

<h1>What to WATCH</h1>	GAZTV & STAR SPORTS1 Bangladesh v South Africa First ODI (D/N) Live from 3:00pm	STAR SPORTS1 England v Australia First Test, Day 3 Live from 4:00pm	STAR SPORTS2 Wimbledon C'ships Men's Semifinals Live from 6:00pm	TEN CRICKET Zimbabwe v India First ODI Live from 1:00pm	 <p>রমজানের ইফতারি তৈরি করুন ইটালিয়ান তেল দিয়ে</p> <p>Globally No. 1 edible oil brand</p> <p>Made in Italy</p> 
	DAY'S EVENT Bangladesh v South Africa Venue: SBNSC, Mirpur	First ODI (D/N), Time: 3:00pm Bangladesh Premier League	Venue: BNS Rahmatganj v Farashganj	Time: 4:15pm Venue: MA Aziz Stadium, Chittagong	

SA Games in January

SPORTS REPORTER

The much-delayed 12th South Asian Games involving eight nations will finally start in January and will be held in Guwahati and Shillong in the Indian states of Assam and Meghalaya.

The decision was made on Wednesday at the meeting of the South Asian Sports Council in New Delhi where the representatives of all eight nations were present, informed Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) vice president Mizanur Rahman Manu after returning home from India yesterday afternoon.

The India Olympic Association (IOA) was supposed to host the 12th edition regional sports extravaganza in 2012 after the completion of 2010 SA Games in Dhaka but they could not stage it due to the suspension imposed

on IOA by the International Olympic Committee. After the withdrawal of their suspension in 2014, the IOA has initially taken the initiative to host the SA Games in December, 2015.

"The members of other national Olympic committees were not happy with the initial schedule and they sought more time for the preparation," said Manu.

"Bangladesh wanted the SA Games to be held in March but we were informed that the State Assembly elections will be held during that time."

"Considering everything, all members agreed to participate in the SA Games in January next year and the IOA will fix the final date of the Games," said Manu.

The Games will have at least 22 disciplines and a final decision on

whether cricket will be included into the competition or not will be taken by the Organising Committee of the SAG in a meeting with Sports Ministry officials.

The Games, which may cost Rs 60 to 70 crore, would see around 2500 athletes participating from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

In the last edition of the SA Games, Bangladesh finished third with 18 gold and overall 100 medals.

"We have already estimated a budget for the training and the budget was sent to the sports ministry. Now we are waiting for the release of the fund in a bid to start the preparation for the Games. We wish to start the training in August and continue it till January," said Manu.

Carlos signs for Delhi

AFP, New Delhi

Brazilian football legend Roberto Carlos will don his boots again after signing up Thursday as the marquee player for the Indian Super League's second season, three years after his last competitive match.

The World Cup winner signed a contract with the Delhi Dynamos amid a blaze of camera flashes in New Delhi, just days after he agreed to manage the team in the glitzy 10-week long ISL tournament.

"I would like to play!" the former Brazil and Real Madrid full-back said in a surprise announcement at a press event in the Indian capital.

Starting October 3, eight city-based teams will take part in the tournament.

Mats commits to Dortmund for a year

REUTERS, Singapore

In-demand Germany defender Mats Hummels will stay with Borussia Dortmund for another year but offered no assurances about his long-term future.

The 26-year-old World Cup winner has been linked heavily with a move to Manchester United.

But having seen a number of teammates leave the club in recent seasons, Hummels was not ready to depart Dortmund yet.



Garbine Muguruza of Spain celebrates after defeating Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland during their women's singles semifinal in Wimbledon yesterday.

SAFF U-16 football in August

SPORTS REPORTER

The SAFF U-16 Football Championship will be held in Sylhet from August 7-16, confirmed Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday.

Hosts Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan, split into two groups, will be taking part in the 10-day tourney. All participating teams are expected to arrive in Bangladesh by August 5.

Meanwhile, SAFF U-19 Championship will take place in Kathmandu, Nepal from August 20 to 29 with all eight members nation taking part.



Real Madrid's latest signing Brazilian fullback Danilo takes a selfie during his official presentation at the Bernabeu yesterday.

U-15 football

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Five more teams qualified for the final round of the Sailor-BFF National U-15 Football Championship after emerging zonal champions at different venues yesterday.

Dhaka beat hosts Tangail 2-0 to become zonal champions at the Tangail Stadium, Barisal clinched the zonal championship with a single-goal win over Gopalganj at the Gopalganj Stadium, Comilla became zonal champions after handing a convincing 4-0 defeat to Sylhet at the Moulvibazar Stadium, Thakurgaon beat Nilfamari 3-2 in tiebreaker at the Thakurgaon Stadium while Khulna beat Satkhira 4-3 in shootout at the Jessore Stadium to advance into the eight-team final round.

Ali stars for England

AFP, Cardiff

England's Moeen Ali starred with both bat and ball on the second day of the first Ashes Test against Australia at Sophia Gardens on Thursday.

Ali scored a quickfire 77 in England's first innings 430 -- the first time in three Ashes series they had passed 400.

The off-spinner then captured the key wickets of Steven Smith, the world's number one ranked Test batsman, and Australia captain Michael Clarke -- both out in the 30s.

Holders Australia, looking for a first series win in Britain in 14 years, were 264 for five at stumps.

That left them 166 runs behind and with much depending on their lower order if they were to prevent England establishing a significant first-innings lead.

All-rounder Shane Watson was 29 not out and nightwatchman Nathan Lyon unbeaten on six.

There was heartache for Australia opener Chris Rogers who set a new record for most successive Test fifties without a hundred

when his seventh straight half-century ended on 95.

England dismissed Australia dangerman David Warner for 17 when the opener edged James Anderson and England captain Alastair Cook held a sharp catch at first slip.

Smith drove Ali for three fours in four balls.

But the bowler had the last laugh after England's pacemen had struggled on a placid pitch at a sun-drenched Sophia Gardens.

Earlier Ali, batting at No 8, posted his second-highest Test score, following his 108 not out against Sri Lanka at Headingley last year.

Mitchell Starc led Australia's attack with five for 114 in 24.1 overs.

England resumed on 343 for seven after Joe Root's impressive 134 had rescued them from 43 for three.

SCORES IN BRIEF
ENGLAND: First innings 430 (Ballance 61, Root 134, Stokes 52, Ali 77; Starc 5-114, Hazlewood 3-83, Lyon 2-69)
AUSTRALIA: First innings 264 for 5 (Rogers 95, Smith 33, Clarke 38, Voges 31, Watson

Serena-Garbine finale

AFP, London

World number one Serena Williams and unheralded Spaniard Garbine Muguruza will slug it out for the Wimbledon title after taking contrasting paths to Saturday's final.

Williams took just 79 minutes to demolish Maria Sharapova 6-2, 6-4 on Centre Court on Thursday, giving the five-time Wimbledon champion her 18th career win in 20 meetings with her bitter rival.

The 33-year-old American will be making her 25th Grand Slam final appearance, and her eighth at Wimbledon, as she chases a 21st major title.

"I got a little nervous because it was the semi-finals and it's a long time since I've been this far at Wimbledon. I'm excited to get through," said Williams, who didn't allow Sharapova a single break point.

Williams's serene progress was in stark contrast to the gritty efforts of the 21-year-old Muguruza, who took just short of two hours to defeat Polish 13th seed Agnieszka Radwanska 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 and become the first Spanish woman in 19 years to reach the Wimbledon final.

Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario was the last Spanish woman to make the final at the All England Club, while Conchita Martinez was the last Spanish champion in 1994.

"I have worked all my life for this, I have no words," said the big-hitting Muguruza, who plans to fly her family into London in time for her first Grand Slam final.

"It was a tough match. Agnieszka has so much experience but I just wanted to keep fighting."

Muguruza, a two-time French Open quarterfinalist, has lost two of her three meetings with Serena and the American is heavily favoured to secure a third success against the world number 20.

But Muguruza, Venezuela-born and Barcelona-raised, can take heart from

her stunning French Open second round victory against Serena last year, in which she allowed the American just four games.

Serena, who extended her winning run at Grand Slams to 27 matches and her 2015 record to 38-1, is just one win away from holding all four major titles at the same time -- a feat she last achieved in 2002-03.

She is also within touching distance of becoming the first woman to win the French Open and Wimbledon back to back since she last achieved that difficult double in 2002.

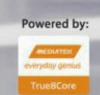
And, adding to the wealth of historic milestones in her sights, Serena remains in the hunt to be the first woman since Steffi Graf in 1988 to win a calendar Grand Slam.

It was another chastening defeat for Sharapova and, although the Russian world number four is due to return to number two in the rankings next week, the latest instalment of their one-sided rivalry provided further proof of the vast gulf in class.

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