

MAASRANGA TV & STAR SPORTS1
ICC World T20
 Bangladesh v India (Women)
 Live from 4:00pm
 New Zealand v India (Men)
 Live from 8:00pm

TEN ACTION
UEFA Champions League
 Man City v Dynamo Kiev
 Live from 1:45am (Wednesday)

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UEFA Champions League
 Atletico Madrid v PSV Eindhoven
 Live from 1:45am (Wednesday)

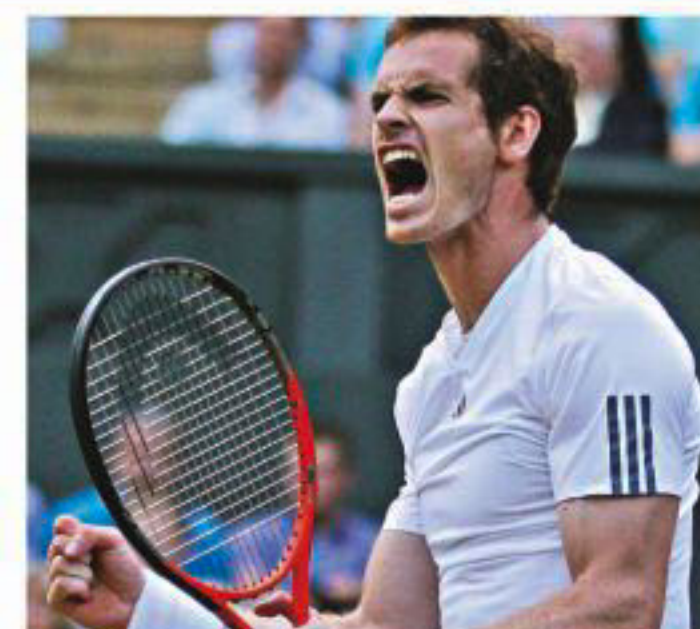
Bangladesh Cricket League
 Four-day Match, Day 2, Time: 9:30am

Central Zone v North Zone
 Venue: SBNS

South Zone v East Zone
 Venue: Fatullah

DJOKOVIC SR. WANTS MURRAY BETTER

Novak Djokovic's father, Srdjan, believes that Andy Murray is at risk of wasting his "great, great talent" because of his struggles in containing his emotions on court. Srdjan, who was speaking to the European edition of Newsweek magazine, says that "once he starts losing, his mind turns around and he looks lost", adding that he needs to improve to "take more out of Novak". "If he learns to calm down," he says in a rare interview, "he will have a far bigger career than he has by now. I would love for Murray to achieve his potential."



Ind-NZ kicks off Super 10 today

AFP, Nagpur

Tournament favourites India face an awkward first assignment in their World T20 campaign in Nagpur Tuesday against a big-hitting New Zealand team who are determined to show there is life after Brendon McCullum.

After 10 victories in their last official T20 internationals, the hosts are on such a roll that skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni is struggling to dampen expectations that the team are sure-fire winners.

But India have a woeful track record against the Black Caps in World T20 tournaments, losing four out of their five previous encounters while the other match was rained off.



KANE WILLIAMSON

And although New Zealand have been undermined by inspirational skipper McCullum's retirement on the eve of the tournament, their performance in warm-up matches shows they are not lacking for firepower.

They thrashed the holders Sri Lanka last Thursday when Colin Munro, Corey Anderson and Grant Elliott all posted half-centuries in



MAHENDRA SINGH DHONI

rapid time. Skipper Kane Williamson then smashed an entertaining 63 when New Zealand narrowly lost to England in their final warm-up match on Saturday.

India also suffered a rare defeat in what was an unofficial T20 international on Saturday when they lost by four runs to South Africa in another high-scoring match.

With their powerful openers Shikhar Dhawan and Rohit Sharma hitting a purple patch, and the veteran Yuvraj Singh also in good nick, India will expect to post a big total on a batsman-friendly pitch in Nagpur.

Like many of his fellow skippers, Williamson believes that India are the team to beat but says his side -- which is still to win a world cup -- do not lack in belief.

"No doubt India will be possibly the favourites for this tournament but I think all the teams will come here thinking they can win it," he said last week.

Dhoni, known as 'Captain Cool', has been downplaying expectations, joking that the team can still step up a gear or two.

"We are running on the sixth gear (although) I know the technology has gone into the eighth gear," he quipped.

AFP, Paris



Manchester City are well set to make Champions League history and alleviate the misery engulfing English football's heavyweights as they take on Dynamo Kiev on Tuesday.

City have never yet made it beyond the last 16 in Europe's premier club competition but hold a 3-1 lead from the first leg in the Ukraine.

Barring a near-miracle at the Camp Nou, Barcelona will complete victory over an Arsenal side they defeated 2-0 in London in the first leg.

With Chelsea crashing out to French champions Paris Saint-Germain last week and Manchester United crumbling in the group stages, City will almost certainly be

England's only remaining participants in the Champions League when the draw for the quarterfinals is made -- providing they see off Kiev.

England's struggles are in stark contrast to Spain's success as Atletico Madrid aim to

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join Real Madrid and probably Barca in the last eight.

Atletico drew 0-0 at PSV Eindhoven three weeks ago and are favourites to progress when hosting the Dutch side at their Vicente Calderon home on Tuesday.

GROUP 1



SOUTH AFRICA
TEAM STRIKE RATE
116.75
TEAM ECON. RATE
7.60

FAF DU PLESSIS

Selecting a key player for the South Africans is a difficult task. From Hashim Amla to AB de Villiers, the list just goes on. However, Faf du Plessis is the one who has consistently performed for the Proteas in the last two years. He has scored 542 runs at an average of 41.69 in the last two years, far better than de Villiers's 26. A mentally strong batsman, Faf could prove to be the difference to the Proteas during crunch moments.



AFGHANISTAN
TEAM STRIKE RATE
123.71
TEAM ECON. RATE
6.81

MOHAMMAD NABI

The most calm, easy-going cricketer in the side, Nabi is an extremely enjoyable player to speak to off the field. On the field, he has the ability to change the momentum of the game almost single-handedly. In their crunch encounter against Zimbabwe in the first round, he smacked half-century that tilted the game toward their favour and then bowled a brilliant spell to peg them back.



SRI LANKA
TEAM STRIKE RATE
108.55
TEAM ECON. RATE
7.59

ANGELO MATHEWS

The reigning champions seem desperate at the moment. They finished second-last in the Asia Cup and also lost their warm-up game against Sri Lanka yesterday. For them, a lot will depend on Angelo Mathews, who knows what it feels like to be a champion and is also their most consistent batsman. For Sri Lanka to shine, Mathews will need to be at his best.



ENGLAND
TEAM STRIKE RATE
113.46
TEAM ECON. RATE
8.56

JOE ROOT

The 25-year-old has been in phenomenal touch. He scored two back-to-back centuries against South Africa in the ODI series in February and also scored a stroke-filled 48 against Mumbai in the warm-up game yesterday. England may not be an extremely strong T20 outfit but if Root, along with the likes Eoin Morgan, and a couple of others get going, that notion could be torn apart.



WEST INDIES
TEAM STRIKE RATE
107.52
TEAM ECON. RATE
8.02

CHRIS GAYLE

He might have undergone a surgery a few months ago, but that hasn't skimmed off any power at all from the tall, strong left-hander. He recently smacked the fastest half-century in T20 cricket in the Big Bash League and in addition is also the team's highest run-getter in the last two years. If Gayle's in the mood, all the pre-match predictions could go for a toss.

GROUP 2



AUSTRALIA
TEAM STRIKE RATE
126.39
TEAM ECON. RATE
8.03

GLENN MAXWELL

One of the fastest scorers in the world, Maxwell can be a nightmare for any bowling side once he gets going. With his freakish ability of playing switch-hits almost at will, it's difficult to set a field for him. He has batted at a strike-rate of 171 in the last two years and has been Australia's second highest run-getter during the period. In short, the game isn't over until Maxwell is sent back to the pavilion.



INDIA
TEAM STRIKE RATE
119.92
TEAM ECON. RATE
7.14

VIRAT KOHLI

That you need to possess mere hitting abilities to be successful in T20 cricket is a notion that has been proven wrong a number of times and the biggest proof of that is Virat Kohli's progress. The batsman who thrives on low-risk shots has averaged 86.77 for India in the last two years. His will be the wicket that India's opponents will target as he has the ability single-handedly carry his team to victory on any given day.



NEW ZEALAND
TEAM STRIKE RATE
107.31
TEAM ECON. RATE
7.69

MARTIN GUPTILL

The Black Caps may be playing without Brendon McCullum, but that doesn't mean they lack firepower. Their second-highest T20I run-getter Martin Guptill, possesses a similarly destructive ability. He has the experience and he is also in form. He played a superb knock in the warm-up game against Sri Lanka and has been their second-highest run-scorer, with 472 runs at an average of 36.30 in the last two years.



PAKISTAN
TEAM STRIKE RATE
109.95
TEAM ECON. RATE
7.53

MOHAMMAD AMIR

Shahid Afridi's men haven't been at their best lately. They struggled in the Asia Cup and will be nervous when they take on Bangladesh in their first game of the Super 10s. Mohammad Amir though has been the one bowler who has outshined the rest of the team. He was Afridi's go-to pacer in the Asia Cup and he will be as important in the World Cup as well.



BANGLADESH
TEAM STRIKE RATE
108.49
TEAM ECON. RATE
7.38

TAMIM IQBAL

The equation is quite simple for the Tigers. If Tamim Iqbal fires, they have a much better chance of putting up a defendable total on the board. His average in the last eleven T20s is a staggering 74.2 with four half-centuries and a century. He has already created history for Bangladesh and will hope he can carry on with his form in the Super 10.



GROUP FIXTURES

DATE	MATCH	DATE	MATCH	DATE	MATCH
Mar 15	India v New Zealand	Mar 20	South Africa v Afghanistan	Mar 25	South Africa v West Indies
Mar 16	Pakistan v Bangladesh	Mar 20	Sri Lanka v West Indies	Mar 26	New Zealand v Bangladesh
Mar 16	England v West Indies	Mar 21	Australia v Bangladesh	Mar 26	England v Sri Lanka
Mar 17	Sri Lanka v Afghanistan	Mar 22	New Zealand v Pakistan	Mar 27	West Indies v Afghanistan
Mar 18	Australia v New Zealand	Mar 23	England v Afghanistan	Mar 27	India v Australia
Mar 18	England v South Africa	Mar 23	India v Bangladesh	Mar 28	South Africa v Sri Lanka
Mar 19	India v Pakistan	Mar 25	Australia v Pakistan		

1st SEMIFINAL Mar 30
 TBC v TBC Delhi
 7:30pm
2nd SEMIFINAL Mar 31
 TBC v TBC Mumbai
 7:30pm
FINAL April 3
 TBC v TBC (Reserve Day)
 Kolkata 7:30pm

ROLL OF HONOUR

YEAR	CHAMPIONS	RUNNERS-UP	YEAR	CHAMPIONS	RUNNERS-UP
2007	India	Pakistan	2012	West Indies	Sri Lanka
2009	Pakistan	Sri Lanka	2014	Sri Lanka	India
2010	England	Australia	2016	?	?

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