

What to WATCH DAY'S EVENT	GAZI TV & STAR SPORTS 1 Bangladesh v South Africa Second T20I Live from 1:00pm	STAR SPORTS 4 Wimbledon Championships Men's & Women's Quarterfinals Live from 4:30pm	TEN CRICKET Sri Lanka v Pakistan Third Test, Day 5 Live from 10:30am
	Bangladesh v South Africa Venue: SBNCs, Mirpur	Second T20I, Time: 1:00pm Bangladesh Premier League	Venue: BNS Farashganj v Brothers Union



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WOMEN'S WC USA crush Japan

AFP, Vancouver

Carli Lloyd became the first woman to score a hattrick in a World Cup final as she inspired the United States to a 5-2 demolition of defending champions Japan on Sunday.

The United States, winners in 1991 and 1999, became the first nation to win the crown three times and avenged their loss to Japan on penalties in the 2011 final.

Lloyd, 32, scored her first goal after just three minutes on the pitch at Vancouver's BC Place Stadium with the second coming two minutes later, and her third after 16 minutes.

Lauren Holiday (14) and Tobin Heath (54) also found the net for the Stars and Stripes.

Pirlo leaves Juve for MLS

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Juventus have confirmed Andrea Pirlo has left the club to sign for New York City FC.

The Italy international had long been linked with a move to the MLS franchise and the reigning Serie A champions have now made his departure official.

"Andrea Pirlo has announced that he will continue his career in the United States, bringing the curtain down on four extraordinary seasons with the Bianconeri," a statement on the official Juventus website reads.

Federer, Murray thru Serena trumps Venus

AFP, London



Roger Federer and Andy Murray reached the Wimbledon quarter-finals on Monday while Serena Williams sank her sister Venus in a battle of the all-conquering Wimbledon titans as Maria Sharapova dug deep to join the world number one in reaching the quarterfinals. Meanwhile controversial Australian Nick Kyrgios was under fire for 'tanking' in his last-16 exit.

Seven-time champion Federer reached his 13th All England Club quarter-final with a 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 win over Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut.

The 33-year-old needed just 96 minutes to clinch victory and goes on to face French 12th seed Gilles Simon for a place in the semi-finals.

British third seed Murray claimed a 7-6 (9/7), 6-4, 5-7, 6-4 win over 2.11-metres tall Ivo Karlovic to book his place in the quarter-finals for the eighth successive year. Murray hit 62 winners to the Croatian's 75 but crucially only nine unforced errors to his rival's 32.



World number one Serena Williams of USA hits a return against her sister Venus Williams during their women's singles fourth round match in Wimbledon yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Serena secured her 14th win in 26 clashes with Venus and the sisters hugged at the net after the match on Centre Court finished 6-4, 6-3.

Sharapova endured her toughest test so far but still made it through to the quarterfinals with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Kazakhstan's unseeded Zarina Diyas.

In the men's games French 21st seed Richard Gasquet defeated Kyrgios 7-5, 6-1, 6-7 (7/9), 7-6 (8/6) in a controversial clash to avenge a second round loss to the temperamental Australian in 2014.

He tanked the third game of the second set -- allowing Gasquet four uncontested points -- after arguing with umpire James Keothavong over a code violation for swearing, a gesture which brought boos from the crowd. If his actions are deemed to be an act of deliberately not trying, then he could face a heavy fine.

French Open champion Wawrinka defeated Belgian 16th seed David Goffin 7-6 (7/3), 7-6 (9/7), 6-4 while US Open champion Marin Cilic made the quarter-finals for the second successive year with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 win over unseeded American Denis Kudla.

Emeka powers Sheikh Jamal

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Nigerian marksman Emeka Darlington scored a hattrick as defending champions Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club thrashed Feni Soccer Club 6-2 in their Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The Dhanmondi outfit, who came into the match on back of a 2-2 draw against Rahmatganj MFS, got off to a sparkling start with the fastest goal of the season as Gambian forward Landing Darboe headed in a cross from Sohel Rana within only 27 seconds of start.


Wedson Anselme made it in the 15th minute before Emeka joined in on the act with a placing shot in the 24th minute. The Nigerian doubled his tally three minutes later with a drive from inside the box.

Feni Soccer responded with Jatta Mustafa brilliantly beating Sheikh Jamal goalkeeper Mazharul Islam with a cracking shot in the 37th minute but Landing struck his second goal with a side-volley in the 77th minute.

Feni Soccer pulled another back with substitute Sharan Hawlader tapping in from point blank range in the 82nd minute but Emeka restored the four-goal cushion and completed his treble three minutes from time to extend Sheikh Jamal's lead over Mohammedan to four points.

Salahuddin defends naturalisation

SPORTS REPORTER



While Bangladesh Football Federation officially started the process of naturalising three African footballers for the Bangladesh team about a week ago, the federation's president Kazi Salahuddin, for the first time, came in front of media yesterday to defend the move. The BFF president said he 'was neither in favour nor against the move', before going on to explaining the background and the positive impact this move might have on the team, during a conversation with reporters at his office.

"I can say one thing that giving the three African booters Bangladeshi citizenship will not harm us in any way, rather it may have a positive impact," Salahuddin said.

The move has brought a mixed reaction from the football fraternity, with majority voicing their concern over this radical move, ever since the football's governing body started working on neutralising Ismael Bangoura, Samad Yussif and Nkwocha Kingsley Chigozie after being pursued by head coach Lodewijk de Kruif. Detractors feel this will further discourage the growth of local booters, especially in forward positions, while also questioning the quality and age of these three players. But Salahuddin is not of the same opinion.

"The whole world is following this system. Even Japan, which is very cautious in awarding citizenship to foreign nationals, has done this. Then why is it wrong if we do the same?" asked the BFF boss.

"It is true that they are a bit old because they have already played for five years here. But that is the minimum time FIFA demands for naturalisation.

"When a player plays for five years in a country and earns a living from there, it is quite expected that he has already developed an obligation or commitment to that country. So it will not have any negative impact from that perspective. Rather it will create a competitive atmosphere among the locals," added Salahuddin.

Int'l club football in Ctg?

SPORTS REPORTER

Chittagong Abahani plan to hold an international club football tournament in the port city sometime after or before next January's Bangabandhu Gold Cup, revealed the club's president Shamsul Haque Chowdhury yesterday.

"We are planning to hold an international tournament involving eight to 10 clubs -- three from Bangladesh, two from India and others from Nepal and Sri Lanka," said Chowdhury.

Fahad shares third spot

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FIDE Master Fahad Rahman shared the third position along with 19 other players after the sixth round of the 25th Telegraph School Chess Championship at Gorkey Sadan in Kolkata yesterday.

Fahad beat Samip Roy in the sixth round to raise his points tally to five from six matches.

Nat'l U-15 football

SPORTS REPORTER

A brace each from Joy Chandra and Akash Mia Sarker powered Tangail to an 8-0 win over Kishorganj in the Sail-BFF National U-15 Football Championship at the Tangail Stadium yesterday.

At Moulvibazar Stadium, Abu Bokor slotted a hattrick as Sylhet handed a 5-1 defeat to Habiganj.

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