

What to WATCH

STAR SPORTS 1
India v Australia
1st ODI
Live from 4:00pm
STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
English Premier League

Chelsea v Arsenal
Live from 6:30pm
Man United v Everton
Live from 9:00pm
STAR SPORTS SELECT 2
Bundesliga

Dortmund v Koln
Live from 10:00pm
SONY ESPN
Serie A
Genoa v Lazio
Live from 12:45am (Monday)

TEN 1
Serie A
Sassuolo v Juventus
Live from 4:30pm
Ligue 1
PSG v Lyon

Live from 1:00am (Monday)
TEN 2
La Liga
Alaves v Villarreal
Live from 4:00pm
Girona v Sevilla

Live from 8:15pm
Las Palmas v Athletic Bilbao
Live from 10:30pm
Real Sociedad v Real Madrid
Live from 12:45am (Monday)

DAY'S EVENT

National Cricket League
Four-Day Match, Day-3
Time: 9:30am
Khulna v Rangpur

Venue: SANS, Khulna
Dhaka v Barisal
Venue: SKICS Academy, Cox's Bazar
Dhaka Metro v Chittagong

Venue: ZACS, Chittagong
Rajshahi v Sylhet
Venue: SKS, Rajshahi



Bangladesh go through a practice session at the Institute of Physical Education Stadium in Chonburi on Saturday on the of their AFC U-16 Women's Championship match against Australia on Sunday.

PHOTO: BFF

Girls aim for better against Aus

SPORTS REPORTER from Thailand

If Bangladesh's 3-0 defeat against Japan is an improvement after their 9-0 drubbing at the hands of North Korea, then their final group game of the AFC Under-16 Women's Championship against Australia today will act as a foundation to that development.

The game at the Institute of Physical Education Stadium in Chonburi may be a dead rubber in the context of the tournament, but it is important for the Bangladesh girls to sign off with something they can be proud of.

Australia might have collectively conceded as many goals as Bangladesh did against North Korea and Japan -- who are not only the top two teams in Asia but in the world stage at age-group level events -- they are still a far better side than Bangladesh, who are 100 places behind in FIFA rankings.

And when the game starts at 5:00pm (Bangla-

desh time), the girls will not only try to combat a physically superior and technically sound side but perhaps even try to end their scoring duck. It will not be easy but after that improved performance against Japan, against whom the girls in red and green held their fort through the entire second half, a positive result in their first-ever tie against the Matildas will act as a dream come true for them.

The girls, who enjoyed an off-day on Friday, returned to training at the Institute of Physical Education's practice ground, which is quite like the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) in Savar.

Amid scorching heat in Chonburi, the girls toiled hard for more than an hour and tried to implement the way they wanted to play against Australia. The girls were also shown video footage of Australia's two games against North Korea and Japan.

Bangladesh are likely to bring one change to the starting eleven that lost to Japan with striker

Anuching Mogini coming in place of striker Israt Jahan Shopna, who is recovering from a strain she sustained on her right side in yesterday's practice.

"Our target is to play good football against Australia like we did against Japan. We want to play better football than the Japan match," said captain Krishna Rani Sarker.

Coach Golam Rabbani Choton believes Australia are a far better side.

"We knew the difference between Bangladesh and other opponents before coming here. Now we have got the practical difference by playing against them," said Choton. "It is pleasing for us that the girls have put up their natural performance against Japan and we want the girls to play their own game against Australia and show the world that they also can play football."

Choton however believes both Bangladesh and Australia will get goal-scoring chances in the match and the team that cashes in on those chances will emerge the winner.

Paulinho rescues Barca

AFP, Madrid



Paulinho scored his first Barcelona goal six minutes from time as the Catalan giants came from a goal down to win 2-1 at Getafe on Saturday and open up a seven-point lead over Real Madrid.

Barca were dealt a double blow before half-time as record signing Ousmane Dembele limped off with a hamstring injury before Gaku Shibasaki's sensational volley put Getafe in front.

However, Barca's responded thanks to their substitutes as both Denis Suarez and Paulinho came from the bench to turn the game around.

Barca boss Ernesto Valverde made just one change from the side that swept aside Italian champions Juventus 3-0 on Tuesday with Sergi Roberto replacing Nelson Semedo at right-back.

Yet, rather than building on the momentum of four straight wins, Barca looked sluggish as Getafe enjoyed the better of the early stages.

The hosts should have gone in front when Gerard Pique nearly turned Shibasaki's cross into his own net and Jorge Molina somehow only fired into the side-netting at the far post.

Samuel Umtiti headed Barca's best chance of the half straight at Vicente Guaita

from Andres Iniesta's cross.

However, the visitors' flow was further disrupted when Dembele limped off with a reported hamstring injury that could see him sidelined for the coming weeks.

Barca had barely got 11 players back on the field as Gerard Deulofeu replaced the Frenchman, before they fell behind.

Roberto's headed clearance fell invitingly for Shibasaki to thunder an unstoppable dipping volley beyond Marc-Andre ter Stegen.

Barca nearly responded before half-time as only a stunning finger-tip save from Guaita turned Lionel Messi's dipping free-kick behind.

Valverde was forced into another change at the start of the second period as Denis Suarez replaced Iniesta.

And it was the substitute who inspired Barca's revival as he collected Roberto's cut-back from the right wing before bending the ball high past Guaita into the top corner.

With Messi well-marshalled and Luis Suarez way off form for most of the second period, Getafe had chanes to grab a winner themselves.

Ter Stegen was called into action twice in quick succession to save from Alvaro Jimenez and Mauro Arambarri.

However, the hosts were hit with a sucker punch when Paulinho burst onto Messi's through ball and smashed across the despairing Guaita into the far corner.



Barcelona midfielder Paulinho celebrates his winning goal against Getafe during their Spanish La Liga match at the Col. Alfonso Perez Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

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:

Duminy retires from Test

JP Duminy has retired from Test cricket. The left-hander played 46 Tests since making his debut in 2008. He scored six centuries and claimed 42 wickets with occasional offspin. He was dropped from the starting XI after the Lord's Test -- the first of a four-match series -- sent home from the tour after the second match and opted out of the opening round of first-class matches, heightening speculation his long-form career was over.

Kohli to endorse products that he uses and believes in

Keen to be seen as a socially responsible youth icon, Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli has stopped endorsing soft drink maker Pepsi and fairness products because of their association with junk food and racism.

I'll return stronger: Zlatan

Swedish football great Zlatan Ibrahimovic says he will surprise many by performing better for Manchester United than he did before suffering a serious knee injury earlier this year.

Mbappe has plenty to prove: Pep

Pep Guardiola says new Paris Saint-Germain forward Kylian Mbappe has plenty to prove before he can be considered on the same level as the all-time greats after Arsene Wenger said he could be the next Pele.

Aguero fires six-star City

AFP, London



Manchester City stormed to the top of the Premier League as Sergio Aguero's hat-trick inspired a 6-0 demolition of Watford, while Philippe Coutinho's return couldn't lift Liverpool in a 1-1 draw against Burnley on Saturday.

With previous leaders Manchester United not in action until Sunday's clash with Everton, City had a chance to move three points clear of their title rivals.

Aguero ensured they did just that as the Argentine forward maintained his mastery of Watford at Vicarage Road.

Pep Guardiola's side took the lead in the 27th minute when Aguero headed in from Kevin de Bruyne's free-kick for his seventh goal in five games against the Hornets.

Aguero wasn't finished inflicting pain on Marco Silva's men and he struck again four minutes later, tapping in after Watford goalkeeper

RESULTS	
Crystal Palace 0 - 1 Southampton	Davis 6
Liverpool 1 - 1 Burnley	Arfield 27
Watford 0 - 6 Manchester City	Aguero 27, 31, 81, Jesus 38, Otamendi 63, Sterling 89-pen
Huddersfield 1 - 1 Leicester City	Vardy 50-pen
Newcastle 2 - 1 Stoke	Atsu 19, Lascelles 68, Shaqiri 57

Heurelho Gomes couldn't hold David Silva's cross-shot.

Having notched his fifth goal of the season, Aguero turned provider in the 38th minute, slipping in Gabriel Jesus for a nonchalant finish.

It was City's 12th goal of a memorable week that also included a 5-0 thrashing of Liverpool and a 4-0 win at Feyenoord.

Nicolas Otamendi added to that tally when he headed in the fourth from Silva's cross in the 63rd minute before Aguero completed his 10th City treble with nine minutes left.

There was still time for Raheem

Sterling to win and convert an 89th-minute penalty to cap City's swaggering display.

At Anfield, with Sadio Mane suspended, Coutinho made his first Liverpool start since his failed attempt to force a move to Barcelona.

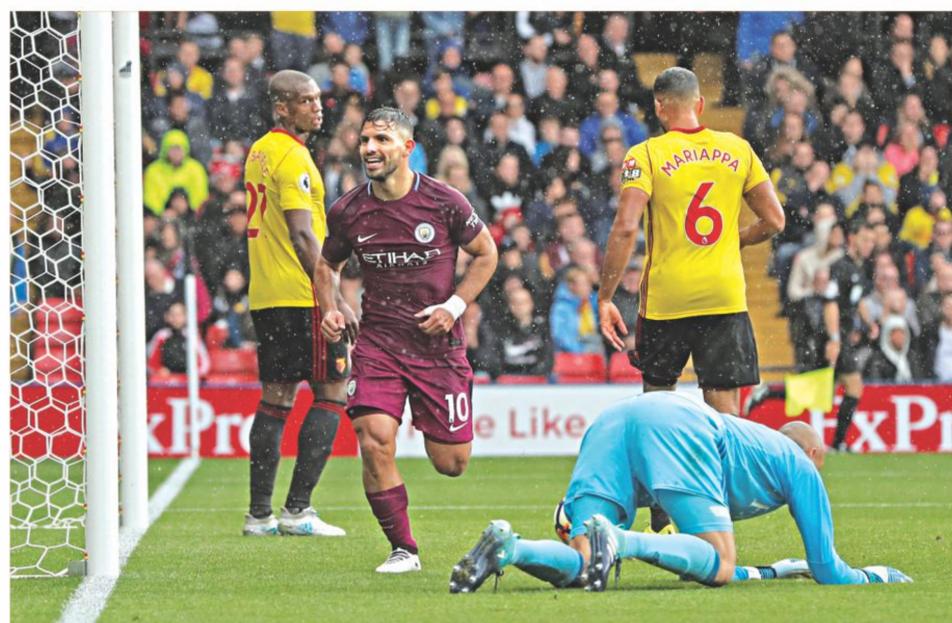
Brazil forward Coutinho missed the first five games of the season with a back injury before coming on in Wednesday's 2-2 Champions League draw against Sevilla.

But despite his return, Jurgen Klopp's team were rocked when Scott Arfield put Burnley in front in the 27th minute.

Liverpool drew level three minutes later through Mohamed Salah's cool finish from Emre Can's pass, but the Reds couldn't find a winner with Coutinho substituted in the closing stages.

Roy Hodgson was unable to stop Crystal Palace hitting a historic low as Steven Davis sealed Southampton's 1-0 win at Selhurst Park.

Palace sit bottom of the table after losing their opening five fixtures.



Sergio Aguero demolished Watford with a hat-trick in Manchester City's 6-0 win at Vicarage Road, which took The Citizens to the Premier League summit yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Inter climb back to top with late win

AFP, Milan



Inter Milan left it late before sealing a fourth consecutive win in as many games to sit top of Serie A with a 2-0 victory at Crotona on Saturday.

Luciano Spalletti's side suffered in the heat of Calabria but late strikes from Milan Skriniar and Ivan Perisic put them top ahead of champions Juventus and Napoli -- also looking for their fourth wins -- who play on Sunday.

Crotona shocked Inter 2-1 at the Stadio Ezio Scida last April in a defeat that effectively ended the Milan club's bid for European football this season. But despite the pressure the Serie A strugglers held on for 80 minutes.

However the final ten minutes proved fatal with first defender Skriniar scoring on 82 minutes after a free kick which the Crotona defence failed to clear, and then in-form Croatian striker Perisic three minutes into time added on.

Crotona narrowly avoided the drop last season and this term are also in the bottom three after just one point from four games.

Later Saturday, Roma look for their first win since the opening weekend against Verona with Alessandro Florenzi set to return after missing almost a year with knee ligament damage, as Fiorentina want to build on their 5-0 win over Verona against Bologna.

Falcao to admit to tax fraud

REUTERS, Madrid

Colombia's Radamel Falcao, who played for Atletico Madrid between 2011 and 2013, will plead guilty to tax fraud in Spain and pay a fine of 6.9 million euros in order to avoid a trial, a source on his legal team said on Saturday.

Falcao, who now plays in the French league for Monaco, was accused of not properly declaring around 5.6 million euros earned in image rights between 2012 and 2014.

The striker will plead guilty, taking sole responsibility, confirming reports in Spanish newspaper El Mundo.

Falcao paid 8.2 million euros to the Spanish authorities in July so the agreement will result in around 1.3 million euros being returned to the player, the source said.

Lewa on the double

AFP, Berlin



Robert Lewandowski netted twice on his 100th Bundesliga appearance for Bayern Munich who brushed off their internal strife with a 4-0 hammering of Mainz on Saturday.

Lewandowski has now netted 82 goals for Munich amidst reports he wants to join Real Madrid next season, but Bayern chairman Uli Hoeneß laughed off the claim by Spanish newspaper AS.

"It's not April 1," the Bayern boss told broadcaster Sport1.

The rout left Bayern second in Germany's top flight, a point behind Hanover 96, who claimed the lead after four games with a 2-0 win over Hamburg on Friday.

This was a much improved performance from Bayern compared to last Saturday's 2-0 defeat at Hoffenheim and Tuesday's lacklustre 3-0 win at home to 10-man Anderlecht in the Champions League.

Arjen Robben had slammed Bayern's performance against the Belgians, while Lewandowski had added to the unrest by criticising the club's spending policy.

That came after Thomas Mueller had complained about being benched for the 2-0 win at Werder Bremen.

However, all three scored against Mainz at Munich's Allianz Arena on Saturday.

Mueller opened the scoring after just 11 minutes when he drilled home Robben's pass on Bayern's first attack.

The flying Dutch winger added a second on 23 minutes when Joshua Kimmich's pass put him in behind the defence and he drilled his shot home.

Lewandowski then doubled the damage with two superb goals.

Kimmich released Mueller on the right wing, who put in a superb cross for the Poland striker to convert on 50 minutes.

Lewandowski grabbed his second and Bayern's fourth goal when he headed across Mainz's former Germany goalkeeper Rene Adler.

Franck Ribery started on Bayern's bench having thrown his shirt away in disgust after being substituted late against Anderlecht.

Borussia Dortmund can go top of the table on Sunday if they beat Cologne at home on Sunday, while RB Leipzig host Borussia Moenchengladbach on Saturday.