

# What to WATCH

**SONY SIX**  
Sri Lanka v India  
Second ODI  
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## HACKERS STUN BARCA FANS

Hackers sent Barcelona fans into meltdown after the club's official Twitter account announced the signing of Angel Di Maria from Paris-Saint Germain. After news emerged that Barca will use Neymar after his PSG move, the Spanish club's social media account was breached by security hacking group OurMine. On Wednesday morning, Barca's official account tweeted: "Welcome Angel Di Maria to FC Barcelona #DiMariaFCB". The 29-year-old has been linked with a transfer to the Nou Camp after Neymar's departure to Paris. But Di Maria is currently still a PSG player. Eventually, OurMine claimed responsibility for the hack by tweeting: "Hi FC Barcelona, it's OurMine (Security Group), please contact us - ourmine.org -> Contact Us, and sorry for the hoax."



# Nadal, Federer brace for historic showdown

Their rivalry has stretched 13 years and 37 matches but Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer have never met at the US Open, a staggering anomaly which seems certain to be corrected at 2017's concluding Grand Slam.

Nadal, back on top of the world rankings for the first time in three years, is a two-time winner in New York, his 2010 and 2013 titles forming part of his 15-Slam portfolio which was embellished by a record 10th French Open in June.

Federer, the five-time US champion, is bidding for a 20th major and third of the year after capturing the Australian Open and Wimbledon titles.

Victory in the men's final on September 10 would also make the 36-year-old the oldest US Open champion of the modern era and oldest overall since Bill Tilden in 1923.

The path to the title for Nadal and Federer has been eased by the removal of two-time champion Novak Djokovic, who has shut down his season to recover from an elbow injury.

Also out of the way is defending cham-

ption Stan Wawrinka, another long-term casualty who is facing knee surgery.

Add into the mix the ongoing hip problems of 2012 champion Andy Murray, and all the indications point to a tournament where the sport's two most durable warriors are likely to be amongst the last men standing.

Not that they are getting carried away by their prospects.

Nadal, 31, heads to New York on the back of a quarterfinal loss to Nick Kyrgios in Cincinnati and a Montreal last-16 defeat to Canadian teenager Denis Shapovalov.

"New York is a completely different event," said Nadal, who has not got past the fourth round at the US Open since 2013. "Different ball and in the history of my career in New York I played much better.

Federer, meanwhile, is looking to move beyond Pete Sampras and Jimmy Connors by claiming a sixth US Open.

"Winning my third of the year, my 20th Grand Slam, would be completely insane. I just hope I'm going to be 100 per cent ready when the moment arises," said Federer who missed the 2016 US Open to rest a knee injury.



Bursting onto the scene with a freckled, fresh face, Wayne Rooney (L) lit up the 2004 Euros with four goals before injury ended his tournament. However, the boy matured into a man and, after being handed the Three Lions captain's armband, overtook Sir Bobby Charlton (R with Rooney) as England's most prolific goalscorer 12 years later just ahead of what would be his final tournament, the 2016 Euros.



PHOTOS: AFP

## QUICK SINGLES

The following are a few samples of stories that we 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:

**Bolt's 31st birthday bonanza**  
He has been clubbing and checking out all the nightlife that England has had to offer after retiring from the track at the IAAF World Championships earlier this month, and Usain Bolt had a party on Monday as he celebrated his 31st birthday.

**India expect best India will once again be expected to be at their ruthless best when they take on a Sri Lanka, which has hit nard in both form and confidence. In the second one day international, on Thursday.**

**Napoli, Sevilla, Celtic into CL group stage**  
A Jose Callejon goal helped Napoli ease into the Champions League group stage on Tuesday, while Sevilla also went through and Celtic suffered a scare in Kazakhstan before winning their play-off tie.

**Smith turns T20 coach**  
Former South Africa skipper and national captain Graeme Smith will be among the coaches when the maiden Twenty20 Global League starts in the republic this November. He will lead Benoni Zamli, one of eight teams in the tournament.

## De Villiers quits as SA ODI skipper

Star batsman AB de Villiers quit as South Africa one-day international (ODI) skipper Wednesday, but committed to representing his country in all three cricket formats.

"Faf du Plessis has proved to be an outstanding captain of the Twenty20 and Test teams," he said in a statement.

"Bearing this in mind, I have informed Cricket South Africa that I would like to step down as ODI captain.

"It has been an honour to lead the team for the past six years, but it is now time for someone else to take the ODI side forward. Whoever is chosen as the new ODI captain will have my complete support."

De Villiers rejected media claims that he was chipping-in to play for South Africa and putting himself before the team.

"That is simply not true. That has never been true. Playing for South Africa is, and will always be, the greatest privilege of my life," he said.

He missed the recent 3-1 Test series defeat in England.

De Villiers said mental and physical tiredness and raising a young family had forced him to take a temporary international break.

"I really do feel refreshed and revived," said the 33-year-old. "I want to get back on the field and today assured the national selectors that I will be available for selection in all three formats of the game during the coming season."

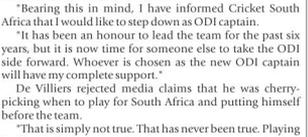


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## Rooney quits England duty

England's record goalscorer Wayne Rooney announced on Wednesday he is retiring from international football with immediate effect after manager Gareth Southgate tried to recall him to the squad.

The 31-year-old - scorer of 53 goals in 119 appearances for his country - told Southgate of his decision during a phone conversation on Tuesday.

Southgate had phoned Rooney - who had lost both the captaincy and eventually his place in the squad as he became a peripheral figure under Jose Mourinho at Manchester United last season - to congratulate him on his early season form for new club Everton.

Rooney has looked rejuvenated and happy - scoring in both their Premier League matches so far - since he re-signed for the club that nurtured his talent as a teenager.

"It was great that Gareth Southgate called me this week to tell me he wanted me back in the England squad for the upcoming matches. I really appreciated that," said Rooney in a statement sent to Press Association Sport.

"Having already thought long and hard, I told Gareth that I had now decided to retire for good from international football. It is a really tough decision and one I have discussed with my family, my manager at Everton (Ronald Koeman) and those closest to me.

ENGLAND'S BEST			
PLAYER	SPAN	GOALS	CAPS
Wayne Rooney	2003-2017	53	119
Bobby Charlton	1958-1970	49	106
Gary Lineker	1984-1992	48	80
Jimmy Greaves	1959-1967	44	57
Michael Owen	1998-2008	40	89

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## CAREER IN NUMBERS

- 53** With 53 goals, Rooney is England's all-time leading scorer, just four goals ahead of Sir Bobby Charlton.
- 119** Wayne Rooney has the second-most caps for the England national side with 119, just behind Peter Shilton's 125.
- 74** Rooney has made the most appearances in competitive matches (World Cup, European Championship and qualifiers) for England. He has played 74 such matches.
- 37** He has also scored the most goals for England in competitive matches. 37 of his 53 goals have come in competitive matches.
- 18 years** At 18 years and 351 days, Rooney is England's youngest player to feature in a World Cup Qualifying match.
- 17 years** At 17 years and 317 days, Wazza is England's youngest ever goalscorer.

## বন্যার্তদের সাহায্যার্থে ত্রাণ কার্যক্রম

Advertisement for a relief program for flood victims. It features a group photo of people and text in Bengali describing the initiative. The text mentions the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and the collection of relief items for flood victims in various districts.

## Griezmann handed 2-game ban

France international forward Antoine Griezmann was handed a two-game ban by the Spanish Football Federation on Wednesday after he was sent off at the weekend for insulting the referee.

The 26-year-old was dismissed during Atletico Madrid's 2-2 draw at Girona on Saturday.

He also received a 600-euro (£70) fine, while Atletico were penalised 700 euros. Both have the right to appeal the sanctions.

Griezmann will miss league matches against Las Palmas on Saturday and Valencia on September 9.

Advertisement for Walton refrigerators. It features a large image of a refrigerator and a family. The text promotes a 50% discount on the purchase of a refrigerator. It also lists various features like 'Real Tempered Glass Door', '50 Years Warranty', and 'Microbiological Test & Anti-Bacteria'.