

What to WATCH	CHANNEL 9 & SET MAX Indian Premier League Hyderabad v Punjab Live from 8:30pm	STAR SPORTS2 Primera Liga Rayo Vallecano v Getafe Live from 1:00am (Tuesday)	STAR SPORTS4 English Premiership Arsenal v Swansea City Live from 1:00am (Tuesday)
	DAY'S EVENT Bangladesh Premier League Venue: BNS Farashganj v Abahani Time: 4:15pm Sk Russel v Soccer Club, Feni Time: 6:30pm		

YOUNGEST PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Beating the club's top-scorer Kenny McLean into second place, St Mirren fans have voted a six-year-old academy player as their Player of the Year in recognition of his brave battle against cancer. Aaron Woodall, who plays for the The Buddies' U8s side, was diagnosed with a brain tumour last year and has since undergone surgery and is receiving chemotherapy in his bid to fight the disease. In a poll conducted by St Mirren's largest website, Aaron finished almost 200 votes in front of McLean in the final

Aguero hatricket condemns QPR

Liverpool's CL dream ends

AFP, London

Sergio Aguero scored a hatricket as Manchester City sealed Queens Park Rangers' relegation from the Premier League with a 6-0 victory on Sunday.

Meanwhile Liverpool's hopes of a Champions League place were all but ended despite Steven Gerrard's goal in a 1-1 draw with English title-winners Chelsea.

QPR's humiliating defeat left them bottom of the table, nine points adrift of safety and with only a maximum of six available from their final two league games.

By contrast, victory saw deposed champions City stay second behind Chelsea and secure their place in next season's Champions League.

Aguero's treble cemented his position as the Premier League's top scorer this season, the Argentina forward's tally for the campaign now standing at 25 goals.

Any thoughts of an improbable survival mission for QPR were dashed as early as the fourth minute when Aguero shrugged off some weak tackles before beating QPR goalkeeper Robert Green.

Aleksandar Kolarov doubled City's lead with a well-struck free-kick from the edge of the box in the 32nd minute.

City saw Aguero make it 3-0 in the 50th minute before he completed his hat-trick from the penalty spot 15 minutes later after David Silva was brought down.

Aguero then turned provider to set up James Milner for City's fifth goal in the 70th minute before Silva completed the rout three minutes from time.

QPR will now return to the Championship following their promotion via the play-offs last season.

They will be joined in the second tier by Burnley, whose relegation was confirmed on Saturday.

The third and final relegation place is currently occupied by Hull City but several other clubs are also in danger of being demoted.

At the other end of the table, Chelsea faced Liverpool in what was Anfield great Gerrard's final match at Stamford Bridge before he joins the LA Galaxy after the end of this season.

Realistically, Liverpool had to win to maintain their hopes of a top-four finish.

But the signs were not promising when Chelsea captain John Terry headed in from a corner to put the Blues 1-0 up in just the fifth minute.

However, opposing skipper Gerrard got Liverpool back on level terms in similar fashion when the midfielder headed in a free-kick at the far post a minute before half-time.

This result left Liverpool six points behind Manchester United, who currently occupy the fourth and final Champions League qualifying place, with six more points available to both sides in their final two matches of the season.

It would take a freak combination of results for Liverpool to finish fourth given United's goal difference currently stands at +25 and the Merseysiders' at +11.

Sunday's result in west London also guaranteed Arsenal, currently third ahead of their match at home to Swansea today, a Champions League place.



Sheikh Jamal forwards Emeka Darlington (L) and Wedson Anselme celebrate one of their goals against Mukhtijoddha Sangsad during their Bangladesh Premier League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Emeka, Wedson down Muktis

SPORTS REPORTER

Emeka Darlington and Wedson Anselme scored a goal apiece as holders Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club beat Mukhtijoddha Sangsad 2-1 to extend their lead in the Manyara Bangladesh Premier League to seven points.

Emeka and Wedson found the back of the net twice within the first 22 minutes, either side of an own goal, in the crucial encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday which saw the Dhanmondi giants snap a two-match winless streak.

With seventh victory in nine outings, Sheikh Jamal sit pretty on top with 23 points, seven clear of second-placed Mukhtijoddha. Having come from two successive draws, the Dhanmondi giants looked sharp from the beginning and were intent on consolidating their lead as the first phase of the league nears an end.

The first goal came within two minutes when Sohel Rana's short corner was collected by right-back Mohammad Linkon, who whipped in a

perfectly-weighted cross for Emeka to head in the opening goal. The Nigerian celebrated his return to the field after one-match absence with his sixth goal of the campaign.

But the lead lasted only three minutes, thanks to a terrible howler from Sheikh Jamal goalkeeper Mazharul Islam Himel. The national team's third choice keeper made a meal of a routine back-pass from centre-back Nasiruddin Chowdhury and had to collect the ball from the back of his own net.

SHEIKH JAMAL 2-1 MUKHTIJODDHA

Himel's counterpart Titumir Chowdhury, though, showed fine form, thwarting an effort from Nasir in the 15th minute. However, the veteran goalkeeper was helpless against Wedson's placing shot seven minutes later. The Haitian broke the off-side trap on a through pass from Emeka and beat Titumir to take his tally to six, alongside teammate Emeka, and just one behind Mukhtijoddha marksman Enamul Haque.

The game was halted for eight minutes as the Mukhtijoddha players refused to play, protesting cancellation of a goal, ruled out for off-side, which they claimed was a legitimate one.

After taking back to the pitch, the All Reds had the luxury of playing the last 40 minutes of the match with a man-advantage after Sheikh Jamal midfielder Monaem Khan Raju received picked up his second booking 51st minute. But the perennial bridesmaid of the professional football league failed to muster a single shot on target and deservedly conceded yet another defeat, their third in eight matches.

"After the disappointment of the last two matches, our players seemed to be back to their own game even though they could not execute more than 60 percent of our plan. The motivation was to extend the gap with Mukhtijoddha Sangsad," said Sheikh Jamal coach Manuful Haque.

"It seemed to me that our players are frustrated and exhausted. They offered no fight against the opposition even after they (Sheikh Jamal) were reduced to 10 men," lamented Mukhtijoddha coach Abu Yusuf.



Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo may have cost his team the title after his penalty against Valencia was saved at the Santiago Bernabeu yesterday.

Real surrender title

AFP, Madrid

Barcelona are just one win away from a 23rd La Liga title after Cristiano Ronaldo missed a penalty in Real Madrid's 2-2 draw at home to Valencia on Saturday.

The league leaders are four points clear with two games to play and Barcelona can now seal the title when they travel to reigning champions Atletico Madrid next Sunday should a players' strike due for the weekend be called off.

First-half goals from Paco Alcacer and Javi Fuego gave Valencia a commanding half-time lead. However, despite goalkeeper Diego Alves leading Ronaldo from the spot just before the break, Madrid roared back in the second-half to earn a point thanks to goals from Pepe and Isco.

"There are two games to go, we need to win them, but obviously it is more difficult (to win the league)," admitted Madrid boss Carlo Ancelotti.

"The result isn't good, but the performance was the complete opposite. We have a lot of chances, hit the post three times, missed a penalty, sometimes it just isn't enough.

"We have a lot of positives and if we play like that on Wednesday it will go well."

TOP FIVE						
	P	W	L	D	GF	GA
Barcelona	36	29	3	4	107	19
Real Madrid	36	28	2	6	107	34
Atletico Madrid	36	23	8	5	67	28
Valencia	36	21	10	5	66	29
Sevilla	35	21	6	8	65	41

It was Valencia who opened the scoring when Madrid-target Jose Gaya's excellent low cross was turned home by Alcacer.

Seconds later it was 2-0 as Dani Parejo's free-kick was sent into the net by Javi Fuego.

Madrid looked to have been handed a route back into the game when Gaya bundled Bale over inside the area on the stroke of half-time.

But Alves continued his excellent record of saving penalties by flying to his right to deny the Portuguese.

Alves made two more excellent stops but was finally beaten by Pepe's header from James Rodriguez's corner.

Alves was again left helpless as Isco's stunning curling effort into the top corner with eight minutes to go gave Madrid hope.

Despite a late onslaught, though, Carlo Ancelotti's men couldn't find a late winner and now need a monumental collapse from Barca to have any shot at the title.

Pele released

AFP, Sao Paulo

Brazilian football legend Pele was released from hospital Saturday following prostate surgery, doctors said, after his latest health scare.

The Albert Einstein Hospital in Sao Paulo released a picture of a smiling Pele wearing sportswear and waving at the camera with his partner, Marcia Cibele Aoki.

The 74-year-old, who was treated at the same facility last year for a severe urinary tract infection, was discharged at 6:30 pm, it said.

The only player to win three World Cup titles underwent a surgical procedure four days ago known as a transurethral resection of the prostate, which is performed for enlargement of the prostate that causes difficulty urinating.

Media reports said the surgery for an enlarged prostate -- a common condition in aging men -- was aimed at preventing a repeat of the urinary infection that sent Pele to hospital last year.

The global sports icon has suffered a number of health crises in recent months. He underwent surgery for kidney stones in November, and then came down with an infection that required treatment in a hospital intensive care unit for several days.

His one remaining kidney stopped working and had to be treated with dialysis. He was also operated on the femur in November 2012.

Kroos fit for Juve

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid midfielder Toni Kroos is expected to be fit for his side's crunch Champions League semi-final, second leg against Juventus on Wednesday after fears over a hip injury were allayed on Sunday.

The German World Cup winner had to be replaced midway through the first half of Madrid's 2-2 draw with Valencia on Saturday which all but ended their La Liga title hopes.

Kroos's presence would be a huge boost to Madrid boss Carlo Ancelotti as his side try to turn around a 2-1 first-leg deficit with another influential midfielder Luka Modric already sidelined by a knee ligament injury.

Milan upset Roma

AFP, Rome

Roma failed to strengthen their grip on second place in Serie A after goals from Marco Van Ginkel and Mattia Destro saw struggling AC Milan win 2-1 to blow the race for the Champions League wide open.

Van Ginkel's first Serie A goal five minutes before half-time and a close range header from Destro just before the hour mark were enough for Milan to win for the first time in six games, despite a Francesco Totti penalty letting Roma back into the game 17 minutes from time.

"It was a special game for me and I really wanted to do well in front of our fans," said Destro, who is on loan from Roma.

Rudi Garcia's Roma stay second on 64 points but they are only a point ahead of local rivals Lazio, who host Inter Milan on Sunday night.

RESULTS	
Juventus 1 (Pogba 45) Cagliari 1 (Rossetti 85)	AC Milan 2 (Van Ginkel 40, Destro 59) Roma 1 (Totti 73-pen)
Chievo 2 (Paloschi 9, Pellissier 40-og) Hellas Verona 2 (Gomez Taleb 20, Toni 26)	Palermo 2 (Vazquez 43, Rigoni 68) Atalanta 3 (Baselli 6, Andelkovic 17-og, Gomez 51)
Udinese 1 (Di Natale 87-pen) Sampdoria 4 (Soriano 26, 63, Acquah 80, Duncan 90)	

Pollard in dance show

AGENCIES, New Delhi

Mumbai Indians star all-rounder Kieron Pollard may have floored you with his towering sixes and athletic fielding on the cricket field. However, the big-hitting West Indian is all set to bamboozle you with his moves on the dance floor for a tv show.

It was learnt that Pollard was yesterday formally approached for a special appearance on the Nach Baliye-7.

A source from the television programme said: "Yes, Pollard is approached, but he has not yet confirmed his participation. He is still thinking about it." Pollard is likely to appear with his wife Jenna Ali.

Bayern's 4th straight loss

AFP, Berlin

Ten-man Bayern Munich suffered a morale-sapping fourth straight defeat by losing 1-0 to Augsburg on Saturday ahead of their mission-impossible Champions League semi-final, second-leg against Barcelona.

The German giants played nearly 80 minutes with ten men after reserve goalkeeper Pepe Reina was shown a straight red card.

Neuer came on to face a penalty after Reina was sent off with just 13 minutes gone for fouling Bobadilla and Dutch defender Paul Verhaegh hit the post with the resulting spot-kick having beaten the diving Neuer.

Augsburg grabbed the winner when Danish midfielder Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg, on loan from Bayern, put in a cross which Bobadilla deftly back-heeled past Neuer on 71 minutes.

The Augsburg reverse means Bayern have suffered four defeats in a row for the first time in 24 years and have now failed to score

De Kock fined

AGENCIES, Raipur

Delhi Daredevils batsman Quinton de Kock has been fined five per cent of his match fee for showing dissent to the umpire after being dismissed in his team's six-run loss to Sunrisers Hyderabad in Raipur.

"In the Pepsi IPL match in Raipur last evening, Quinton de Kock of Delhi Daredevils was fined 5 per cent of his match fee for showing dissent at the umpire's decision," the IPL said in a statement.

"De Kock admitted to the level 1 offence and accepted the sanction," it added.

De Kock was dismissed for 50 but his team failed to chase down a target of 163.