich Albion, but champions Manchester United lost 1-0 at home to Everton to slip 12 points behind the leaders.

While the pressure on United manager David Moyes increased, Tottenham Hotspur eased the stress on boss Andre Villas-Boas by coming from behind to beat Fulham 2-1 in their manager Rene Meulensteen's first game in charge.

Arsenal, with 34 points, stayed four points clear of Chelsea at the top of the table, with Manchester City two adrift in third and Liverpool a point further back in fourth, ahead of Everton on goal difference.

Suarez must wish he could play Norwich every week, a team against whom he has

Suarez has now scored 11 goals against Norwich including 3 hat-tricks in his last four Premier League games against them.

Everton registered their first win at Old

now scored 11 goals in his last four Premier League games.

He grabbed a first-half hat-trick including two genuine contenders for goal of the season.

The first, a stunning volley into the top corner from almost 40 metres, was followed by a more modest poacher's effort, before he wowed the home fans further by juggling the ball and cracking in an unstoppable shot from distance.

He completed his personal show-reel with another moment of quality, bending a 25-metre free kick into the top corner, before Norwich pulled a goal back through Bradley Johnson and Raheem Sterling rounded off the scoring for the hosts.

Arsenal's Bendtner has been little more than a casual observer in their superb start to the season, yet with the transfer window looming, he delivered a timely reminder to Arsene Wenger that he could yet be an able deputy to Olivier Giroud.

Having not started a game since March 2011, Bendtner took just two minutes to etch his name on the scoresheet, rising to

meet a Carl Jenkinson cross and slamming a powerful header into the net from four metres out.

Mesut Ozil calmed the nerves by finishing from close range two minutes after the restart following some creative gold dust from Aaron Ramsey.

The creative firepower that Arsenal have at their disposal seems to be a missing ingredient at Old Trafford where United failed to break down Everton and were picked off by Bryan Oviedo's 86th-minute sucker punch.

Moyes was given a hostile reception from Everton's travelling fans, but the mood turned to jubilation for those clad in blue as left back Oviedo converted Romelu Lukaku's cross from the right.

After Moyes had failed to ever get a positive result at Old Trafford, new boss Roberto Martinez picked up three points at the first time of asking, the Toffees' first win at the ground since 1992.

There was also disappointment for Sunderland manager Gus Poyet as the former Chelsea midfielder came unstuck against his old club.

Eden Hazard starred for Chelsea by scoring twice as they edged a seven-goal encounter 4-3 with Frank Lampard and a Phil Bardsley own goal the other names on the scoresheet for the visitors.

Manchester City also came out on top by a single goal, beating West Brom 3-2 as they welcomed back captain Vincent Kompany

## RESULTS

**Arsenal 2** (Bendtner 2, Ozil 47) **Hull 0**  
Fulham 1 (Dejagah 56) **Tottenham 2** (Chiriches 73, Holtby 82)  
**Liverpool 5** (Suarez 15, 29, 35, 74, Sterling 88)  
Norwich 1 (Johnson 83)  
Manchester United 0 **Everton 1** (Oviedo 86)  
Southampton 2 (Rodriguez 48, Osvaldo 69) **Aston Villa 3** (Agbonlahor 15, Kozak 64, Delph 80)  
Stoke 0 Cardiff 0  
Sunderland 3 (Altidore 14, O'Shea 50, Bardsley 86)  
**Chelsea 4** (Lampard 17, Hazard 36, 62, Bardsley 84-og)  
**Swansea 3** (Dyer 45, Debuchy 67-og, Shelvey 81)  
Newcastle 0  
West Brom 2 (Pantilimon 85-og, Anichebe 90)

after a two-month injury layoff.

Sergio Aguero opened the scoring on nine minutes and two goals from Yaya Toure, the second a penalty, helped them to a 3-0 lead.

An 85th-minute own goal from City keeper Costel Pantilimon and a second West Brom goal from Victor Anichebe five minutes into stoppage-time gave the scoreline a touch of respectability.

Aston Villa ended Southampton's unbeaten home record with a 3-2 win, Swansea City beat Newcastle United 3-0 and Stoke City and Cardiff played out a goalless stalemate.



Everton fullback Bryan Oviedo (L) scores the all-important goal against Manchester United during their Premier League clash at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

PHOTO: AFP

# SA rout India

REUTERS, Johannesburg



A swashbuckling century at better than a run-a-ball from Quinton de Kock helped South Africa to a massive 141-run victory over India in the first one-day international at the Wanderers on Thursday.

De Kock's career-best 135 came off 121 balls and included 18 fours and three sixes as he helped catapult the Proteas to 358 for four in their 50 overs after being sent in to bat by India.

South Africa were playing in a pink kit in support of a cancer charity, but looked red hot in the field as they restricted the tourists to 217 all out in 41 overs on a lively track perfectly suited to their all-pace attack.

Left-handed 20-year-old de Kock and Hashim Amla (65) put on 152 for the first wicket for South Africa at a decent run-rate before the innings exploded into life in the final 15 overs.

AB de Villiers plundered 77 from 47 balls, including four sixes, and JP Duminy was not out 59 from 29 balls.

India slipped to 65 for four in their reply as their innings stuttered along, not helped by the run outs of Rohit Sharma, who took 43 balls to score his 18, and Suresh Raina (14).

Dale Steyn (3 for 25 in eight overs) was ferocious in his opening spell, but it was Ryan McLaren (3 for 49) who put India on the back foot when he picked up Virat Kohli (31) and Yuvraj Singh (0) within three deliveries.

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni provided some late innings entertainment with a fine 65 from 71 balls, but the wickets continued to tumble around him and when he was bowled by Steyn to leave India nine down, their faint hopes evaporated.

The second of three one-day internationals will be played in Durban on Sunday.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
**SOUTH AFRICA:** 358 for 4 in 50 overs (De Kock 135, De Villiers 77, Amla 65, Duminy 59 not out; Shami 3-68, Kohli 1-15)  
**INDIA:** 217 all out in 41 overs (Dhoni 65, Kohli 31, Jadeja 29, extras 29; Steyn 3-25, McLaren 3-49)  
**Result:** South Africa won by 141 runs.  
**Player-of-the-match:** Quinton de Kock.

## ICC MATCH-FIXING PROBE

# Cairns under scanner

AFP, Dunedin



Former all-rounder Chris Cairns acknowledged Thursday an International Cricket Council (ICC) investigation into match-fixing involving three New Zealanders.

"We need to let the investigation by the ICC run its course," the New Zealander said in a brief statement to Fairfax Media, adding it was the only comment he was prepared to make.

Cairns was working for Sky TV as a commentator in Dunedin where New Zealand are playing the West Indies, but left the ground early in the afternoon.

A Sky TV spokesman said Cairns "elected to stop commenting on the current Test match and come back to Auckland to be with his family".

"Sky will be talking to him over the coming days."

Former New Zealand international Lou Vincent confirmed he was "cooperating" with the ICC.

"This investigation is bound by a number of rules and regulations that mean I am unable to make any further public comment," he said in a statement.

Another player linked to the investigation is now believed to be living in Australia.

Both the ICC and New Zealand Cricket have refused to identify the three players under investigation, other than saying they are former internationals and that no charges have been laid.

NZC chief executive David White said

earlier he knew the names of the players but would not elaborate, other than saying that current members of the New Zealand team were not involved.

"We have been aware for a number of months," White said.

"We are shocked and surprised, and support the ICC investigation as corruption has no place in our sport."

The ICC's anti-corruption unit has spent four months in New Zealand investigating match- and spot-fixing, which The New Zealand Herald said took place in more than one country.

The ICC probe did not involve any games played in New Zealand nor any under NZC jurisdiction, White said.

The ICC statement said it maintained a "zero-tolerance attitude towards corruption in the sport" but declined to comment further on an ongoing investigation.

Cairns last year won 90,000 pounds in a libel action against former Indian Premier League chairman Lalit Modi in London.

He had sued over an "unequivocal allegation" of involvement in match-fixing made on Modi's Twitter account in January 2010.

Earlier this year, the NZC dismissed an English newspaper report quoting an Indian bookmaker saying he had been involved in match-fixing with New Zealand players.

"The sources are not credible and the accusations are unsubstantiated, making them irresponsible, damaging and untrue," White said in a statement at the time.