

What to WATCH

STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
New Zealand v West Indies
1st Test, Day-2
Live from 4:00am (Saturday)
STAR SPORTS SELECT 2
Bundesliga
Freiburg v Hamburger

Live from 1:30am (Saturday)
TEN 1
FIFA World Cup
Final Draw
Live from 9:00pm
Serie A
Roma v SPAL

Live from 11:30pm
Napoli v Juventus
Live from 1:45am (Saturday)
TEN 2
La Liga
Malaga v Levante
Live from 2:00am (Saturday)

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh Premier League
Arambagh v Muktijoddha
Time: 4:30pm
Saif Sporting v Farashganj
Time: 6:45pm
Venue: BNS, Dhaka

NEW STAR IN DAKAR RALLY

Former Chelsea and Tottenham manager Andre Villas-Boas will contest the Dakar Rally in 2018 after quitting as manager of Chinese side Shanghai SIPG. Villas-Boas, whose uncle took part in the event in 1982, will drive a Toyota Hilux in the 15-day rally which starts in Peru on 6 January and travels through Bolivia before finishing in Argentina on 20 January. The 40-year-old considered tackling the gruelling race on a motorbike, but was persuaded to switch to the Hilux pick-up. "I spoke with my friend Alex Doring, the manager of the KTM team, who told me that I would still need a full year's preparation to get there and that it was better to consider doing it with a car," Villas-Boas said. "So I got in touch with Team Overdrive and here I am!" —AGENCIES



Guardiola hails 'fantastic' Sterling

AFP, Manchester



Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola highlighted Raheem Sterling's growing self-belief after his remarkable run of late goals continued with a superb stoppage-time winner in the 2-1 victory over Southampton.

City's quest for a 12th successive league victory seemed to be over when Oriol Romeu's 75th-minute equaliser for the Saints cancelled out Kevin De Bruyne's goal early in the second half at the Etihad Stadium on Wednesday.

But in sixth minute of added time Sterling curled a brilliant shot into the top right-hand corner, sparking delirious scenes among City's fans, with Guardiola running onto the pitch in celebration.

City's last three victories have all been courtesy of late strikes from 22-year-old, who scored in the 88th minute against Feyenoord last week, the 84th against Huddersfield Town before his winner in the dying seconds against Southampton.

"Before, he didn't believe. Now, he can do that," said Guardiola. "In the end, he had the personality to make the action, to put the ball

RESULTS

Arsenal (Lacazette 3, Giroud 68, 87, Sanchez 69, Ozil 72)	5 - 0	Huddersfield
Bournemouth (King 79)	1 - 2	Burnley (Wood 37, Brady 65)
Chelsea (Rudiger 55)	1 - 0	Swansea
Everton (Rooney 18, 28, 66, Williams 78)	4 - 0	West Ham
Manchester City (De Bruyne 47, Sterling 90+6)	2 - 1	Southampton (Romeu 75)
Stoke	0 - 3	Liverpool (Mane 17, Salah 77, 83)

Rooney showed no mercy to the man who had handed him his professional debut at Goodison Park back in April 2002, giving David Moyes another unhappy return to the ground where the Scot spent 11 years.

Rooney's treble, which was complemented by a late header from Ashley Williams, ensured caretaker David Unsworth bowed out on his brief yet troubled reign with a smile on his face, picking up a second win from seven games in all competitions.

"It was very enjoyable," Rooney told the BBC. "It was a difficult moment for us as a club. It was a big game with the new manager



The Bangladesh women's compound team, comprising of Susmita Banik (L), Bonna Akter (C) and Roksana Akter, did brilliantly on the final day of the 20th Asian Archery Championships before nerves got the better of them in the bronze medal deciding match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Hosts end on a high

South Korea dominate with 8 of 10 gold medals

SPORTS REPORTER



Curtains fell on the 20th Asian Archery Championships yesterday at the Bangabandhu National Stadium after days of South Korea's dominance while hosts Bangladesh ended their campaign by just missing out on a bronze medal on the final day of Asia's biggest show of bows and arrows.

The Bangladesh women's compound team, comprising of Susmita Banik, Roksana Akter and Bonna Akter, surprisingly advanced to the bronze-

could give our best," said Susmita.

Susmita and her teammates pointed to inexperience as the reason behind the two losses.

"We wanted to keep the momentum intact and started well against India but failed to control our temperament as the match progressed and were a bit nervous about playing against a top team like India," said Bonna, the youngest archer.

"Actually we played few tournaments at the international level compared to them, so we lacked experience and could not recover despite taking the lead [against Iran]," Roksana explained.

Bangladesh came into the championships with the aim of qualifying for the quarterfinal stages of events. There were high hopes in the recurve men's event and on Roman Sana, but he failed to shine and was eliminated in the pre-quarterfinal stage. However, the target was eventually achieved as they qualified for five quarterfinals in the recurve men's team, compound men's team, compound women's team, mixed compound team and individual compound men's events.

But while Bangladesh showed

steady improvement, South Korea tightened their stranglehold on Asian archery by raising their gold tally from six, in the last iteration two years ago, to eight this time around.

South Korea -- whose archers had won all four gold medals in archery at the Rio Olympics -- had already won five of six golds, and yesterday snatched three more from a total of four up for grabs. India were the only other gold winners and they prevented South Korea from sweeping the events after striking gold in compound women's team and compound men's events.

South Korean coach Kim Seonghoon praised his archers for the overwhelming success.

"I first want to thank Dhaka for organising such a good championship here. I also want to thank my archers without whom it would not be possible to win eight gold medals. They did really well," said Seonghoon. "Winning eight gold medals is not an easy task at the international level because the technique and standard of other archers are almost equal to the South Korea's."

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:

BPL Points Table: Comilla remain top

Comilla Victorians remain top of the BPL rankings after the end of the Chittagong phase.



Stokes signs for Canterbury

Suspended England allrounder Ben Stokes signed with New Zealand provincial side Canterbury Thursday, fuelling speculation he is preparing for a dramatic Ashes call-up.



Modric accused of tax fraud

Real Madrid midfielder Luka Modric became the latest football star in Spain accused by prosecutors of committing tax fraud on revenue from his image rights, a court filing revealed.



ERRATUM

On Thursday's report headlined 'Titas share v'ball title with PDB', it was incorrectly written that PDB had defeated Titas in the final group match. Titas actually won that match to share the title. We regret the slip.

--Sports Editor

MEDALS TABLE				
Country	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
South Korea	8	4	2	14
India	2	3	1	6
Japan	-	2	-	2
Chinese Taipei	-	1	1	2
Vietnam	-	-	1	1
Iran	-	-	1	1
China	-	-	2	2
Malaysia	-	-	1	1
Kazakhstan	-	-	1	1

medal deciding match after losing to India in the semifinals. However, they ultimately had to be content with a fourth-placed finish after a 217-229 loss to Iran in the bronze match.

The Bangladeshi girls led Iran through the first six shots but were derailed after poor displays on the following 12, after which they never recovered.

However, even reaching that stage was beyond expectations for the compound team, who had earlier defeated third ranked Chinese Taipei in the quarterfinal to meet India, where they lost 228-213.

"It is the first time that we beat Chinese Taipei though we lost to them in the gold-medal match in the Asia Cup earlier this year. We tried to play our natural game instead of thinking of the result because we knew that the results would come if we



South Korean archers dominated the championships, collecting eight of the 10 gold medals on offer, including three on the final day yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

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44 days to go

PTI, Wellington



The ICC U-19 World Cup 2018 was launched here with 44 days to go for the 16-team event that brings together future stars who will compete across four cities and seven venues in New Zealand from 13 January to 3 February.

The function was attended by Hon Grant Robertson, Minister for Sports and Recreation of New Zealand, ICC Chief Executive David Richardson, New Zealand Cricket Chief Executive David White and Event Brand Ambassador Corey Anderson among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Richardson thanked New Zealand Cricket for hosting the tournament for the third time and extolled the importance of the U19 Cricket World Cup in grooming players from around the world.

Richardson: "The ICC Under 19 Cricket World Cup is special for so many reasons. It gives players an unrivaled experience of global events, a real flavor of international cricket at senior level and a glimpse into what life as one of the world's best is really like.

"This event plays an important role in developing the participating teenagers into international professionals, teaching them invaluable lessons in comradery, discipline, leadership, playing under pressure and of course in the spirit of the game.

"A host of past and present stars have come through the U-19s since its inception in 1988. The fact that a number of current captains including your very own Kane Williamson, Virat Kohli, Steve Smith, Joe Root, Sarfraz Ahmed, Dinesh Chandimal and Eoin Morgan have all played in the event demonstrates the calibre of cricket we have come to expect at this event."

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