

NEO PRIME
French Open
Day 9
Live from 3:00pm

STAR SPORTS1
England v Sri Lanka
Second Test, Day 4
Live from 4:00pm

Dhaka Premier Cricket League
Time: 9:00am
Venue: SBNS
Victoria SC v Sk Jamal

Venue: BKSP-3
Brothers Union v Gazi Group
Venue: Fatullah
Legends of Rugganj v Kalabagan KC

Green Delta Premier Div Hockey
Time: 4:00pm
Venue: Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium
Ajax v Wari Club
Time: 2:00pm
S Bima v Mariners

Time: 4:00pm
Venue: Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium

WHAT THEY SAID

I was given the chance to come to this amazing club, and then to coach it. I have a phenomenal team and great players who are also talented, and it was together we achieved what we did tonight [Saturday]. I've won the Champions League as a player, as an assistant and now as a head coach. I'm so proud to be part of this great club. It's the club of my life, the one that made me who I am. Carlo Ancelotti wanted me to experience this feeling, as the number one coach, and he was right. I'm so happy.

-- ZINEDINE ZIDANE

I think I could start thinking about my future. It puts a lot of years on you. Congratulations to Real Madrid -- once again they were superior to us, this time on penalties. What really hurts me is to see the hurt of the people who've paid to come here -- I feel a bit responsible that I wasn't able to give them what they wanted. That's what really hurts. I feel responsible for the fans who have bought their tickets.

-- DIEGO SIMEONE

An unbelievable night, to win my third Champions League on penalties again, to be the top scorer in the competition again, I'm so proud. We work hard during the season to win this amazing trophy, so I'm so proud of my teammates, of the fans, families, of the coach. It's my second year I scored more than 15 goals. The person with the season scoring record in this competition is me, with 17 goals [in 2014]. And this year 16; or 17 with the penalty. What more can I ask for?

-- CRISTIANO RONALDO

Zizou [Zidane] is very humble but determined. His arrival was really important for us because he has a great relationship with the players. We'll be celebrating this with him! With Rafael we had some good times, but when Zizou came the dressing room was more unified. Zidane brought a positive attitude with him.

-- SERGIO RAMOS

Everyone knows I want Cristiano to stay here all his life. He is one of the pillars of the team and of the history of the club. We have made a new era with him.

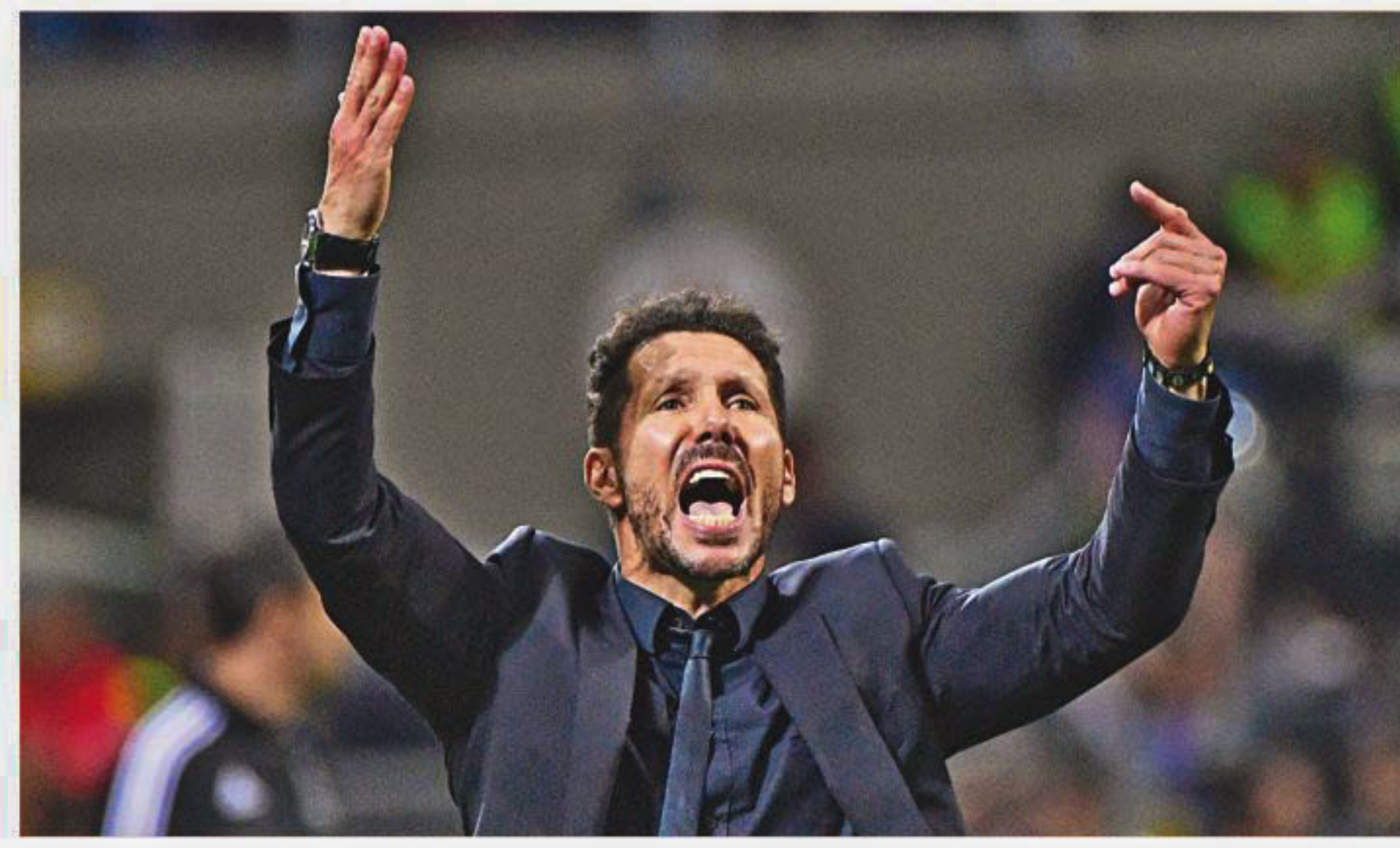
-- FLORENTINO PEREZ

The most important thing is being there, and I'm convinced that this team will be back to win the Champions League because we deserve it. We have to be proud of this team. As of tomorrow, we'll keep on working. This is the beautiful and cruel side of football.

-- GABI

It's a big blow, but we'll pick ourselves up. We're really proud of what we've done this year. The effort has been really impressive, but we couldn't top it off with a victory. That's football and things go on. This is a winning group of players. I'm so proud of my team-mates; we're going to keep fighting for our goals, the club's goals, and those we dream about.

-- DIEGO GODIN



(CLOCKWISE FROM TOP L) Zinedine Zidane is thrown into the air by his jubilant players after their Champions League final win on Saturday. Meanwhile, a distraught Atletico Madrid manager Diego Simeone was once again second best in the final. Real captain Sergio Ramos kisses the Godess of fertility, Cibeles, at the Plaza de Cibeles during Real's trophy parade. And although Cristiano Ronaldo may have been a shadow of himself in the final, it was his decisive spot-kick which earned Real the Undecima. PHOTOS: REUTERS/AFP

TRIVIA

Zidane became the first French coach to win the Champions League trophy.

He also became the seventh person to win the trophy as both player and manager alongside Miguel Munoz, Giovanni Trapattoni, Johan Cruyff, Carlo Ancelotti, Frank Rijkaard and Pep Guardiola.

Of those seven, four won as both player and manager representing the same club.

Sergio Ramos became the first defender to score in two separate Champions League finals.

Zidane also became the eighth manager to win the Champions League on debut.

Zidane won Real Madrid's 9th Champions League as a player, 10th as assistant coach and 11th as manager.

Cristiano Ronaldo finished as the top scorer of the Champions League for the fourth season in a row.

Hail the Zizou impact

MARCA



If there's one person that Real Madrid supporters and staff should be thanking for an unprecedented 11th European Cup/Champions League title once the dust settles, it's the architect of their victory, Zinedine Zidane.

Not Cristiano Ronaldo, who was clearly not fit and was arguably anonymous against Atletico Madrid for the most part.

And not Gareth Bale or Karim Benzema either. The BBC weren't switched on for long periods in the San Siro, and that's a potential worry for the Frenchman over the course of the summer. For now however, Zidane can reflect on another job well done.

A job, let's recall, that he took with no real coaching pedigree, having only overseen Real's Castilla reserve side before getting a desperate call from president Florentino Perez after he'd relieved Rafael Benitez of his duties.

The talk then was that Zidane wasn't at the right point in his coaching career to take the top job and was a ready-made scapegoat if Los Blancos were to endure another poor season by their standards.

But Perez wouldn't be swayed from his desire to install the former club legend and assistant coach to Carlo Ancelotti, especially after a catastrophic 4-0 home defeat to Barcelona in the first El Clasico of the season.

It took a few weeks for Zidane to ensure the team were working to his methods and once the squad had bought into that mentality, frankly there was no stopping them.

Had the Catalans lost just one more game, Real could've taken La Liga at the death, and although there'll always be questions marks as to the standard of opposition that Los Blancos faced in European football's premier competition this season, Zidane's side can only beat what's in front of them.

Yes, Wolfsburg might have finished 8th in the Bundesliga, but Real still had to go out and win a second leg against them under immense pressure after

losing 2-0 in the opener.

There is a togetherness about the squad that is self evident, and it must be said, that's quite unusual for this club.

An all-for-one, one-for-all ethic that Zidane has helped to create and then foster. Perhaps having such stature in the game especially at Real, gave him the helping hand that was required at the beginning to keep any egos in check and ultimately cultivate an environment that has led to success.

He'll be wary of course of how Ancelotti was dispensed with just a year after landing La Decima. Therefore, the hard work really begins now.

Various areas need addressing and Ronaldo is looking less like his old self for one, so there's already a huge decision on the horizon for Zidane.

He may end up being defined by this win or he could surprise just about everyone and take Real back to new heights, ending Barcelona's decade-long dominance in the process.

One thing is already clear. Zinedine Zidane isn't quite the failure every expected.

Simeone's time at Atletico up?

AFP, Madrid



Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone lamented that losing a second Champions League final in three years was a "failure", after seeing his side fall short against Real Madrid in a penalty shoot-out in Milan on Saturday.

The 46-year-old Argentine also appeared to hint at a possible exit from the Vicente Calderon in the aftermath of the match, which Real won 5-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

"Do I have to continue with Atletico or is it the end of a cycle? I have to think about that," Simeone mysteriously said. It puts a lot of years on you," said Simeone.

"Congratulations to Real Madrid -- once again they were superior to us, this time at penalties.

"We started the game badly, then we got ourselves organised from the 20th minute. In the second half we could have equalised very quickly but our intention was clear.

"What really hurts me is to see the hurt of the people who've paid to come here -- I feel a bit responsible that I wasn't able to give them what they wanted. That's what really hurts. I feel responsible for the fans who have bought their tickets."

Atletico have still never lifted the European Cup, also losing the 1974 final to Bayern Munich in a replay.

'I knew I'd score the winner'

AGENCIES, Madrid

Cristiano Ronaldo said on Sunday that the whole Real Madrid team had been incredible while also revealing that he knew he would score the winning goal.

He said he had even told Zidane before the match began that he would score the winning goal.

"I knew I would [score] and I did. I had a vision, I saw I'd score the winning goal. I asked Zizou to let me take the fifth penalty because I knew I was going to score the winning goal."

"Zidane has done amazing work. He's humble and I'm so happy for him"

He also had words for his family: "I still haven't seen them, but obviously this is for them, for the players, for everyone. A huge thank you to the fans."

'Won't let Lewa leave'

AFP, Munich

Real Madrid have held talks with Poland's star striker Robert Lewandowski, his agent has confirmed, while Bayern Munich insist they will pay whatever it takes to keep him.

"Real Madrid approached us a few weeks ago, we have listened to everything and informed Bayern that we have held talks," Lewandowski's agent Cezary Kucharski said.

The Poland hot-shot has a contract in Munich until 2019, but made it clear he is weighing his options.

"I've been in Germany for six years, have won everything here. Sometimes you have to consider whether it makes sense to try something new," Lewandowski said recently.

But Bayern's chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has said the Bavarian giants have "no pain barrier" when it comes to what they will pay to keep their hot-shot in Munich.

"One thing I know for sure: Robert Lewandowski will play in the upcoming season at Bayern Munich," Rummenigge said. "The decision has been made: we won't let Lewandowski go, regardless of what offer lands on the table. There is no pain-barrier [to what Bayern will pay] when it comes to Robert."

Murray, Gasquet through

AFP, Paris



Richard Gasquet kept alive hopes of a first home win in 33 years at the French Open on Sunday, outplaying fifth seed Kei Nishikori 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 to reach the quarter-finals for the first time.

The 29-year-old, best known for his superb single-handed backhand drives, trailed 2-4 early in the first set, but after an hour-long rain delay, he won nine out of the next 10 games to turn the match on its head.

He will next play Andy Murray for a place in the semi-finals after the second seed's straight sets win over John Isner.

"I started badly, but everyone helped me and it was difficult for Nishikori to play against that," he said. "He re-started badly [after the rain] and that gave me confidence to play

my game and go for my shots."

Gasquet broke first to lead 3-1, but Nishikori had started to dominate the rallies and led 4-2 when the rain came on forcing a one hour interruption in proceedings.

On the resumption, two unforced errors from Asia's top player handed Gasquet a second break of serve and he levelled at 4-4.

He then grabbed a third to take the opening set 6-4 against a clearly unsettled opponent.

The two played each other eight times in the past with Gasquet winning the first six and Nishikori the last two, both earlier this month in Madrid and Rome.

But it was the 29-year-old Frenchman who looked to have all the shots as the second set got underway, his shot-making causing all sorts of problems for Nishikori.

Gasquet made it six games in a row

by breaking Nishikori to start the second set and then holding his own.

That proved to be all he needed to take a two sets to love lead against an opponent whose spiralling unforced errors total was way out of character.

Nishikori kept it tighter in the third set and this time it was Gasquet who lost his way in a wayward 10th game that opened the door for the Japanese player.

Gasquet closed it right away though with a break to open the fourth and when he went 4-1 up with a second break, it was all but over.

The last French winner of the men's singles title at Roland Garros was Yannick Noah in 1983, with just one home player -- Henri Leconte in 1988 -- reaching the final since then.

Earlier, Defending champion Stan Wawrinka moved into the French Open quarter-finals yesterday where he will face a Spanish left-hander who isn't named Rafael Nadal.

That honour falls to unheralded Albert Ramos-Vinolas who reached his first Grand Slam last-eight with a 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 defeat of Canadian eighth seed Milos Raonic.

Third seed Wawrinka, for his part, saw off Serbia's Viktor Troicki 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (7/9), 6-3, 6-2 for his 11th straight win in the year's second Grand Slam.

"It was far from easy with tough conditions -- heavy and cold, but I am happy to have come through it," 31-year-old Wawrinka said.

"It was a big battle, but I was able to stay calm and win this match."

It was Wawrinka's fifth win in five meetings with Troicki whose challenge fizzled out after he required treatment for a right thigh injury at 4-1 down in the third set.



British world number 2 Andy Murray overcame the threat of big-serving American John Isner in straight sets at the Roland Garros yesterday to move into the French Open quarterfinals. PHOTO: AFP

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