

STAR SPORTS1

India v South Africa
Second Test, Day 1
Live from 10:00am

STAR SPORTS2

Australia v New Zealand
Second Test, Day 2
Live from 8:30am

SONY KIX

FIFA WC Qualifiers
Argentina v Brazil
Live from 6:00am

Euro Qualifiers Play-off

Ukraine v Slovenia
Live from 10:30pm
Sweden v Denmark
Live from 1:30am (Sunday)

Socceroos to arrive on Monday night

SPORTS REPORTER



The Australia football team will arrive in Dhaka on Monday night, less than 24 hours before their World Cup qualifying fixture against Bangladesh, instead of previously scheduled arrival date of Saturday.

The Football Federation Australia (FFA), through an earlier correspondence to its Bangladesh counterparts, had stated that the Australian contingent would arrive here on the November 14th night, three days ahead of the game, which will be held at 5:30pm on Tuesday at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

However, the FFA chief executive David Gallop yesterday told reporters in Sydney that the Soccerroos will be arriving in Dhaka on Monday night and leave on Tuesday night.

"We are reducing the amount of time that they [the team] will spend in Dhaka. They will fly to Singapore on Saturday night, and then into Dhaka on Monday night. They will play the game on Tuesday, and out on Tuesday night, so we are minimising the time on the ground," said Gallop.

"Leading into the game against Kyrgyzstan we decided that if we travelled to

Bangladesh it would be best to break up the trip so the players can properly recover from the first match and the travel they have already had to undertake to arrive in Australia," coach Ange Postecoglou said in a statement.

"We have previously prepared in Dubai for matches and flown in late and we feel under the current situation this is the best preparation for what we believe will be a tough match against Bangladesh," added the Soccerroos' coach.

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag, however, said they have not been informed about the change of plans by the FFA and that they did not receive any reply to an e-mail regarding their arrival date.

While the FFA chief executive also suggested Australian fans to consider their travel plans, Shohag said that if the fans travel as a group and inform the BFF ahead of time, it could arrange for their transportation and security on their way to and back from the match venue.

The Soccerroos, who beat Kyrgyzstan 3-0 at home on Thursday, are currently in second position in Group B with 12 points, one point behind leaders Jordan, while Bangladesh are at the bottom of the group with a single point from six matches.

FIFA punishes Spain's UEFA vice-president

AFP, Zurich

Crisis-hit football world governing body FIFA has fined Spain's UEFA vice-president Angel Maria Villar Llona and suspended two African officials for six months, the body's ethics committee announced on Friday.

Villar Llona, who is also the president of the Spanish Football Association, was given a 25,000 Swiss francs (23,200 euros) fine and warned for his failure to co-operate with investigations into the bidding process for the 2018 World Cup which was awarded to Russia.

"Mr Villar Llona failed to behave in accordance with the general rules of conduct applicable to football officials in the context of the investigations conducted by the then chairman of the investigatory chamber of the FIFA ethics committee regarding the 2018/2022 FIFA World Cup bids," read a FIFA statement.

WARNER'S WAY

- Australia's total of 416 was the highest total on the first day at the WACA.
- At stumps Warner was unbeaten on 244, notching the highest score by an Australian in a single day on home soil.
- Warner scored his 4000th Test run in his 84th innings. Only three Australians have done so quicker.
- Warner scored his fourth successive century against New Zealand, making him just the fifth batsman to score four hundreds in a row against the same opponent.
- Warner's score is the second highest at the WACA behind Matthew Hayden's 380 against Zimbabwe in 2003.
- It was Warner's first career double-century.
- Khawaja's 302-run second-wicket stand with Warner set a new second-wicket partnership for Australia.

HOW HE SCORED

88 from 45	12 from 65
15 from 35	85 from 15
44 from 25	

244 RUNS

Australia batsman David Warner celebrates his double century on the opening day of the second Test match against New Zealand in Perth yesterday. This was his fourth consecutive ton against his now favourite opponents. PHOTO: AFP

Warner's 4th in a row

AFP, Perth

Opener David Warner continued his love affair with New Zealand's bowling and the WACA Ground by notching a career-best double century as Australia took total control and records tumbled on the opening day of the second Test in Perth on Friday.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, Warner's third century in as many innings saw the home side reach a commanding 416 for two at stumps against the demoralised Kiwis in what is shaping up to be a disappointingly lopsided three-Test Trans-Tasman series.

At stumps Warner was unbeaten on 244, having notched the highest score by an Australian in a single day on home soil, with captain Steve Smith on five.

The Australian total was the highest on the first day of a Test at the venue.

Usman Khawaja posted his second century of the series before falling just before stumps for 121 to end a 302-run stand with Warner.

That set a new second-wicket partnership mark for Australia, surpassing Arthur Morris and Don Bradman's 301-run effort at Headingley in 1948.

Already down 1-0 in the three-Test series after being thumped by 208 runs at The Gabba, the Kiwi bowlers gained little assistance from the pitch and were again on the wrong end of the decision review system.

Warner cashed in to notch his 15th Test century in 45 matches and went on to post his highest score.

After narrowly surviving a decision review on 78, he reached triple figures with his 12th boundary, having faced 118 balls.

It was also his fourth successive century against New Zealand, making him just the fifth batsman in history to score four hun-

dreds in a row against the same opponent.

The others in the select group are South Africa's Alan Melville and Hashim Amla, West Indian Everton Weekes and Pakistan's Shoaib Mohammad.

Warner went on to post his maiden Test double century late in the day, having faced 236 balls and hit 17 fours and two sixes in reaching the milestone.

Left-handed Warner has scored 676 runs against the Kiwis at a formidable average of 169, and has 638 runs at 127.60 at the WACA in four Tests.

His total is the second biggest individual score at the ground behind Matthew Hayden's 380 against Zimbabwe in 2003 and Warner also passed 4,000 Test runs during his innings.

Warner and fellow opener Joe Burns put on 101 for the first wicket -- their third century opening stand in as many innings together.

The feat emulates the great Australian partnership of Hayden and Justin Langer, who passed centuries in their first three outings together in 2001 and went on to become the fourth-highest scoring partnership in Test history.

It also takes Australia to a Test cricket world record of five successive century opening partnerships, including Warner and Chris Rogers's last two innings together in this year's Ashes.

Burns made 40 before chopping a ball on from the bowling of recalled seamer Matt Henry (1-51).

Warner and Khawaja then broke Kiwi hearts as the visitors toiled without reward in the searing heat on a day where even skipper Brendon McCullum had a rare bowl.

SCORES IN BRIEF

AUSTRALIA: First innings 416 for 2 (Burns 40, Warner 244 not out, Khawaja 121; Henry 1-75, Bracewell 1-57)

Hungary edge Norway

AFP, Oslo

Grief-stricken Hungary edged closer to their first international tournament in 30 years when they defeated Norway 1-0 in the opening leg of their Euro 2016 play-off on Friday.

On the day that Hungarian international goalkeeper Marton Fulop lost his battle with cancer at the age of 32, his teammates honoured his memory with a crucial victory ahead of Sunday's return in Budapest.

Midfielder Laszlo Kleinheisler marked his international debut with the game's only goal in the first half before Hungary, whose last major event was the 1986 World Cup in Mexico soaked up constant pressure from the home side to preserve their advantage.

"We must not forget that we have a huge 90 minutes still to play on Sunday," said Hungary coach Bernd Storck whose team failed to win a single corner compared to the home side's 15.

Norway had the better exchanges in the first half and should have been ahead as early as the third minute.

Markus Henriksen sped down the left before cutting the ball back to Per Skjelbred who had been left in space inside the penalty area.

'I've put France on the map'

AFP, Stockholm

Zlatan Ibrahimovic insisted on Wednesday that not only was he in fine form, but that he'd also put France's Ligue 1 on the world football map.

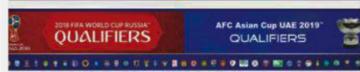
In Sweden, preparing for a Euro 2016 play-off against Denmark, the Paris Saint Germain striker said his time with the French club had been successful.

"I put Sweden on the map and now I've also put France on the map, so I'm very happy about that," said Ibrahimovic, who has scored 115 goals at PSG since his move to the French capital in 2012.

The 34-year-old striker, who previously played for Juventus, Inter and AC Milan and Barcelona, made the claim after being asked if he wasn't slowing down with age.

Salahuddin disappointed

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh Football Federation president Kazi Salahuddin yesterday termed Bangladesh's 5-0 drubbing at the hands of Tajikistan as the 'most disappointing result' of his tenure while questioning the players' basic skill-level.

Having held the same opposition to a 1-1 draw in the home fixture just five months ago, Bangladesh team had left for Dushanbe six days ahead of the match in a bid to producing a good result. But they will be coming back home tonight with morale shattered ahead of the November 17 fixture against Australia.

"It was the most disappointing result of my tenure. I can't accept this result," said Salahuddin, adding that this shouldn't have happened to a team which has been together for long time and has had lot of experience at international level.

"This team is very unpredictable. Sometimes they play well while sometimes they play poorly. Actually the basic of the players is weak and they make mistakes like the school kids," said a frustrated

Salahuddin.

Raising question about the first goals Bangladesh conceded against Tajikistan and Jordan (in September in Dhaka), Salahuddin said, "Both goals were struck due to mistakes of defenders. I can say that the defence is weak, which has always been vulnerable anyway."

Coach Fabio Lopez fielded winger-turned-wingback Abdul Baten Komol in left-back position and the veteran was at fault with the first two goals. There were also question marks over playing Raihan Hasan and Kesto Kumar Bose while leaving out seasoned campaigners like Yeasin Ahmed and Nasiruddin Chowdhury at the centre of defence.

Salahuddin, however, said it was the players' job to perform on the pitch and he laughed off any suggestion of the impact of rainfall and artificial turf on the performance. "You can't always blame the coaches and the management for poor performance. The players have to take responsibility for this defeat," said Salahuddin.

The BFF boss said he wants to keep faith on the coach until the SAFF Championship in December, but hinted that he might talk to the Italian about a few of players after Bangladesh's participation in an eight-team international tournament in China from November 20 to 30.

Rodriguez denies Chile Superclasico washed out; To be played today

AFP, Montevideo



Real Madrid star James Rodriguez returned to snatch a draw for Colombia against Chile on Thursday as Argentina and Brazil's long-awaited World Cup qualifying clash was postponed by torrential rain.

Rodriguez, who missed Colombia's opening two 2018 World Cup qualifiers last month through injury, pounced in the 68th minute to help give his team a precious point in a 1-1 draw with the Copa America champions in Santiago.

Chile, who dominated possession for long periods but struggled to break down a disciplined Colombian defence, had taken the lead on the stroke of half-time through a headed Arturo Vidal effort.

In other games Thursday, surprise package Ecuador defeated Uruguay 2-1 to maintain their 100 percent start to the qualifying campaign after three matches.

Ecuador, shock winners over Argentina in Buenos Aires last month, secured all three points through Fidel Martinez's second-half winner.

Uruguay, missing suspended superstar Luis Suarez -- still serving a ban for his infamous bite at the 2014 World Cup -- struggled to contain a vibrant Ecuador side, comfortable in the challenging thin Andean air of Quito, some 9,000-feet above sea level.

Ecuador took the lead on 23 minutes through Felipe Caicedo, the Espanyol striker coolly tucking away a low cross from Juan Paredes on the right flank.

But Uruguay levelled four minutes after half-time through returning striker Edinson Cavani, the Paris Saint-

RESULTS			
Bolivia (Ramallo 19, 45, Arce 23-pen, Fernandez 48)	4 - 2	Venezuela (Rondon 31, Blanco 55)	
Ecuador (Caicedo 23, Martinez 59)	2 - 1	Uruguay (Cavani 49)	
Chile (Vidal 45+1)	1 - 1	Colombia (James Rodriguez 68)	
Argentina v Brazil - postponed due to rain.			

Germain forward heading home from Nicolas Lodeiro's perfectly flighted free-kick.

But Ecuador regained the lead only 10 minutes later however through an opportunistic strike from Martinez.

Swansea City forward Jefferson Montero was the catalyst, cutting in purposefully from the left flank and unleashing a fierce low shot towards Fernando Muslera.

Muslera could only parry the shot



Colombia star James Rodriguez celebrates his equalising goal against Chile during their 2018 World Cup qualifier in Santiago on Thursday. PHOTO: AFP

Bomb scare for Germany

AFP, Paris

The Germany football team were forced to change their hotel in Paris on Friday, after a bomb scare at their luxury accommodation ahead of their prestige friendly against France later in the day.

A police investigation was ongoing at the Hotel Molitor in the plush western region of Paris with all rooms being checked for any signs of suspicious evidence.

Montella set to replace Zenga

AFP, Milan

Former Fiorentina coach Vincenzo Montella is on the verge of taking over at Sampdoria following the recent sacking of Walter Zenga, according to reports.

Montella, a former star of Roma when the Giallorossi won the second of their two league titles, in 2001, became an immediate target for Sampdoria's flamboyant film producer president Massimo Ferrero.

Talks between the clubs initially stalled because Montella, who left Fiorentina under a cloud towards the end of last season following a disagreement with the club's president and billionaire businessman Andrea Della Valle, still has a contract with the Florence-based club.

Russia pleads to IAAF for leniency

AFP, Monaco



Russia, accused of "state-sponsored" doping, have said they are ready to establish a new anti-doping agency hours before world athletics chiefs meet with exclusion from the 2016 Olympics a potential long-term consequence for Moscow.

Sebastian Coe, the recently-elected president of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), will not be at the organisation's headquarters in Monaco but will preside over a conference call of the body's 26 members at around 1800GMT from London.

Russian sports minister Vitaly Mutko told R-Sport news agency hours before the IAAF meeting that Moscow was ready to reform or "create a new anti-doping organisation" if the IAAF or the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) demanded it.

A simple majority is all that will be needed to confirm a suspension for Russia who were accused of widespread doping by an independent commission set up by WADA in a report which has shaken track and field, one of the Olympic Games' flagship attractions.

The 335-page report also blasted Russian officials for blackmailing athletes to cover up positive tests as well as destroying test samples.

Although Russian officials are expected to offer an olive branch by admitting to some cases of cheating, the IAAF is under huge pressure to take strong action less than a year out from the Rio Olympics. Of the 26 members on the IAAF Council, nine are European.

"Europe will support Sebastian Coe. We have full confidence in him. We are all on the same page," Svein Arne Hansen, the president of European Athletics, told

Britain's Daily Telegraph.

However, one leading IAAF council member, legendary Ukraine pole-vaulter Sergei Bubka who lost out to Coe in the race for the organisation's top job, warned that it would be wrong to punish innocent athletes for the transgressions of others.

"All those involved, officials, managers or coaches, must pay the price," Bubka told the AIPS world sports journalists association.

"But ordinary athletes, those who have nothing to do with this matter, should not have to miss a single competition."

The IAAF, he said, needed to live up to its responsibilities as an important player on the world sports stage but it must take it "case by case, person by person".

On Thursday, Russia sent a formal reply to the allegations ahead of Friday's meeting. Acting president of Russia's athletics federation Vadim Zelichenok said that it had produced the response "in such a way as to try to prove our innocence".

"How many pages is it? One or 100, it's not important," he added. In another development, Russia's Olympic Committee president Alexander Zhukov flew into Lausanne in Switzerland Thursday evening for talks with International Olympic Committee chief Thomas Bach, R-Sport reported.

The fallout from the WADA report's damning conclusions reached as far up as Russian President Vladimir Putin who ordered officials to launch their own internal investigation and cooperate with international anti-doping authorities.

"We must do everything in Russia to rid ourselves of this problem," said Putin, an avid sportsman who led Russia's bid to host last year's Winter Olympics and the 2018 football World Cup.

However, he added: "This problem does not exist only in Russia, but if our foreign colleagues have questions, we must answer them."