

What to WATCH

ALL TIMES BST

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FIFA World Cup
Round of 16
Brazil v Mexico
Live from 8:00pm
Belgium v Japan
Live from 12:00am (Tuesday)

SONY SIX
T20I Tri-Series
Australia v Pakistan
Live from 2:00pm

SONY ESPN
Wimbledon
Round-1
Live from 6:00pm

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:

Zaman career best 61 underpins Pakistan

Pakistan cruised to a 74-run win Sunday over their hosts in the opening match of the Zimbabwe Twenty20 Tri-Series.

A career best 61 from opening batsman Fakhar Zaman, and a late flurry of boundaries from Asif Ali and veteran batsman Shoaib Malik set up Pakistan's imposing 182 for 4.

Messi will continue to be the best: Pogba

Argentina captain Lionel Messi did not find his peak form at the Russia World Cup as the Albiceleste crashed at the Round of 16 stage of the competition following a 4-3 defeat against France.

'I call my luggage Neymar', mocks Cantona

Manchester United legend Eric Cantona mocks Brazil superstar Neymar saying he named his newly bought luggage 'Neymar' because it keeps on turning round and round when you touch it, just like Neymar in recent games.

Wounded Murray pulls out of Wimbledon

Andy Murray has withdrawn from Wimbledon on the eve of the tournament after the two-time champion decided he wasn't fit enough to compete at the All England Club.

Mbappe hailed as new global superstar

AFP, Kazan

France players and the world's press hailed Kylian Mbappe as an emerging superstar after the 19-year-old eclipsed Lionel Messi in a match that felt like the passing of a torch to a new generation.

Mbappe's speed and power ruthlessly exposed Argentina's defence in Kazan in a thrilling 4-3 victory on Saturday that re-established France among the World Cup favourites.

As one number 10 trudged off -- the player wearing an Argentina shirt with Messi's name on -- another in the blue of France took the plaudits.

"Move over, Messi, a new global superstar is born at the World Cup," was the headline in the Sunday Times in Britain.

"In this game, the Messi was him," French sports daily L'Equipe said above a photograph of Mbappe celebrating. "He showed his talent to the world and overshadowed Lionel Messi."

The double strike made the boy from the Paris suburbs the first teenager since a 17-year-old Pele to score twice in a World Cup game.

"He's got a lot more talent than me," France midfielder Paul Pogba said of Mbappe.

"And he's not going to stop there. He's got so much talent."

Argentina were simply swept aside by a new generation, and not just Mbappe -- another of France's scorers, Benjamin Pavard, is only 22 himself.

"When you have players having a day like Mbappe had today, it's



Kylian Mbappe was the talk of world football after this run in their round of 16 match against Argentina on Saturday. Mbappe reached a speed of 38kmph (Usain Bolt has the world record of 44.72) as he darted into the box, causing a desperate Marcos Rojo to concede a penalty.

very difficult to stop them," said Argentina coach Jorge Sampaoli.

With an average age of 25, a France side lacking major tournament experience were feeling the flak after three underwhelming group-stage matches reaped one penalty, an own goal and only one scored from open play.

But coach Didier Deschamps' "baby Blues" silenced the detractors with the scintillating win over the 2014 finalists that put France back on course for a tilt at emulating France's 1998 Cup-winning

exploits, when Deschamps was captain.

Mbappe was not even born when France won their only World Cup, on home soil.

"I can't really take it in," said Pavard, a defender so unaccustomed to scoring he did not know how to celebrate his superb strike.

"I was running around everywhere, I didn't know what to do."

Mbappe will be unleashed next on Uruguay, whose steely defence should provide a far sterner test than the shambolic Argentine

rearguard.

It may be too early to talk of lifting the trophy in Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium on July 15, but Deschamps was bubbling with excitement.

"I experienced a lot of great joy and happiness as a France player, and the reason I took this job was to feel the same again," said Deschamps.

"The lads are young, they have character. As the man in charge, especially when things go wrong, I'm very proud of this team and very happy for them."

'Like a young Caniggia'

STAR SPORT DESK

Argentina football legend Diego Maradona has been a constant presence during the World Cup matches of the freshly eliminated two-time world champions in Russia. After La Albiceleste won the first-round match against Nigeria to ensure their passage to the round of 16, a red-faced Maradona was shouting abuse at the Nigerian fans.

On Saturday night after Argentina's 4-3 defeat to France, however, the 57-year-old chose to focus on French teenage sensation Kylian Mbappe, saying that the Paris Saint-Germain forward reminded him of a former teammate.

"Argentina went out to attack France and made the mistake of leaving a lot of room for Mbappe, who is like [Claudio] Caniggia in his early days," he told teleSUR.

"[Marcos Rojo] let him enter the area and then knocked him down. That's not what a national team player should do."

"He had to go straight to the body and knock him down before Mbappe moved the ball forward."

PATORUZU, NOT MESSI

Maradona did not mince words when assessing his country's performance in the World Cup.

"We do not know how to attack, we do not know what to do when we have the ball. France are different: they have a counter-attack, variation, they have options on the right and the left," he said.

He invoked an Argentine comic character that possesses superhuman physical strength when talking about how asking Messi to perform a false nine role and score goals was asking too much of the Barcelona superstar.

"I saw Messi very isolated, away from the box. I said if he played as a nine he had to go looking for the ball, link the play, set goals up and score them."

"Then we are talking more about Patoruzu than Messi."



Argentine comic superhero Patoruzu.

WHAT THEY SAID

LIKE TRYING TO CATCH LIGHTNING

30th June 1998: Argentina can't handle the pace of a teenage forward in a World Cup.

30th June 2018: Argentina can't handle the pace of a teenage forward in a World Cup. (Though it was a penalty on Mbappe and it perhaps shouldn't have been on Owen.)

FOOTBALL WRITER RICHARD JOLLY

Congratulations, @KMBappe. 2 goals in a World Cup so young puts you in great company!

PELE

Not sure the whole Argentine defence has got a combined top speed equal to Mbappe's

FOOTBALL WRITER SAM WALLACE

Phenomenal run from Mbappe. Reminds me so much of Brazilian Ronaldo.

GARY LINEKER

Literally like trying to catch lightning, chasing Mbappe... it looked as if his last touch was too big and would take him out wide.

FOOTBALL WRITER DAVID PREECE

Ireland avoid whitewash

SPORTS REPORTER

Despite posting their highest ever score in T20I cricket, the Bangladesh women's team went on to lose the third and final match of the three-match T20I series against Ireland by six wickets in the last ball of the match at the Malahide Cricket Club Ground in Dublin yesterday.

Bangladesh had however earlier clinched the series by winning the first two matches.

Ireland reached the target of 152 off the final ball of the game as Isobel Joyce struck the winning shot after the last over from Jahanara Alam started with the home side needing 11.

Ireland were initially in a spot of bother in the chase as they lost both openers and were struggling on 30 for two inside seven overs.

But skipper Laura Delany and Gaby Lewis change the course of the game as the pair added 93 runs for the third wicket. Nahida Akter and Panna Ghosh picked up a

wicket each for the bowling side.

Earlier, Bangladesh made a flying start riding on opener Ayasha Rahman and Shamima Sultana after being sent to bat, adding 47 runs for the first wicket.

But it was Fargana Hoque who took charge and went on to reach her second T20I fifty and remained unbeaten on a career-best 66 off 47 balls, including six fours and two sixes, to help post a challenging total of 151 for four.

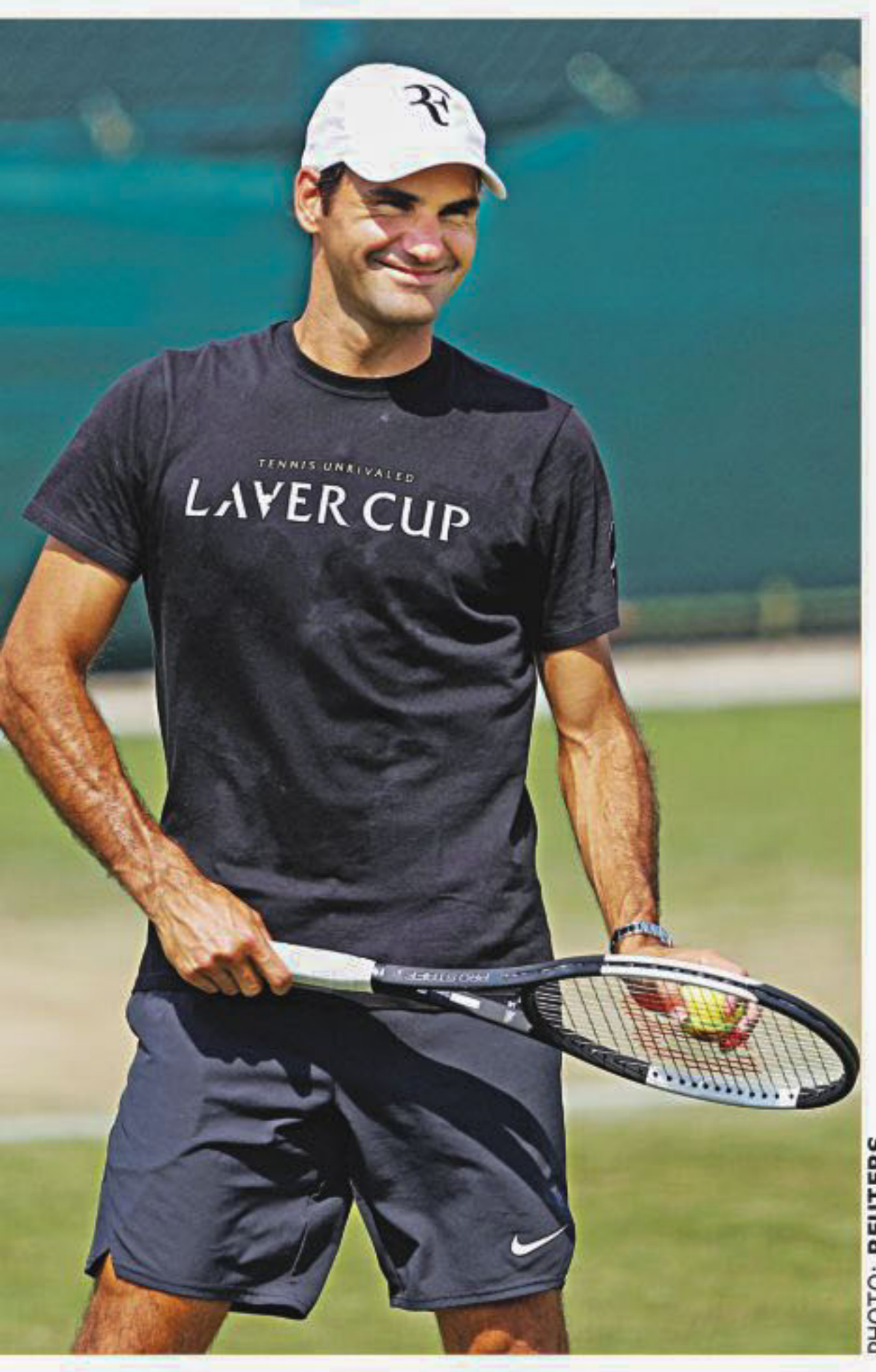
Bangladesh's previous highest score was 142, which they achieved while chasing down India's 141 in a Women's T20 Asia Cup league game earlier this month.

SCORES IN BRIEF

BANGLADESH: 151 for 4 in 20 overs (Shamima 30, Ayasha 27, Fargana 66 not out; Delany 1-19)

IRELAND: 152 for 4 in 20 overs (Shillington 21, Lewis 50, Delany 46, Joyce 22 not out; Nahida 1-20)

Result: Ireland women won by 6 wickets.



'We're like Messi-Ronaldo'

Wimbledon gets underway today

AFP, London

Roger Federer marked the 10th anniversary of his epic Wimbledon final loss to Rafael Nadal by claiming his rivalry with the Spaniard is the equal of the battle between football superstars Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.

Federer will start his bid for a ninth Wimbledon title against Serbia's Dusan Lajovic on Centre Court on Monday.

But, on the eve of the Swiss star's 20th Wimbledon, the defending champion's mind drifted back to the evening he was dethroned by Nadal in a classic final widely regarded as the greatest match ever played.

Federer had beaten Nadal in two previous Wimbledon finals before the Spaniard knocked him off his perch in 2008 with a five-set thriller lasting almost five hours and late into the evening in front of an enthralled global audience of millions.

Nadal's triumph -- his first at Wimbledon -- fuelled an epic rivalry that reminds Federer of the way Barcelona striker Messi and Real

Madrid forward Ronaldo have slugged it out for the top prizes in football.

"Sure, yeah. They have a long-

and Nadal could easily clash in a 10th anniversary final reunion later this month.

- 4 TO WATCH**
- Roger Federer (1) v Dusan Lajovic (not before 6:00pm)
 - Richard Gasquet (23) v Gael Monfils (not before 7:45pm)
 - Grigor Dimitrov (6) v Stan Wawrinka (not before 9:15pm)
 - Serena Williams (25) v Arantxa Rus (not before 9:15pm)



The 2008 Wimbledon final is widely considered the greatest match of all time.

standing rivalry. I have the same with Rafa," Federer said. "They're very different from one another. I guess there's some similarities there as well."

"As similar as we are, Rafa and myself, we're still very different on many levels. I think it's pretty much the same for them."

And, while Messi and Ronaldo have flopped out of the World Cup in Russia, with Argentina and Portugal both eliminated on Saturday, Federer

For Federer, that would bring back painful memories of one of the most difficult defeats of his glittering career.

"I think it was one of the hardest losses I ever had, no doubt about it. I was so close to making it six in a row," Federer said. "It also made me more human potentially, the loss under the circumstances. I'm sure that we'll talk about it when we're older in the rocking chair."

Fizz set to join BD A

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh pace sensation Mustafizur Rahman has begun to bowl with full run-ups in practice, a sign that the left-arm quick is nearing full recovery from a toe injury he sustained while attempting to stop a ball off his own bowling during an Indian Premier League [IPL] encounter for Mumbai Indians back in May.

The seamer, who started to bowl with full run-ups on Saturday, also practised yesterday and is scheduled to bowl with full rhythm today as a part of his rehabilitation.

According to Bangladesh Cricket Board [BCB] chief physician Debashish Chowdhury, if the pacer has no further issues, he will join the Bangladesh A team on the ongoing series against the Sri Lanka A team.

"Mustafizur Rahman started bowling with full run-ups from Saturday and also bowled today [yesterday] and is also expected to bowl tomorrow [today]. If there is no pain or complaints from him then we will send him for the third four-day game against Sri Lanka A on July 9. But we will assess him properly before allowing him to take part in a competitive game," Debashish told The Daily Star yesterday.

The 22-year-old was ruled out of the Tigers' Test squad for the tour of West Indies at the last moment but is now expected to join the team for the limited-overs series, which begins at the end of this month.

Preparing for his 20th Wimbledon campaign yesterday, eight-time champion Roger Federer reminisced on the epic 2008 final he lost to long-time rival Rafael Nadal.