

STAR SPORTS1
England v Sri Lanka
Third Test, Day 3
Live from 4:00pm

TEN 1 HD
Zimbabwe v India
First ODI
Live from 1:00pm
South Africa v Australia

Tri-Nation, 4th ODI
Live from 10:30pm
SONY SIX
Euro 2016
Albania v Switzerland

Live from 7:00pm
Wales v Slovakia
Live from 10:00pm
England v Russia
Live from 1:00am (Sunday)

SONY ESPN
Copa America
USA v Paraguay
Live from 5:00am
(Sunday)

Colombia v Costa Rica
Live from 7:00am
(Sunday)

DAY'S EVENT

Walton Federation Cup
Venue: BNS
Sk Jamal v Uttar Baridhara

Time: 4:00pm
Sk Russel v Ctg Abahani
Time: 7:30pm

Green Delta Premier Div Hockey
Dhaka Wanderers v Mariner Youngs
Time: 2:00pm

Azad SC v Sonali Bank
Time: 4:00pm
Venue: Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium

Louisville stages mass funeral for Ali



AFP, Louisville

Thousands of people on Friday cheered and threw roses in the streets of Muhammad Ali's hometown Louisville as they bade farewell to the boxing legend and civil rights hero known as "The Greatest".

A mass funeral procession, a private burial and public memorial service will wrap up two days of tributes to the three-time heavyweight world champion, who died last week at 74 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

For more than two hours, the cortege passed by sites that were important to "The Champ": his childhood home, the Ali Center, the Center for African American Heritage -- which focuses on the lives of blacks in Kentucky -- and along Muhammad Ali Boulevard before arriving at the Cave Hill Cemetery for a hero's burial.

Police officers jogged alongside the hearse as it passed Ali's boyhood home, to keep the large crowd out of the street.

Born Cassius Clay in 1942, the boxer won Olympic gold and went on to a glorious professional career, with his epic fights now the stuff of sports legend. He shocked America by refusing to serve in Vietnam, a decision that cost him his title and his career for years. He earned scorn for his incendiary comments about his opponents, once calling Joe Frazier a "gorilla."

But Ali later earned global respect as a civil rights activist who preached religious tolerance, and for his public battle with a disease that ravaged his once powerful body.

Actor Will Smith -- who earned an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of Ali on the silver screen -- and former heavyweight champions Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis will be among the pallbearers at the burial, which is closed to the public.

On Friday afternoon, Ali will be honoured at an inter-faith memorial service at a large sports arena that will bring together VIPs and fans alike, with former US president Bill Clinton and comedian Billy Crystal to give eulogies.

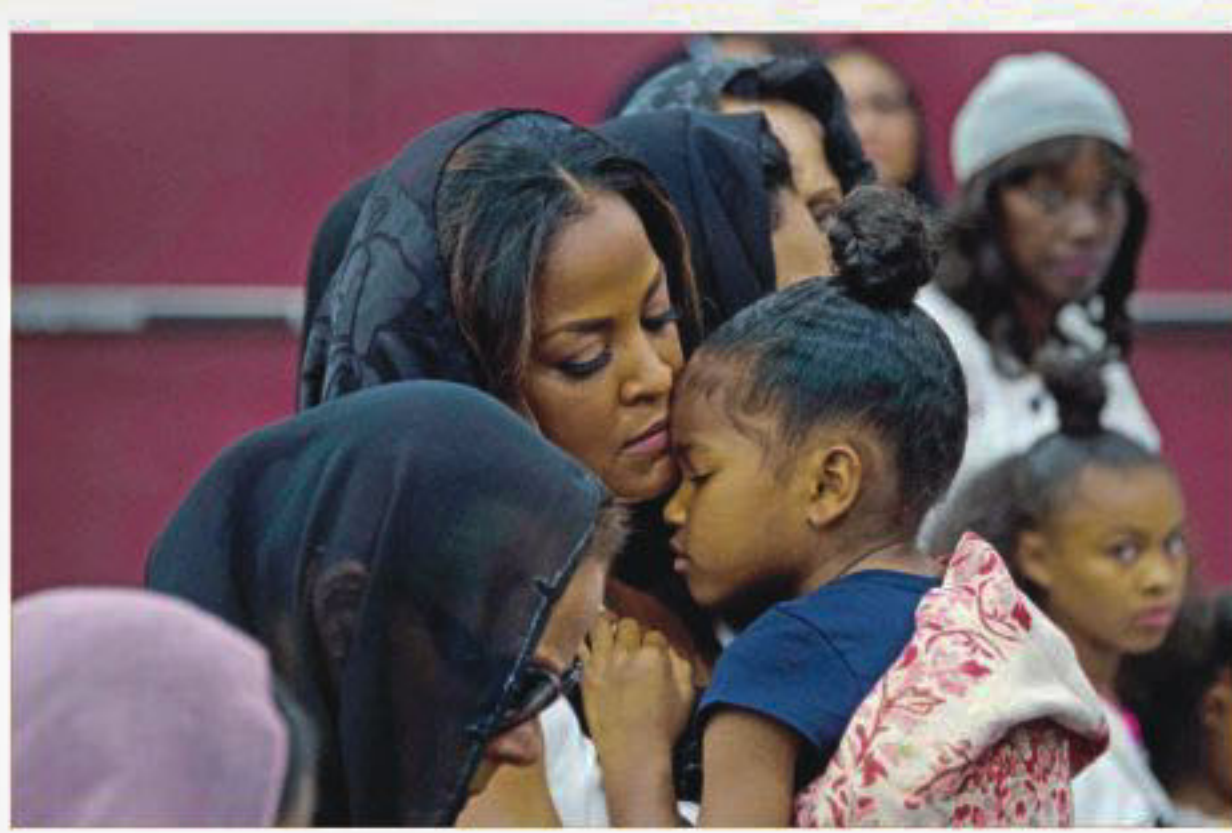
Barack Obama will not be present at the funeral of the man he calls a "personal hero" since it coincides with his daughter Malia's graduation from high school. But the US president published a video message Thursday.

"This week we lost an icon," Obama said in the message. "A person who for African Americans, I think, liberated their minds in recognising that they could be proud of who they were."

"I grew up watching him. I grew up having my identity shaped by what he accomplished," he said. "The incredible gestures of love and support that he showed me was one of the great blessings of my life."

On Thursday, thousands came together for the Muslim service in remembrance of the champion, who converted to Islam in 1964, changing his name to Muhammad Ali.

"My hero was locked in his body," said Louisville taxi driver Fred Dillon, referring to Ali's fight with Parkinson's. "Now he can float like a butterfly."



(Clockwise from top) Pallbearers escort the casket of boxing legend Muhammad Ali during the Jenazah prayer service at Freedom Hall in Louisville, Kentucky yesterday.

Visitors come to pay their respects at a makeshift memorial outside the Muhammad Ali Centre. Laila Ali (C), daughter of the boxing legend, attends the Jenazah prayer service.

Members of the family pray during the Jenazah prayer service.

PHOTOS: AFP

Zidane backs France

REUTERS, Mumbai

France will not crumble under the weight of expectations as the host nation of the Euro 2016 tournament and will instead take advantage of the home support, former captain Zinedine Zidane told a news conference.

Zidane, who played a pivotal role in France's World Cup triumph on home soil in 1998, also backed the team to reach the latter stages of the 24-team tournament.

"This team is a very good team. I hope they win, but even if they do not, they have to do well in competition," said Zidane.

Venezuela KO Uruguay

AFP, Philadelphia



Uruguay were sent crashing out of the Copa America Centenario on Thursday as Venezuela and Mexico marched into the quarterfinals.

Uruguay, the record 15-time Copa America champions, were eliminated in the group phase for the first time since 1997 after slumping to a shock 1-0 loss to Venezuela in Philadelphia.

That result combined with Mexico's 2-0 Group C win over Jamaica in Pasadena left the 2011 champions struggling to digest a humiliating early exit.

"We never found the game we wanted and that cost us," Uruguay's revered coach Oscar Tabarez said,

adding that the ill-fated campaign should serve as a warning to his team as they now look ahead to the resumption of 2018 World Cup qualifiers.

"It's been a very different Copa America. I've never experienced something like this before. We knew it was going to be difficult but this should be a wake-up call before the World Cup qualifiers," Tabarez added.

Uruguay's defeat also capped a miserable tournament for Barcelona superstar Luis Suarez.

Suarez, nursing a hamstring injury when he joined up with the squad, has so far not played a single minute. Suarez appeared in the dugout and looked visibly frustrated at his failure to get on the pitch, at one point appearing to punch the dugout wall.

Tabarez defended his decision not to name Suarez in the squad.

"The player is not fit to play. It's a matter of numbers. I will not select a player who is not 100 percent. Was he angry? I am not aware. To me he told me nothing," Tabarez said.

Venezuela's winner came on 36 minutes, when midfielder Alejandro Guerra cleverly spotted Uruguay goalkeeper Fernando Muslera off his line.

Guerra unleashed a long-range effort from near the halfway line which the back-peddalling Muslera could only parry onto the bar before Salomon Rondon bundled in the rebound from close range.

Venezuela's advance to the last eight is the biggest shock of the tournament so far. The Venezuelans are currently bottom of South America's 10-team round robin qualifying competition for the 2018 World Cup; Uruguay are on top of the standings.

Claims untrue: De Gea

AFP, Saint-Martin-De-Re



Manchester United and Spain goalkeeper David De Gea on Friday dismissed as "a lie" claims that he organised a party at which women were forced to have sex with footballers.

"I am the first one to be surprised by this report. I deny it, it is false and nothing more, it is a lie and false," De Gea told a press conference at Spain's training base for the European Championship finals.

De Gea said he was "desperate" to take part in Euro 2016 and would not be put off his team duties.

The Eldiario.es news website reported that De Gea and Athletic Bilbao's Iker Muniain were named in the testimony of a "protected witness" as part of an investigation into Spanish porn producer Ignacio Allende.

Better known as Torbe, the producer was detained in April for alleged crimes including heading a prostitution ring, sexual abuse of under-age girls and human trafficking.

The witness reportedly said she and another woman were forced against their will to participate in a party in 2012 organised by De Gea, in which they both had sex with footballers.

They were alleged to be 23-year-old Muniain and another unnamed player, according to Eldiario.es, which published photocopies of the police report.

She did not mention having had sex with De Gea.

"If it is possible it gives me even more strength to be here with the national team," he said. "I have also had great support from my teammates and I am desperate to take part in this Euros. It is false what is coming out in the press and it will be in the hands of my lawyers."



France's striker Olivier Giroud tries to hustle past a stubborn challenge from Romania's Vlad Chiriches in the early stages of their Euro 2016 opener at the Stade de France near Paris yesterday.

PHOTOS: REUTERS



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