


<h1>What to WATCH</h1>	GAZI TV & STAR SPORTS 1 Bangladesh v Pakistan First Test, Day 3 Live from 10:00am	CHANNEL 9 & SET MAX Indian Premier League Kolkata v Chennai Live from 8:30pm	STAR SPORTS 2 Serie A Empoli v Napoli Live from 12:45am (Friday)	STAR SPORTS 4 Primera Liga Rayo Valecano v Valencia Live from 12:00am (Friday) Granada v Espanyol
	DAY'S EVENT Bangladesh v Pakistan Venue: SANS, Khulna First Test, Day 3	Time: 10:00am Bangladesh Cricket League Venue: Chittagong	East Zone v Central Zone Longer Version, Day 1 Time: 9:30am	Bangladesh Premier League Venue: BNS Farashganj v Soccer Club, Feni

PARTY IN MANCHESTER

Gary Neville took to Twitter today to celebrate an embarrassing 25 year Liverpool milestone. On 28th April 1990, Liverpool were crowned champions of England for the 18th time. Fast forward 25 years and Liverpool are still searching for number 19, to the delight of Manchester United legend Gary Neville. He tweeted, "All dayer?" For those unaware an "all dayer" would be a day of celebration. Manchester United racked up a whopping 13



Bayern's treble hopes over

AFP, Berlin

Bayern Munich's hopes of winning the treble were ended Tuesday after losing 2-0 to Borussia Dortmund on penalties as their German Cup semifinal finished 1-1 after extra-time.

Having been crowned German league champions on Sunday, Bayern missed all four of their spot-kicks to put Dortmund in the German Cup final on May 30.

Bayern -- who did win the treble of European, Cup and Bundesliga titles in 2013 -- can still win the Champions League and face Barcelona next Wednesday in the semifinal, first-leg.

Robert Lewandowski scored against his former employers to give Bayern a first-half lead before Dortmund striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang equalised 15 minutes from time to take the game into extra-time.

The shoot-out got off to a dramatic start when Philipp Lahm and Xabi Alonso both slipped to fire Bayern's first two penalties over the bar.

Ilkay Gundogan and Sebastian Kehl converted theirs for Dortmund before Mario Goetze had his effort saved by Borussia's Australia goalkeeper Mitchell Langerak.

Dortmund captain Mats Hummels had his shot saved before Munich's shot-stopper Manuel Neuer hit the cross bar with Bayern's fourth spot-kick to send Borussia to Berlin.

Dortmund have reached their third cup final in four years and will face either VfL Wolfsburg or third-division leaders Arminia Bielefeld.

Poland striker Lewandowski netted Munich's 29th-minute opener when he finished off a counter-attack and then hit the cross-bar in the second half.



Mushfiqur Rahim (R) hurt the ring finger on his right hand while trying to grasp a catch in the 35th over of the Pakistan innings. The Bangladesh skipper, however, is likely to feature today.

Mushy's nightmare

SPORTS REPORTER from Khulna

It will not take one more than a cursory glance to realise that hosts Bangladesh had a miserable second day in the first Test against Pakistan in Khulna yesterday. However, for those who watched the three sessions closely will find out that the day was nightmarish for one particular player, Mushfiqur Rahim. From his batting and his keeping to his on-field decisions, it was an error-prone day for the Bangladesh skipper in the longer version of the game. And to further rub salt into the wound, Mushfiqur had to leave the field, long before the stumps were drawn, with a bruised finger.

Last thing first. The day for Mushfiqur was cut short in the 34th over of Pakistan's innings when he shelled a catch offered by Azhar Ali behind the stumps off debutant Mohammad Shahid when the batsman was on 28. The ball sprained Mushfiqur's ring finger on the right hand. After standing on for 11 more deliveries, the Bangladesh skipper was taken to a hospital where X-rays revealed that he did not suffer any fractures.

"He is likely to play tomorrow (Thursday). He will now be taking medicine and

applying ice," informed Bangladesh team's media manager Rabeed Imam.

Azhar, the beneficiary of Mushfiqur's dropped attempt, went on to remain unbeaten on 65. But it wasn't the first time the Pakistan batsman was relieved. The right-hander was earlier dropped by Mushfiqur off Shakib Al Hasan.

Mushfiqur's batting wasn't anything worth writing home about either. The Bangladesh skipper attempted a half-hearted cut shot against a short and turning delivery from leg-spinner Yasir Shah; lobbing it up for an easy catch. The moment of indiscretion came at a time when Bangladesh were six down, having just lost Soumya Sarkar in the previous over, and the tail to follow. Mushfiqur departed for 32 and the Bangladesh tail was wrapped up 22 runs later.

To make matters worse, Mushfiqur's on-field decisions raised a few eye-brows too. He took off debutant Shahid after only one over. By the time Shahid was brought back for his second spell in the 35th over, Pakistan had already reached 130. Ironically that's what eventually ended Mushfiqur's day. In the very first ball of the pacer's second over, he dropped the catch and left the field in agony.

Washout after RCB's 200

STAR SPORT DESK

Heavy downpour washed out the Indian Premier League match between Rajasthan Royals and Royal Challengers Bangalore after the latter posted 200 for seven at the M Chinnaswami Stadium yesterday. The Bangalore side, who move up to third position with seven points, posted the massive total, thanks to 45-ball 57 from AB de Villiers and an unbeaten 45 off just 21 deliveries from Sarfaraz Khan. Tim Southee was the most successful bowler for Rajasthan with two wickets for 32 runs.

Bracewell gets Ireland job

AFP, London

New Zealand's John Bracewell has been appointed Ireland's new head coach, Cricket Ireland announced on Wednesday.

The former Black Caps player and coach succeeds Phil Simmons, now in charge of the West Indies, and has signed a contract until 2017, subject to work permit approval.

Bracewell, 57, will watch Ireland's one-day game against a weakened England team in Dublin on Friday and believes he can help the associate nation realise their ambition of securing Test status by 2019.

\$500,000 to host Zim

AGENCIES, Karachi

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has agreed to spend around USD 5 lakh on hosting the Zimbabwe cricket team for a limited over series next month.

PCB chairman Shaharyar Khan said on Tuesday that the PCB had accepted some of the requests of the Zimbabwe cricket union to make the tour possible, which would be the first by a Test nation to Pakistan since 2009.

"The expenditure on hosting the Zimbabwean team is around USD 500,000 but we expect to bring this figure down," he said.

A reliable source in the board said that the amount included premium for taking out a life insurance on the touring players and officials, match fees and daily allowances to the visiting players and air tickets.

'Want to use home advantage'

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh national team's head coach Lodewijk de Kruif has set his sights on finishing third in the five-team Group B of the Asian Cup Qualifiers in a bid to avoid play-off fate. The Dutchman, who arrived here early in the morning yesterday, said he was looking to take advantage of home conditions, if there is any.

"It is a tough group for sure but the opportunity to play against teams like Australia, Jordan is a fantastic one. I hope we will fight for the third place and take home advantage if there is even one percent chance," said de Kruif while watching the Bangladesh Premier League match between Mohammedan and Mukhtijoddha Sangsad at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Bangladesh will play against Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, both at home, in their first two qualifying matches on June 11 and 16 respec-



LODEWIJK DE KRUIF

tively. The game's governing body has arranged to play the matches at 3:00pm.

De Kruif is supposed to start the preparation camp after May 21 following the completion of the first leg of the league but he will keep his eyes on the players' performance before picking them for the initial squad. The goalkeeping coach, Christian

Schweichler will meanwhile conduct training sessions for the goalkeepers on the sidelines of the league. He is supposed to have a training session today at the Sheikh Jamal DC ground with six goalkeepers.

"We have approximately 40 players to look out for and see who is in good shape; who is in good form and who is fit. As soon as the league is complete, we will start the camp," said de Kruif. "I will visit the clubs to see the players and their training and consult with the club coaches regarding the national players. My first job will be to keep all the players fit and help players like Mamunul (Islam), Sohel (Rana), Raihan (Hasan) to recover from injuries."

De Kruif has also praised Mukhtijoddha striker Enamul Haque and Mohammedan winger Jewel Rana.

"Enamul is not a genuine false 9 but he plays in the position where Lionel Messi plays. He provides a lot of balls for the forwards and also scores goals. I need these type of players," evaluated de Kruif.

Barca destroy Getafe

AFP, Madrid

Barcelona's star front three of Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar brought up a century of goals in all competitions as the Catalans moved five points clear at the top of La Liga with a 6-0 humbling of Getafe on Tuesday.

All three were on target inside 28 minutes as Messi opened the scoring from the penalty spot before teasing up Suarez to volley home and Neymar was left with the simple task of registering the 100th goal between the trio from Suarez's pass.

Xavi Hernandez then curled home a stunning fourth before Suarez made it 5-0 with a similar finish into the far corner and Messi rounded off the scoring in typical style on his favoured left foot early in the second-half.

Barca boss Luis Enrique had resisted the temptation to rest any of his front three despite making four changes from the side that won 2-0 at Espanyol on Saturday with one eye on next week's Champions League semifinal, first-leg against Bayern Munich.

That decision was richly rewarded in a stunning first-half display that tore the helpless visitors to shreds.

Messi put his recent yips from the penalty spot behind him as he opened the scoring by chipping the ball straight down the middle of the goal in the style made famous by Czech legend Antonin Panenka in the 1976 European Championships after Suarez had been felled by Alvaro Arroyo.

Getafe nearly drew level moments later when Claudio Bravo made a brilliant recovery save to claw Fredy Hinestroza's lob to safety to make up for his original poor positioning.

Suarez put the result beyond doubt with a sumptuous volley from Messi's inviting beyond and the Uruguayan then turned provider for Neymar to bring up the century.

Moments later Xavi scored what could well be his final goal at the Camp Nou with the veteran expected to move to Qatar at the end of the season by curling the ball high into the far corner.

Xavi's flick then set up Suarez to finish in similar style to register his 21st goal of the season before the break.

MSC overcome Mukhtijoddha

SPORTS REPORTER

Ismael Bangoura converted two penalty kicks in the second half as Mohammedan Sporting Club bounced back from two goals down to beat Mukhtijoddha Sangsad 3-2 in an entertaining affair of the Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The Guinean forward's brace and one by Mohammad Ibrahim ensured the Black and Whites their second win on the trot while Mukhtijoddha suffered their second successive defeat in a similar manner.

The result meant Mohammedan joined Mukhtijoddha on 12 points from six matches, six behind leaders Sheikh Jamal DC and one behind Abahani.

The Black and Whites had come into the match on the back of a 2-1 win over Farashganj and started the match with some brisk attacks but relinquished control once the All Reds found the back of the net twice within two minutes at the end of the first half.

MOHAMMEDAN	3	-	2	MUKHTIJODDHA
RAHMATGANJ	0	-	1	CTG ABAHANI

The deadlock was broken in the 40th minute when Mohammad Biplob beat Mohammedan goalkeeper Mohammad Nehal with a placing shot after availing a defence-splitting pass from Enamul Haque. The latter then doubled the lead, notching his sixth goal of the league, toe-poking on the near post after Camara Sarba broke the off-side trap to put a low cross from the right side.

Mohammedan reorganised and unsettled the Mukhtijoddha defence with attacks from either flanks, and one such attack resulted in defender Nurul Nayeem Faisal handling the ball inside the box in the 55th minute. Bangoura stepped up to reduce the margin.

Mohammedan kept pressing and the equaliser came in the 80th minute when Ibrahim tapped in Jewel Rana's cross from close range.

Three minutes later, Bangoura won the second penalty decision in favour of the Black and Whites after he was pushed by Ashrafur Kamal inside the box. The Guinean was once again on target as Mohammedan completed a brilliant comeback.

Dawson pegs back L'pool

AFP, Kingston Upon Hull

Michael Dawson, the Hull City captain, scored a goal that secured a 1-0 home win over Liverpool and had a significant impact on both ends of the Premier League table on Tuesday.

This was Liverpool's game in hand over Manchester United and their failure to win it leaves Brendan Rodgers's team seven points adrift of the Old Trafford club with

an inferior goal difference.

Both of them now have four games to play and Liverpool's pursuit of a Champions League place looks to be over.

Hull, meanwhile, have moved above Aston Villa near the foot of the table and are four points clear of the relegation zone.

With even a Europa Cup place far from certain, it will be scant consolation for Liverpool to know that few of their supporters were at the KC Stadium to witness the game.



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