

<b>What to WATCH</b>	<b>GAZI TV &amp; STAR SPORTS1</b> Bangladesh v Pakistan First Test, Day 4 Live from 10:00am	<b>CHANNEL 9 &amp; SET MAX</b> Indian Premier League Mumbai v Rajasthan Live from 8:30pm	<b>SATURDAY CHANNEL 9 &amp; SET MAX</b> Bangalore v Kolkata Live from 4:30pm	<b>TEN CRICKET</b> West Indies v England Third Test, Day 1 Live from 8:00pm	<b>STAR SPORTS2</b> Primera Liga Real Sociedad v Levante Live from 12:45am (Saturday)	Cordoba v Barcelona Live from 8:00pm Atletico Madrid v Bilbao Live from 10:00pm	Sevilla v Real Madrid Live from 12:00am (Sunday) Deportivo v Villarreal Live from 2:00am	<b>STAR SPORTS4</b> English Premiership Liverpool v QPR Live from 8:00pm Man United v West Brom
	<b>DAY'S EVENT</b> Bangladesh v Pakistan Venue: SANS, Khulna First Test, Day 4	Time: 10:00am Bangladesh Cricket League Venue: Chittagong	East Zone v Central Zone Longer Version, Day 2 Time: 9:30am					

**ICC ODI RANKINGS**  
(following annual update)

Rank	Team	Ratings Points
1 (-)	Australia	129 (+7)
2 (-)	India	117 (+1)
3 (+1)	New Zealand	116 (+8)
4 (-1)	South Africa	112 (0)
5 (-)	Sri Lanka	106 (-1)
6 (-)	England	94 (-7)
7 (-)	West Indies	88 (-4)
8 (+1)	<b>Bangladesh</b>	<b>88 (+7)</b>
9 (-1)	Pakistan	87 (-5)
10 (+1)	Ireland	50 (+6)
11 (-1)	Zimbabwe	45 (-5)

**Farashganj get a point**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Farashganj SC got their first point in the Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League after holding Feni Soccer Club to a draw in yesterday's lone fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The stalemate however did not change their respective positions in the 11-team table as the Old Dhaka outfit stayed at the bottom with one point from five outings while Feni Soccer remained at eighth position with four points from five matches.

This was the second goalless draw of the league and the third stalemate overall in 30 matches.

**DAVIS CUP**  
**Bangladesh notch a win**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh tasted their first victory in the Davis Cup Asia/Oceania (Zone-4) as they handed a straight 3-0 sets defeat on Kyrgyzstan in Bahrain yesterday.

Ranjan Ram beat Karimberdiev in 6-1, 6-0 sets; Shibu Lal beat Diushembiev in 6-0, 6-0 sets while Ranjan and Shibu pair beat the Kyrgyz pair in straight sets (6-0, 6-0) to win the rubber.

Bangladesh, who had earlier lost against Singapore and United Arab Emirates, both in 0-3 sets, will play their fourth game against Oman today, said a Bangladesh Tennis Federation press release.

**Narine ban extends to internationals**  
AGENCIES, New Delhi

West Indies spinner Sunil Narine, who has been banned from bowling off-spin in the Indian Premier League, won't be allowed to use the delivery in international cricket too, according to a Wisden India report. According to the website, the International Cricket Council confirmed that the ban extends to international cricket.

The provision to extend the ban to international cricket was possible due to a clause added to the laws concerning bowling action.



Chelsea striker Didier Drogba (R) scores the opening goal against Leicester City during their Premier League encounter at the King Power Stadium on Wednesday.

**Chelsea almost champs**

AFP, Leicester

Chelsea took another step towards winning the English Premier League title as second half goals from Didier Drogba, John Terry and Ramires helped them overturn a half-time deficit to win 3-1 at in-form Leicester City.

Jose Mourinho's side can now secure the crown if they beat Crystal Palace on Sunday after defeating a side who looked far from relegation contenders on this evidence.

Leicester struck just before the break through Marc Albrighton and held on until Chelsea raised their game in the second half.

The visitors opted to start with Petr Cech in goal with Thibaut Courtois not 100 per cent fit while Diego Costa missed out to Drogba.

Leicester were unchanged and started well in front of a passionate home crowd.

Jamie Vardy headed straight at Cech from Albrighton's cross before the former's snapshot from 25 yards just missed the target.

**KKR beat CSK**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Chennai Super Kings took on defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders. CSK put up 165 runs after their lower-middle order put on some runs, while Brendon McCullum scored 32 runs off 12 balls at the start of their inning.

Brad Hogg took four wickets in his allotted overs to initiate chaos in the CSK ranks.

KKR looked to be in some trouble at 57 for three after 9.1 overs, but Robin Uthappa and Andre Russell a brilliant 112-run partnership, picking up the pace late in the innings and clinching the game with one ball remaining.

**Pakistan's 6-year wait over**  
AFP, Lahore

Pakistan on Thursday announced the itinerary for Zimbabwe's proposed tour in May where they are set to become the first Test playing nation to visit the militancy-hit South Asian country in six years.

All five matches -- two Twenty20s and three one-day internationals -- are to be played in the eastern city of Lahore after Cricket Zimbabwe (CZ) refused to play in Karachi.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said CZ had told the International Cricket Council (ICC) it would visit Pakistan between May 19 and June 1.

"I am grateful to my counterpart in CZ, Wilson Manase, for acceding to our request of sending a full side on a tour to Pakistan," PCB chairman Shaharyar Khan said in a statement.

"This would be an auspicious moment for Pakistan cricket and I am positive that it would open doors of international cricket in Pakistan.

"I am indeed confident that Zimbabwe's incident-free tour shall be the harbinger of more and more associate and full member nations visiting us in the months and years to come," he added.

A Zimbabwean security team is set to come to inspect security arrangements in Lahore on May 4, the statement said.

Pakistan hopes the series will encourage other international teams to visit Pakistan.

Major sides have avoided the country since militants attacked the Sri Lanka team bus in Lahore in March 2009, killing eight people and injuring seven visiting players.

**Afridi to quit next year**  
AFP, Karachi

Pakistani all-rounder Shahid Afridi Thursday announced he would retire from Twenty20 cricket next year, ending a colourful international career which earned him unmatched popularity in his homeland.

The 35-year-old retired from one-day cricket after last month's World Cup held in Australia and New Zealand where Pakistan reached the final eight, but said he would continue to play the shortest form of the game.

"I will retire from Twenty20 cricket after next year's World Twenty20," Afridi, who left Test cricket in 2010, told reporters. "I will continue to play county in England and a few Twenty20 leagues but my international career will end next year."

India host the sixth edition of the World Twenty20 in March-April next year, where Afridi said he hoped to leave on a high.

"I want to finish my career with pleasant memories and had never thought I will play for Pakistan for so long," said Afridi.

**Real keep up pressure**  
AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid warmed up for a big week by moving back to within two points of Barcelona at the top of La Liga with a comfortable 3-0 win over Almeria on Wednesday.

James Rodriguez's stunning dipping volley a minute before the break lit up an otherwise drab first 45 minute.

Mauro Dos Santos's own goal doubled Madrid's advantage early in the second-half before Alvaro Arbeloa added a late third.

Madrid travel to Champions League-chasing Sevilla on Saturday before facing Juventus away in the first-leg of their Champions League semifinal on Tuesday.

The pressure was on Carlo Ancelotti's men after Barcelona had mauled Getafe 6-0 on Tuesday, but they made a slow start against the relegation-threatened Andalusians.

Rodriguez headed just wide from Arbeloa's cross early on before Ruben Martinez stood up well to turn a fierce drive from Cristiano Ronaldo behind.

The World Player of the Year also sent a dipping free-kick onto the roof of the net, but the home fans were becoming frustrated before Rodriguez sparked the game into life

**Sagar, Nazma to train in Thailand**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Swimmers Mahfizur Rahman Sagar and Nazma Khatun are set to receive long-term training in Thailand as part of their preparation for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games as part of a scholarship granted the international swimming federation, FINA.

Apart from Sagar and Nazma, FINA also picked 36 more swimmers from 19 Asian countries for the scholarship in which the swimmers will receive training and take part in competition for one year.

The training is scheduled to get underway from today at the Thanyapura Training Center in Phuket, Thailand but Sagar and Nazma are supposed to leave here on May 3 or 4, subject to availability of Thai visas.

"I want to thank the federation for giving me the opportunity," said Sagar.

**ITINERARY**

- May 19: Team Zimbabwe arrive
- May 22: First Twenty20 international
- May 24: Second Twenty20 international
- May 26: First one-day
- May 29: Second one-day
- May 31: Third one-day
- June 01: Team Zimbabwe departs

**RESULTS**

- Eibar 1 (Piovaccari 51) Sevilla 3 (Bacca 7, 15, Reyes 64)
  - Real Madrid 3 (Rodriguez 44, Dos Santos 49-og, Arbeloa 84) Almeria 0
  - Celta Vigo 1 (Nolito 89) Malaga 0
  - Elche 4 (Jonathas 6, Lomban 20-pen, Pasalic 54, Rodrigues 90+1) Deportivo la Coruna 0
  - Villarreal 0 Atletico Madrid 1 (Torres 69)
- just before the break.
- In a similar style to the Colombian's stunning volley against Uruguay at last year's World Cup, he slammed the ball over the helpless Martinez from just outside the area.
- It was 2-0 three minutes into the second-half as Jese fed Toni Kroos down the right and his low cross was turned into his own net by Dos Santos with Ronaldo waiting to pounce.
- Rodriguez was then withdrawn for Isco in preparation for the week ahead.
- However, the hosts still dominated the final half hour and should have added to their lead when Raphael Varane headed just wide before Javier Hernandez failed to continue his scoring streak when he turned Ronaldo's low cross wide at the near post.
- Hernandez did have a hand in the third goal though as his cross was slotted home by Arbeloa.

**Tevez on the double**  
AFP, Rome

Juventus put one hand on the Serie A title on Wednesday after a brace from Carlos Tevez saw the champions come back from a goal down to win an entertaining match with Fiorentina 3-2.

Victory moved them to within a point of their fourth straight league crown on an incident-packed night that saw 27 goals scored in eight matches.

Massimiliano Allegri's leaders could have sealed the title had second-placed Lazio failed to beat Parma, but Stefano Pioli's side struck three times through Marco Parolo, Miroslav Klose and Antonio Candreva in six blistering first half minutes and added a fourth through Balde Keita with nine minutes to go to both keep the gap between themselves and Juve at 14 points with five to play andlegate bankrupt Parma.

Juve now need just a draw at Sampdoria on Saturday night to win the league before

Cesena 2 (Brienza 56-pen, Carbonero 70) Atalanta 2 (Pinilla 50, 82)

Chievo 1 (Meggiolini 11) Cagliari 0

Juventus 3 (Llorente 36, Tevez 45+1, 70) Fiorentina 2 (Gonzalo 33-pen, Ilicic 90)

Lazio 4 (Parolo 10, Klose 13, Candreva 16, Keita 81) Parma 0

AC Milan 1 (Mexes 66) Genoa 3 (Bertolacci 37, Niang 49, Falque 90+3-pen)

Palermo 2 (Vitiello 10, Rigoni 26) Torino 2 (Peres 13, Maxi Lopez 60)

Sampdoria 1 (De Silvestri 65) Hellas Verona 1 (Toni 68)

Tuesday night's Champions League semifinal clash with Real Madrid in Turin, although they struggled at times against Fiorentina and could consider themselves fortunate to draw level after Andrea Pirlo's clumsy 31st-minute trip on Joaquin allowed Gonzalo Rodriguez to give Vincenzo Montella's side a shock lead from the penalty spot.

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