

# What to WATCH

**STAR SPORTS4**  
Suzuki SAFF Cup  
First Semifinal  
India v Maldives  
Live from 4:00pm  
Second Semifinal  
Afghanistan v Sri Lanka

Live from 7:00pm  
**SONY KIX**  
Primera Liga  
Villarreal v Valencia  
Live from 9:00pm



## A YEAR TO REMEMBER

1. Mahmudullah lets out a roar after one of his two World Cup centuries.
2. Rubel Hossain is the toast of the team after leading them to the World Cup quarterfinals.
3. Tamim Iqbal answers his critics after scoring two consecutive hundreds against Pakistan.
4. Soumya Sarkar celebrates his first century.
5. Shakib Al Hasan, who completed 200 scalps this year, is ecstatic after dismissing MS Dhoni.
6. Mushfiqur Rahim, Bangladesh's highest run-scorer this year, celebrates his century against Zimbabwe.
7. Alok Kapali is hugged by his Comilla teammates after he took them to the BPL title following an intense finish.
8. Tamim Iqbal and Imrul Kayes had put on a record 312 runs for the opening wicket against Pakistan.

PHOTOS: ARCHIVE



**DECEMBER**  
10th to 20th - FIFA Club World Cup: FC Barcelona won their fifth title in 2015 as they ran out comfortable winners against River Plate in the final with a score of 3-0.

21st - Further bans were implemented on Platini, Blatter: Michel Platini and Sepp Blatter were handed 8 year bans. The pair were "immediately" banned from all football activity. Blatter's career is now almost certainly over while Platini's hopes of taking over FIFA are all but finished. They appealed to CAS, but it was rejected.

**NOVEMBER**  
22nd: Oscar Pistorius's manslaughter charge was upgraded to murder.  
26th: Russia accepted their full, indefinite ban from athletics after an investigation.



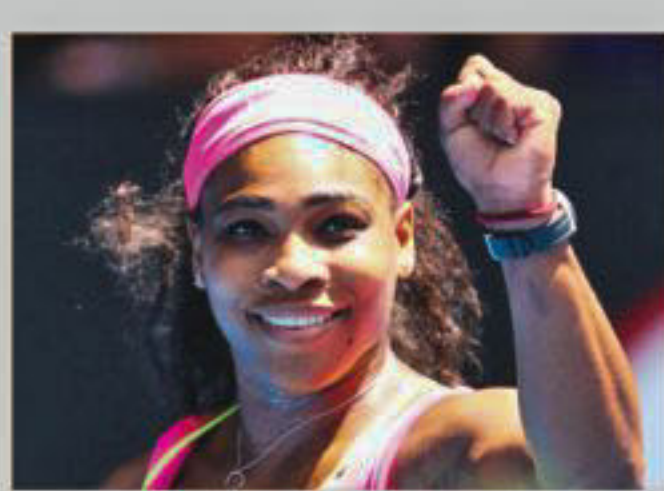
**OCTOBER**  
25th to Nov 1st - WTA finals: The Swiss-Indian duo of Martina Hingis and Sania Mirza, beat Yaroslava Shvedova and Casey Dellacqua 6-3 6-3.

8th - Football's governing body looked like it would finally start to be sorted out after FIFA's Ethics Committee placed provisional 90-day bans on Sepp Blatter and Michel Platini.



**JANUARY**  
9th to 31st - Asian Cup: Australia beat South Korea 2-1. The match was very entertaining as Australia became the first host nation to become Asian champions since Japan in 1992.

19th to 1st Feb - Australian Open: When Novak Djokovic gets to the final of the Australian Open, he wins it. In 2015, it was no different. Meanwhile, Serena Williams started off her year with a win too.



## CONTROVERSY SPOILS 2015



22nd to 30th - IAAF Championship 2015: Usain Bolt was under scrutiny coming into the event, but he eased past America's Justin Gatlin in both the 100m and 200m races.

**AUGUST**  
31st to September 13th - United States Open:  
Novak Djokovic overcame perhaps his closest rival, Roger Federer, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4. But the real story came in the women's round, where Flavia Pennetta beat Serena Williams and denied her a calendar Grand Slam.

**JULY**  
8th to August 24th - The Ashes: Australia came down hard from their World Cup win, unpredictably losing the Ashes. Their worst display came in the 4th Test when they were bowled out for 60 in the first innings, eventually suffering an innings defeat.

**FEBRUARY**  
14th to March 29th - 2015 Cricket World Cup: Australia overwhelmed New Zealand to win the World Cup for a fifth time at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Highlights of the tournament included Chris Gayle hitting the first double-hundred in WCs only to be trumped by Martin Guptill's 237. Kumar Sangakkara signed off with a record 4 consecutive centuries and AB De Villiers reached the fastest 150.



**APRIL**  
8th to May 24th - Indian Premier League: The Mumbai Indians beat Chennai Super Kings by 41 runs to win the title for the second time. After scoring 202, Mumbai held Chennai to 161 at the end of their allotted 20 overs to win the final.

**MAY**  
24th to June 7th - French Open: Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka denied Novak Djokovic the title that would eventually deny the Serb a calendar Grand Slam. Meanwhile, Serena Williams won the women's round.

**JUNE**  
6th - UEFA Champions League Final: Barcelona's lethal front three proved too hot to handle once again, as they ran riot against Juventus. The Old Lady just couldn't keep up, as Barca clinched their treble with a 3-1 victory.

11th to July 4th - Copa America: After 99 years, it came down to Alexis Sánchez against Sergio Romero from 12 yards as Chile faced Argentina in the finals. He converted and Chile had gotten their first international trophy.

29th to July 19th - Wimbledon: Novak Djokovic waltzed to the men's title, recovering superbly from his upset in the French Open, while Serena Williams took home the women's title.

