

# What to WATCH

## TEN CRICKET

**Champions League**  
Malmö v Real Madrid  
Live from 12:45am  
(Thursday)

## TEN ACTION

**Champions League**  
Man Utd v Wolfsburg  
Live from 12:45am  
(Thursday)

## TEN SPORTS

**Champions League**  
Gladbach v Man City  
Live from 12:45am  
(Thursday)

## TEN HD

**Champions League**  
Juventus v Sevilla  
Live from 12:45am  
(Thursday)

## IT'S JUST A PRANK

Liverpool reserve goalkeeper Lawrence Vigouroux has had his loan spell at Swindon Town cut short after attempting to pay a 50 pound fine in pennies. The 21-year-old joined the League One side in August and had started every league game up until the point he was dropped for Saturday's 2-1 defeat against Colchester. Swindon manager Mark Cooper then claimed Vigouroux had been left out of the team for "internal disciplinary matters". He was also fined 50 pounds and, irked at being punished, Vigouroux



## MU quartet miss training

AFP, Manchester

Manchester United players Michael Carrick, Ander Herrera, Antonio Valencia and Marcos Rojo missed training on Tuesday on the eve of their side's Champions League game against Wolfsburg.

Defender Rojo has missed United's last two games with a hamstring problem, but Carrick and Valencia started Saturday's 3-0 win over Sunderland in the Premier League, with Herrera an unused substitute.

The quartet's absence meant that youth-team players Josh Harrop, Donald Love and James Weir were drafted in for the session at United's Carrington training base southwest of Manchester.

United manager Louis van Gaal is expected to provide an update on his squad's injuries when he speaks to the media later on Tuesday.

Having lost 2-1 away to PSV Eindhoven in their opening Group B match two weeks ago, United will be looking for their first win of the campaign against Wolfsburg at Old Trafford on Wednesday.



Manchester United stars Wayne Rooney (L) and Bastian Schweinsteiger arrive at a training session at the Carrington Complex yesterday ahead of their Champions League Group B match against Wolfsburg.

## Will C'Ron be 4th time lucky?

AFP, Malmö



Cristiano Ronaldo will aim to end an uncharacteristically long goal drought at three games when Real Madrid travel to face Malmö in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Ronaldo is just two goals shy of matching Raul's 323-goal record as Madrid's top goalscorer of all time. However, the Portuguese has been made to wait for his historic moment after failing to find the net in La Liga meetings against Granada, Athletic Bilbao and Malaga in the past 10 days.

Ronaldo was especially frustrated as Real failed to score at home for the first time in 56 matches in a 0-0 draw against Malaga on Saturday despite 31 attempts on goal, 14 of which came from the World Player of the Year.

Yet, Ronaldo often saves his best for European nights as he netted a hat-trick in Madrid's 4-0 win over Shakhtar Donetsk in their Group A opener to move out on his own as the top scorer in Champions League history with 80.

"Everyone knows what he is like. He is not obsessed with beating records but rather he aims to help the team to win," Madrid left-back Marcelo told the club's website.

Rafael Benitez's men have now been held scoreless twice in their opening six La Liga fixtures, but the former Liverpool and Chelsea boss is confident the goals will come for the Spanish giants if they continue to create as much as they did against Malaga. "Creating so many chances seems positive to me, but preventing opportunities on the counter-attack is something that we need to correct as well as managing the anxiety at the end of games," he said.

### FIXTURES

Shakhtar (UKR)	v	PSG (FRA)
Malmö (SWE)	v	Real Madrid (ESP)
Man Utd (ENG)	v	Wolfsburg (GER)
CSKA Moscow (RUS)	v	PSV (NED)
Astana (KAZ)	v	Galatasaray (TUR)
Atl Madrid (ESP)	v	Benfica (POR)
M'gladbach (GER)	v	Man City (ENG)

## German tests for Manchesters

AFP, Paris



The two Manchester clubs are in Champions League action against German opposition on Wednesday, while Cristiano Ronaldo again looks to break a goalscoring record as Real Madrid visit Malmö.

Paris Saint-Germain can take a big step towards qualification from Group A by beating Shakhtar in Ukraine. Laurent Blanc's side are unbeaten this season, defeating Malmö 2-0 in their Group A opener and seeing off Nantes 4-1 at the weekend to open up a four-point gap at the top of Ligue 1. Zlatan Ibrahimovic, meanwhile, is just two goals away from equalling Pauleta's club-record tally of 109 goals.

Shakhtar lost 4-0 in Madrid two weeks ago and Taras Stepanenko was sent off in that game so will be banned here.

After a disastrous night in the Netherlands in their Group B opener, when they lost 2-1 to PSV Eindhoven and lost Luke Shaw to a double leg fracture, Manchester United will hope things go better at home to Wolfsburg. United come into the match at Old Trafford a point clear at the top of the Premier League after sinking Sunderland 3-0 at the weekend.

Last season's Bundesliga runners-up Wolfsburg, meanwhile, head to England after a couple of disappointing domestic results, a 1-1 derby draw with Hannover 96 at the weekend following a 5-1 trouncing by Bayern Munich.

The Wolves last visited Old Trafford on September 30, 2009, when Michael Carrick got the deciding goal in a 2-1 United win.

The pressure is on Manchester City as Manuel Pellegrini's side go to Germany to face Borussia Mönchengladbach. Beaten at home by Juventus on matchday one, City have seen a perfect start to the

Premier League season go up in smoke since then, losing to West Ham United and Tottenham Hotspur. City have lost on six of eight past visits to face Bundesliga opposition and have had injury concerns surrounding Joe Hart, Vincent Kompany and David Silva. However, Kevin De Bruyne goes back to Germany, where he previously starred for Wolfsburg.

Gladbach lost 3-0 at Sevilla in their opening game and their coach Lucien Favre resigned after overseeing five defeats in their first five Bundesliga games. But the 1977 European Cup finalists have won two in a row since then under interim coach Andre Schubert, against Augsburg and VfB Stuttgart.

Supremacy in Group C is at stake as Atletico Madrid entertain Benfica at the Vicente Calderon after both sides won 2-0 on matchday one. Diego Simeone's side, who lost the 2014 Champions League final to Real Madrid on Benfica's home ground, lost 1-0 at Villarreal in La

Liga on Saturday and are struggling for goals. It remains to be seen, then, if the misfiring Jackson Martinez will start in attack.

Meanwhile, influential midfielder Koke may not return from injury as he targets the Madrid derby against Real at the weekend instead. Benfica's man to watch is the Brazilian forward Jonas, scorer of seven goals in eight games this season.

Juventus and Sevilla are seeking solace from domestic woes as they meet in Turin. Last season's Champions League runners-up Juve won 2-1 at Manchester City on matchday one but a 2-1 defeat at Napoli on Saturday left Massimiliano Allegri's side 15th in Serie A, 10 points behind leaders Fiorentina after six games.

Last season's Europa League winners Sevilla, meanwhile, beat Gladbach 3-0 two weeks ago, while a 3-2 win against Rayo Vallecano on Saturday was their first victory in six outings in La Liga this season.

## 'I didn't ask to leave'

AFP, London



Manchester United captain Wayne Rooney claims that he did not submit a transfer request shortly before Alex Ferguson retired as manager in May 2013.

Rooney came close to leaving United in October 2010 and Ferguson has alleged that the England striker also asked to leave the club two years ago.

Rooney sat out Ferguson's final two games as United manager, but in a new documentary, he says that he never explicitly asked to leave Old Trafford.

"I went in to see him (Ferguson) and just said, 'If you are not going to play me, it might be better for me to move on,'" Rooney says in Wayne Rooney: The Man Behind The Goals, which will be broadcast by the BBC next week.

"Then, all of a sudden, it was all over the press that I had put a transfer request in, which I never did. I don't know what happened and why that came out that way."

Rooney, 29, admits that his relationship with Ferguson was occasionally strained, but describes the Scot, who is now a United director, as "the best manager of all time".

Other revelations in the documentary include an admission that the burly striker wooed his wife Coleen, who is pregnant with their third child, by writing her poetry during the early days of their relationship.

He also concedes that he was wrong to play for England at the 2006 World Cup in Germany, having fractured a metatarsal bone in his right foot six weeks before the tournament.

"Before the World Cup in Germany I broke my foot at Chelsea," Rooney says.

"You could feel the excitement building around the World Cup and it was touch and go as to whether I would be fit. And then Sven (Goran Eriksson, then England manager) put me in the squad.

"Looking back, if I could have gone back in time, then I probably would have sat out the World Cup. It was a big ask to get fit after six weeks out. I was never going to have that match sharpness."

Rooney was sent off during England's quarterfinal loss to Portugal for stamping on Ricardo Carvalho and clashed with his United teammate Cristiano Ronaldo after the latter seemed to urge the referee to send Rooney off.

## FIFA bans Warner for life

AFP, Zurich

Former FIFA vice-president Jack Warner has been banned for life from all football-related activity, the adjudicatory chamber of the Ethics Committee of the sport's world governing body said on Tuesday.

The former Caribbean federation president "was found to have committed many and various acts of misconduct continuously and repeatedly during his time as an official in different high-ranking and influential positions at FIFA and CONCACAF" said the Ethics Committee statement.

The 72-year-old's ban covers all football activity at both a national and international level and is effective from September 25.

"In his positions as a football official, he was a key player in schemes involving the offer, acceptance, and receipt of undisclosed and illegal payments, as well as other money-making schemes," added the statement.

Warner is also fighting extradition from his homeland in Trinidad and Tobago to the United States to face 12 charges of wire fraud, racketeering and money laundering related to the ongoing FIFA corruption scandal.

## Lukaku lifts Everton

AFP, West Bromwich



Romelu Lukaku's double strike inspired a remarkable fightback as Everton recovered from two goals down to win 3-2 at West Bromwich Albion on Monday.

Roberto Martinez's side looked destined for a defeat when Craig Dawson added to Saido Berahino's first half opener to put Albion 2-0 up with 54 minutes gone at the Hawthorns.

But Belgium forward Lukaku gave Everton a crucial lifeline when he netted one minute late and Ivory Coast striker Aruna Kone equalised in the closing stages before Lukaku bagged the winner with only six minutes left.

Lukaku's first Premier League goals for six weeks came against the club he played for on loan in the 2012-13 campaign and lifted Everton to fifth in the table following their third league win of the season.

It was the perfect preparation for Everton's Merseyside derby date with Liverpool on Sunday, while Albion's third league defeat of the season left Tony Pulis's team languishing in 15th place.

There was little hint of the eventual drama, which left Albion winless at home in the league this season, during a wretched first half which was only lit up by Berahino's opener.

Without injured England defender John Stones, Ramiro Funes Mori stepped in for his full league debut but the Everton centre-back was at fault for Albion's first goal.

Mori had enjoyed an untroubled half but imploded when he lost the ball near the halfway line after trying to run out of defence.

It found James Morrison and his excellent through-ball for Berahino saw the striker slip in a low shot via Tim Howard's legs.

Darren Fletcher had a header turned wide by Howard as Albion pressed after the interval and they doubled their lead from the resulting corner.

Phil Jagielka and Ross Barkley got in a mess trying to pick up Dawson and Jonny Evans, which allowed Dawson to nod in Chris Brunt's deep delivery.

Everton hit back immediately when Lukaku headed Deulofeu's cross past Boaz Myhill and Kone levelled in the 75th minute.



Everton striker Romelu Lukaku celebrates his second goal against West Bromwich Albion during their Premier League encounter at the Hawthorns on Monday.

## Chung calls for FIFA congress

AFP, Seoul

FIFA presidential candidate Chung Mong-Joon on Tuesday called for an emergency congress of football's world body after veteran leader Sepp Blatter was placed under criminal investigation.

The South Korean tycoon and former FIFA vice president said an "emergency task force" had to be set up to take over FIFA's leadership.

"FIFA and regional confederations should consider convening extraordinary sessions of their respective executive committees as well as a Congress to set-up an emergency task force that will enable the FIFA secretariat to function without interruption," Chung said.

Blatter was placed under criminal investigation by Swiss prosecutors last week but has since refused to stand down.

He has said he will leave office when an election is held in February.

Chung said that the charges against Blatter represented "another sad day" for FIFA. The world football body was plunged into crisis in May when the US justice department indicted 14 officials over bribery.

"The most urgent task at hand is to root out corruption from within FIFA," said

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