

# What to WATCH

**CHANNEL 9 & SONY SIX**  
**Bangladesh Premier League T20**  
 Dhaka Dynamites v Khulna Titans  
 Live from 1:00pm  
 Comilla Victorians v Rajshahi Kings  
 Live from 5:45pm

**BOISHAKHI TV**  
**Bangladesh Premier League**  
 Mohammedan v Team BJMC  
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 Abahani v Muktiyoddha  
 Live from 6:15pm  
**STAR SPORTS 1**  
 India v England

**SECOND TEST, Day 3**  
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 Tri-Nation, Third ODI  
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**STAR SPORTS SELECT 1**  
 English Premiership

**Man United vs Arsenal**  
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**Southampton vs Liverpool**  
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 Tottenham v West Ham  
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**STAR SPORTS SELECT 2**  
 English Premiership

**Crystal Palace vs Man City**  
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**Bundesliga**  
 Dortmund v Bayern Munich  
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**SONY ESPN**  
 ATP World Tour Finals  
 Day Seven

**Live from 8:00pm**  
**Serie A**  
 Udinese v Napoli  
**Live from 11:00pm**  
**SONY SIX**  
**Primera Liga**  
 Deportivo v Sevilla  
 Live from 6:00pm

**Barcelona vs Malaga**  
 Live from 9:00pm  
 Eibar v Celta Vigo  
 Live from 11:30pm  
 Atletico Madrid v Real Madrid  
 Live from 2:00am (Sunday)

## DAY'S EVENT

**Bangladesh Premier League T20**  
 Dhaka Dynamites v Khulna Titans  
 Time: 1:00pm

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 Time: 5:45pm  
 Venue: Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium, Chittagong

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 Time: 6:15pm  
 Venue: MA Aziz Stadium, Chittagong



Real Madrid will be hoping to notch up a first league win over local rivals Atletico Madrid since 2013 as the two sides face off in the Madrid derby on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

# Landing downs Ctg Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER



Chittagong Abahani lost more ground in the title chase of the JB Bangladesh Premier League after suffering a single-goal defeat to holders Sheikh Jamal DC at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

Gambian midfielder Landing Darboe struck the decider in the 63rd minute from a free-kick as the port city side remained in second position with 28 points from 15 matches, four points behind leaders Abahani, who have played 14 matches so far.

Sheikh Jamal, on the other hand, came back in the title race with their seventh win of the league as they are seven points behind the leaders with 25 points from 15 outings.

The fixture was equally important for both sides to close the gap with Abahani, and it must have been pleasing for Sheikh Jamal who had suffered a defeat at the hands of Rahmatganj MFS in their previous match.

Despite playing without injured skipper Mamunul Islam and Bhutanese striker Chencho Gyeltshen, Chittagong Abahani got off to a fine start at their home ground and put the opposition under heavy pressure in the opening 10 minutes of the match.

However, they failed to breach the defence of Sheikh Jamal, who were the first to threaten to take a lead in the 36th minute. Chittagong Abahani had their goalkeeper

Ashraf Islam Rana to thank for as the national team custodian rescued his side by thwarting a free-kick from Landing.

However, Rana was helpless in the 63rd minute when the Gambian brilliantly curled in a free kick from the left-hand of the box, getting the ball to nestle into the far corner of the net.

Chittagong Abahani were unlucky not to score an equaliser in the next minute when a curling free-kick from Zahid Hossain came off the far post.

Sheikh Jamal were unlucky not to come out with a bigger margin of victory as Emeka Darlington managed to beat Rana late in the game, only to see his effort come off the post.

SHEIKH JAMAL	1 - 0	CTG ABAHANI
SHEIKH RUSSEL	3 - 1	FENI SOCCER

Meanwhile, struggling giants Sheikh Russel KC notched their fourth win after handing a 3-1 defeat to Feni Soccer Club in the second match of the day. Rumon Hossain scored twice while Jean Jules Ikanga scored the other as the former champions came back from a goal down to snatch the much-needed victory, which moved them up to eighth position with 15 points. Feni, on the other hand, remained at the bottom alongside Uttar Baridhara with 10 points.

# Real look to end Atleti hegemony

REUTERS, Barcelona



Breaking Atletico Madrid's recent stranglehold on a fixture that used to be a foregone conclusion for Real Madrid is the challenge facing coach Zinedine Zidane ahead of Saturday's Madrid derby, the last at the Vicente Calderon stadium.

Real enjoyed utter domination over their rivals for 14 years but the tables have turned and they have not won a league derby since Jose Mourinho oversaw a 2-1 win at the Calderon in 2013.

Atletico have won four and drawn two of the last six league derbies, just one demonstration of how charismatic Argentine coach Diego Simeone has transformed the fortunes of the sleeping giant he took over in 2011.

"He is a coach with a unique capacity to communicate, that's why he has got where he is and why he was able to dig us out of the trouble we were in," said Atletico captain Gabi.

"With one look or gesture he's able to speak to any player, and that's why at the moment the most important thing for this

club is the fact we have Simeone with us."

Real still have the upper hand on their neighbours in European competition and Saturday's game is the first meeting between the teams since Real's penalty shootout victory in the Champions League final last May.

The game takes on extra significance for being the last league derby at the Vicente Calderon stadium with Atletico due to move from the 50-year-old ground to a new 67,000 capacity arena next year.

"That it will be the last derby at the Calderon makes it exciting and special. It will be strange not to experience it there again, as we have had unforgettable moments there," Gabi added.

## FIXTURES

**Saturday**  
 Deportivo la Coruna v Sevilla (1200), Barcelona v Malaga (1515), Eibar v Celta Vigo (1730), Atletico Madrid v Real Madrid (1945)  
**Sunday**  
 Alaves v Espanyol (1100), Valencia v Granada (1515), Sporting Gijon v Real Sociedad (1730), Athletic Bilbao v Villarreal (1945)

## Yusuf Jamil no more

SPORTS REPORTER

Veteran sports organizer Yusuf Jamil Babu breathed his last yesterday afternoon at the United Hospital in Dhaka. He was 60.

Jamil, who had been suffering from various ailments for a long time, left behind his wife, a daughter, two sons and a host of well-wishers.

He was the former president of the Divisional and District Organisers' Council and general secretary of Comilla District Sports Association.

Various national sports federations and associations expressed their deepest condolences at the demise of the sports organizer.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at the Comilla Town Hall at 1:30pm today.

# Rooney seeks Arsenal tonic

AFP, London



Damaged and derided, Wayne Rooney embodies Manchester United's current predicament as they prepare for Arsenal's visit to Old Trafford in the Premier League on Saturday.

Rooney has been splashed across Britain's newspapers this week after photographs emerged of him looking the worse for wear during a post-wedding party at the England team hotel last weekend.

Fortunately for Rooney, manager Jose Mourinho's anger over the matter is said to have been directed at the FA, rather than him.

But the 31-year-old is nonetheless expected to start on the bench against Arsenal, having been forced to withdraw from international duty with a minor knee injury.

Dropped first by Mourinho and then interim England manager Gareth Southgate, Rooney managed to force his way back into the starting XI for both club and country.

His last United display, in their 3-1 win at Swansea City prior to the international break, was one of his best in recent memory as he created a pair of goals for Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

But an injury sustained in England's 3-0 win over Scotland forced him out of Tuesday's 2-2 draw with Spain and he now looks likely to find himself in the increasingly familiar setting of the bench.

Rooney has made a habit of tormenting Arsenal over the years, scoring 14 goals against them -- a figure bettered only by his tally against Aston Villa (15).

## FIXTURES

**Saturday**  
 (1500 GMT unless stated otherwise)  
 Crystal Palace v Manchester City, Manchester United v Arsenal (1230), Southampton v Liverpool, Tottenham v West Ham (1730), Watford v Leicester, Everton v Swansea, Stoke v Bournemouth, Sunderland v Hull  
**Sunday**  
 (1600 GMT)  
 Middlesbrough v Chelsea  
**Monday**  
 (2000 GMT)  
 West Brom v Burnley

## Zillur lifts Agrani Bank

SPORTS REPORTER

Agrani Bank SC climbed up to the second position of Marcel Bangladesh Championship League after a 1-0 win over T&T Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Zillur struck the all-important goal for Agrani Bank four minutes from time after Anik Ghosh picked up a second booking to leave T&T Club with 10 men in the 47th minute.

Agrani Bank now have 10 points from six matches while T&T Club remained at sixth position with five points.

## Chelsea scoop monthly awards

REUTERS, London

Chelsea's Antonio Conte was named Premier League manager of the month on Friday after leading the club to four consecutive wins in October, while winger Eden Hazard picked up the player's prize for the first time.

Chelsea scored 11 goals and kept four clean sheets in October.

"It's a great honour and I will share this with my players and the club," Conte said. "It is the first time I work in another country, and when you want to bring your own philosophy it is not easy.

# Murray roars into last 4

To play Raonic today; Djokovic to face Nishikori

REUTERS, London



Andy Murray crushed Stan Wawrinka 6-4 6-2 to win his group at the ATP World Tour Finals on Friday and stay on course for a season-ending climax with Novak Djokovic.

What initially promised to be a tough afternoon for the world number one against the burly Swiss turned into a stroll for Murray, who extended his winning streak to 22 matches and set up a semi-final against world number four Milos Raonic.

U.S. Open champion Wawrinka was seeking to reach the semis for the fourth consecutive year and was full of aggression in the early stages.

But a netted volley gave Murray a break in the seventh game. The Swiss saved three set points at 3-5 but Murray was

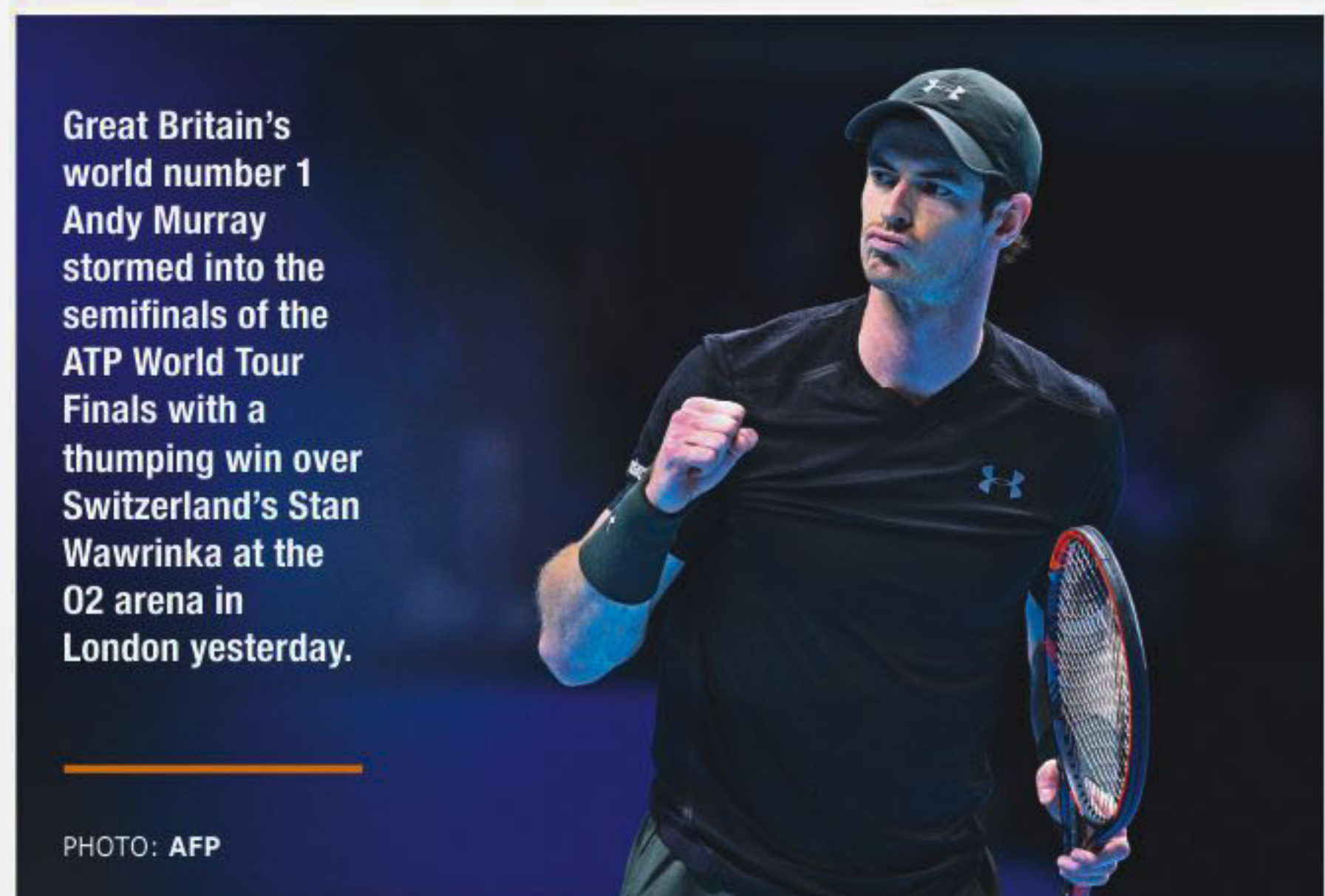
bossing the match by then and held serve in the next game.

The Scot streaked away with two breaks of serve in the second set, with Wawrinka demolishing two rackets after falling 3-0 down.

After spending three hours and 20 minutes grinding past Kei Nishikori on Wednesday, Murray was in no mood for any overtime and quickly polished off his man.

Murray's 22-match streak equals his run earlier in the season. Two more wins here would deliver his maiden ATP World Tour Finals title and the year-end number one ranking for the first time.

Four-times defending champion Djokovic, whose 122-week stay as world number one was ended last week, also won his three group matches and will face Japan's Nishikori in the other semi-final.



**Great Britain's world number 1 Andy Murray stormed into the semifinals of the ATP World Tour Finals with a thumping win over Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka at the O2 arena in London yesterday.**

PHOTO: AFP

## Gerrard set to manage Dons?

AFP, London

Former Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard is in contact with Milton Keynes Dons over the England third-tier club's vacant managerial role.

Gerrard, 36, announced earlier this week that he will leave the LA Galaxy in December after 18 months in Major League Soccer.

MK Dons are currently 21st in League One and without a manager following the departure of Karl Robinson last month.

The BBC, which did not cite any sources, said it was unclear if Gerrard would be offered a player-manager role.

Speaking on Tuesday, Gerrard said: "Although I'm going back to England to live, it's certainly not the end of me in football terms.

"I've got a lot of things to consider over the coming weeks and months, and I'm sure I'll be back involved in the game. I've got options on the pitch, off the pitch."

Gerrard has also been linked with moves to Celtic and Newcastle United.

He left Liverpool in 2015 after a glittering 17-year Anfield career in which he eight major trophies including the 2005 Champions League.

He was also capped 114 times by England, making him his country's fourth-most-capped player.



Players of the Bangladesh national hockey team go through a light jogging session at the Kowloon Park in Hong Kong yesterday ahead of today's match of the 5th AHF Cup against the hosts. Pitted in Pool A, Bangladesh will also play against Chinese Taipei and Macau in the group phase.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

# Bayern face Dortmund test

AFP, Berlin



Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich face a stern challenge to their place at the top of the table when Carlo Ancelotti's Bavarian giants play Borussia Dortmund away on Saturday.

Bayern could be knocked from top spot even before kick-off if second-placed RB Leipzig pick up a point at Bayer Leverkusen on Friday night to extend their unbeaten record to 11 matches.

But all eyes will be on Dortmund, where the German league's top two strikers -- Borussia's Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Bayern's Robert Lewandowski -- will go head-to-head.

Fifth-placed Dortmund are six points

behind Bayern in what promises to be a battle royal and between them, Aubameyang and Lewandowski have scored 18 league goals.

"It's not just the fans who look forward to this game, but the players as well," said Bayern forward Thomas Muller. "It's the best game of the year, because it's the hardest to win. It's the biggest challenge."

The battle of Germany's top two teams has been dubbed 'Der Klassiker' by the German media in recent years, but Dortmund's last league win over Bayern -- home or away -- was more than two years ago.

Nevertheless, hosts Dortmund are eager for their first win over the Bavarians at Signal Iduna Park since April 2012.

"If we lose then lots of teams, including Dortmund, will be very close behind us (in the table)," said Hummels.