

What to WATCH

CHANNEL 9 & STAR SPORTS SELECT 1

Indian Premier League

Rajasthan v Hyderabad

Live from 4:30pm

Bangalore v Kolkata

Live from 8:30pm

STAR SPORTS SELECT 2

English Premier League

West Ham v Man City

Live from 7:15pm

Man United v Arsenal

Live from 9:30pm

TEN 1

Serie A

Fiorentina v Napoli

Live from 10:00pm

Torino v Lazio

Live from 12:45am (Monday)

TEN 2

La Liga

Alaves v Atletico Madrid

Live from 8:15pm

Deportivo v Barcelona

Live from 12:45am (Monday)

DAY'S EVENT

U-18 Football Tournament

Venue: BNS, Dhaka

Team BJMC v Rahmatganj MFS

Time: 3:15pm

Mohammedan SC v Arambagh KS

Time: 5:30pm

MARADONA QUILS AL FUJAIKAH

Diego Maradona resigned as coach of United Arab Emirates second division club Al Fujairah on Friday after his team failed to gain promotion, his lawyer Matias Morla announced. Argentine legend Maradona, a former World Cup winner and one of football's most divisive figures, said he was stepping down after a 1-1 draw against Khorfakkan. "After today's match, and having failed to achieve the objective of promotion, Diego Maradona will no longer be the coach of the team," tweeted Morla. The lawyer insisted that the decision "had been a mutual agreement" with the club and that he wished Al Fujairah "the best!"

AFP

# Bale leads Real

AFP, Madrid

Gareth Bale scored as a much-changed Real Madrid warmed up for Tuesday's Champions League semifinal second leg against Bayern Munich with a 2-1 win over Leganes on Saturday.

Bale bundled Real into an early lead, before Borja Mayoral took advantage of more sloppy defending to make it two before half-time.

Serbian Darko Brasanac gave Leganes hope of a comeback, but Real closed out victory despite struggling in the second half.

Zinedine Zidane's men stay third in the table, one point behind city rivals Atletico who play Alaves on Sunday, when Barcelona can secure the La Liga title if they avoid defeat at Deportivo La Coruna.

Coach Zidane made 10 changes to the starting XI which beat Bayern 2-1 in Wednesday's first leg at the Allianz Arena, with Bale and Karim Benzema returning.

Bale boosted his hopes of a start in the second leg by hooking in a deflected Benzema effort to give Real an eighth-minute lead with his first goal since a double against Las Palmas on March 31.

Daniel Ceballos fired narrowly over, but the soon-to-be deposed league champions doubled their advantage on the stroke of half-time.

Mayoral tapped in from close range after Leganes goalkeeper Pichu Cuellar totally missed a left-wing cross, with offside appeals waved away as defender Unai Bustinza had got a touch to the ball on its way through.

It was the 21-year-old Mayoral's second La Liga goal, having also netted against Real Sociedad back in September.

Leganes grew into the game after the break as Real's thoughts perhaps turned towards Bayern, and Miguel Guerrero wasted an excellent chance to halve the deficit as he headed wide from a Nabil El Zhar cross.

But the away team did pull one back in the 66th minute, as Nordin Amrabat forced his way to the byline and squared for Brasanac to tap in from close range.

Leganes continued to pile on the pressure, with Casilla making a brilliant stop to deny Bustinza.

Leganes defender Gabriel was sent off in injury-time, as Real clung on for the three points after a below-par performance.



Liverpool forward Mohamed Salah spurned a brilliant opportunity to score his 33rd of the season and become the highest goal-scorer in England history in a 38-game season. The Egyptian was played in behind the defence but saw his chip over the goalkeeper go wide as the Reds were held to a goalless draw by Stoke City in the Premier League yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

# Unstoppable Nadal in final

AFP, Barcelona

Rafael Nadal racked up the 400th clay court victory of his career on Saturday as he swept past Belgium's David Goffin 6-4, 6-0 to reach the Barcelona final and stand just one win from an 11th title in the Spanish city.

World number one Nadal also extended his winning streak on clay to 44 consecutive sets as he downed Goffin for a third time in three meetings on the red dirt surface he has dominated for more than a decade.

In Sunday's final, the 31-year-old Spaniard will face Greek teenager Stefanos Tsitsipas, 19 years old and ranked 63, continued his magical run at the event reaching a first ATP final with a 7-5, 6-3 win over fifth-seed Pablo Carreno Busta.

The last Greek to make an ATP final was Nicholas Kalogeropoulos in Des Moines back in 1973.

# Wenger, Mourinho bury the hatchet

AGENCIES, London

Arsene Wenger says he hopes his farewell match at Old Trafford on Sunday passes off "peacefully" but has admitted he is unsure he will ever be friends with Jose Mourinho.

68-year-old Wenger made the surprise announcement last week that he will end his 21-year reign at Arsenal when the season is completed.

His rivalry with Mourinho often spilled over into physical altercations dating as far back as when the Portuguese took over at Chelsea in 2004 and grabbed Premier League supremacy. Wenger had not got the better of Mourinho in a competitive game until Arsenal beat United 2-0 at the end of last season.

Mourinho has greeted Wenger's announcement warmly and even suggested they could "even be friends in the future".

"It depends," said Wenger. "I respect him of course... you should give me a little bit of peace for my final weeks and not try to push me into another confrontation.

"I want to go peacefully, and with Mourinho now because he is a great manager. I say goodbye to everyone. In France we say 'au revoir' which means you might see me again."

Mourinho on Friday said he regrets the "negative episodes" that have marred his relationship with Wenger. The Portuguese said he was unhappy with some aspects of his behaviour over their 19 meetings.

"There are little things where it would be obviously be better without them, some gestures, some words would be better without it," said Mourinho, who called on United's fans to give Wenger a positive reception.



Arsene Wenger (L) and Jose Mourinho have had their share of tussles, but the duo are keen to let go of the bad blood.

# Stoke stalemate for Reds

AFP, Liverpool

Liverpool warmed up for their Champions League semifinal second leg against Roma with a low-key goalless draw against Stoke at Anfield.

Jurgen Klopp's side head to the Italian capital on Wednesday with a 5-2 advantage from the first leg and do so the back of a Premier League match they controlled for long periods without over-exerting themselves in search of a winner.

The result left Liverpool with a healthy cushion over fifth-placed Chelsea and in need of a maximum of four points from their two remaining matches to guarantee qualification for Champions League.

Relegation-threatened Stoke remain in the drop zone with only two games left to avoid slipping into the Championship.

"Today was a difficult, intense time for us. I saw everything I wanted to see except fluency and fun and joy," Klopp said.

"It is hard on a day like this. Stoke were a little lucky in some situations, it looked a clear penalty."

Klopp's programme notes featured a message he has stated with regularity in recent weeks; that Liverpool's focus on a top four finish in the Premier League should not be neglected despite their progress in European competition.

The Reds manager made five changes from the side which beat

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