

What to WATCH

DAY'S EVENT

TV
Bangladesh v Zimbabwe
Third ODI (D/N)
Live from 1:00pm

TEN CRICKET
Pakistan v England
First ODI
Live from 5:00pm

TEN ACTION
Sri Lanka v West Indies
Second T20I
Live from 7:15pm

Bangladesh v Zimbabwe
Third ODI (D/N)

HOW COULD ROONEY SLAP?

Wayne Rooney was in attendance at WWE Raw in Manchester on Monday night, when things got heated between him and wrestler Wade Barrett. Barrett had accused Rooney on Twitter of diving against Preston North End back in February. However, last night things went beyond words. Initially Barrett stood on the ring and insulted Rooney, saying: "I would offer to have you step inside this ring so we could fight this out like men. I would offer, but I would hate for your little boy to sit there and watch his own father fail. Because let's face it, he gets to experience that every single time you step on a football pitch." Barrett stood ringside for much of it before confronting Rooney. Once he was close enough, Wazza



'Ronaldo' premieres

AFP, London

Cristiano Ronaldo has no regrets after making an intimate documentary about his life and career, he told a press conference in London to mark the film's launch on Monday.

Made by the team behind award-winning films about Ayrton Senna and Amy Winehouse, 'Ronaldo' charts Ronaldo's life between Real Madrid's European Cup triumph in 2014 and his third Ballon d'Or crown in January 2015.

The film's revelations include a confession by Ronaldo's mother, Dolores that she wanted to abort him, while Ronaldo talks openly about his brother and late father's struggles with alcoholism.

He also defends his decision not to disclose the identity of his son Cristiano's mother, but when asked if he felt he had opened up too much, the Madrid superstar replied: "Maybe, but I just had fun."

"I don't regret anything. I feel unbelievable. When you do something people will find reason to criticise you, but it's normal."

The film captures intimate moments at home between Ronaldo and his five-year-old son -- who he dubs "my successor" -- and shows him relaxing with friends including his agent, Jorge Mendes.

The Portugal captain, 30, discusses his obsession with winning the Ballon d'Or, which he has won for the past two seasons after seeing his great Barcelona rival Lionel Messi walk away with it for the previous four years.

"I've started seeing him as a person, not a

rival," Ronaldo says of the Argentine. "But we are always busting our balls to see who is better."

On speculation about the identity of his son's mother, Ronaldo, who describes himself in the film as an "isolated person" with few friends in football, says: "I've never told anybody and I never will."

Asked at the press conference why the film does not feature Irina Shayk, the Russian model who he split from last January, Ronaldo said it was because the filmmakers "didn't see a strong part to put in the movie".

He also refused to be drawn on the crisis surrounding suspended FIFA president Sepp Blatter, who is pictured in the film during scenes shot at various Ballon d'Or galas.

"When Cristiano says something it's a huge thing. I'm not going to be involved in these problems," Ronaldo said. "What do you expect me to say?"

The film also reveals that a promise by former Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson that Ronaldo would play in 50 percent of the club's games prompted him to move to Old Trafford in 2003.

Mendes says that Ferguson's offer was key in encouraging the winger, then an 18-year-old rising star at Sporting Lisbon, to reject rival offers from clubs including Barcelona and Inter Milan.

Speaking on Monday, Ronaldo said: "When Sir Alex Ferguson says, 'Cristiano, I want you to come to Manchester United, you're going to play 50 percent of the games,' it made me feel comfortable and I said, 'Wow.'"



Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo (L) poses with former Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson at the world premiere of the film Ronaldo in London on Monday.

PHOTO: AFP

Eng eye revenge
1st ODI against Pakistan today

AFP, Abu Dhabi

Pakistan and England will be aiming to build one-day sides for the future as they enter a four-match series in Abu Dhabi starting on Wednesday.

Pakistan, who won the preceding three-match Test series 2-0, will be in a tight corner as they seek huge improvement in their one-day ranking, in order to lift themselves for the 2019 World Cup to be held in England.

Besides hosts England, seven other top-ranked sides as of 30 September 2017 will qualify directly for the World Cup, and the only way Pakistan can move up the order is by winning matches against the higher-ranked sides.

Pakistan, currently ranked eighth as compared to England's sixth, will be hoping they do not repeat their below-par performances they gave in 2012 when they were blanked 4-0 in the United Arab Emirates.

To their credit, England have shown remarkable progress after being the only top side not to reach the 2015 World Cup quarterfinals.

The remaining matches will be held in Abu Dhabi (November 13), Sharjah (November 17) and Dubai (November 20).

Balotelli set for groin op

AFP, Milan

AC Milan striker Mario Balotelli has suffered a setback in his fight to regain fitness with reports claiming he may require surgery to repair a troublesome groin injury.

Balotelli, who has made only four appearances since re-joining Milan on loan from Liverpool earlier this season, has been sidelined for over a month with the problem and travelled to Denmark on Monday for a consultation with a leading specialist, Professor Per Holmich.

Milan sit sixth in Italy's top flight, seven points behind leaders Fiorentina.

WADA DOPING ALLEGATIONS
Russia pledges to cooperate

AFP, Moscow



Russia on Tuesday pledged to cooperate with anti-doping and international athletics authorities after a damning report into allegations of doping and corruption in athletics in the country.

A bombshell report from an independent commission of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) released Monday said Russia's athletics federation should be suspended from all competitions.

It outlined evidence of systematic cheating with the consent of the government in Moscow, noting that drug tests for athletes were conducted at a Russian laboratory that totally lacked credibility.

"The commission has done a lot of work and its recommendations will help Russia in further improving its anti-doping systems," Russia's sports ministry said in a statement Tuesday.

"The sports ministry will carefully study the conclusions and the facts that they were based on and see how to take appropriate steps," it said.

The WADA panel's findings called for athletics' governing body (IAAF) to suspend Russia's athletics body (ARAF) and declare it "non-compliant" with globally agreed doping regulations.

IAAF President Sebastian Coe said he would give Russia until Friday to respond to the scathing report.

2006 WORLD CUP SCANDAL
German FA chief quits

AFP, Berlin



German football federation chief Wolfgang Niersbach said Monday he was stepping down, taking "political responsibility" for graft claims related to the 2006 World Cup but admitting no personal guilt.

German football has been caught in the storm unleashed by a report in magazine Spiegel last month which alleged that a 6.7-million-euro (\$7.2-million) payment made by football association DFB to FIFA was used to buy votes in order to secure the hosting of the World Cup known affectionately in Germany as the "Summer Fairytale".

The scandal took a dramatic twist last week with police carrying out raids at DFB headquarters and prosecutors revealing that three men -- including the DFB chief -- were being investigated for serious tax fraud surrounding the FIFA payment.

Prosecutors said they had only refrained from pursuing accusations of corruption because the statute of limitations had expired.

But Niersbach, who announced his resignation following a crisis meeting at the DFB, said he was guilt-free.

"I was there from the first day of the bid for the 2006 FIFA World

Cup all the way to the final film of the 'summer fairytale' and have worked throughout all the years ... in a clean, reliable and correct manner," he said.

"In my assigned areas of marketing, media, accreditations and event organisation, I can say with a clear conscience that I am personally beyond reproach," he added.

"It's all the more depressing and painful for me to be confronted, nine years later, with transactions that I was not involved in and which leave many questions open for me," said Niersbach.

Vice-presidents Reinhard Rauball and Rainer Koch are taking over as interim co-chiefs of the German football federation DFB.

Niersbach had, in the early days of the scandal, called a press conference in a bid to explain the 6.7 million euro payment.

He said then that he had learnt in June of the issue but that the sum was made in order to receive a larger subsidy from FIFA worth 170 million euros.

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