

What to WATCH

STAR SPORTS2
England v New Zealand
First Test, Day 5
Live from 4:00pm

DAY'S EVENT
Bangladesh Cricket League
Venue: SBNCs, Mirpur
Central Zone v North Zone

NEO SPORTS
French Open
Men's & Women's First Rd
Live from 3:00pm

Venue: Chittagong
South Zone v East Zone
Longer Version, Day 2


Time: 9:30am

Asian Men's V'ball C'ship

Venue: Mirpur Indoor Stadium
Afghanistan v Turkmenistan
Time: 2:00pm

SCHALKE AXE DI MATTEO

Schalke 04 have parted company with coach Roberto di Matteo, according to a report by magazine Sport Bild on Sunday, after just two wins in their last ten games. Di Matteo has been in charge since October after his predecessor Jens Keller was sacked, but Saturday's 2-0 defeat at home to strugglers Hamburg looks to have been the last straw for Schalke's board. The 44-year-old, who coached Chelsea to the 2012 Champions League title, had steered the Royal Blues up from 11th when he took charge to third in the



Title race still wide open

SPORTS REPORTER

Team BJMC beat Feni Soccer Club 1-0 yesterday to move up to eighth position in the Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League table as the first leg of matches came to an end. Although Team BJMC have, for the moment allayed relegation fears, with Farashganj SC occupying the dreaded last spot; it is the top half of the table which is becoming increasingly crammed, with at least six clubs still very much in the hunt for the coveted title.

After 55 matches played in 49 days, six clubs remain within six points of each other, making this league the most keenly-contested one in recent times. Defending champions Sheikh Jamal DC occupy the top spot with 23 points, even though their failure to widen the gap has already resulted in the sacking of the entire coaching staff. Hot on Sheikh Jamal's heels are Mohammedan SC, Brothers Union and Sheikh Russel KC - all on 20 points - followed by Mukhtijoddha Sangsad on 19

and Abahani on 17 points. Though many believe the standard of overall football has decreased a bit compared to the last season, the positive aspect of the league has been the positive attitude of some of the dark horses, e.g. Brothers and Mohammedan, culminating in 42 outright results in 55 games, with a total of 138 goals scored by 63 different players.

The reduction of number of foreign players

TABLE AFTER FIRST LEG						
Teams	M	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Sheikh Jamal DC	10	7	2	1	11	23
Mohammedan SC	10	6	2	2	13	20
Brothers Union	10	6	2	2	9	20
Sheikh Russel KC	10	6	2	2	6	20
Mukhtijoddha SKC	10	6	1	3	4	19
Abahani	10	5	2	3	7	17
Rahmatganj MFS	10	2	3	5	-6	9
Team BJMC	10	2	2	6	-4	8
Feni Soccer	10	2	2	6	-9	8
Ctg Abahani	10	1	2	7	-16	5
Farashganj SC	10	0	4	6	-15	4

allowed in a match (from 4 to 3) has seemingly had a positive impact on the performance of local forwards. Veteran striker Enamul Haque of Mukhtijoddha features in second position in top-scorer's chart with 10 goals, one behind Augustine Walson of Brothers, which has helped him earn a place in the national team after five years. Other youngsters such as Mannaf Rabbi, Nabib Newaj Jibon, Kawsar Ali Rabbi, Masuk Mia Jonny, Sohel Mia, Jewel Rana, Shakil Ahmed Jr, Nurul Nayeem Faisal, Anisur Rahman Ziko, Ashraf Haque Rana and Mohammad Nayeem have also put on eye-catching performances throughout the first leg.

The hectic schedule of the league, however, left some of the key players of the national team injured. Mamunul Islam, Shahidul Alam Sohel, Raihan Hasan, Yeasin Khan, Rezaul Karim and Emon Babu are all struggling with injuries.

The second leg of the league is scheduled to start on June 20 after the completion of national team's first two qualifying matches for the Asian Cup and the World Cup. The mid-season transfer window will run from May 30 to June 19.

Maruful & co sacked

Sony Norde coming back?

SPORTS REPORTER

Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club has terminated its entire coaching staff including head coach Maruful Haque allegedly over 'poor fitness level' of the players.

The decision came exactly one year after Maruful was appointed as the technical advisor of the club last year after the expulsion of Nigerian coach Joseph Afusi, who is set to retake the helm of the Dhanmondi giants.

"We have formed a team with best possible local and foreign players and we don't expect that this team will produce bad results. Players of Brothers and Mohammedan run well but Sheikh Jamal do not run like them. So I think there is problem with fitness of our players," said club president Manzur Kader.

A source inside the club informed that the club president was also not happy with the coaching staff due to poor supervision of the foreign players.

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Xavi's swansong at the Nou Camp



RONALDO		MESSI	
35	APPS	38	
48	GOALS	43	
16	ASSISTS	18	
10	PENALTIES	5	
4	FREE-KICKS	5	

RIGHT: After Barcelona's draw against Deportivo La Coruna yesterday, Xavi Hernandez took it all in, before picking up a microphone and addressing the Nou Camp faithful one last time. **BELOW:** Eibar and Almeria were relegated from La Liga.



Stuttgart coach quits

AFP, Berlin

Huub Stevens will leave VfB Stuttgart after fulfilling his contract to keep them in the Bundesliga for the second year running, their sports director Robin Dutt confirmed Sunday.

Stuttgart's 2-1 win at Paderborn on Saturday on the final day of the season lifted them from amongst the relegation places into 14th to avoid their first relegation since 1975 as Stevens kept them up for the second year in succession.

Stuttgart earned their third straight league win with goals by Daniel Didavi and Daniel Ginczek over bottom side Paderborn, who were relegated by the defeat, had taken an early lead.

Dutt said that Stevens will leave and a press conference has been called for Monday.

Federer blasts French security

AFP, Paris

Roger Federer blasted French Open organisers Sunday after a fan breached tight security and raced on to court to grab a 'selfie' with the Swiss great.

The 17-time Grand Slam winner had just completed a routine 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 win over Colombia's Alejandro Falla when he was shocked to see a young fan sprinting towards him on the showpiece Philippe Chatrier Court.

It was particularly embarrassing as security at this year's French Open has been tightened following January's deadly Islamist attack on Paris-based satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo.

Although the male fan was quickly manhandled away, 33-year-old Federer was furious with the lapse in security, claiming he had also been targeted in practice on Saturday.

"I am not happy about it. It happened yesterday in the practice, too.

It's just a kid, but then three more kids came. And today on centre court where you would think this is a place where nobody can come on, just wanders on and nothing happens," said Federer.

"Something needs to happen quickly. Normally I only speak on behalf of myself, but in this situation I think I can speak on behalf of all the players, that that's where you do your job, that's where you want to feel safe.

"And so clearly I'm not happy about it...it wasn't a nice situation to be in."

Federer was also involved in a security scare in the 2009 final at Roland Garros when a fan ran on to the same court and placed a hat on the star's head.

Two years ago the final, which featured Rafael Nadal, was also held up when a spectator, brandishing a flare, leapt from the stands and onto the court before he was wrestled away by security officials.

Federer's Davis Cup teammate Stan Wawrinka, the eighth seed, took just 96 minutes to make the second round, seeing off Turkey's Marsel Ilhan 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

Wawrinka, who made the last-eight in 2013, goes on to face either Serbia's Dusan Lajovic.

But he too was unhappy with organisers after the tournament's official website went into surgical detail regarding his private life.

Former Australian Open winner Wawrinka announced last month that he and his wife Ilham were separating but he was furious to discover that his personal problems were the focus of the website's preview of his opening round match.

"For a Grand Slam website, it should be an article about the tennis," said Wawrinka. "It was a shit article."

Japanese fifth seed Kei Nishikori enjoyed a 6-3, 7-5, 6-1 win over France's Paul-Henri Mathieu and next faces either Australia's Marinko Matosevic or Thomaz Bellucci of Brazil.

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Stoke crash Gerrard's party

AFP, London

Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard scored on his final Premier League appearance but it proved a bittersweet moment as the Reds were thrashed 6-1 by Stoke City on Sunday at the Britannia Stadium.

Gerrard will join Major League Soccer outfit LA Galaxy, when his contract expires and any hopes the midfielder had of finishing with a victory in his 710th match were ended by a dominant first-half display by Stoke.

The Potters blew the visitors away as they carved open the Liverpool defence at will to score five goals in 23 minutes as the Reds suffered their joint biggest defeat in the Premier League. It was also Liverpool's heaviest defeat since 1954.

However, with Liverpool 5-0 down Gerrard got on scoresheet as he latched on to a flick on from Rickie Lambert with 20 minutes of the game left and struck a low shot angled past Stoke goalkeeper Asmir Begovic.

However, the other outgoing legend, Didier Drogba, drew a line under his second spell at Chelsea as Jose Mourinho's side

RESULTS

Arsenal 4 (Walcott 4, 14, 37, Wilshere 17) West Brom 1 (McAuley 57)

Aston Villa 0 Burnley 1 (Ings 6)

Chelsea 3 (Costa 37-pen, Remy 70, 88) Sunderland 1 (Fletcher 26)

Crystal Palace 1 (Chamakh 57) Swansea 0

Everton 0 Tottenham 1 (Kane 24)

Hull 0 Manchester United 0

Leicester 5 (Vardy 16, Albrighton 43, Uloha 51, Cambiasso 52, Kramaric 86) QPR 1 (Austin 57)

Manchester City 2 (Lampard 31, Agnero 88) Southampton 0

Newcastle 2 (Sissoko 54, Gutierrez 85) West Ham 0


Stoke 6 (Diouf 22, 26, Walters 30, Adam 41, N'Zonzi 45,

wrapped up their Premier League title-winning campaign with a 3-1 victory over Sunderland at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

Diego Costa confirmed his status as the club's number one striker with his 20th league goal of the season, a 36th minute penalty to cancel out Steven Fletcher's opening goal before Loic Remy completed the win with two second half goals.

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Ronaldo backs Ancelotti

AFP, Madrid

World Player of the Year Cristiano Ronaldo has thrown his support behind Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti with the Italian's future at the club in doubt.

Ancelotti admitted after Ronaldo notched his eighth hat-trick of the season in Saturday's 7-3 thrashing of Getafe that he will hold talks with the club to decide whether he stays on as boss.

"Great coach and amazing person. Hope we work together next season," Ronaldo posted on his official Twitter account alongside a photo of he and Ancelotti.

Ancelotti's position is in doubt as Madrid have failed to win a major trophy this season.