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Live from 10:30pm

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West Indies v Pakistan
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Live from 12:00pm

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh v England
First Test, Day 4
Time: 10:00am

Venue: Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium, Chittagong



Umpires Kumar Dharmasena (C) and Chris Gaffaney felt the heat on a tricky pitch in Chittagong yesterday, having to cope with a staggering 19 reviews so far in three days of the first Test between England and Bangladesh.

PHOTO: STAR

Messi penalty takes Barca to summit

AFP, Madrid



Lionel Messi's 94th-minute penalty moved Barcelona top of La Liga in dramatic fashion in a pulsating 3-2 win at Valencia on Saturday.

However, victory came at a cost for Barca as a tearful Andres Iniesta suffered ligament damage in his right knee that could keep him out for several months.

Messi netted twice and his opener midway through the first half was allowed to stand despite Luis Suarez straying into an offside position.

Valencia hit back with two goals in six second-half minutes through on-loan Barca winger Munir El Haddadi and Rodrigo.

However, Suarez levelled and was then upended inside the area by Aymen Abdennour to allow Messi to hold his nerve and slot past penalty-stopping specialist Diego Alves for all three points.

The frustration of the Valencia fans spilled over and Barca players were showered by objects from the stands as they celebrated.

Victory moves the champions a point clear of Atletico Madrid and Real Madrid, who face Sevilla and Athletic Bilbao respec-

tively on Sunday.

The game was only 14 minutes old when Iniesta was carried from the field in tears holding his right knee, which buckled under a heavy challenge from Enzo Perez.

Barca boss Luis Enrique was furious with referee Alberto Undiano Mallenco as Perez avoided even a yellow card, whilst a series of other fouls on Barca players went unpunished.

However, it was Valencia who were up in arms at the officials when Messi opened the scoring on 22 minutes.

The Argentine's fifth goal in three games since returning from a groin injury sneaked in at Alves's near post, but the Brazilian goalkeeper had been distracted by the presence of the offside Suarez jumping over Messi's effort.

Alves kept his side in the game with two great saves from Suarez as the Uruguayan was played in on goal, the first of which was a spectacular stop when Suarez's effort deflected off Ezequiel Garay.

However, Valencia showed they could also breach a Barca defence without the injured Gerard Pique as Marc Andre ter Stegen rushed from his line to block from Dani Parejo.

Valencia turned the game around early in the second half as Parejo's cut-back was drilled into the bottom corner by El Haddadi against his parent club.

Drogba fined for no-show

AFP, New York

Didier Drogba has been fined an undisclosed amount by Major League Soccer chiefs after his refusal to play for the Montreal Impact last weekend, the league said Friday.

Former Chelsea and Ivory Coast star Drogba stunned the Impact by demanding to be left out of the squad for their game against Toronto FC on Sunday after discovering he was not in the starting lineup.

Although Impact President Joey Saputo said on Tuesday the club had settled its differences with Drogba, the 38-year-old's no-show has brought a league fine.

"Consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Drogba has been fined an undisclosed amount for his failure to appear for the Montreal Impact's match against Toronto FC on October 16," the MLS said in a statement.

In a separate ruling, the MLS said it had fined New York City FC player Diego Martinez for an undisclosed sum after he was found to have sworn at a DC United ballboy on Sunday.

Mehedi makes mother proud

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna



Although Mehedi Hasan Miraz just began his international career last week, he has already garnered plenty of attention. His six-wicket haul in his debut match led to him getting acclaim from various corners, including India's ace off-spinner Ravichandran Aswin.

The figures he recorded, 6 for 80, were the second-best by a Bangladeshi debutant in Test cricket. However, it's not just the numbers that have impressed. Mehedi's demeanour on the whole has excited many in the cricketing fraternity.

Earlier this year he had to take the brunt of the pressure of the Bangladesh Under-19 team during the U-19 World Cup and he managed to handle that period with ease. He showed a similar sense of calmness when he was given the red cherry in the first innings by Mushfiqur Rahim.

This attitude of course, did not develop overnight. It has a lot to do with Mehedi's childhood and his family life.

The all-rounder hails from the Auliapur village of Barisal. His father, Jalal Hossain, was a driver by profession and is now retired. While Mehedi loved to play cricket, he was often asked by his father to concentrate on his studies more.

"His father never allowed him to play outside all day. He even scolded him at times. But as he went from one level to another, he understood what gifted child he had. We are all proud of him. I am a proud mother," said Minara Begum, Mehedi's mother.

With a lack of income, Mehedi's family often found it difficult to buy him cricketing gear, but that was when the people in the village who noticed Mehedi's talent stepped in.

"Honestly, I don't think I supported my son enough. But my wife, my daughter and my neighbours helped him a lot. Sheikh Yusuf, our neighbour, helped him by buying him cricket bats and pads," said Hossain, Mehedi's father.

While Mehedi started playing cricket at the age of six, he first started coaching at the Hazi Shariatullah Biddypath under coach Al-Mahmud.

"The unique aspect about him was his enthusiasm. He knew that cricket was a means through which he could make his life better and he worked towards that," said Al-Mahmud.

'CR7 made himself

AGENCIES, London

Sir Alex Ferguson believes he can take little credit for Cristiano Ronaldo's development into one of the finest footballers of all time.

Ferguson brought a teenage Ronaldo from Sporting to Manchester United in 2003 and oversaw his development to Ballon d'Or winner in 2008 before a then world-record move to Real Madrid a year later.

"Ronaldo is a perfect example of someone who made himself. It's easy for me to say, 'yeah, I made Ronaldo'," Ferguson said when he was honoured with the Walther Bensemann prize, which is awarded for outstanding work in football.

"Many coaches might say I made this player and I made that player, but Ronaldo made himself."

Russia selects wolf as 2018 WC mascot

AFP, Moscow

Russia has chosen a goggled wolf as mascot for the 2018 World Cup.

The wolf, unveiled to the public early Saturday after a month of online voting, prevailed over a cat and a tiger dressed in a space suit after receiving more than half the votes.

The mascot -- named "Zabivaka", which in Russian means "one who scores" -- was presented on a popular late-night show on Pervy Kanal state television.

More than one million people voted in the contest.

Arsenal, Spurs fire blanks

AFP, London



North London rivals Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur were both held to goalless draws on Saturday, handing Manchester City the initiative in the nascent Premier League title race.

Spurs drew 0-0 at Bournemouth, before Arsenal were held at home by promoted Middlesbrough, nudging Arsene Wenger's side a point above previous leaders City, who host Southampton on Sunday.

Elsewhere, Ahmed Musa, Shinji Okazaki and Christian Fuchs were all on target as champions Leicester City ended a three-game winless run by crushing Crystal Palace 3-1.

Arsenal, 6-0 winners over Ludogorets Razgrad in the Champions League in mid-week, were seeking an eighth successive win in all competitions.

Despite the hosts dominating the first half at the Emirates Stadium, Middlesbrough came closest to breaking the deadlock when Gaston Ramirez curled a 21st-minute free-kick against the post.

The pattern of play did not change in the second period, but still Boro resisted, with goalkeeper Victor Valdes producing a full-stretch save to thwart Alexis Sanchez.

Arsenal's disappointing day was completed deep into stoppage time as Oxlade-Chamberlain's cross was turned into Middlesbrough's goal by Ozil only for an offside flag to cut short the Gunners' celebrations.

Tottenham extended their unbeaten start to the season to nine games -- something they last achieved in 1990 -- but squandered a chance to go top in a 0-0 draw at Bournemouth.

Both teams hit the woodwork in the early stages, Spurs goalkeeper Hugo Lloris diverting Charlie Daniels's shot onto the bar and Erik Lamela clipping the post from distance.

"We had control, but we didn't create enough chances to score," Spurs manager Mauricio Pochettino told Sky Sports.

RESULTS	
Arsenal 0	Middlesbrough 0
Bournemouth 0	Tottenham 0
Burnley 2	(Vokes 39, Arfield 90) Everton 1 (Bolasie 58)
Hull 0	Stoke 2 (Shaqiri 26, 50)
Leicester 3	(Musa 42, Okazaki 63, Fuchs 80) Crystal Palace 1 (Cabaye 85)
Swansea 0	Watford 0
West Ham 1	(Reid 90+4) Sunderland 0

"I think we need to be pleased in the end because it's one point more, one clean sheet, but it's true for us to be contenders we should be winning the games like today."

Leicester did not need Jamie Vardy as they won 3-1 at home to Palace to climb to 12th.

With Vardy starting on the bench after a groin injury, strikers Musa and Okazaki struck either side of half-time at the King Power Stadium.

Fuchs sealed victory in the 79th minute, the Austrian left-back netting from distance with a sensational strike to register his first Leicester goal.

Yohan Cabaye replied late on for Palace. Sixth-place Everton squandered a chance to make ground on the leading sides in a 2-1 defeat at Burnley, who took a 39th-minute lead when Maarten Stekelenburg's blunder gifted Sam Vokes a tap-in.

Yannick Bolasie equalised just before the hour with his first Everton goal, but Scott Arfield struck at the death to condemn Ronald Koeman's men to a fourth league game without victory.

Xherdan Shaqiri scored two stunning goals -- the first a free-kick -- as Stoke City won 2-0 at Hull City to climb out of the relegation zone at their hosts' expense.

Sunderland remain rock bottom after Winston Reid's goal deep into stoppage time earned misfiring West Ham United a 1-0 win at London Stadium.

Swansea City stayed second-from-bottom after Bob Bradley's first home game as manager concluded in a 0-0 draw with Watford.

'Spent more nights with Carlos than with my wives'

AGENCIES, Madrid

Brazil legend Ronaldo Nazario recalled his time as a player at Real Madrid -- where he now works as a club ambassador -- with Spanish radio station Onda Cero, revealing some interesting stories from his time at the club.

El Fenomeno, at one point the world's most feared number nine, admitted that he often put partying over his professional duties and recalled being told to tone down on his wild nights by Real Madrid president Florentino Perez.

"Florentino told me that I should stay at home more and not go out so much. He said I should look at Figo as an example to follow and I said, with all due respect, that if I had a wife like Figo, I would also stay at home more."

"I have spent more nights with Roberto Carlos than all of the women I have been married to put together," he added with a wry smile.

During his time at Real Madrid, Ronaldo also had to deal with legendary Italian manager Arrigo Sacchi, who took over the role of Director of Football for the 2004/05 season, and shared an interesting exchange.



RONALDO

ing being what he had to say about Real's current manager Zinedine Zidane. All three of the stars had played together during the Galacticos era.

"Zidane laughs a lot more now than he did back when we were players. If I was at another club, I would be quietly hoping they sack him because what he is doing, I have only seen a few times in my life".

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