

**GTV & STAR SPORTS 2**  
**Bangladesh v England**  
 Live from 9:30am  
**STAR SPORTS 1**  
**Indian Super League**  
 Goa v Delhi

Live from 7:30pm  
**STAR SPORTS 4**  
 English Premiership  
 Southampton v Chelsea  
 Live from 10:00pm

**SONY ESPN**  
 Serie A  
 Atalanta v Genoa  
 Live from 5:30pm  
 Sampdoria v Inter Milan  
 Live from 1:30am (Monday)

**SONY SIX**  
 La Liga  
 Eibar v Villarreal  
 Live from 4:00pm  
 Athletic Bilbao v Osasuna  
 Live from 8:00pm

Real Betis v Espanyol  
 Live from 10:30pm  
 Las Palmas v Celta Vigo  
 Live from 12:30am (Monday)  
**TEN 2**  
 Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe

1st Test, Day 2  
 Live from 2:00pm  
**TEN 3**  
 West Indies v Pakistan  
 3rd Test, Day 1  
 Live from 12:00pm

**DAY'S EVENT**

**Bangladesh v England**  
 Second Test, Day 3

Time: 9:30am  
 Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur

**Bangladesh Championship League**  
 Bangladesh Police FC v Karwan Bazar PS

Time: 3:15pm  
 Venue: Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium



Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo scores his second goal from a penalty during their Primera Liga match against Alaves at the Mendizorroza Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Ronaldo hits treble

AFP, Madrid



Cristiano Ronaldo returned to goalscoring form with his first hat-trick of the season and also missed a penalty as Real Madrid extended their lead at the top of La Liga with a 4-1 win at Alaves on Saturday.

Ronaldo's wayward form in recent weeks had come under the spotlight -- he was booed by Real fans after missing one chance recently -- but he turned the game around after Deyverson had put Alaves into a shock early lead.

Ronaldo levelled from the penalty spot before his deflected effort put Madrid ahead at the break.

The Portuguese saw another penalty saved 12 minutes from time, but wasn't to be denied when he slammed home Marcelo's cut-back after Alvaro Morata's cushioned lob had made the game safe.

Real now lead Sevilla by three points at the top of the table and Barcelona by five.

However, Barca can cut the gap back to two points with victory at home to Granada later on Saturday.

"We are always going to demand goals from Cristiano, but he was good in all aspects," said Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane.

"We knew how to suffer because the first half and the start of the second weren't comfortable or easy."

"But playing like this, if you know how to suffer and then add a bit of movement, we know what we can do."

Real's unbeaten run stretches to 26 matches but their defensive struggles continued in Vitoria as Zidane's men got off to the worst possible start when Deyverson pounced on an error from goalkeeper Keylor Navas to slot Alaves into a seventh-minute lead.

The visitors needed two slices of fortune to turn the game around before half-time.

Firstly, Deyverson was adjudged to have handled a Bale free-kick inside his own area and Ronaldo slotted home the penalty.

Ronaldo's second came 16 minutes later when his low effort from outside the area deflected off Zouhair Feddal and flew into the far corner.

Alaves had a huge chance to level just two minutes after the restart when Victor Camarasa skipped past Raphael Varane, but shot straight at Navas.

Madrid barely threatened in the second half until the last 15 minutes when they finally put the game beyond Alaves' reach.

Ronaldo was hauled down inside the penalty area from a corner, but saw his second spot-kick saved by Fernando Pacheco.

Morata again made his presence felt off the bench as he raced onto Marcelo's through ball and lobbed the onrushing Pacheco for his fourth goal as a substitute this season.

## Media Cup Cricket starts today

SPORTS REPORTER

Summit-DRU Media Cup Cricket Tournament gets underway at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium in Dhaka today with 48 media houses taking part.

The tournament will be inaugurated at 10:00am by the State Minister for Labour and Employment, Mujibul Haque Chunnua, where former cricketers including Rakibul Hasan will be present.

The champion team will receive Tk 50,000, the runners-up team will get Tk 30,000 while there will also be monetary awards for the two losing semifinalists.

The information was disclosed at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity headquarters yesterday.

## FIRST TEST AGAINST ZIM SL dominate

AFP, Harare

Kusal Perera struck his maiden Test century as Sri Lanka took control of the first Test against Zimbabwe on the opening day at Harare Sports Club on Saturday.

Perera took advantage of two dropped catches to make an attacking 110, while Kaushal Silva scored 94 as Sri Lanka piled up 317 for four after winning the toss and electing to bat.

Zimbabwe had hoped to push an under-strength Sri Lankan side in their 100th Test match but were instead dogged by familiar problems with their fielding.

## SCORES IN BRIEF

**SRI LANKA:** First innings 317 for 4 (Silva 94, Perera 110; Cremer 3-82)

## City, Arsenal forge ahead

AFP, London



Sergio Aguero and Ilkay Gundogan each scored twice as Manchester City crushed West Bromwich Albion 4-0 on Saturday to reclaim first place in the Premier League from Arsenal.

Arsenal won 4-1 at Sunderland, with substitute Olivier Giroud and Alexis Sanchez both scoring twice, but City's win kept Pep Guardiola's side top on goal difference as they ended a six-game winless run.

"When we lose there are always doubts," said Guardiola. "It's the first time I have not won in six games. Always you have doubts, (but) not over the principles."

Jose Mourinho was sent to the stands at Old Trafford and Ander Herrera dismissed as Manchester United drew 0-0 with Burnley despite having 37 shots at goal, while champions Leicester City drew 1-1 at Tottenham Hotspur.

Guardiola, whose side host former club Barcelona in the Champions League on Tuesday, made eight changes to his starting XI from Wednesday's 1-0 League Cup defeat at Manchester United.

Aguero was among the players to return to City's starting line-up at The Hawthorns and his first-half brace effectively settled the game.

He broke the deadlock in the 19th minute, slamming a shot between Ben Foster's legs from Gundogan's pass, and doubled his tally nine minutes later with a stunning shot from the edge of the box.

The goals ended Aguero's six-game scoring drought and lifted his City tally to 149 -- one more than club great Francis Lee.

Aguero teed up Gundogan for City's third in the 79th minute and the former Borussia Dortmund midfielder sealed victory in the last minute of normal time.

"We need Sergio," said Guardiola, who dropped the Argentina striker for City's 4-0 defeat at Barcelona. "He is one of the best."

Arsenal had earlier strolled to victory at bottom club Sunderland, who are now seven points from safety and without a win after 10 league games.

Sanchez put Arsenal in front in the 19th minute with a header from an Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain cross.

Jermain Defoe equalised from the spot in the 65th minute after Petr Cech was booked for impeding Duncan Watmore.

But Giroud equalised six minutes later, volleying in a Kieran Gibbs cross with his first touch after coming on.

The France striker struck again five minutes later, a looping header from Mesut Ozil's corner, and Sanchez completed the scoring two minutes after that with a neat close-range finish.

## Hockey team hold Austria

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh national hockey team held Austria to a 3-3 draw in their first practice match in Austria yesterday, according to a post on social media by team manager Ariful Haque Prince. As per the information available, Milon Hossain, Ashraful Islam and Khorshedur Rahman scored the three goals for Bangladesh.

The Bangladesh team are supposed to play two more matches in Austria as preparation for next month's AHF Cup. The team earlier played three matches against Poland national team, losing twice and winning once before drawing two matches against Poland's under-21 side. The team is expected to return home on November 1.

## ROCKLAND BADMINTON Minhaj, Nabila champions

SPORTS REPORTER

Minhaj and Shapla won singles titles of the Rockland Summer Open (Ranking) Badminton Tournament, which concluded at the Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Indoor Stadium in Dhaka yesterday. Minhaj won the men's singles title, beating Enam in three sets (21-11, 11-21, 21-19) while Shapla beat Elina in straight sets (21-15, 21-14) to win the women's singles title.

Meanwhile, Dulal and Khaled pair won the men's doubles title, beating Sohel and Joyal in three sets while Elina and Nabila Pair beat Shapla and Dulali pair to win the women's doubles title.

## Mishra spins India to series win

AFP, Visakhapatnam



Leg-spinner Amit Mishra claimed five wickets to skittle New Zealand out for a paltry 79 as India thrashed the Black Caps by 190 runs to clinch the five-match one-day international series 3-2 in Visakhapatnam on Saturday.

The visitors, who were chasing a target of 270, registered their lowest ODI total against India as the innings lasted for just 23.1 overs.

Mishra, who returned with impressive figures of 5-18 in six overs, claimed 15 wickets in the five matches and was judged the man of the match and the player of the series.

Earlier Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli set up the win with their gritty half-centuries to help India post 269 for six after electing to bat first in the series decider.

With the series tied at 2-2, the hosts opted to bat first as Sharma (70) and Kohli (65) put together a 79-run second-wicket stand to lay a solid foundation for the middle order.

India were at one point eyeing a bigger score, only to be pulled back by the visiting bowlers, as pacer Trent Boult and leg-spinner Ish Sodhi claimed two wickets each.

But it was the Mishra-led bowling attack

that helped India keep their winning momentum after whitewashing New Zealand in the three Tests.

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni introduced spin into the attack in the ninth over after the pacers had provided the early breakthroughs including that of opposition skipper Kane Williamson.

It paid off as Mishra's double blow in the 16th over to get Ross Taylor (19) and BJ Watling (0) out in the space of three deliveries derailed New Zealand's chase. The visitors slipped to 66 for five.

Debutant spinner Jayant Yadav then got his first international wicket after he trapped Corey Anderson for nought.

Mishra then ran through the New Zealand middle and lower-order as the innings saw a total of five ducks.

The Black Caps' previous low against India was their 103 in Chennai in 2010.

## SCORES IN BRIEF

**INDIA:** 269 for 6 in 50 overs (Sharma 70, Kohli 65, Dhoni 41; Boult 2-52)  
**NEW ZEALAND:** 79 all out in 23.1 overs (Williamson 27; Mishra 5-18, Patel 2-9)  
**Result:** India won by 190 runs  
**Man of the Match:** Amit Mishra



Saif Sporting Club captain heads the ball out of his danger zone during the opening match of the Marcel Bangladesh Championship League against T&T Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The newcomers won the match 3-1.

AFP, Berlin

## Loew set to extend reign

Germany's World Cup-winning coach Joachim Loew is set to extend his reign until 2020 amidst reports his new contract will be confirmed on Monday by the German FA (DFB).

German daily Bild reported on Saturday that the 56-year-old, who took charge in 2006, will pen a two-year extension to lead Germany's defence of the World Cup in Russia in 2018 and to the European Championships in 2020.

## CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE Saif Sporting Club off to a flying start

SPORTS REPORTER

Newcomers Saif Sporting Club notched a 3-1 win against T&T Club in the opening match of the Bangladesh Championship League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The winners took a 2-0 lead in the first half, thanks to early strikes from Sumon Ali and Ariful Islam, before substitute forward Sajjad Hossain scored a third two minutes into stoppage time to get the pre-league favourites to a flying start.

A penalty conversion from Nayeemuddin deep into injury time only handed some consolation to T&T Club.

Meanwhile, Karwan Bazar Progoti Sangha will take on Bangladesh Police FC in the only match today, which will kick off at 3:15pm at the Kamalapur Stadium.

## Root hit by stomach bug!

STAR SPORT DESK

Joe Root was quarantined by the team management at the end of the second day of the Dhaka Test after the England batsman complained of a stomach upset which forced him off the field during Bangladesh's second innings on Saturday.

According to reports, Root returned to the team hotel separate from the rest of the squad as the England medics did not want to risk a bug sweeping through the team during the match.

England will need Root back on the field quickly on Sunday because the longer he is off recuperating, the further down the order he will have to bat.

Rated as the No. 3 Test batsman in the world, Root top-scored (56) in England's first innings and is the only member of their top four to reach 20 this series.



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