

What to WATCH

BTV, GTV & STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
Bangladesh v Australia
 1st Test, Day-1
 Live from 10:00am
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England v West Indies
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SONY SIX & TEN 3
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3rd ODI
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TEN 2
La Liga
Real Madrid v Valencia
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DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh v Australia
 First Test, Day 1
 Time: 10:00am

Venue: SBNCs, Mirpur
Bangladesh Premier League
 Mohammedan v Team BJMC

Time: 5:00pm
 Farashganj v Sheikh Russel
 Time: 7:15pm

Venue: BNS

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:

Zidane happy with no more signings

Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane insisted he intends not to add to his squad in the final week of the transfer window despite a mounting defensive crisis ahead of Sunday's clash with Valencia.

'No problem' if Sanches leaves Bayern

Bayern Munich coach Carlo Ancelotti says about 20-year-old Portuguese midfielder Renato Sanches: "If he goes, it's okay -- no problem."

WI 206-3 against England

West Indies were 206 for three in reply to England's first innings 258, a deficit of 52 runs, at tea on the second day of the second Test at Headingley on Saturday.



Valencia Olaya (L) scored a hatrick while Jewel Rana (C) provided four assists during Saif Sporting Club's 5-0 drubbing of Brothers Union in their Bangladesh Premier League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Olaya powers Saif SC

SPORTS REPORTER

Colombian striker Valencia Olaya and young local winger Jewel Rana were in marauding form as newcomers Saif Sporting Club notched the biggest win of the league so far with a 5-0 drubbing of Brothers Union during their Bangladesh Premier League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Olaya, who had scored two goals in the last two matches following three barren games, scored a clinical hatrick, but had to thank Jewel who turned provider for the first four goals in this thoroughly one-sided affair. Hemanta Vincent Biswas and Olaya's compatriot Daniel Escarpeta scored the other two goals to complete the rout as Saif Sporting moved to within a point of joint leaders Chittagong Abahani and Sheikh Jamal DC.

While Saif Sporting dominated proceedings from the onset, it took them 45 minutes to break the deadlock with Olaya opening the floodgates with a simple tap-in after Jewel Rana had done all the hard work inside the box. The young winger wriggled past a host of defenders and cut the ball back from the touchline as the Colombian tucked it home after Brothers keeper Abdul Kader failed to grasp Jewel's delivery.

Olaya doubled the lead four minutes later, this time in more clinical fashion as he side-footed the ball past the Brothers goalie after Jewel had brilliantly collected a long ball and released it right on the edge of the box.

National team midfielder Hemanta Vincent Biswas added a third with a spectacular strike eight minutes after the break as he slapped home Jewel's cut-back with the inside of his right foot before Olaya completed his hatrick 11 minutes later. The Colombian raced on to a through-ball from Jewel and buried the ball home past the onrushing Brothers goalkeeper to bag the first hatrick of the league.

Olaya was denied a fourth by a point-blank save from the Brothers goalie before Jewel was taken off, but Saif Sporting still had enough gas in the tank to register a fifth goal, which came deep into injury time with Escarpeta heading in Jamal Bhuiyan's free-kick.

The win took Saif SC to 15 points from six games, and temporarily past Sheikh Jamal DC, who, later in the day, beat Muktiyoddha Sangsad 2-1 to top the table alongside early pace-setters Chittagong Abahani on 16 points.

Three-time champions Sheikh Jamal took early control of the match when Solomon King Kanform turned in Enamul Haque's header with an acrobatic side volley in the 23rd minute. Another Gambian, Mamodou Bah made it 2-0 in the 36th minute with a simple tap-in after Muktiyoddha's stand-in keeper Nahiduddin Lalu failed to judge the flight of a lob from Enamul.

The All Reds reduced the margin in the 65th minute, thanks to Saikat Mahmud Munna's placing shot on a long-ball from Shafiqul Islam Bipul, but they failed to get an equaliser despite applying some pressure towards the end.

SAIF SC (OLAYA 45, 45+4, 64, HEMANTA 53, ESCARPETA 90+2)	5 - 0	BROTHERS UNION
MUKTIJODDHA (SAIKAT 66)	1 - 2	SK JAMAL (KANFORM 23, BAH 36)

A curious case of overlapping

SPORTS REPORTER

The lack of proper guidelines on hosting franchise based leagues has seen a new twist after the announcement of the players' draft of the inaugural T20 Global League, organised by Cricket South Africa (CSA). A few of the overseas players who are already committed to playing in the upcoming Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) were named in the Global League, leading to confusion.

Shahid Afridi and Cameron Delpert of Dhaka Dynamites, Liam Dawson of Chittagong Vikings, Darren Sammy of Rajshahi Kings, Junaid Khan, Dawid Malan and Carlos Brathwaite of Khulna Titans have already signed with the respective franchises.

However, the confusion lingers surrounding the players who have not yet made up their minds about which league they are going to play in. West Indies' Chris Gayle, who was expected to play for Rangpur Riders, has already declared that he will be playing in the Global League.

But there are a few who have made their stance clear -- among them Shahid Afridi and Junaid Khan of Pakistan have declared that they will be playing the BPL via Twitter.

With three overseas players involved in the ongoing issue, Khulna Titans are in a critical position at the moment.

"Khulna Titans signed Malan, Junaid and Brathwaite for the BPL. All three have confirmed that they will play for Khulna Titans this year and we are confident that they will feature in our team. We learned that their names were in the Global League and have notified the BCB to look into this matter. It is surprising because we signed Junaid in March and Malan in July and have been in conversation with all three from beginning of the year," Kazi Inam Ahmed, managing director of Khulna Titans, told Daily Star yesterday.

The maiden edition of the T20 Global League is scheduled to start from November 4 while the fifth edition of the BPL is slated to begin from November 3.

McGregor banking on knockout blow

AFP, Las Vegas

Mixed martial arts star Conor McGregor vowed to knock out boxer Floyd Mayweather on Friday as a horde of Irish fans descended on Las Vegas for the trash-talking rivals' cross-combat super-fight.

McGregor, 29, will carry a substantial weight advantage into Saturday's 12-round boxing contest after a raucous weigh-in that saw him face-off with Mayweather for the final time before fight-night.

With waves of green-shirted fans in a crowd of around 6,000 roaring their support for the Irish superstar, McGregor tipped the scales at 153 pounds, well inside the 154-pound limit.

Former welterweight champion Mayweather, 40, who has emerged from a two-year retirement to take on MMA star McGregor, weighed in at 149.5 pounds.

The naturally bigger McGregor -- who screamed into Mayweather's face as the two men went nose-to-nose -- said he expects to enter the ring at closer to 170 pounds.

McGregor, who has never fought in a professional boxing contest, is a massive underdog for a fight, which is expected to beamed live to around 200 countries and territories across the globe.

But the former apprentice plumber from Dublin, who was unemployed four years ago, defiantly predicted he was ready to spring a monumental upset on the skilful Mayweather, one of the finest boxers in history who boasts a perfect 49-0 record.

"That's the worst shape I've ever seen him," McGregor said of Mayweather. "I'm going to breeze through him, trust me on that."

A nonplussed Mayweather shrugged off his weight disadvantage and once again vowed to stop McGregor inside the distance. "Weight doesn't win fights, fighting wins fights," Mayweather said. "It won't go the distance."

Saturday's bout has appalled boxing traditionalists, who have rubbished the event as a meaningless, money-grabbing, mismatch which owes more to the pantomime traditions of WWE wrestling than the noble art.

Boxing pundits, coaches and fighters have lined up to dismiss McGregor's hopes of succeeding where 49 others in Mayweather's

21-year career have failed.

"Would a ping-pong player have a chance of scoring a point against Roger Federer?" was the withering verdict of veteran trainer Teddy Atlas. "It's going to be like walking through a really bad neighbourhood late at night. McGregor's going to get mugged."

Others however have sounded a note of caution, citing potential safety risks to McGregor given the chasm of experience between the Irishman and Mayweather.

British former light-welterweight world champion Amir Khan expressed fears McGregor could be seriously injured.



Conor McGregor squared up to Floyd 'Money' Mayweather ahead of their big-money fight at the weigh-in yesterday. The Irishman promised to KO his favoured opponent in the 700 million dollar bout, which will begin today at 9.30am BST.

PHOTO: AFP

ZLATAN'S VERDICT

"Here you have a guy that has made a career out of many years and that is Mayweather. And then you have the other guy that has made a career in a short time, but he made himself a big name. Me as a huge fan of the MMA, I see this fight. I don't know. It can go both ways. Either what people predict that Mayweather will win easy, which I don't believe. I see Conor with his confidence. He will win. Because he believes in himself so much."



MONEY MACHINE

Although the exact figures that the fight will generate depend on a number of variables such as pay-per-view sales and ticket sales among others, the Nevada State Athletic Commission confirmed on Friday night that the minimum purse for each fighter.

Mayweather is guaranteed 100 million dollars, 80 million less than what he was paid for his fight against Manny Pacquiao. However, at the moment Mayweather is projected to earn upwards of 200 million dollars should sales go smoothly.

McGregor meanwhile will make a minimum of 30 million, nearly 10 times what he made his previous high salary. That figure could rise to 75 million.

If PPV revenue stays in line with the Mayweather-Pacquiao bout, the purse is likely to be worth 300 million, with total revenues at 700 million.

Although the split between the boxers will not be revealed, industry insiders speculate that it is either 75-25 or 70-30 in Mayweather's favour. That means a \$300 purse would net him 225 million, and leave McGregor with 75 million.



Manchester United striker Marcus Rashford is ecstatic after scoring the opening goal against Leicester City during their Premier League encounter at Old Trafford yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

MU stay perfect

Sterling saves Man City

AFP, London



Substitutes Marcus Rashford and Marouane Fellaini scored as Manchester United continued their 100 percent start to the Premier League season by beating Leicester City 2-0 on Saturday.

Leicester threatened to frustrate United when Kasper Schmeichel saved a penalty by Romelu Lukaku early in the second half, but the hosts' pressure told in the last 20 minutes.

Huddersfield Town's 0-0 draw with Southampton meant United went two points clear at the summit, although West Bromwich Albion will join them on nine points if they beat Stoke City on Sunday.

Earlier, Raheem Sterling scored a dramatic 97th-minute winner to earn Manchester City a 2-1 victory at Bournemouth, but was then sent off after receiving a second yellow card for over-celebrating.

In keeping with their opening 4-0 wins over West Ham United and Swansea City, United dominated the first half against Leicester at Old Trafford, with Juan Mata seeing a goal ruled out for a narrow offside.

Schmeichel, son of United goalkeeping great Peter, pushed aside Lukaku's 53rd-minute penalty after Danny Simpson had been penalised for handball.

United manager Jose Mourinho turned to Rashford and three minutes after coming on the 19-year-old broke the deadlock in the 70th minute, volleying in Henrikh Mkhitaryan's corner.



Shirin leads in women's chess

SPORTS REPORTER

WFM Sharmin Sultana Shirin maintained her sole lead in the Walton 37th National Women's Chess Championship, with seven points after the end of the seventh round yesterday.

The current runner-up beat WFM Zakia Sultana at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall room to continue with her perfect record in the event.

WIM Shamima Akter Liza, who beat defending champion WFM Nazrana Khan Eva, was in second position with six points.

WFM Tanima Parveen and Jhorna Begum were third with 5.5 points.

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