



What to
WATCH

STAR SPORTS 1
Rio Olympic Games 2016
Live from 5:30pm &
12:30am (Monday)

SONY ESPN
FA Community Shield
Man United v Leicester
Live from 9:00pm

TEN 2
Zimbabwe v New Zealand
2nd Test, Day 2
Live from 1:30pm

TEN 3
Sri Lanka v Australia
2nd Test, Day 4
Live from 10:30am

BTV WORLD
Bangladesh Premier League
Team BJMC v MSC
Live from 4:00pm

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh Premier
League

Team BJMC v MSC
Time: 4:00pm

Venue: Rafiq Uddin Bhuiyan
Stadium, Mymensingh

RIO GAMES STARTS IN EARNEST



Clockwise from top left: The honour was for Brazil's former long-distance runner Vanderlei Cordeiro de Lima to light the Olympic cauldron during the spectacular opening ceremony of the Rio Olympic Games at the iconic Maracana Stadium on Friday night. It's not just a manually driven three wheeler that leads the teams to the march past but also symbolizes the green-campaign. Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bündchen has certainly scored a perfect ten after what was a dazzling catwalk much to the delight of an 80,000 plus audience. A brave captain cruises his ship through the rough weather -- the symbol of Brazil's transformation into a modern country. A carnival without samba is unthinkable in Rio. Will Olympic Games in Rio bring qualitative changes in the living of mass people? A protester against the Games does not believe it. The Rio Games truly ensured everybody's participation and here the refugee team walk proudly with the IOC flag in the opening ceremony. And here are the vibrant future Olympians who are running in droves with dove-like kites.

PHOTOS: REUTERS



WHAT THEY SAID

Our admiration for you is even greater because you managed this at a very difficult time in Brazilian history. We have always believed in you.

- International Olympic chief Thomas Bach

Here we stand to deliver history. History to be made by the athletes, the volunteers, the public, the youth. The Olympic dream is now a wonderful reality. The best place in the world is here and now. Rio, Brazil welcomes the world with open arms.

- Organising committee president Carlos Nuzman

I just hope I don't fall. That would be a real nightmare.

- Denmark flagbearer Caroline Wozniacki

My samba dancing is terrible, horrible -- and I won't be doing it.

- Andy Murray, carrying the flag for Britain

I got my hair dyed green and yellow for the team. My friend in Miami did it and it took about three hours.

- Jamaican sprint star Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce

I will be proud and not nervous. It is time now to think about the sport.

- Rose Nathike Lokonyen, carrying the flag for the refugee team

It was my mum (Sue) who rung me and told me. She's been sick for a while but the doctors gave her permission to come to Brazil and she is somewhere in Rio with my sister watching on a big screen. That makes it extra special.

- Ella Nicholas of the Cook Islands

I don't think anyone's dropped the flag and I don't want to be the first.

- Ireland's Patrick Barnes

In the past two months for sure it affected the athletes. It was a difficult situation. We were ready for the worst, the whole Russian team could have been banned, but there were reasonable people that too the right decisions. It is clear that there is a doping problem, but the clean athletes they should not suffer from that.

- Russian volleyball player Sergei Tetyukhin

I'm very nervous because I get sweaty palms. I have a tendency to be a bit clumsy but I'll make sure I won't let this one go.

- Australian flagbearer, cyclist Anna Meares

It is a very special moment, especially for the older generation in Kosovo. They have survived wars, they went through such hard times and what is happening today has been a dream for a long time for all people in Kosovo.

- Majilinda Kelmendi, flag bearer for Kosovo

Tonight, the first-ever #TeamRefugees will also stand before the world and prove that you can succeed no matter where you're from.

- US president Barack Obama

We've got some pretty cool cloaks from back home. It's pretty special to be wearing that with all the past flagbearers that have worn it before. It just brings the mana (respect) of everyone that's gone in this team before.

- New Zealand's Peter Burling

In this Olympic world, we see that the values of our shared humanity are stronger than the forces which want to divide us.

- IOC president Thomas Bach

Look, we're extremely proud to be the host of the Games, but has there been any benefit to us? No, nothing has changed in my life and it's absurd to think that anything will change for my two children.

- Lilian Sales, a Mangureira favela resident

The world needs to know, I am here watching this spectacle from a slum right next to where they are opening the Olympics, and my life has not improved at all, it's frustrating to be so close to this spectacle and yet so far away, living in a place where we have no security, not even sewage.

- Jose Carmo, a 23Mangureira favela resident.

This party wasn't done for the people. The Games don't come close to the reality lived by the poor.

- Teacher Guilherme Moreira Dias

Thrasher claims 1st Rio gold

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

American teenager Virginia Thrasher claimed the first Rio Olympics gold medal in the shooting on Saturday.

The 19-year-old won the women's 10m air rifle title at the Deodoro shooting venue, holding her nerve to see off China's Du Li on the final shot.

She finished with 208 points, one clear of 2004 Athens champion Du as Olympic chief Thomas Bach looked on in the crowd.

NZ pile on the runs

AFP, Bulawayo

Opening batsman Tom Latham scored his second consecutive century in Zimbabwe as New Zealand stamped their authority on the second Test at Queens Sports Club on Saturday.

Latham scored 136 which allowed the tourists to close the first day on 329 for two after they had won the toss and elected to bat.

The left-hander enjoyed an opening stand of 169 with Martin Gupthill, who made 87, and then added 160 for the second wicket with Kane Williamson.

Eng wrest initiative

AFP, Birmingham



Jonny Bairstow and Moeen Ali both scored dashing fifties as England wrested the initiative from Pakistan on the fourth day of the third Test at Edgbaston on Saturday.

At stumps, England were 414 for five in their second innings, a lead of 311 runs.

Bairstow was 82 not out and Ali 60 not out.

England's sixth-wicket duo had added an unbroken 132 runs inside 27 overs ahead of Monday's final day.

Pakistan will now have to set a new record for the Birmingham ground if they are to go 2-1 up in the four-match series, as the most any side have made in the fourth innings to win a Test at Edgbaston is South Africa's 283 for five in 2008.

England had been well-placed at 120 without loss overnight.

But openers Alastair Cook and Alex Hales both went early on Saturday as Pakistan took two wickets for no runs in nine balls.

Joe Root (62) and James Vince (42) stopped the rot during a third-wicket stand of 95.

But their run-rate slowed to barely three an over, albeit in the face of sometimes overly-defensive Pakistan field settings.

Leg-spinner Yasir Shah struck either side of tea to dismiss Root and Gary

Ballance.

But the middle-order pair's Yorkshire colleague Bairstow, in at 257 for four, scored briskly, just as opposing wicket-keeper Saifraz Ahmed had done in Pakistan's first innings.

Bairstow received excellent support from Ali, who played several fine shots of his own against a tiring Pakistan attack featuring just four frontline bowlers.

Play resumed Saturday with England captain Cook 64 not out and Hales 50 not out after they had erased a first-innings deficit of 103 with their maiden century stand in 18 innings as a Test-match opening pair.

But Pakistan soon removed both batsmen.

Left-hander Cook (66) pushed out to first-innings five-wicket hero Sohail Khan and a diving Shah held an excellent catch at point.

Mohammad Amir then turned 126 for one into 126 for two when Hales (54) edged a seaming delivery from the left-arm quick and Younis Khan held a difficult low chance at second slip.

Root, who made a Test-best 254 in England's 330-run series-levelling win at Old Trafford, struck two superb fours off Sohail -- a back-foot force followed by a cover-drive.

Root, however, had a reprieve on 25 when he edged Rahat Ali only for Mohammad Hafeez to drop the low, two-handed, chance at first slip.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: 1st Innings 297

PAKISTAN: 1st Innings 400

ENGLAND: 2nd Innings (overnight 120-0)

Cook c Shah b Khan 66

Hales c Younis b Amir 54

Root c Hafeez b Shah 62

Vince c Younis b Amir 42

Ballance c Shafiq b Shah 28

Bairstow not out 82

Ali not out 60

Extras: (b-4, lb-7, w-1, nb-8) 20

Total: (5 wkts in 125 overs) 414

Fall of wickets: 1-126, 2-126, 3-221, 4-257, 5-282.

To bat: Woakes, Broad, Finn, Anderson

Bowler O M R W

Amir 30 8 73 2

Sohail 27 3 102 1

Rahat 21 8 54 0

Shah 42 4 152 2

Azhar 5 0 22 0