

What to WATCH

DAY'S EVENT

BTV World Federation Cup (Second Semifinal)

Muktijoddha v Team BJMC

Live from 5:00pm

STAR Sports1

Australia v England

Second Test, Day 4

Live from 6:00am (Sunday)

STAR Sports 4

English Premiership

Man United v Newcastle

Live from 6:45pm

Southampton v Man City

Live from 9:00pm

Sunderland v Tottenham

Live from 11:30pm

Serie A

Napoli v Udinese

Live from 1:45am (Sunday)

STAR Sports HD1

English Premiership

Stoke City v Chelsea

Live from 9:00pm

Serie A

Livorno v AC Milan

Live from 11:00pm

STAR Sports HD2

English Premiership

Liverpool v West Ham

Live from 9:00pm

TEN Action

Asian Tour

Hong Kong Open, Day 3

Live from 1:00pm

Copa del Ray

Xativa v Real Madrid

Live from 3:00am (Sunday)

NEO Prime

New Zealand v West Indies

First Test, Day 5

Live from 3:30am

Bundesliga

M'gladbach v Schalke

Live from 9:00pm

Dortmund v Leverkusen

Live from 12:30am (Sunday)

2014 WORLD CUP DRAW HELD

Brazil meet Croatia in opening match

AGENCIES, Costa do Sauípe



Host nation Brazil will kick off next year's soccer World Cup against Croatia in Sao Paulo on June 12 and the favourites will be happy with a Group A also containing Mexico and Cameroon as they seek their sixth title.

Friday's complicated draw procedure went off smoothly as holders Spain and 2010 runners-up Netherlands were put together in the group stages, but have a tough task with Chile and Australia alongside them in Group B.

England, Italy and Uruguay, all former winners, were put together, along with Costa Rica, in Group D, with England facing Italy in the jungle city of Manaus in their first game.

A meeting with Uruguay, the 2011 Copa America winners and semi-finalists at the last World Cup promises to be a hard enough test for England in their second match in Sao Paulo on June 19.

"It's a tough group, there's no doubt about that," said England coach Roy Hodgson,

whose team also face Costa Rica.

"In Italy and Uruguay it's almost as though we have got two number one seeds in our group."

Germany will come face to face with their former striker and coach Juergen Klinsmann, now in charge of the United States, with Portugal and Ghana completing the Group G lineup.

The two European nations will meet in their first match in Salvador on June 16.

The draw was kinder to host nation Brazil, however, as they seek to make up for their failure to lift the trophy when they last hosted the finals back in 1950.

After scraping through qualifying via a play-off, France were drawn in Group E with neighbours Switzerland, Ecuador and Honduras.

Bosnia, the only one of the 32 teams taking part in their first World Cup finals, face Argentina, Iran and Nigeria.

Colombia will face Greece, the Ivory Coast and Japan in Group C, while Belgium, another of the potential dark horses, will meet Algeria, Russia and South Korea in Group H.

The final is in Rio de Janeiro on July 13.

2014 WORLD CUP GROUPINGS

<div>GROUP A</div> <div><div></div><div>BRAZIL</div></div> <div><div></div><div>CROATIA</div></div> <div><div></div><div>MEXICO</div></div> <div><div></div><div>CAMEROON</div></div>	<div>GROUP B</div> <div><div></div><div>SPAIN</div></div> <div><div></div><div>NETHERLANDS</div></div> <div><div></div><div>CHILE</div></div> <div><div></div><div>AUSTRALIA</div></div>	<div>GROUP C</div> <div><div></div><div>COLOMBIA</div></div> <div><div></div><div>GREECE</div></div> <div><div></div><div>COTE d'IVOIRE</div></div> <div><div></div><div>JAPAN</div></div>	<div>GROUP D</div> <div><div></div><div>URUGUAY</div></div> <div><div></div><div>COSTA RICA</div></div> <div><div></div><div>ENGLAND</div></div> <div><div></div><div>ITALY</div></div>
<div>GROUP E</div> <div><div></div><div>SWITZERLAND</div></div> <div><div></div><div>ECUADOR</div></div> <div><div></div><div>FRANCE</div></div> <div><div></div><div>HONDURAS</div></div>	<div>GROUP F</div> <div><div></div><div>ARGENTINA</div></div> <div><div></div><div>BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA</div></div> <div><div></div><div>IRAN</div></div> <div><div></div><div>NIGERIA</div></div>	<div>GROUP G</div> <div><div></div><div>GERMANY</div></div> <div><div></div><div>PORTUGAL</div></div> <div><div></div><div>GHANA</div></div> <div><div></div><div>USA</div></div>	<div>GROUP H</div> <div><div></div><div>BELGIUM</div></div> <div><div></div><div>ALGERIA</div></div> <div><div></div><div>RUSSIA</div></div> <div><div></div><div>KOREA REPUBLIC</div></div>

Bravo stalls Kiwis

AFP, Dunedin



A maiden double-century by Darren Bravo stalled New Zealand's victory drive Friday as the West Indies ended day four of the first Test in Dunedin at 443-6, a lead of 47.

After an early morning collapse in which the West Indies slumped to 185-4, the defiant Bravo restored order with a controlled performance to pass the 100 mark for the fifth time in his career and be not out 210 at stumps.

The 24-year-old left-hander added 122 with Narsingh Deonarine for the fifth wicket and 56 with Ramesh Ramdin for the sixth.

By the close of the fourth day he was sharing an unbroken 80-run stand with captain Darren Sammy on 44 and ensured New Zealand would have to bat again.

The West Indies were forced to follow on after being all out in their first innings for 213 in reply to New Zealand's 609-9 declared.

They resumed the fourth day at 168-2 and lost two quick wickets before producing the tempered performance that was missing in their first turn at bat.

Marlon Samuels was first to fall for 23, caught and bowled by Tim Southee, and four overs later Neil Wagner picked up the prized wicket of Shivnarine Chanderpaul for one.

It was the second time in the match the West Indies senior batsman had been trapped leg before wicket by a left armer after falling to Trent Boult in the first innings.

But after claiming the quick pair of wickets, the New Zealand bowlers lost penetration on a lifeless wicket and the new ball did not bring the sting they wanted.

Their cause was not helped either by the few missed catch opportunities offered Bravo and Deonarine as they ate into the



West Indies batsman Darren Bravo celebrates his double century on the fourth day of the first Test against New Zealand in Dunedin yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Tributes paid to Madiba

AFP, Adelaide

Muhammad Ali paid heartfelt tribute and Ashes cricketers donned black armbands Friday as the sports world united in respect and mourning after the death of Nelson Mandela.

Heavyweight boxing legend Ali said Mandela "taught us forgiveness on a grand scale" as athletes and officials from Australia to Brazil expressed their sadness.

Indian cricket superstar Sachin Tendulkar remembered South Africa's anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela as a "truly inspirational human being" who would live in his "heart forever".

"When I met Mr Mandela it was one of the most memorable days of my life," Tendulkar, who retired last month as the world's leading Test and one-day batsman, tweeted on Friday.

"A truly inspirational human being. He will live on in my heart forever. R.I.P."

FIFA chief Sepp Blatter called Mandela "one of the greatest humanists of our time" and Tiger Woods said he had been inspired by South Africa's anti-apartheid hero.

Australia and England held a minute's silence before play in the second Ashes cricket Test in Adelaide, a scene replicated by New Zealand and West Indies in Dunedin.

Ali, in a statement from the Ali Center in Louisville, Kentucky, paid tribute to South Africa's first black president, who led the country peacefully out of apartheid rule after spending nearly three decades in prison.

"He made us realise, we are our brother's keeper and that our brothers come in all colours," said



Australia and England players observe a minute's silence to mark the death of South Africa's anti-apartheid icon and former president Nelson Mandela on the second day of the second Ashes Test in Adelaide yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Ali, a towering figure in America's civil rights movement.

"What I will remember most about Mr. Mandela is that he was a man whose heart, soul and spirit could not be contained or restrained by racial and economic injustices, metal bars or the burden of hate and revenge."

"He taught us forgiveness on a grand scale."

Blatter, who is attending the

2014 World Cup draw in Brazil, said he and Mandela had "shared an unwavering belief in the extraordinary power of football (and sport generally) to unite people in peace and friendship".

New Zealand's rugby board hailed Mandela's "far-reaching" influence on sport after he inspired South Africa to victory over the All Blacks in the 1995 World Cup final.

Mandela famously appeared at the final in Johannesburg wearing a Springboks jersey -- a stark symbol of white South Africa -- in an act that electrified the stadium.

"We have lost a champion for our game, a leader whose inspiration ensured the Rugby World Cup in 1995 was a remarkable time for our sport and whose influence on sport has been far-reaching," said New Zealand Rugby Union chief executive Steve Tew.

Woods, the world's number one golfer, recalled having lunch with Mandela in 1998, the year after his first Masters triumph.

"It was one of the most inspiring times I've ever had in my life," said Woods. "I don't think any of us probably here could have survived that and come out as humble and as dignified as he did."

South African golf great Gary Player called Mandela "our beloved Father of the South African nation".

"Madiba we loved you," he added, using Mandela's clan name.

Football superstars Cristiano Ronaldo and David Beckham sent tributes, while Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton posted a picture of himself with Mandela on his Facebook page.

"One of the most special moments in my life was meeting the great Madiba," Hamilton said. "One of the most inspirational human beings to have lived and without doubt the nicest man I ever met."

Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson called Mandela a "great man" and a "true fan" of boxing, which was a sport he

Bex Pharma win corporate T20 title

SPORTS REPORTER

Beximco Pharma became champions in the 3rd Marcel T20 Corporate Cricket tournament after beating Anowara Group by 63 runs in the final at the Dhaka Residential Model College ground yesterday.

Having decided to bat on winning the toss, Beximco Pharma posted 177 for 6 in their allotted 20 overs before dismissing Anowara Group for 114 runs in 19 overs to secure a comfortable victory.

A total of 28 corporate houses took part in the third edition of the tournament.

74 join trial

SPORTS REPORTER



The Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) yesterday began a two-day trial with the aim of finding alternatives for the four suspended national players, ahead of the Asian Games Qualifiers in March 2014. A total of 74 players turned up on the first day.

Last month, the game's governing body suspended four national players -- midfielders Rasel Mahmud Jimmy and Kamruzzaman Rana, defender Imran Hasan Pintoo and goalkeeper Zahid Hossain -- after they were found guilty of indiscipline and conspiring in the team's debacle in the Asia Cup where Bangladesh finished seventh out of eight teams.

Pakistani coach Naveed Alam informed that he would pick up 25 to 30 players from the trial before choosing another 30 players from the domestic league while the 22 players who were in the Asia Cup -- except for the four suspended players -- will join the selected players directly.

Meanwhile, discarded national players Sheikh Mohammad Nannu and Shuib Ali, who were not in the Asia Cup squad, will join the national team's training directly.

Naveed said he wants to build a back-up team for the national side rather than finding alternatives for the four suspended players while assistant coach Jamal Haider believes it is not possible to find alternatives for those players

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