

What to WATCH

DAY'S EVENT

Tri-Nation ODI Series

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Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe

Live from: 12:00pm

Bundesliga

Bayern Munich v Werder

Bremen

Live from 8:30pm

Schalke v Hannover

Live from 11:00pm

STAR SPORTS SELECT 1

English Premier League

Southampton v Tottenham

Live from 10:00pm

SONY ESPN

Australia v England

3rd ODI

Live from 9:20am

Ligue 1

Lyon v PSG

Live from 2:00am (Monday)

SONY SIX & TEN 2

Australian Open

Evening Session

4th Round

Live from 2:00pm

Morning Session

4th Round

Live from 6:00am (Monday)

TEN 1

Serie A

Atalanta v Napoli

Live from 5:30pm

Sampdoria v Fiorentina

Live from 8:00pm

Cagliari v AC Milan

Live from 11:00pm

Inter Milan v Roma

Live from 1:45am (Monday)

TEN 2

La Liga

Real Madrid v Deportivo

Live from 9:15pm

Real Sociedad v Celta Vigo

Live from 11:30pm

Real Betis v Barcelona

Live from 1:45am (Monday)

Bangladesh Cricket League

Four-Day Match, Day-1
Time: 9:30am

North Zone v South Zone
Venue: SKS

East Zone v Central Zone
Venue: SANS



Roger Federer celebrates his straight sets victory against Richard Gasquet in the men's singles third round match of the Australian Open in Melbourne yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Federer's hunt for 20 on track

Ruthless Kerber snuffs out Sharapova's quest; Zverev shocked

AFP, Melbourne

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Australian Open

Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic kept up their relentless march towards a semifinal meeting at the Australian Open Saturday as Maria Sharapova suffered a crushing

defeat by Angelique Kerber.

The two greats of the game -- who have won 11 Australian Opens between them -- could meet in the last four if they maintain their winning ways.

Defending champion Federer was never troubled by France's Richard Gasquet, who has failed to take a set off him since 2011, as he steamed into the last 16 with a 6-2, 7-5, 6-4 win.

"The second set was tight, the match was close and I had to focus to the very end," said the Swiss 19-time Grand Slam winner, who next plays little-known Hungarian Marton Fucsovics for a place in

the quarterfinals. He added: "So far, so good." Djokovic was equally convincing in his 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 rout of Spanish 21st seed Albert Ramos-Vinolas, although there was concern when he sought a medical timeout for treatment to his lower back.

"It was straight sets but I had to earn my points," insisted the Serb, who is on his way back after six months out with right elbow trouble.

"Obviously for me it's taking it one match at a time but I have to be more humble with my expectations as I haven't played in the last six months."

He next plays South Korea's Chung Hyeon, who shocked fourth seed Alexander Zverev.

With the temperatures a manageable 26 Celsius at Melbourne Park after two days of oven-like conditions, Zverev was beaten in five sets.

He has been hailed as the leader of the tennis new guard but has now failed to go beyond the

fourth round in 11 Grand Slams, admitting he has "some figuring out to do".

In the glamour evening tie, Sharapova was no match for Kerber, flopping 6-1, 6-3. They are both 30, former world number ones and were the only two Australian Open winners left in the women's draw, but there was only one player in it.

"This court is special for me and I was trying to enjoy every point," Kerber said of Rod Laver Arena, where she beat Serena Williams in the 2016 final.

For Sharapova, who is looking to rediscover her best on her way back from a 15-month drugs ban, it is back to the drawing board.

"I think there are a lot of things that I need to get better at and improve on," she admitted.

World number one Simona Halep is lucky to be still in contention after surviving three match points in a titanic struggle against 76th-ranked American Lauren Davis.

Arsenal, MU win Sublime Hazard fires Chelsea

AFP, London



Arsenal showed there was plenty of life after Alexis Sanchez as they beat Crystal Palace 4-1 in the Premier League on Saturday without the Manchester United-bound Chilean forward.

With Sanchez moving slowly but surely towards a £35 million (39.6 million euros, \$48.5 million) transfer to Premier League rivals Manchester United, Gunners manager Arsene Wenger left him out of his matchday squad.

Any fears Arsenal would struggle up front without Sanchez proved groundless as they surged into a 4-0 lead inside 22 minutes at the Emirates Stadium.

It took Arsenal just six minutes to open the scoring, an unmarked Nacho Monreal heading in from a corner.

Things didn't get any better for a Palace side managed by former England boss Roy Hodgson.

Monreal turned provider for Alex Iwobi before Laurent Koscielny scored Arsenal's third goal.

Palace's defence gave way again when a sweeping move involving Mesut Ozil and Jack Wilshere ended with the onrushing Alexandre Lacazette firing home from 12 yards.

But Luka Milivojevic's volley 12 minutes from time denied Arsenal goalkeeper Petr Cech a clean sheet.

Elsewhere, Manchester United moved to within nine points of runaway league leaders Manchester City with a 1-0 win at Burnley.

A game where United midfielder Henrikh Mkhitaryan, the proposed makeweight in the Sanchez deal, was left out by Jose Mourinho, was goalless until the 54th minute when Anthony Martial scored with a shot that went in off the crossbar.

Saturday's early match saw Chelsea win 4-0 away to Brighton as the reigning Premier League champions leapfrogged Liverpool into third place, 48 hours before the Reds play Swansea. Chelsea's first win of 2018 saw Eden Hazard score twice, his opener and a goal from Willian making it 2-0 inside six minutes. Second-half goals from Hazard and Victor Moses sealed victory.

"It was an important performance," Chelsea coach Antonio Conte told the BBC. "We started with a lot of worries, for injuries and suspensions, but the response of the team was incredible."

On a day when all Premier League fixtures were preceded by a minute's applause in memory of the former West Bromwich Albion and England forward Cyrille Regis, a trailblazer for black players who died aged 59 last week, the Baggies drew 1-1 with Everton.

Jay Rodriguez's put West Brom 1-0 up in the seventh minute but Theo Walcott, on his Everton debut following his midweek move from Arsenal, headed into the path of fellow substitute Oumar Niasse, who volleyed in a 70th-minute equaliser.



Phelps thought of suicide!

AFP, Los Angeles

Swimming great Michael Phelps revealed that he has battled severe anxiety and depression for much of his life which drove him to consider suicide after his success at the 2012 Olympics.

Speaking at a mental health conference in Chicago on Tuesday, the 23-time Olympic gold medal winner talked openly about his long battle with crippling depression and is encouraging others to get help like he did.

"After every Olympics I think I fell into a major state of depression," the 32-year-old Phelps said.

Phelps said he reached rock bottom following the 2012 Olympics in London where he won four gold medals and two silver. For four days he remained in his room without food or sleep.

"I didn't want to be in the sport anymore," he said. "I didn't want to be alive."

When he hit a low point in his depression, Phelps said, "You do contemplate suicide."

Over the past two years Phelps has opened up about his struggles.

"We're supposed to be this big, macho, physically strong human beings, but this is not a weakness," he said. "We are seeking and reaching for help."

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