

# What to WATCH

**SONY ESPN**  
Australian Open  
Live from 6:00am and 2:00pm  
Primera Liga  
Atl. Madrid v Sevilla  
Live from 9:00pm  
Real Betis v Real Madrid  
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**TEN CRICKET**  
South Africa v England  
Fourth Test, Day 3  
Live from 2:30pm

**STAR SPORTS 4**  
Premier League  
Everton v Swansea  
Live from 7:30pm  
Arsenal v Chelsea  
Live from 10:00pm

**SONY SIX**  
Serie A  
Fiorentina v Torino  
Live from 5:30pm  
Sampdoria v Napoli  
Live from 8:00pm  
Juventus v Roma  
Live from 1:30am (Monday)

## Zidane rules out January signings

Real Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane insists he has no need to dive into the transfer market despite a one-year transfer ban hanging over the club. Madrid are allowed to sign players until the end of the month, but will then be prevented from registering new players until July 2017 unless an appeal against their ban from FIFA is successful. Rumours have suggested Madrid could revive their interest in Manchester United goalkeeper David de Gea having just failed to complete his signing in August. However, having coasted to victory in his two games in charge so far, scoring 10 goals in the process, Zidane sees no need to strengthen his squad in the next week. "It is not necessary. The truth is I am happy with the squad we have," the Frenchman said on Saturday.



Stanislas Wawrinka plays a backhand shot during men's singles third round match of the Australian Open against Lukas Rosol in Melbourne yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Leicester City atop

### Lallana settles 9-goal thriller

AFP, London



Adam Lallana plundered a 95th-minute winner as Liverpool edged Norwich City 5-4 in a dizzying Premier League encounter on Saturday, while Manchester United crashed 1-0 against Southampton.

Jamie Vardy ended a seven-game scoring drought as Leicester City beat Stoke City 3-0 to move three points clear at the top of the table above Arsenal, who host Chelsea on Sunday.

Charlie Austin marked his debut with an 87th-minute winner as Southampton silenced Old Trafford, but the game of the day was at Carrow Road, where Liverpool and Norwich played out a Premier League classic.

"If you win 5-4 it's a funny story, but it's not that funny. We have to solve it," said Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp, who lost his glasses in the touchline celebrations that followed Lallana's winner.

"I usually have a second pair of glasses, but I can't find them because it's hard to find glasses without glasses!"

After Roberto Firmino had put Liverpool ahead from James Milner's pass in the 18th minute, Norwich hit back with a Diemerci Mbokani back-heel, a goal by debutant Steven Naismith and a Wes Hoolahan penalty.

But goals from captain Jordan Henderson and Firmino brought Liverpool level and although Milner's 75th-minute strike was cancelled out by Sebastien Bassong's drive in the 91st minute, Lallana had the final word.

Liverpool's supporters had even more reason to celebrate Lallana's goal as United's sixth defeat of the campaign allowed Klopp's men to close to within three points of their Champions League qualification rivals.

United were booed off after £4 million (\$5.7 million, 5.2 million euros) striker Austin gave Southampton victory by converting James Ward-Prowse's right-wing free-kick with a header.

In a further blow to manager Louis van Gaal, right-back Matteo Darmian was forced off after a second-half collision with Shane Long, exacerbating United's defensive injury crisis.

United remain fifth, but are now five points below Tottenham Hotspur, who strengthened their grip on fourth place by coming from behind to beat London rivals Crystal Palace 3-1 thanks to a stunning Dele Alli goal.

Palace took a 30th-minute lead when Jan Vertonghen turned Wilfried Zaha's cross into his own net.

## Ana, Andy rocked by medical drama

AFP, Melbourne



A mid-match medical emergency involving Ana Ivanovic's coach -- who is also the father of Andy Murray's heavily pregnant wife -- caused concern and disruption on a dramatic evening at the Australian Open on Saturday.

Nigel Sears, 58, collapsed at Rod Laver Arena during Ivanovic's match with Madison Keys, and needed emergency treatment as the shocked players and thousands of fans looked on.

The match was halted for just under an hour as the British coach was stretchered away before Serbia's Ivanovic bravely resumed play -- only to lose 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to a determined Keys.

As the drama unfolded, Murray was playing at the adjacent Margaret Court Arena, watched by his mother Judy. He did not give the usual on-court interview after his 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 win over Joao Sousa.

Murray, Ivanovic and Keys also cancelled their post-match press conferences.

Uncannily, it was Ivanovic's second match at Rod Laver Arena to be interrupted by a medical emergency after an elderly spectator fell on a stairway and also needed

lengthy treatment on Thursday.

Murray has pledged to quit the tournament if his wife, who is due to give birth to their first child within weeks, goes into labour.

Earlier, French Open champion Stan Wawrinka brought up his 400th tour-level win to set up a clash with Milos Raonic, who was in mourning for victims of a Canadian high school shooting, which left four dead.

Two-time women's champion Victoria Azarenka raced into the last 16 for the loss of just five games in total, and also saw Garbine Muguruza cleared from her path as the third seed crashed to Barbora Strycova.

Switzerland's Wawrinka, who won his first Grand Slam title in Melbourne two years ago, wielded his signature one-handed backhand to devastating effect against Lukas Rosol as he rolled the Czech 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (7/3).

The 2014 Australian Open champion now goes into a last-16 clash with Canada's Raonic, who was fired up by his grief over the high school shooting as he overwhelmed Victor Troicki 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

Towering American John Isner thundered 44 aces as he outlasted Feliciano Lopez 6-7 (8/10), 7-6 (7/5), 6-2, 6-4 to set up a last-16 clash with David Ferrer, who beat Steve Johnson 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.

## Koeman wants in at Chelsea

AGENCIES, London

Ronald Koeman, the Southampton manager, has expressed interest in the position of the blues manager.

In an interview with a Dutch radio station, he was asked whether he wanted to ultimately manage a bigger club than the Saints, Koeman replied: "I always want to achieve the highest possible level."

That has happened in Holland and that's what I'd really like to achieve abroad.

It is certainly something that I always have at the back of my mind.

If Guus [Hiddink] puts a good word in for me, that would be a big influence."

Koeman's future at Southampton is rather unclear, with suggestion he has grown weary of having to sell off his best players.

## Messi to the rescue

AFP, Madrid



Lionel Messi scored a spectacular winner as Barcelona moved to the top of La Liga with a hard-fought 2-1 win at Malaga on Saturday.

The European champions were handed the perfect start when Munir El Haddadi tapped home the opener after just 64 seconds, but were far from their best and Malaga deservedly levelled through Juanpi either minutes before the break.

Messi had been struggling with a slight hamstring strain in the past week, but the five-time World Player of the Year made the difference once more as he volleyed home his 20th goal of the season to move Barca a point clear of Atletico Madrid in top spot. Atletico and Real Madrid - who now trail Barca by five points - are both in action on Sunday when they face Sevilla and Real Betis respectively.

Barcelona were without the injured Neymar and suspended Gerard Pique, but did have the luxury of welcoming back Messi and Luis Suarez after they missed the 2-1 win Copa del Rey win at Athletic Bilbao in midweek.

And Suarez made a telling impact after just a minute as he wriggled clear inside the area and although his low shot was kept out by Carlos Kameni, the ball fell invitingly for

El Haddadi to tap home his fourth goal in three games.

Despite a great start, though, Barca were completely outplayed by Malaga in the first-half and were only saved by some wasteful play by the hosts in the final third.

Charles headed just wide before Chory Castro's effort was turned onto the post by Claudio Bravo.

Thomas Vermaelen was standing in for Pique, but had to be bailed out by a brilliant saving challenge from his central defensive partner Javier Mascherano as his slip allowed Charles to bear down on goal before the Argentine intercepted with a last-ditch challenge.

Malaga finally got on level terms as Barca again gave the ball away needlessly inside their own half and Charles teed up Juanpi, whose effort deflected in off Mascherano.

However, Barca could still have been ahead at the break as Kameni made a fine low save to deny El Haddadi his second and Miguel Torres produced a brilliant block to prevent Messi rolling home the rebound into an empty net.

Barca boss Luis Enrique replaced the poor Vermaelen with Jeremy Mathieu at the break and the visitors were at least more solid if not spectacular after the break.

One moment of Messi inspiration was enough to seal a vital three points, though, as he acrobatically met Adriano's cross on the volley six minutes into the second period.

## Mini marathon held in Bandarban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

The International Sky Mini Marathon was held in Bandarban yesterday morning, with 257 competitors taking part.

Organised jointly by the Everest Academy, A for Adventure, and Bandarban Hill District Council (BHDC) and with assistance of the Nilsagor Group, with the aim of promoting tourism sector of the country. The marathon was held over a distance of 21.1 kilometres -- starting from Y-junction to the historic Rajar Math.

Brigadier General Fakrul Ahsan inaugurated the competition, where Firoz Khan from Dhaka clinched the men's title finishing the race at 1hr 19mins.

Among the women, Mirona Khatun of Bagherhat finished first with a time of 1hr 43mins.

Biren Sikder, state minister for youth and sports, attended the event as chief guest.

## Lewandowski fires Bayern

AFP, Berlin



Bayern Munich opened the second half of the Bundesliga season with a 2-1 win at Hamburg on Friday as Robert Lewandowski's goals took Pep Guardiola's side 11 points clear.

Bayern's march to an historic fourth German league title seems unstoppable as Guardiola, who has said he will leave in May, attempts to sign off his three years as coach with the treble of Champions League, German Cup and Bundesliga titles.

With second-placed Borussia Dortmund at resurgent Borussia Moenchgladbach on Saturday, Bayern took their chance to extend their lead at the top of the table as the league resumed after the four-week winter break.

Poland striker Lewandowski's goals took his league tally to 17 this season and 25 in all competitions.

Bayern took the lead in sub-zero temperatures at Hamburg's Volksparkstadion when referee Felix Zwayer judged Thomas Mueller had been fouled by Hamburg goalkeeper Rene Adler just inside the area when they both went for the ball.

The decision looked harsh and Adler was shown a yellow card, but Lewandowski stepped up and drilled home his 24th goal in 28 games this season on 37 minutes.

It was not what Hamburg deserved for their battling display, but the hosts pulled themselves level at the start of the second half.

Veteran midfielder Aaron Hunt launched a towering free-kick which both Bayern's Xabi Alonso and Hamburg's Pierre-Michel Lasogga failed to connect with and the ball bounced over Manuel Neuer into the Munich net on 53 minutes.

But the scores were level for just eight minutes as Mueller drove home a Javi Alonso cross, Lewandowski stood in the ball's flight path and stabbed it home from close range from a position which was right on the offside line with an hour gone.



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