DAY'S EVENT

Nat'l Cricket League (Four-Day Match, Day 4)

Ten Cricket

South Africa v Australia

Second Test Day 4

ICC U19 World Cup

Live from 11:30pm

Australia v West Indies

Live from 2:30pm

Star Sports 2

Dhaka v Rajshahi Venue: BKSP-4

Serie A

Lazio v Sassuolo

Live from 1:45am

Star Sports 4

Games Day 16

Live from 12:50pm

English Premiership

Sochi 2014

Dhaka Metro v Rangpur Venue: Bogra

Valencia v Granada Live from 12:00am (Monday) Osasuna v Atletico Madrid

Barisal v Chittagong

Venue: Chittagong

Liverpool v Swansea

Norwich v Tottenham

Live from 10:00pm

Live from 7:30pm

LaLiga

Live from 2:00am (Monday) Star Sports HD1 Bremen Serie A **Juventus v Torino** Live from 11:30pm **Neo Prime**

Bundesliga

Eintracht Frankfurt v Werder Live from 8:30pm Hannover v Bayern Munich Live from 10:30pm



Chelsea remain top

AFP, London



Arsenal and Manchester City replied in kind after John Terry scored an injurytime winner against Everton to preserve Chelsea's position as Premier League

leaders on Saturday.

Chelsea's victory momentarily gave them a four-point lead at the summit, but Arsenal closed the gap to a point by overwhelming Sunderland 4-1 and City are three points back with a game in hand after edging Stoke City 1-0.

Arsenal had been dealt a dispiriting 2-0 defeat by Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Wednesday and they reacted in style by outclassing third-bottom Sunderland at the Emirates Stadium.

Left on the bench against Bayern, Olivier Giroud was restored to the starting line-up to face Sunderland and the Frenchman responded with a brace of goals in the first 31 minutes.

The former Montpellier man also played a role in the glorious move that led to Tomas Rosicky chipping in Arsenal's third goal before half-time, with Laurent Koscielny heading home a fourth in the 57th minute.

Emanuele Giaccherini claimed a late consolation for Gus Poyet's side, who face City in next weekend's League Cup final.

City also tasted Champions League disappointment in mid-week, losing 2-0 at home to Barcelona, and their return to winning ways was not quite as straightforward as Arsenal's.

Manuel Pellegrini's side toiled in front of goal against Stoke at the Etihad Stadium and there was a sense of relief when Yaya Toure broke the deadlock from Aleksandar Kolarov's cut-back in the 70th minute.

Earlier, Terry's last-gasp winner allowed

Hashim

Amla's blister-

ing stroke-play

and Morne

Morkel's fear-

some bowling put South

Africa in control of the sec-

ond Test against Australia as

they closed the third day on

The Proteas led by 369

runs with six second-innings

wickets remaining and two

days to go on a ground where

the highest score chased

down for victory was 271 by

Amla will resume on 93

not out with 21-year-old

debutant Quinton de Kock

Amla's positive stroke-

play against all the Australian

bowlers helped South Africa

score at more than four runs

an over and accelerated the

Australia in 1997.

on nine.

192 for four on Saturday.

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

SA push for big lead

Australia did make

inroads into the top order,

Graeme Smith (14) failing

again after being bowled

by Mitchell Johnson off

the inside edge. Johnson

also accounted for AB de

with two wickets, Dean

Elgar (16) and Faf du Plessis

(24), both caught behind by

Fast bowler Morkel

proved the catalyst for a

sizeable South African lead

as his fiery bowling helped

restrict Australia to 246 in

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 423 (Duminy

123, De Villiers 116, Elgar 83, Du Plessis 55;

AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 112-4)

Peter Siddle weighed in

first two days.

Villiers (29).

Brad Haddin.

their first innings.

SCOREBOARD

Rogers Ibw b Philander

Warner c Smith b Philander

Doolan c de Villiers b Parnell

Marsh c de Villiers b Parnell

Lyon 5-130)

RESULTS

Arsenal 4 (Giroud 5, 31, Rosicky 42, Koscielny 57) Sunderland 1 (Giaccherini 81) Cardiff 0 Hull 4 (Huddlestone 18, Jelavic 38, 57, Livermore 67)

Chelsea 1 (Terry 90+3) Everton 0 Manchester City 1 (Toure 70) Stoke 0 West Brom 1 (Vydra 86) Fulham 1 (Dejagah 28) West Ham 3 (Jarvis 20, Cole 23, Nolan 71) Southampton 1 (Yoshida 8)

Chelsea to hold onto top spot as they snatched a 1-0 victory against Everton at Stamford Bridge.

With Everton goalkeeper Tim Howard in sparkling form, Chelsea looked set to drop points until Terry marked his return to the team after a three-game absence by toeing home a Frank Lampard free-kick in the 93rd minute.

"When you score in minute 90something, you could speak about being lucky, but the reality is that the boys chased it," said Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho.

"I feel sorry for Everton because a point would have been fair, but we were the team that was trying to win, which is our responsibility."

Terry's strike was a bitter blow for an enterprising Everton side, who squandered an opportunity to close the eight-point gap that currently separates them from fourthplace Liverpool.

Meanwhile, Felix Magath saw victory snatched from his grasp in his first game as Fulham manager after a 1-1 draw at West Bromwich Albion.

Fulham were on course to climb off the foot of the table thanks to Ashkan Dejagah's 28th-minute goal, only for Matej Vydra to plunder an 86th-minute equaliser with a shot that squirmed past Maarten Stekelenburg.

Clarke c Elgar b Philander

Smith c de Villiers b Morkel

Harris c du Plessis b Morkel

Extras: (lb-4, nb-1, w-2)7

Total: (All out in 57 overs) 246

6-128,7-168,8-205,9-209

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-41, 3-41, 4-81, 5-120,

Lyon b Morkel

Haddin b Steyn

Siddle not out 11

Philander

Duminy

Smith b Johnson

Amla not out

De Kock not out

Lyon

Siddle

Extras: (b-2, lb-5)

Elgar c Haddin b Siddle

Du Plessis c Haddin b Siddle

De Villiers c Haddin b Johnson

Total: (For 4 wkts in 47 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-42, 3-112, 4-167

Johnson b Duminy



Chelsea captain John Terry (R) scores the all-important during their Premier League encounter against Everton at Stamford Bridge yesterday.

Sk Jamal held BFF buying time by BJMC

SPORTS REPORTER



Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club stuttered in their return to the Bangladesh Premier League as they were held 2-2 by a spirited Team BJMC at the

Bangabndhu National Stadium yesterday. The Federation Cup champions, who displayed some scintillating football in the just-concluded IFA Shield in Kolkata, were a looked short of motivation and fitness and failed to replicate Kolkata's performance in Dhaka.

"We had trouble coming from playing at the turf to the grass. Five matches in space of ten days also took toll on our players and the defeat in final demoralized them, which is why they could not perform as well as they did in Kolkata,' was the post-match assessment of Sheikh Jamal coach Joseph Afusi.

The former premier league champions conceded an early goal in the 80th second of the match when BJMC midfielder Samson Ilyasu's hopeful attempt from the top of the box beat the Sheikh Jamal keeper Mazharul Islam Himel on the far post. But the Dhanmondi outfit, who had drawn their last match a month ago against Mohammedan after a string of four wins, hit back in the 10th minute when Mamunul's free-kick was inadvertently headed in by BJMC defender Saiful Islam.

The Dhanmondi giants then gained the 36th minute when Nigerian striker Emeka Darlington back-headed a Raihan Hasan throw-in at the goal but BJMC drew level in the 43rd minute when Uche Felix stabbed in a low cross from the left by Ismael Bangoura.

Despite both sides looking desperate for a winner in the second half, there was little goalmouth action after the breather, which perhaps suited BJMC more than Sheikh Jamal. Sheikh Jamal's Haitian duo of Sony Norde and Wedson Anselme were shadows of themselves, and the former limped at the fag end of the match while the latter was taken off.

The draw took Sheikh Jamal to third position with 14 points from six outings, four points behind leaders Abahani, who have played eight matches while Team BJMC went up to fifth position with 12 points from nine matches. Sheikh Jamal, though, will have the chance to reduce the gap and overtake Sheikh Russel in second position when they take on Abahani in their next match on Tuesday.

Dutch coaches edgy

SPORTS REPORTER



The fate of the Dutch coaches of the national football team - Lodewijk de Kruif and Rene Koster -seems to be assured for the moment as the president of Bangladesh

Football Federation Kazi Salahuddin assured them of clearing their unpaid wages very soon during a meeting with the two coaches at the BFF house yesterday. The two coaches, who had recently expressed their grievances to the media about their unpaid wages and also reportedly threatened to take the matter to FIFA, said they were assured that a small amount of their wages will be cleared before they leave to play a friendly against India on March 2 while a big amount will be given later in March.

"After the end of this month, I will have four months' wages due while Rene (Koster) will have five months' due. This is a difficult situation for us as with our families living thousand miles away. We had been assured before as well. Despite that we are counting on the words of the president and we are focused on the match against India," said De Kruif after watching the signed a deal for two years which is bind-Bangladesh Premier League match between ing for both parties," said De Kruif.

Sheikh Jamal DC and BJMC yesterday.

However, it has been learnt that the BFF president is unhappy about the coaches' performance with the national side and their recent remarks to the media. BFF is also mulling whether to retain the coaches after the end of their first year in charge, which will end in June. Tabith Awal, vice president of BFF and a member of the National Team's Committee, who was present at the meeting, said that the performance of the two coaches will be evaluated at the end of first year and then they will decide whether to extend the deal.

"According to the contract we have to keep them till June. Then if neither party feels like extending, the contract will not be extended. But that is an issue to be analysed later," said Tabith adding that they have assured the coaches of clearing the dues soon.

However, both De Kruif and Koster categorically said that the contract is for two years and there is no clause to renewing it after one year.

"Whoever said there is an issue of renewing contract is ill-informed. We

game forward after a slow Rooney signs

new deal AFP, London

Wayne Rooney pledged his long-term future to Manchester United on Friday after signing a blockbuster contract extension with the Premier League champions.

The new contract will reportedly pay the 28-yearold £300,000 (\$498,840, 363,534 euros) a week, with Rooney also set to stay at United as a club ambassador when he eventually retires.

2.3m WC tickets sold

A total of 2.3 million tick-

AFP, Florianopolis

ets have been sold for the World Cup's 64 matches, FIFA revealed on Friday.

More than 500,000 tickets were sold in the latest random phase and a further 159,000 will be sold, again exclusively through FIFA, on a first-come, first-served basis between

March 12 and April 1. Those latter tickets will be for matches not including the June 12 opening Game in Sao Paulo and the

July 13 final in Rio.



marketing and sales director of Heidelberg Cement Bangladesh Ltd, at the end of the ODI series against Bangladesh at Mirpur yesterday. PHOTO: STAR



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