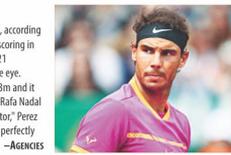


# What to WATCH

**SONY SIX & TEN 2**  
**FIFA Confederations Cup**  
**Cameron v Australia**  
**Live from 9:00pm**  
**Germany v Chile**  
**Live from 12:00am (Friday)**

## NADAL HELPED SIGN A SENSIOS

Rafa Nadal played a crucial role in the transfer of Marco ASENSIO to Real Madrid, according to club president Florentino Perez. ASENSIO, who is set to announce his move to Real Madrid in the Champions League final and netting a hat-trick for Spain at the Euro Under-21 Championship but it was at boyhood club Real Mallorca where he first caught the eye. Madrid signed the then 19-year-old in the summer of 2015 for a fee of around €3m and it was all prompted by a phone call from Nadal to his uncle Miguel Angel. "I called Rafa Nadal and asked him to talk to his uncle Miguel Angel, who was Mallorca's sports director," Perez said. "I told him that we wanted to buy him [Asensio]. He behaved perfectly and we closed the deal quickly."



—AGENCIES



Portugal superstar Cristiano Ronaldo (R) celebrates his opening goal with teammates Cedric Soares (C) and Bernardo Silva during their 2017 Confederations Cup group A match against Russia at the Spartak Stadium in Moscow yesterday.

# Ronaldo makes the difference

AFP, Moscow



Russia 1-0 at the Confederations Cup on Wednesday.

The 32-year-old netted after just eight minutes to give the Euro 2016 winners their first victory in Group A as they leapfrog Russia in the standings.

Group rivals Mexico and New Zealand meet later in Sochi. The Portuguese camp had insisted ahead of this game that their skipper was focused solely on matters on the field in Russia despite the speculation surrounding his future at Real.

He has been accused by Spanish authorities of evading 14.7 million euros (\$16.5m) in tax and has been summoned to appear in court next month in Madrid.

The four-time Ballon d'Or winner — the world's highest-paid athlete according to

Forbes magazine — has said his "conscience is clear" in the matter but has reportedly threatened to leave Real.

Despite the off-field disruption, Ronaldo picked up the man-of-the-match award in Portugal's opening 2-2 draw with Mexico on Sunday.

And he was all smiles escorting a young mascot in a wheelchair out onto the pitch in Moscow before he netted his first goal of the tournament inside eight minutes at the home of Spartak Moscow.

Raphael Guerreiro's towering cross from the left flank hung in the air and found Ronaldo, who rose at the far post to head back across Igor Akinfeev.

It was a miserable start for the Russian skipper, who was making his 100th international appearance.

Soon after the break, Akinfeev kept Russia in the game with a one-handed reflex save from four metres out to deny Andre Silva's bullet header.

However, the hosts were unlucky not to force an equaliser after a string of chances in a second-half driftdisplay.

# Giants clash for control

AFP, Sochi



Germany and Chile clash for control of Group B at the Confederations Cup on Thursday with die Mannschaft's head coach

Joachim Low talking up the south American champions.

"They have shown in the past few years that they belong to the elite of world football," said German boss Low ahead of the encounter in Kazan, Russia.

"Chile have fantastic individual players and are flexible tactically like few other teams, they can switch things around several times during a match."

Both teams have three points with Chile ahead on goal difference after their 2-0 win over Cameroon and Germany's 3-2 victory against Australia.

Low, having rested all of his World Cup-winning stars, will match his young guns against an experienced Chile team which won both the 2015 and 2016 Copa America titles.

With key midfielders Toni Kroos and Sami Khedira among those left at home, Goretzka is already stating his case for a place in the squad for next year's World Cup in Russia.

"As a leader, you first of all have to put in

a good performance," said the self-confident 22-year-old, who won his sixth cap against Australia.

Both sides are amongst the favourites to win the 2017 Confed Cup in the St Petersburg final on July 2.

"They are the rival that will give us a good idea of what we can accomplish here," said Chile's Edson Puch, who started in place of Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez against Cameroon.

Regardless of their inexperience — the entire German squad had just 149 caps between them — Marcelo Diaz said facing the world champions requires a certain mindset.

"In order to play them, we need to be psychologically prepared, at your best, and we are," said the midfielder.

"Our mentality is one of our biggest achievements of this team."

Low changed his goalkeeper in each of his last three games and Germany's shot-stopper Bernd Leno could lose his place having leaked two goals against Australia.

Chile's Arturo Vidal opened the scoring against Cameroon and is set to face three Bayern Munich teammates in Joshua Kimmich, Sebastian Rudy and Niklas Sule.

Likewise, Arsenal team-mates Shkodran Mustafi and Sanchez could line up against

each other.

Germany have won all four meetings between the countries in the last 40 years.

The most recent was in 2014 when Mario Goetze's goal sealed a 1-0 friendly win in Stuttgart.

In Thursday's other Group B game, Australia play Cameroon in St Petersburg with both teams knowing they can ill afford another Confed Cup defeat.

"Australia play with a lot of fighting spirit and I expect a difficult game against a team with a different style to Chile," said Cameroon's Belgian coach Hugo Broos.

We will have to be at our top level, because if we lose we are done at this tournament."

Broos is expected to stick with the same line-up which leaked late goals by Vidal and Eduardo Vargas against Chile.

After a quiet opening match, Christian Bassogog — the player of the tournament at the 2017 Africa Cup of Nations — will be keen to shine on the right wing.

Having conceded early goals against both Brazil, in last week's 4-0 friendly defeat, and Germany, Australia coach Ange Postecoglou will want to tighten his defence.

Likewise, talented midfielder Aaron Mooy will be expected to help maintain possession in the middle, an area where Australia struggled against Germany.

# Human chain formed to protest abuse

OUR CORRESPONDENT from Dinaipur

People formed a human chain in Dinaipur yesterday and urged the local administration to shield sportsmen by sacking Abu Samad Mihru, a BCB appointed coach who allegedly molested a male cricketer.

The hour-long human chain, organised by local sports-related institute Khela Char, was formed at 11:00am in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office.

Speakers at the human chain criticised Mr Khairul Alam, the Deputy Commissioner of Dinaipur who also serves as the president of the Dinaipur District Sports Association (DSA) for not taking prompt action against the accused, but who mysteriously remained silent," said AK Azad, a human rights activist.

Secretary of Khela Char Nurul Motin Saikat alleged that there had been a meeting with the DSA to settle the issue, but instead of cooperation the family of the victim was threatened.

# Oscar to face the music

REUTERS, Hong Kong



Former Chelsea midfielder Oscar looks set to face a disciplinary hearing over his involvement in a brawl that marred his Shanghai SIPG side's 1-1 draw with Guangzhou R&F in the Chinese Super League at the weekend.

Chinese media reported on Wednesday that Oscar and three other players involved in the altercation would have their case heard by the Chinese Football Association this week after the disciplinary committee receiving the referee's report.

The Brazilian was involved in a melee in the latter stages of the first half in Guangzhou, which ended with a player from each side being sent off minutes after Oscar had set up team mate Hulk to score his side's equaliser.

Guangzhou players complained the goal had been allowed to stand despite claiming Hulk had been offside when he received the ball and tempers flared once the game restarted.

Oscar thumped the ball at R&F's Chen Zhizhao, who retaliated by pushing the ex-Chelsea man to the ground, leading to both teams squaring up on the halfway line.

Shanghai's Fu Huan and Li Tixiang of Guangzhou were both dismissed by referee Zhou Gang while Oscar escaped punishment.

"Oscar is not a dirty player," SIPG coach Andre Villas-Boas said after the game.

## QUICK SINGLES

The following are a few samples of stories that did not make the print edition. However, if they pique your interest, you can always read them online on The Daily Star website by simply scanning the QR codes listed below:

**Morgan looks to new boys**

England captain Eoin Morgan is looking forward to seeing if some of his new players can star in the upcoming three-match Twenty20 series against South Africa.

**FIFA target Juve over Pogba deal**

FIFA have cleared Manchester United but opened disciplinary proceedings against Juventus over Paul Pogba's world record transfer, football's governing body announced on Wednesday.

**CR7 will pay to avoid sentence**

According to a report by Cadena Cope, Cristiano Ronaldo is willing to pay 14.7 million euros in due taxes in order to avoid the possibility of going to prison.

# Mourinho refutes accusations

AFP, Madrid



Jose Mourinho's advisers have hit back at accusations that the Manchester United manager failed to pay millions of euros in taxes to the Spanish authorities during his time in charge of Real Madrid.

The 54-year-old Portuguese, who coached Madrid from 2010 to 2013, has been accused of "two offences against the public treasury", the prosecutor's office said in a statement on Tuesday.

They claim that Mourinho, who took over at United last year, failed to declare 3.3 million euros (\$3.7m, €2.9m) during his time in the Spanish capital — 1.6 million euros in 2011 and 1.7 million euros in 2012.

But a statement released by Mourinho's representatives Gestifute Media said he had not been informed personally of the accusations.

They also circulated a copy of a tax document dated July 3, 2015, which covers the period in question. According to Gestifute, Mourinho "paid more than 26 million euros in taxes, at an average rate above 41 percent and accepted regularisation proposals from the tax authorities in 2015 relating to the years 2011 and 2012, and resolved by agreement his situation for the year 2013".

The statement also said that Mourinho had received a certificate from the authorities confirming that he was "up to date with all his tax obligations".

The accusations come as Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo was summoned to appear before a judge next month, accused of tax evasion of 14.7 million euros.

The 32-year-old Portuguese star is facing four charges of fraud through offshore companies between 2011 and 2014 and will appear before a judge on July 31, judicial sources told AFP.

The four-time world player of the year, who said last week his "conscience is clear", is threatening to leave Madrid over the affair, according to Spanish and Portuguese media.

Both Ronaldo and Mourinho are clients of football super-agent Jorge Mendes, who has been summoned to appear before the court at Pozuelo de Alarcón, just outside Madrid, on June 27.

Revelations from the whistleblowing website Football Leaks have lifted the veil on the practices supposedly used by Mendes to optimise often enormous earnings from image rights by his clients.

# Valcke gets CAS appeal date

AFP, Lausanne



Former FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke will have his appeal over his 10 year ban from football heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport on October 11.

Sepp Blatter's former right-hand man was suspended in September 2015 over the 2014 World Cup tickets scam and was sentenced by FIFA's ethics committee in February 2016 to a 12-year ban from football.

The ban was reduced to ten years in appeal before Valcke, claiming innocence, appealed to CAS.

"The hearing has been set for October 11, it's too soon to know if it will actually appear in person however," a CAS spokesman told AFP on Wednesday.

Once disgraced FIFA president Blatter's chief lieutenant, Valcke was sacked by FIFA over black market World Cup ticket sales and suspect television deals.

The 56-year-old, who has resettled in Barcelona where he and his wife set up an events management firm, is also the target of a Swiss criminal investigation into the resale of World Cup tickets.

Blatter was banned for six years on charges relating to a two million Swiss francs (1.8 million euros) payment to the UEFA chief Michel Platini.

FIFA in September launched a fresh investigation into conflict of interest and corruption against Blatter, Valcke and ex-FIFA financial director Markus Kattner.

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  6. The Bidders are requested to visit the site before submission of Financial Proposal.

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