

What to WATCH	TEN CRICKET New Zealand v Pakistan Third Test, Day 2 Live from 12:00pm STAR SPORTS2 Indian Super League	North East v Chennai Live from 7:30pm TEN SPORTS UEFA Europa League Feyenoord v Sevilla Live from 12:00am (Friday)	Inter Milan v Dnipro Live from 2:00am (Friday) TEN ACTION UEFA Europa League Wolfsburg v Everton Live from 12:00am (Friday)	Tottenham v Partizan Live from 2:00am (Friday) TEN HD UEFA Europa League Sparta Praha v Napoli Live from 12:00am (Friday)	Celtic v Salzburg Live from 2:00am (Friday)
	DRY'S EVENT Dhaka Premier League Sk Jamal v Kalabagan CA	Venue: KSOAS Legends of Rugganj v Brothers Union	Venue: BKSP-3 Prime Doleshwar v Prime Bank	Venue: BKSP-2 Time: 9:00am	

Real Madrid sans the Cross

INTERNET

On 12th September, Florentino Pérez announced a three-year partnership agreement with the National Bank of Abu Dhabi, a bank in the United Arab Emirates.

To show that Real are committed, they have removed the 'Cross' from above their logo.

One of the flagship items announced at the event was a brand-new National Bank of Abu Dhabi credit card that doubles as a Real Madrid membership card.

Images of this new product have now surfaced, revealing that it features an edited version of the regular 'Los Blancos' badge, with the Cross -- a Christian symbol -- above the crown removed so as to avoid causing offence or discomfort among Muslim customers.

"This agreement will help the club to keep conquering the hearts of followers in the United Arab Emirate," Perez had said during the agreement signing a couple of months ago.

MESSI sets goal-record

REUTERS, Nicosia



Barcelona forward Lionel Messi set a Champions League scoring record of 74 goals when he netted a hat-trick in Tuesday's 4-0 Group F win at APOEL

Nicosia.

The Barca and Argentina captain surpassed the record of 71 he jointly held with former Real Madrid and Schalke 04 striker Raul when he put his side 2-0 ahead shortly before halftime.

The 27-year-old added two more goals in the second half to complete his 31st career treble, his fifth in Europe's elite club competition and the first in which he has scored all three with his less-favoured right foot.

"I am pleased to have achieved such a nice record in such a nice and important competition but the really important thing is the three points," Messi said in a television interview.

His achievement is the latest milestone in a stellar career and comes three days after he broke the six decades-old La Liga

scoring record with a hat-trick in Barca's 5-1 home win over Sevilla.

Messi overhauled former Athletic Bilbao striker Telmo Zarra's tally of 251 goals, set in 1955, and has 253 in 289 league games for the Catalan club he joined as a 13-year-old.

Messi's 74 Champions League goals came in 91 appearances, while Raul needed 142 for Real and Schalke 04 for his 71.

Real forward Cristiano Ronaldo, who ended Messi's four-year run as World Player of the Year in 2013 with his second award, has scored 70 Champions League goals in 107 matches.

The Portugal captain will try to close the gap when Real play at FC Basel in Champions League Group B on Wednesday.

Barca had already qualified for the Champions League last 16 along with group leaders Paris St Germain, who won 3-1 at home to Ajax Amsterdam.

Barca need to beat the Ligue 1 side when they meet at the Nou Camp on December 10 to secure top spot.

TOP GOALSCORERS

LIONEL MESSI
74 GOALS (94 APPS)

RAUL GONZALEZ
71 GOALS (142 APPS)

CRISTIANO RONALDO
70 GOALS (107 APPS)

RUUD VAN NISTELROOY
56 GOALS (73 APPS)

THIERRY HENRY
50 GOALS (112 APPS)

ACHIEVEMENTS

Xavi became the first player to win 100 games in European competition history

Didier Drogba scored his 50th goal in European competitions to become the first African player to reach the milestone

UNIQUE FEAT

Messi has broken the Barcelona El Clasico, Champions League and La Liga goalscoring record with hat-tricks each time.

MESSI GOAL-LINE

2004 1 APP, 0 GOAL

2005 6 APP, 1 GOAL

2006 5 APP, 1 GOAL

2007 9 APP, 6 GOALS

2008 12 APP, 9 GOALS

2009 11 APP, 8 GOALS

2010 13 APPS, 12 GOALS

2011 11 APPS, 14 GOALS

2012 11 APPS, 8 GOALS

2013 7 APPS, 8 GOALS

2014 5 APPS, 7 GOALS

Messi's hat-trick took him past Raul's record of 71 Champions League goals.

PHOTO: AFP



Aguero the saviour

AFP, Paris



Manchester City kept their qualification hopes alive as Sergio Aguero completed a hat-trick in stoppage time to give the English champions a 3-2 win over 10-man Bayern Munich.

City were five minutes from defeat against a side that had outplayed them throughout the game, whether playing with 10 or 11 players.

Aguero gave the hosts the lead from the penalty spot after centre-back Mehdi Benatia had been dismissed for bringing him down in the box as the last man.

But Bayern still went into the break in front with two goals in the final five minutes of the half, first through Xabi Alonso's free-kick and then as Robert Lewandowski out jumped Vincent Kompany and Bakary Sagna to head home a deep right-wing cross.

City toiled in the second period as the Germans dominated the ball, until Stevan Jovetic cut out Alonso's misplaced pass to send Aguero away to equalise five minutes from the finish.

The Spaniard then popped up a minute into stoppage time to pounce on a mistake by former City defender Jerome Boateng to complete his hat-trick.

It left City level on points with Roma and CSKA Moscow going into the last round of matches, with the English side travelling to the Italian capital and the Russians away in Bavaria.

On a day of records, Roma stalwart Francesco Totti extended his mark as oldest scorer in the Champions League by opening the scoring in his side's 1-1 draw at CSKA.

At 38 years, one month and 29 days, his 43rd minute goal saw him extend the record he previously set in September when netting in a 1-1 draw at Manchester City to break a three-year-old mark set by former Manchester United winger Ryan Giggs.

RESULTS

CSKA Moscow (RUS) 1 (V. Berezutsky 90+3) Roma (ITA) 1 (Totti 43)

Manchester City (ENG) 3 (Aguero 21-pen, 85, 90+1) Bayern Munich (GER) 2 (Xabi Alonso 40, Lewandowski 45)

APOEL Nicosia (CYP) 0 Barcelona (ESP) 4 (Suarez 27, Messi 38, 58, 87)

Paris Saint-Germain (FRA) 3 (Cavani 33, 83, Ibrahimovic 78) Ajax (NED) 1 (Klaassen 67)

Schalke 04 (GER) 0 Chelsea (ENG) 5 (Terry 2, Willian 29, Kirchoff 44-og, Drogba 76, Ramires 78)

Sporting Lisbon 3 (Mané 10, Nani 35, Slimani 65) Maribor 1 (Jefferson 42-o.g.)

BATE Borisov (BLR) 0 Porto (POR) 3 (Herrera 56, Martinez 65, Tello 89)

Hafeez lifts Pakistan

AFP, Sharjah



opener Mohammad Hafeez struck a dominating century to lift Pakistan to

281-3 in the third and final Test against New Zealand in Sharjah on Wednesday.

The 34-year-old anchored Pakistan's innings with an unbeaten 178 -- his seventh Test hundred and second in the series -- as Pakistan dominated the day after winning a crucial toss and deciding to bat on a flat, grass-less Sharjah stadium pitch.

Hafeez added an invaluable 121 for the fourth wicket with skipper Misbahul Haq who was not out on a chancy 38 and 87 for the second wicket with Azhar Ali (39).

SCORES IN BRIEF

PAKISTAN: First innings 281 for 3 (Hafeez 178 not out, Azhar 39, Misbah 38

not out; Craig 2-67)
NEW ZEALAND: McCullum (capt), Latham, Williamson, Taylor, Anderson, Watling, Vettori, Craig, Southee, Boult, Sodhi.

SL go 1-0 up

SPORT DESK

Sri Lanka rode on three fifties to fashion a 25-run win over England in the first of the seven-match ODI series in Colombo yesterday.

Tillakaratne Dilshan top-scored with 88, Mahela Jayawardene hit 55 and Kusal Perera made 59 as the hosts posted 317 for six in 50 overs.

Six bowlers chipped in with a wicket or more as the hosts successfully defended the total, bundling England out for 292, despite a 119-run knock from Moeen Ali and a battling 65 from Ravi Bopara.

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October 25 - December 1

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