

# What to WATCH

**STAR SPORTS 1**  
India v Australia  
3rd ODI  
Live from 2:00pm  
**STAR SPORTS SELECT 2**  
England v West Indies  
3rd ODI  
Live from 4:00pm

**STAR SPORTS SELECT 1**  
English Premier League  
Brighton v Newcastle  
Live from 9:00pm  
**TEN 1**  
Serie A  
Sampdoria v AC Milan  
Live from 4:30pm

**TEN 2**  
La Liga  
Real Sociedad v Valencia  
Live from 12:45am (Monday)

## DAY'S EVENT

**National Cricket League**  
Four-Day Match, Day-3  
Time: 9:30am

Khulna v Barisal  
Venue: SANS, Khulna  
Dhaka v Rangpur

Venue: SCS, Bogra  
Dhaka Metro v Sylhet  
Venue: SKICS Academy, Cox's

Rajshahi v Chittagong  
Venue: SKS, Rajshahi

## BARRON TO MAKE FOOTBALL GREAT AGAIN

Can Donald Trump's son make football in America great again? Just when we thought Christian Pulisic was U.S. Soccer's wonder boy, here comes the president's youngest son Barron to steal the spotlight. Barron is currently playing for D.C. United's Under-12 team, where he is listed as a midfielder and has played in four matches so far. A youth soccer reporter first noticed that Barron was on D.C. United's youth roster, and texted out the information that was later tweeted. The news was confirmed after seeing Barron's profile on U.S. Soccer Development Academy site. U.S. teenagers Pulisic and Weston McKennie may be playing in the Bundesliga, but Barron Trump is now officially the most famous player in the U.S. Soccer pipeline.



# Real bounce back

## Costa back for Atletico Madrid

AFP, Madrid

Dani Ceballos scored twice on his full debut as Real Madrid bounced back from a shock mid-week defeat by Real Betis to close to within four points of La Liga leaders Barcelona with a 2-1 win at Alaves on Saturday.

Earlier, Diego Costa was an interested spectator as Atletico Madrid leapfrogged Sevilla into second thanks to goals from Yannick Carrasco and Antoine Griezmann in a 2-0 win at the Wanda Metropolitano.

"Today we needed the three points. We are not in brilliant form, but for sure we will play better on other days," said Real boss Zinedine Zidane.

Ceballos was one of three changes made to the side that lost to Betis by Zidane as Luka Modric and Gareth Bale were left on the bench ahead of Tuesday's Champions League trip to Borussia Dortmund.

And the Spanish under-21 international settled Madrid's nerves after just 10 minutes as he caught Fernando Pacheco flat-footed by pulling the ball inside the goalkeeper's near post from the edge of the area.

Alaves caretaker coach Javier Cabello had denied Enzo Zidane the chance to face his father Zinedine and former club as he was

left out the Alaves squad.

However, Cabello did manage to inspire a more spirited display from the hosts, despite a sixth straight defeat, as they scored their first goal of the season five minutes before half-time.

Alaves captain Manu Garcia met Munir El Haddadi's cross flush to power a header into the top corner.

Madrid retook the lead just three minutes later, though, as Ceballos pounced on a poor punch from Pacheco to fire into the bottom corner.

Real should have ensured a far more comfortable afternoon after the break as Pacheco made a great save to deny Isco, Cristiano Ronaldo struck the woodwork twice and Sergio Ramos blazed over with the goal at his mercy.

Yet, Alaves could also have snatched a first point of the season as Alfonso Pedraza's deflected effort hit the bar before Pedraza struck the post when clean through on goal.

Atletico maintained their impressive start to the season despite the difficulties of a ban on registering new players.

Costa won't be able to feature until January after completing his prolonged return to the club from Chelsea for a reported club record fee of 55 million euros (\$66 million), plus 10 million euros in add-ons.



Raheem Sterling scored a brace as Manchester City continued their irresistible early form with a rampant 5-0 Premier League win over Crystal Palace yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

# Manchester clubs stay top

AFP, London



Raheem Sterling shone for Manchester City and Romelu Lukaku delivered for Manchester United as the Manchester clubs maintained a tight grip on the Premier League title race with Saturday victories.

Sterling scored a brace as City crushed bottom club Crystal Palace 5-0 and are top on goal difference above United, who won 1-0 at Southampton courtesy of Lukaku's first-half goal.

Champions Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur kept pace with the top two, putting the pressure on Liverpool, who visit Leicester City later on Saturday, and Arsenal, who host West Bromwich Albion on Monday.

Palace have now lost their first six games of the season after crashing to a heavy defeat at the Etihad Stadium in Roy Hodgson's second league game as manager.

City suffered an early blow when left-back Benjamin Mendy was forced off after hurting his knee in a collision with Andros Townsend, with Danilo taking his place.

Pep Guardiola's side went in front shortly before half-time when Leroy Sane converted after a one-two with David Silva.

Sterling's quick-fire double took the game

beyond Palace, the England forward tapping in passes from Sane and Sergio Aguero in the 51st and 59th minutes.

Aguero made it 4-0, heading in Sane's cross to close to within one goal of Eric Brook's all-time City record of 177 goals, before Fabian Delph curled in a fine fifth.

City have scored 16 goals in their last three league games, having previously trounced Liverpool 5-0 and won 6-0 at Watford.

United had a rather less straightforward afternoon at Southampton, but they prevailed thanks to Lukaku's sixth goal of the campaign.

The Belgium international struck in the 20th minute, scoring at the second attempt after his header from Ashley Young's in-swinging cross was saved by Fraser Forster.

United manager Jose Mourinho was sent to the stands in stoppage time after encroaching onto the pitch.

Chelsea remain three points off the pace in third place after Alvaro Morata scored a hat-trick in a 4-0 win at Stoke City.

RESULTS			
<b>West Ham</b> Hernandez 65, Kouyate 87	2 - 3	<b>Tottenham Hotspur</b> Kane 34, 38, Eriksen 60	
<b>Burnley</b> Everson 77, 82	0 - 0	<b>Huddersfield</b> Bournemouth	
<b>Man City</b> Sane 44, Sterling 51, 59, Aguero 79, Delph 89	5 - 0	<b>Crystal Palace</b>	
<b>Southampton</b>	0 - 1	<b>Man United</b> Lukaku 20	
<b>Stoke City</b>	0 - 4	<b>Chelsea</b> Morata 2, 78, 82, Pedro 30	
<b>Swansea City</b> Abraham 56	1 - 2	<b>Watford</b> Gray 13, Richarlison 90	

## Premier league at one venue

SPORTS REPORTER

The ongoing Bangladesh Premier League will be held at only a single venue – the Bangabandhu National Stadium – the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) officials informed yesterday. The decision was taken at a meeting of the Professional Football League Committee (PFLC).

The league was billed to be held in a number of venues initially as per the terms set by the sponsors, but before BFF said it would only be held in Dhaka and Chittagong. However, PFLC chairman Abdus Salam Murshedy claimed that they cannot hold the league outside Dhaka, which means the top-tier professional league will be held in one single venue.

"We have decided to hold the rest of the matches of the league in Dhaka as the Chittagong authority [Chittagong District Sports Association] refused to provide the venue [MA Aziz Stadium] for the league," Murshedy said.

The meeting also decided to resume the league on October 2. The league was suspended after the end of the eighth round on September 14 ahead of the under-18 team's participation in ongoing the SAFF U-18 Championship.

The PFLC has decided to finish the remaining three rounds of the first phase of the league by October 14 before embarking on the mid-season transfer window the following day.

Even though there was no specific deadline given for the conclusion of the league, officials said they would try to complete it by December.

## Nedved coming out of retirement



AGENCIES, London

Pavel Nedved, the Ballon d'Or winning, long-locked midfield maestro of the 1990s and 2000s is coming out of retirement at the age of 45.

The Czech Republic legend is currently vice-president at Juventus, the club he spent eight seasons with as a player, but will be allowed time away from his responsibilities in Turin to play for FK Skalna.

Nedved joined the Czech Republic club as a four-year-old and stayed for eight years before moving on to other academies.

He was registered with the club at the end of August and was introduced to fans to rapturous applause.

Nedved's son, Pavel Nedved junior, is also on Skalna's books and so we may see the rare spectacle of father and son team-mates at some point this season.

His role at Juventus remains his priority but the Serie A club have agreed to allow the club legend to make occasional appearances in his homeland.

After long and demanding talks between the top executives of Skalna and Juventus, in which Nedved was involved, the arrangement has concluded successfully.

"We can announce that Pavel returns to the club where he grew up," said Skalna in a statement on its website.

The question remains whether or not Nedved will actually wear his boots once again or if his 'signing' is a small favour for the club where his son plays.

"It is still unclear when Pavel will join the team as he is very busy as vice president of Juventus," the statement continued. "The clubs have agreed not to publish the terms of the transfer."

# Clouds over Bayern festivities

AFP, Berlin



Bayern Munich were in dampened spirits during their visit to the Munich 'Oktoberfest' beer festival on Saturday, after a shock Bundesliga home draw to mid-table Wolfsburg.

Bayern threw away a two-goal lead on Friday at the Allianz Arena which cost them the chance to top the Bundesliga table.

Robert Lewandowski's penalty and an Arjen Robben first-half goal were cancelled out in the second-half by a Maximilian Arnold free-kick and Daniel Didavi's late equaliser for Wolfsburg.

The result in Munich means league leaders Borussia Dortmund can go three-points clear of Bayern if they win at home to Borussia Moenchengladbach on Saturday evening.

Their poor performance cast a shadow for Bayern's stars, who were all dressed up in traditional Bavarian lederhosen, at Oktoberfest.

"It was a shit day," fumed sports

director Hasan Salihamidzic about Friday's draw.

Mats Hummels admitted the visit to one of Oktoberfest's beer tents "wasn't going to be as boisterous as it could have been".

"We're not playing the football we want to," added the centre-back.

Germany forward Thomas Mueller was also still sore about the dropped points.

"We let it happen and threw the win away. We gave them the point wrapped up with a bow on top," fumed Mueller.

"That was a step backwards in terms of our intensity."

The performance dents confidence for Wednesday's key Champions League match at Paris Saint-Germain, a fixture which could well decide Group B with Celtic and Anderlecht also in the pool.

"We were slow, without intensity, not compact enough," complained coach Carlo Ancelotti.

"We'll have to turn in a different display in Paris."

With Bayern's world-class goal-

keeper Manuel Neuer out until January with a fractured foot, his replacement Sven Ulreich made a mistake when Arnold's free-kick beat him on 56 minutes.

"I made the wrong decision admitted Ulreich.

"I wanted to steer the ball over the crossbar, it looked like the ball was going to come higher. I'm sorry for the guys and the team."

In their first six league games, Bayern have now dropped five from a possible 18 points.

That is unheard of for the defending champions at this stage of the season and Bayern could finish the weekend as low as fourth in the table, depending on other results.

But Salihamidzic has vowed things will be different come Wednesday in Paris against PSG's 'MCN' attack of Neymar, Kylian Mbappe and Edinson Cavani.

"You don't have to motivate anyone to play in the Champions League and we will be quite different there," assured Bayern's director. "We can't make so many mistakes."



Bayern Munich players moved on from their 2-2 draw against Wolfsburg on Friday as the Bavarians, including (From L) Rafinha, James Rodriguez, Corentin Tolisso, David Alaba, Franck Ribery and Kingsley Coman, visited the Oktoberfest in Munich yesterday.

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## 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:

### N Korea win AFC U-16 Women's C'ship

North Korea remain the women's youth football rulers of Asia, beating South Republic 2-0 to retain the AFC U-16 Women's Championship title.

### Wenger forges transfer shake-up

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger believes there will be a radical overhaul of the transfer market within the next year.

### De Rossi was ready to leave Roma

Roma captain Daniele De Rossi has revealed that he would have left the Serie A club last summer if he had received a suitable offer.

### Rogic stars as Celtic sink Rangers

Tom Rogic put Scottish champions Celtic on course for a hard-fought 2-0 victory over Rangers in the Old Firm derby at Ibrox.

### Enzo misses Zidane family reunion

Enzo Zidane was denied the chance to face his father Zinedine and former club Real Madrid as the midfielder was left out of the Alaves squad to face the European champions.

