

# What to WATCH

STAR SPORTS 1

India v Sri Lanka

1st Test, Day-4

Live from 10:00am

STAR SPORTS SELECT 1

English Premier League

Watford v West Ham

Live from 10:00pm

TEN 1

Sampdoria v Juventus

Live from 8:00pm

Inter Milan v Atalanta

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TEN 2

La Liga

Espanyol v Valencia

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Las Palmas v Levante

Live from 11:30pm

Bilbao v Villarreal

Live from 1:45am (Monday)

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh Premier League

Sk Jamal v Team BJMC

Time: 4:30

Brothers Union v Sk Russel

Time: 6:45

Venue: BNS, Dhaka

## BOLT TIPS ARGENTINA FOR WORLD CUP GLORY

Sprint king Usain Bolt has an early surprise pick to win the 2018 World: Lionel Messi's Argentina. The two-time South American champions have had their difficulties in recent times after struggling to even get to the tournament in the first place, but Bolt believes Argentina will turn things around in time for Russia 2018. An appearance at a fourth World Cup is likely to mark the final opportunity Messi has to win the famed trophy. Interestingly, the tournament will hold the same significance for Messi's rival Cristiano Ronaldo whose Portugal squad, the reigning European champions, have also made the cut. However, while insisting that he will not travel to the tournament, Bolt has made it clear where his allegiances lie for world football's premier showpiece next year. "I'll not be attending any of the matches, but maybe [I'll be there at] the next World Cup [in 2022 in Qatar]. So I'm supporting Argentina this year -- they're my winners," Bolt said. **-AGENCIES**



## Pogba drives MU

AFP, London



Paul Pogba marked his comeback with a goal and an assist as Manchester United fought back to beat Newcastle United 4-1 on Saturday and stay on Manchester City's tail.

Sidelined since mid-September by a hamstring injury, France midfielder Pogba made a decisive return as Jose Mourinho's side restored the eight-point gap that separates them from Premier League leaders City.

Pep Guardiola's City had earlier prevailed 2-0 at Leicester City and there were also wins for champions Chelsea, Liverpool and Arsenal, who beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-0 in the north London derby.

United remain second, a point above Chelsea, who climbed above Tottenham into third place courtesy of a 4-0 success at West Bromwich Albion.

In addition to Pogba, Zlatan Ibrahimovic received a rapturous reception when he came on as a substitute following his recovery from a serious knee injury.

A slip by Victor Lindelof enabled Dwight Gayle to put Newcastle ahead in the 14th minute with the first league goal United had conceded at Old Trafford since April.

PHOTO: AFP



Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba (C) is the toast of his teammates after scoring the third goal against Newcastle during their Premier League 4-1 win at Old Trafford yesterday.

# Ctg Abahani extend lead

SPORTS REPORTER

**SAIFUL BARI** Chittagong Abahani consolidated their lead at the top of the Bangladesh Premier League with a 1-0 win over Mohammedan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Veteran winger Zahid Hossain's 12th minute strike ensured that the early pace-setters moved five points clear at the top with 32 points from 13 matches. Since being beaten by defending champions Abahani in their last match of the first leg, the port city outfit have won both their matches as they look to take a substantial lead over the chasing pack.

Mohammedan, on the other hand, have lost twice in a row in the second leg and remain sixth with 17 points.

Chittagong Abahani started the game brighter and Zahid's header in the 11th minute on a cross from Mamunul Islam was comfortably gathered by Mohammedan keeper Mamun Khan.

The veteran winger, however, was at hand to poke in Lionel Saint Preux's cross

the following minute, scoring his second goal in two matches and third overall.

Tawhidul Alam Sabuz should have doubled the lead 17 minutes after the restart, but his toe-poke on a low cross from Shafiqul Islam rolled past the post.

Saint Preux then had an opportunity in the 84th minute, but he dwelled on the ball a bit too long inside the box, allowing a Mohammedan defender to

<b>CTG ABAHANI</b> (ZAHID 12)	<b>1 - 0</b>	<b>MOHAMMEDAN</b>
<b>ABAHANI</b> (RUBEL 50, EMEKA 81)	<b>2 - 1</b>	<b>FARASHGANJ</b> (MATHEW 74)

make a sliding tackle, taking the bite out of his eventual attempt.

Those missed chances almost came back to haunt Saiful Bari's charges as Mohammedan's substitute forward Augustine Walson took a powerful side volley from outside the box in stoppage time, only for Chittagong Abahani goalkeeper Ashraful Islam Rana to produce a brilliant save. The

win extended Chittagong Abahani's winning run against Mohammedan to five matches in all competitions.

Meanwhile, defending champions Abahani scraped to a 2-1 victory over Farashganj SC to move up to joint second position on the table.

Second-half substitute Rubel Mia opened the scoring with clever finish five minutes after the break, but Farashganj, the bottom side who had stunned the champions in their first meeting of the league, hit back through Chinedu Mathew on 74 minutes.

The Gambian forward played a neat one-two with Afzal Hossain before being teed up, only to see his attempt take a massive deflection off Abahani defender Tutul Hossain Badshah, leaving goal-keeper Shahidul Alam Sohel flatfooted.

However, Abahani found a lucky break six minutes later when Sunday Chizoba was brought down inside the box by Farashganj defender Moshirul Islam. Emeka Darlington stepped up and calmly slotted the ball home as the Sky Blues moved up to 27 points.

### 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:

#### SL gain upper hand against India

Lahiru Thirimanne and Angelo Mathews hit half-centuries to give Sri Lanka the advantage against India on Day Three of the rain-hit opening Test. The visitors were 165-4 in their first innings when bad light ended a dramatic day at Kolkata's Eden Gardens.

#### Dortmund crisis deepens after Stuttgart loss

Borussia Dortmund slipped deeper into crisis after losing 2-1 at VFB Stuttgart for their fourth defeat in the last five Bundesliga matches. The Ruhr valley club, firm title contenders only a few weeks ago with six wins from their first seven league matches, have lost their winning touch and are without a Bundesliga victory since September, piling pressure on coach Peter Bosz.



Roger Federer returns to David Goffin during their men's singles semifinal of the ATP World Tour Finals in London yesterday. Federer lost the match 6-2, 3-6, 4-6 and exited the tournament.

PHOTO: AFP

# Federer falls to Goffin

AFP, London



David Goffin produced a dazzling comeback to beat hot favourite and six-time champion Roger Federer 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Saturday and reach the final of the ATP Finals.

The Swiss world number two hit the ball sweetly from the start and the Belgian had no answer to his variety and weight of shot, lacking the weapons to put Federer under sustained pressure.

Federer, who had only lost four

matches all year, rocked Goffin back on his heels at the beginning of the match, breaking him after multiple opportunities in the first game to establish an early grip.

Unveiling his full array of shots in front of a purring crowd at London's O2 Arena, including a remarkable low backhand volley at the net, he was briefly held up by Goffin but sealed the set 6-2 with an ace.

But in a surprising twist, seventh-seed Goffin quickly found himself 3-0 up in the second set after breaking Federer at his first opportunity and suddenly looked rejuvenated.

## Asian U-14 Tennis from tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bengal Plastic Asian Under-14 Tennis Series Championship will begin at the Ramna National Tennis Complex in the capital tomorrow.

A total of 37 players including 15 girls from Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Korea, Philippines and the USA will take part in the five-day event.

Out of those 37 budding players, 25 are from Bangladesh. Leston Vaz of India is the top seed in the boys' group while Sun Min Ha of Korea is the top seed in the girls' group.

All this information was provided during a press conference at the Bangladesh Tennis Federation headquarters yesterday.



Serena Williams, reportedly draped in a three million dollar wedding gown, walks down the aisle with Alexis Ohanian after the pair tied the knot in a glitzy ceremony at the New Orleans' Contemporary Arts Center on Thursday.

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