

What to WATCH

Sony Six HD
Pakistan v Sri Lanka
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English Premiership
Arsenal v Cardiff City
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English Premiership

Liverpool v Hull City
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DAY'S EVENT
Premier League
Abahani v Brothers Union
Time: 5:00pm
Venue: BNS

Pak bowlers restrict SL

AFP, Abu Dhabi
Paceman Junaid Khan grabbed five wickets and Bilawal Bhatti finished with three as Pakistan enjoyed the better of the opening day of the first Test against Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday.

Junaid claimed his fourth five-wicket haul, taking figures of 5-58, while Bhatti took 3-65 in his first Test as Sri Lanka were bowled out for 204 after Misbahul Haq won the toss and opted to bowl first on a greenish Sheikh Zayed Stadium pitch.

By the close on the opening day Pakistan reached 46-1 with debutant opener Ahmed Shehzad not out on 25. Fellow opener Khurram Manzoor ran himself out after making 21, leaving Pakistan trailing by 158 runs but with nine first-innings wickets remaining.

Amidst the collapse in the Sri Lankan innings, skipper Angelo Mathews stood out, defying the Pakistan attack for 160 minutes for his 91.

He added an invaluable 61 for the ninth wicket with Shaminda Eranga (14) to lift Sri Lanka from a precarious 124-8.

Mathews hit 15 boundaries during his fighting knock, improving on his previous best of 64 not out against Pakistan at Colombo in 2009 before he was the last man out, stumped off Saeed Ajmal, who finished with 2-32.

Misbahul Haq's decision to field first had looked unwise as Sri Lankan openers Dimuth Karunaratne (38) and Kaushal Silva (20) gave their team a sound start, putting on 57 for the first wicket.

But, from 66-1, Sri Lanka lost seven wickets for the addition of 101 runs in the afternoon session.

Bhatti, making his Test debut, took three wickets off just eight balls after lunch.

He had Silva caught at slip off the fourth ball after the resumption and then had the experienced Mahela Jayawardene (5) caught behind in his next over.

A ball earlier, Jayawardene had been caught behind only to see the umpire call it a no-ball.

Two balls later, Bhatti had Dinesh Chandimal caught in the slip by Mohammad Hafeez for a duck to leave Sri Lanka struggling at 76-4.



Pakistan bowler Junaid Khan (L) does the high five with a teammate after dismissing Kumar Sangakkara of Sri Lanka on the opening day of the first Test at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday. PHOTO: AFP

SCOREBOARD

SRI LANKA: First innings

Karunaratne c Shafiq b Junaid	38
Silva c Hafeez b Bhatti	20
Sangakkara c Shehzad b Junaid	16
Jayawardene c Akmal b Bhatti	5
Chandimal c Hafeez b Bhatti	0
Mathews st Akmal b Ajmal	91
Jayawardene c Akmal b Junaid	5
Senanayake c Akmal b Junaid	5
Herath b Junaid	0
Eranga c Akmal b Ajmal	14
Lakmal not out	1
Extras: (b-4, lb-4, nb-1)	9
Total: (All out in 65 overs)	204
Fall of wickets: 1-57, 2-67, 3-76, 4-76, 5-82, 6-104, 7-124, 8-124, 9-185.	

Bowler O M R W

Junaid	20	4	58	5
Ali	16	3	41	0
Bhatti	15	1	65	3
Ajmal	14	3	32	2

PAKISTAN: First innings

Manzoor run out	21
Shehzad not out	25
Extras:	0
Total: (For 1 wicket in 18.1 overs)	46
To bat: Hafeez, Younis, Misbahul, Shafiq, Akmal, Bhatti, Rahat, Ajmal, Junaid.	
Fall of wickets: 1-46.	

Bowler O M R W

Lakmal	7	2	17	0
Mathews	1	0	6	0
Eranga	5	1	18	0

Time is right: Kallis

REUTERS, Durban

Jacques Kallis said he knew the time was right to quit the Test arena as he bowed out after an 18-year career with victory over India at Kingsmead on Monday.

The 38-year-old all-rounder, regarded as South Africa's finest cricketer, scored a farewell century on Sunday to help his side to a 10-wicket win and a series triumph in the meeting between the two top-ranked Test-playing nations.

His 115 in South Africa's first innings also took him into third place on the list of all-time Test batsmen, with 13,289 runs from 166 Tests, behind only Sachin Tendulkar (15,921 runs) and Ricky Ponting (13,378).

Kallis surprised many with his decision to quit, catching the

cricketing world unawares on Christmas Day with a statement saying the second Test against India would be his last but that he would continue in the limited-overs format. Usually it has been the other way round for top players.

"It was a tough call but people say there comes a days when you wake up and you realise it is time to quit," he told reporters.

"I felt it was the right time and to finish it off in this manner has been incredible, the way the people have come out to support me, the way Cricket South Africa have made it a special game, my teammates have made it a special game. I couldn't have hoped for a better exit."

Kallis was lifted briefly on the shoulders of his teammates as he made a post-game lap of honour around Kingsmead, waving to the crowd and at one point stopping to down a can of beer.

All his South African teammates wore a tee-shirt with his picture on the front and inscribed on the back was: "The only player to score 10 00 runs and take 200 wickets in test cricket".

Later they posed for individual pictures with him in a mark of the esteem in which he is held.

It was fitting he departed in Durban on the same ground he where he started his Test career in 1995.

"I sat here the day before the game and as I looked out over the field, I realised an nothing much has changed [in my 18-year Test career]. I've just got a little bit older. I still had the same butterflies and nerves."

Kallis was greeted before he went out to bat on Saturday with a guard of honour from the Indian fielders, similar to the one they produced for Sachin Tendulkar when he finished his Test career against the West Indies last month.

"Thanks to the Indian team for that

guard of honour, that was really special. I'm glad I wasn't facing immediately because it gave me a few seconds to gather my thoughts. It was a really emotional moment," he added.

Kallis shed a brief tear too on Sunday when he reached his 45th Test century, a figure bettered only by Tendulkar's 51, a departure from his usually stoic and quiet demeanour.

"I suppose I'll miss the cricket, but mostly the friendships, the winning times and the tough times. All that goes on in the change room," he added.

Kallis now turns his focus to the limited-overs game, with his only remaining ambition being success in the one-day World Cup, where South Africa have often been among the favourites but picked up a tag of 'chokers' after several dramatic failures.

"I still have a lot of hunger to push South Africa to that World Cup in 2015

Korkut makes German history

AFP, Berlin

Tayfun Korkut made Bundesliga history on Tuesday after being named coach of Hanover, the first time a Turk has managed a club in Germany's top division.

Korkut, 39, moves from being assistant Turkey coach to take over from Mirko Slomka, who was sacked on Friday after a string of disappointing results.

Hanover said Korkut, a former midfielder capped 42 times by Turkey, was "the first coach of Turkish origin in the history of the Bundesliga", and signed a contract until June 30, 2016.

Sachin calls Jacques a champion

PTI, New Delhi

Indian cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar on Tuesday paid tribute to just-retired South African all-rounder Jacques Kallis, calling him a "true champion" who always played the game in the right spirit.

"@jacqueskallis75 Congratulations on a fabulous career. You have played the game in the right spirit...It's been a joy to have played against you. Jacques you are a true Champion. Retired life isn't so bad :-))," Tendulkar, who called time on his own career in international cricket last month, tweeted.

Kallis, one of the greatest all-rounders of the game, bid adieu to Test cricket after an illustrious 18-year career in a fairytale script as he hit a century in his swansong match in South Africa's 10-wicket thrashing of India in Durban.

The script for Kallis' Test retirement could not have been better as he ended his career as the third highest run-getter in the longest format of the game, besides also bowling out with a win by his side.

The 38-year-old 'King' Kallis ended his Test career on 13,289 runs from 166 Tests, only behind Tendulkar (15,921) and Ricky Ponting (13,378) in the all-time list.

His batting average stood at an outstanding 55.37. He also took 292 wickets and 200 catches. His 45 tons in Test cricket is only second to Tendulkar's 51.

Kallis will continue to play in the one-dayers and he has so far scored 11,574 runs from 325 ODI matches and has taken 273 wickets at an average of 31.79.



As told by this picture, the message from cricket fans of this country to the rest of the world is that they are eagerly waiting to welcome all. PHOTO: STAR

Part Two of BPL starts today

AFP, London

Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur will be looking to poke sticks in each other's wheel spokes when they face off in the Premier League's stand-out New Year's Day fixture.

Both sides have endured trying periods this season, United losing five of their first 15 games and Tottenham sacking manager Andre Villas-Boas, but both have enjoyed improved fortunes in recent weeks.

United have won their last six games in all competitions, while Tottenham are unbeaten in the

league under new head coach Tim Sherwood, who has introduced an adventurous 4-4-2 formation.

United expect to welcome back Wayne Rooney after he missed Saturday's 1-0 win at Norwich City with a groin injury but Robin van Persie remains sidelined due to a thigh problem.

Spurs held United to a 2-2 draw when the sides last met at White Hart Lane on December 1 and won 3-2 on their last visit to Old Trafford in September 2012.

Arsenal finished 2013 in first place after a hard-fought 1-0 win at Newcastle United at the weekend and on Wednesday they host a Cardiff City side still adjusting to life without

sacked manager Malky Mackay.

However, with Manchester City a point behind in second place and Chelsea a point further back in third, Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger believes that it is too early to be thinking about the league title.

Chelsea produced one of their most impressive performances of the season to date in Sunday's 2-1 win at home to Liverpool and Jose Mourinho's side will look to keep the pressure on Arsenal when they visit Southampton.

City, meanwhile, can give themselves an early taste of life at the summit if they avoid defeat at Swansea City in the first game of 2014.

However, like Wenger, City captain Vincent Kompany has played down the significance of podium placings at this stage of the campaign.

Liverpool will be doubly motivated when they welcome Hull City to Anfield, having been beaten 3-1 by Steve Bruce's side a month ago.

Everton capitalised on Liverpool's loss at Chelsea by stealing into fourth place with a 2-1 win at home to Southampton, but on Wednesday they visit Stoke City, who have lost only once at home this season.

Bottom club Sunderland, meanwhile, will hope to escape from the relegation zone when they host Aston Villa, having closed to within

NEW ZEALAND TOUR India take in rookie pacer

AFP, New Delhi

India named rookie paceman Ishwar Pandey in both the Test and one-day squads for their tour of New Zealand Tuesday, but left out senior pros Yuvraj Singh and Pragyan Ojha.

Pandey, 24, was the highest wicket-taker in the Ranji Trophy first-class tournament in 2012-13, with 48 wickets at an average of 21.06 for the Madhya Pradesh state team.

The right-arm bowler has already picked up 30 scalps in eight matches this season, including a best of eight for 84 against Railways on his home ground in Indore.

Pandey will be part of a six-man pace attack, led by the veteran Zaheer Khan, for the two Test matches expected to be played on green, seaming wickets in New Zealand.

SQUADS

TEST: Mahendra Singh Dhoni (captain), Murali Vijay, Shikhar Dhawan, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Ajinkya Rahane, Ravichandran Ashwin, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Umesh Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Ravindra Jadeja, Zaheer Khan, Ambati Rayudu, Wriddhiman Saha, Ishant Sharma, Ishwar Pandey.

ODI: Mahendra Singh Dhoni (captain), Shikhar Dhawan, Suresh Raina, Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Ajinkya Rahane, Stuart Binny, Ravichandran Ashwin, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mohammed Shami, Ambati Rayudu, Ishant Sharma, Ishwar Pandey, Ravindra Jadeja, Amit Mishra, Varun Aaron.

Schumi 'not out of danger'

AFP, Grenoble

Doctors treating Michael Schumacher said Tuesday the Formula One legend has undergone a second operation following his life-threatening ski accident but warned he is "not out of danger".

Surgeons said there had been a "slight improvement" in his condition and that they had "gained some time" by performing a successful second operation on the seven-time world champion on Monday night.

His family is at the hospital in the French Alpine city of Grenoble where the former racing driver remains in a coma after he fell and slammed his head on a rock while skiing off-piste on Sunday.

Doctors claimed they were "surprised" by the improvement in Schumacher's condition but he was still "critical" and remained "fragile".