

What to WATCH

STAR SPORTS 1
India v Sri Lanka
2nd ODI
Live from 12:00pm
STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
English Premier League
West Ham v Arsenal
Live from 2:00am (Thursday)

STAR SPORTS SELECT 2
Bundesliga
Hoffenheim v Stuttgart
Live from 11:30pm

DONNARUMMA CLAIMS 'MORAL ABUSE'

Teenage goalkeeping sensation Gianluigi Donnarumma is claiming he suffered "moral abuse" at the time of renewing his AC Milan contract last summer and wants to cancel the deal, according to Italian press reports on Tuesday. The 18-year-old's agent Mino Raiola has reportedly asked Milan bosses to cancel the contract on the grounds of "psychological pressure" suffered by Donnarumma to renew last July, Corriere della Sera reported. Raiola and the player's lawyers were reportedly not present in the room at the time of the signature. And the newspaper claims that the teenager has sent a letter to Milan bosses outlining his demands. If the agreement is cancelled, Donnarumma would return to his former contract which expires on June 30, 2018 and would be free to join another club. Paris Saint-Germain are reportedly in talks with Raiola, regarding a transfer to France for the Italian starlet, should Milan fail to clinch Champions League football next season.



—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:

BCCI denies 850 crore compensation
The BCCI, in its Special General Meeting, refused to pay a compensation price of Rs 850 crore to defunct Indian Premier League franchise Kochi Tuskers Kerala, reports suggest.



Final farewell to WACA
The WACA ground, where the third Ashes Test will be played this week, has been described as ramshackle, frozen in time, evocative and a veritable graveyard for visiting teams.



Matias under house arrest
Matias Messi, older brother of Barcelona and Argentina star Lionel, has been sentenced to house arrest in Argentina for possession of a weapon, a prosecutor said.



Will Messi break Chelsea duck?
Lionel Messi has never managed to score against Chelsea in his brilliant career and he will be looking to break this streak as Barcelona face Chelsea in the last 16 of the Champions League this season.



Argentine legend Diego Maradona (C) gestures during a football workshop with school students in Barasat, around 35 km north of Kolkata yesterday. Maradona is on a private visit to India.

PHOTO: AFP

SAFF U-15 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosts have eyes on title

SPORTS REPORTER



The journey of women's football in Bangladesh did not start too long ago, but the girls in red and green have already made a mark with their brilliant and brave performance at international level, especially in under-14 and under-16 competitions.

Winning back-to-back titles of AFC U-14 Girls' Regional (South and Central) Championship in 2015 and 2016 and the under-16 team's progress into the final round of AFC U-16 Women's Championship have installed a belief among the players and management that they can compete against other teams and win at international level.

Hence for the first time the Bangladesh team management and coaching staff were confident in announcing that they would embark on the inaugural SAFF U-15 Championship, scheduled to be held

in Dhaka from December 17 to 24, with the target of winning the title.

Since AFC has scrapped its U-14 Girls Championship after FIFA came forward to help regional football bodies arrange age-group tournaments, the South Asian Football

FIXTURES		
DATE	MATCH	TIME
December 17	India v Bhutan	11:30am
	Bangladesh v Nepal	2:30pm
December 19	Bangladesh v Bhutan	11:30am
	Nepal v India	2:30pm
December 21	Bangladesh v India	11:30am
	Nepal v Bhutan	2:30pm
December 24	Final	2:30pm

Federation (SAFF) is holding the first under-15 level tournament for girls to develop women's football in the region.

Apart from Bangladesh, regional powerhouse India, Nepal and Bhutan will take part in the round-robin

league format matches, with the top two teams to eventually play in the final.

Hosts Bangladesh are considered favourites for the title because of the strength of their under-15 team, which features 11 players who played in AFC U-16 Women's Championship in Thailand three months ago. Four other players of the team have experience of playing international matches at under-14 level. Moreover, the 15 members of the squad had won the AFC U-14 Girls' Regional Championship in Tajikistan two years ago where they had scored plenty of goals against teams like Nepal, Tajikistan and India.

"We have improved much and played good football in Thailand, but the people of the country did not get to watch us. Now it is an opportunity to show our performance at home and entertain the spectators and win the championship," the team's centre-back Akhi Khatun said at a press conference arranged in this regard at the

City aim for record 15th

AFP, Manchester



Manchester City look unstoppable in their surge towards the Premier League title, and only have lowly Swansea standing in the way of Pep Guardiola's men setting a new record of consecutive wins on Wednesday.

City are 11 points clear at the top and their victory against Manchester United on Sunday was their 14th straight win in the Premier League -- a single season record that also equalled the best-ever run Arsenal established over two seasons in 2002. Yet despite their frightening form, City defender Kyle Walker is urging caution.

"We have to keep our feet on the floor and keep working hard, preparing physically and

mentally," he said. "We have another important one on Wednesday against Swansea. We have to keep getting three points."

Guardiola has declared repeatedly that his team will lose a league match at some point this season but few people would expect that to happen at second-from-bottom Swansea.

However there could be consequences following the derby. Captain Vincent Kompany was substituted with what appeared to be the latest in a sequence of muscle injuries. And with John Stones out, it means Guardiola has two fit senior centre-backs -- Otamendi and Mangala.

The Football Association has also demanded answers from both United and City following reports of an ugly fracas in the Old Trafford tunnel after the match that reportedly left City assistant coach Mikel Arteta bloodied.

Tamim to miss first T10 match

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal will likely miss the first game for his side Pakhtoon in the inaugural T10 Cricket League, which gets underway tomorrow in the UAE.

The Comilla Victorians captain is set to appear at a Bangladesh Cricket Board disciplinary committee hearing tomorrow as he was handed a show-cause letter for criticising the poor pitches in the BPL's Dhaka leg. He will have to wait until then before leaving to join up.

NZ sweep series

AFP, Hamilton



New Zealand congratulated themselves as they decimated the West Indies with a day to spare in the second Test to sweep the series 2-0 on Tuesday.

The tourists struggled to cope in their second innings against New Zealand's three-pronged fast bowling attack in Hamilton.

The West Indies, set a target of 444 to win, folded at nine for 203 with the injured Sunil Ambris unable to continue batting.

SCORES IN BRIEF

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 373

WEST INDIES: First innings 221

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings 291 for 8 decl

WEST INDIES: Second innings 203 for 9 (Chase 64, Roach 32; Southee 2-71, Boult 2-52, Wagner 3-42, Santner 2-13)

Result: New Zealand won by 240 runs and clinched the 2-match series 2-0.

Player-of-the-match: Ross Taylor.

India to host 2023 WC, 2021 CT

AGENCIES, New Delhi

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) confirmed on Monday that India would be hosting the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2023 and the ICC Champions Trophy in 2021.

This is the first time India will be hosting an ODI World Cup on its own. India has previously co-hosted the ODI World Cup on three occasions in 1987, 1996 and 2011.



Private University in Bangladesh
QS UNIVERSITY RANKINGS ASIA 2018

Chancellor's Gold Medal

Undergraduate

Postgraduate



Warida Rashid
CGPA 3.99



Afsana Tasnim Oshin
CGPA 4.00

12th Convocation

13 December 2017