

# What to WATCH

**SONY ESPN & TEN 2**  
Asian Games  
Live from 7:45am  
**STAR SPORTS SELECT 1**  
English Premier League  
Wolves v Man City  
Live from 5:30pm  
Arsenal v West Ham

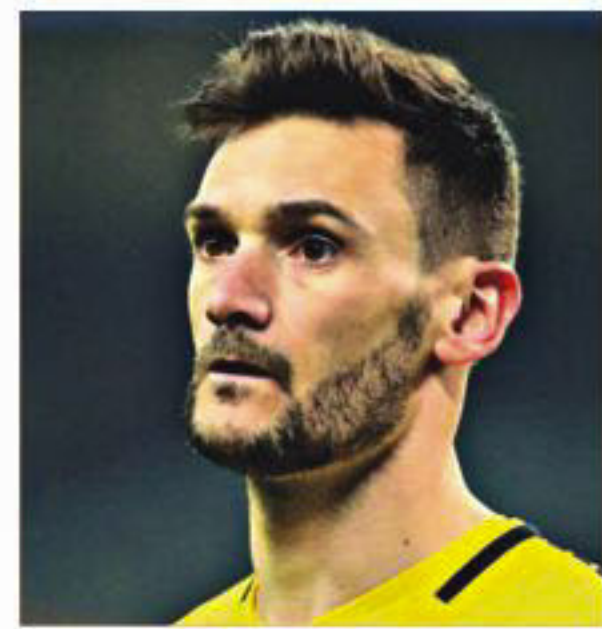
Live from 8:00pm  
Liverpool v Brighton  
Live from 10:30pm  
**STAR SPORTS SELECT 2**  
English Premier League  
Southampton v Leicester  
Live from 8:00pm

**TEN 1**  
Serie A  
Juventus v Lazio  
Live from 10:30pm  
**TEN 2**  
Serie A  
Napoli v AC Milan  
Live from 12:30am (Sunday)

## LLORIS CHARGED WITH DRINK-DRIVING

France's World Cup-winning captain Hugo Lloris has been charged with drink-driving after the Tottenham keeper was stopped by police in the early hours of Friday morning. Lloris was pulled over in a routine stop at 2:20 am (0120 GMT) in Gloucester Place, central London. The 31-year-old was reported to have failed a roadside breathalyser test and has been released on bail to appear at Westminster magistrates' court next month. After leading France to their World Cup triumph in Russia in July, Lloris returned to domestic action with Tottenham. He featured in their opening two Premier League matches and is due to play for Tottenham in their league match at Manchester United on Monday.

— AFP



## OVER THE BREAK

**ENGLAND VS INDIA 3RD TEST (AUGUST 18-22):** After going down 2-0 in the first two Tests of their five-match trek across England, it was once again India captain Virat Kohli who pulled his team back by the scruff of the neck and inspired them to a commanding 203-run win in the third Test in Trent Bridge that ended on August 22.

Kohli hit 97 and 103 in the two innings after England captain Joe Root seemed to have miscalculated in choosing to bowl first. Besides Kohli, India's batsmen gave a good account of themselves in a total of 329, before their pacers — led by fourth seamer Hardik Pandya's five for 28 — hounded the hosts and shot them out for 161. Kohli then hit 103 as India piled on 352 for seven before declaring and setting England an improbable 521 to win in the last two days.

There was a semblance of a fight in a 159-run fifth-wicket stand between Jos Buttler (106) and Ben Stokes (62), but Jasprit Bumrah (five for 85) — recalled for the third Test — ran through the lower half of the order with the second new ball on the fourth evening.

**IRELAND VS AFGHANISTAN 1ST AND 2ND T20IS (AUGUST 20, 22):** In nearby Ireland, the two newest Test nations were engaged in battle, albeit in the T20Is, and the difference in ability between the hosts and Afghanistan was telling.

The first match in Breda was shortened to 18 overs a side and after Afghanistan were asked to bat, they rode on opener Hazratullah Zazai's sparkling 33-ball 74 to score 160 for seven. Afghanistan were looking well-placed to score much more as they were on 152 for three in the 16th over, but four quick wickets took the sting out of their innings. That did not matter much however as leg-spinner Rashid Khan (3-35) and off-spinner Mujeeb Ur Rahman (2-14) strangled Ireland's chase as they limped to 144 for nine, handing the tourists a 16-run win.

If the first match was somewhat competitive, Afghanistan's superiority shone through brightly in the second T20I which they won by 81 runs. Zazai again top-scored, this time scoring 82 off 54 balls, and Afghanistan scored 160 once more, this time for the loss of eight wickets. However, Ireland were completely at sea against the wiles of Rashid, whose three overs yielded four wickets for 17 runs. Mujeeb took three for 17 in four economical overs as Ireland folded for 79 in 15 overs.

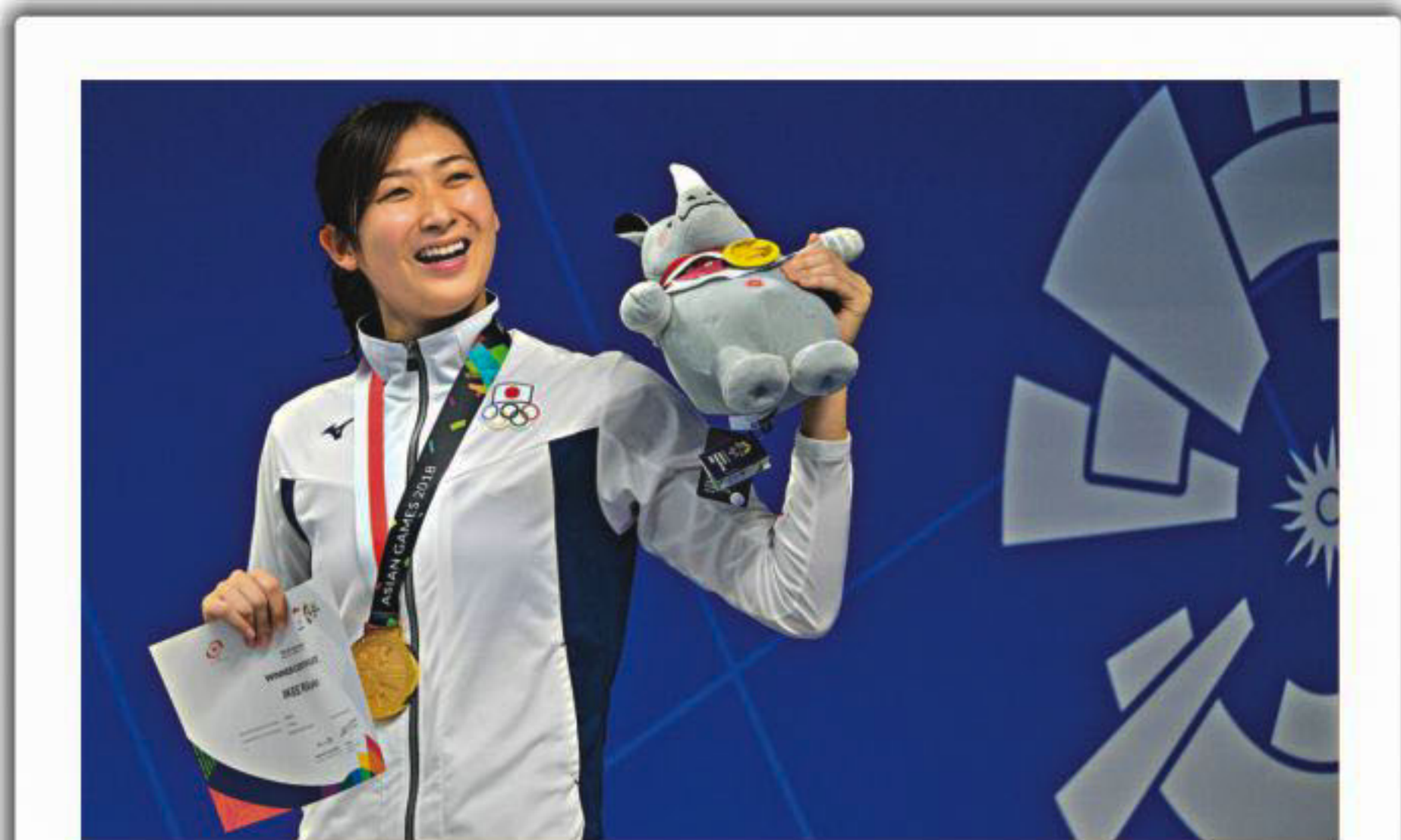
**SON'S SOUTH KOREA INTO QUARTERS:** Son Heung-min's South Korea defeated Iran 2-0 on Thursday to progress to the Asian Games quarter-finals in Cikarang, near Jakarta. Son himself was kept quiet by Iran, who have won the tournament four times, but goals from Hwang Ui Jo and Lee Seungwoo secured South Korea's safe passage to the last eight.

**SPANISH PLAYERS UNITED AGAINST USA GAME, SAYS BUSQUETS:** Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets says the Spanish footballers' union (AFE) is united in opposition to La Liga's plans to play one regular season game in the United States. "We're all united, the union is strong and as our president has said, we all think the same way on this," Busquets said in a video broadcast on Thursday on the AFE's Twitter account. "Together we are stronger and this (opposing the plans) is a path that we all want to take and we believe it's what is best for football."



## BANGLADESH STARS' SPORTING EID

Like most people, the stars from Bangladesh's sporting sphere also celebrated Eid with their friends and families. (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP L) Mashrafe Bin Mortaza is pictured at home with his son while Tamim Iqbal and Mushfiqur Rahim also pose with their families. The Bangladesh football team, in Indonesia for the Asian Games, and cricketer Mahmudullah Riyad, in the West Indies, celebrated away from home. PHOTO: COLLECTED



## Ikee wins record 6th gold

AFP, Jakarta

Japan's golden girl Rikako Ikee stormed to a record sixth Asian Games swimming title on Friday, marking a handful of other firsts for good measure.

Ikee stole the show by edging the 50m freestyle sprint, clocking 24.53 seconds to become the first woman in any sport to scoop six gold medals at a single Games.

The 18-year-old allowed herself a

rare display of emotion, raising a fist as she soaked up the applause before shedding a few tears as the enormity of her achievement sank in.

"I really hate losing, I probably won that more through sheer willpower," said Ikee, who had already snaffled gold in the 50m fly, 100m fly, 100m free, 4x100m free and the 4x100m medley.

Ikee finished with eight medals in total — also a joint record. North Korea shooter So Gin Man pocketed seven gold medals and eight overall in 1982.

## Ronaldo ready for home debut

AGENCIES, Turin



Cristiano Ronaldo will make his home debut for Juventus in Saturday's Serie A game against Lazio, head coach Massimiliano Allegri has confirmed.

Ronaldo's first competitive appearance for the club after his shock 105-million-euro move from Real Madrid in the summer came in a 3-2 victory at Chievo that saw Federico Bernardeschi score a late winner.

The former Real Madrid superstar drew a blank in the game, with the team looking more threatening after he shifted from a central role to the left following the introduction of Mario Mandzukic as a second-half substitute.

Despite some concerns over his match fitness, Ronaldo will keep his place in the team against Lazio, with Allegri predicting an improved understanding between the forward and his team-mates in front of the home fans.

"Cristiano is set to play tomorrow," Allegri told a news conference on Friday. "It's important to bear in mind, however, that our forwards are the players who've had the least amount of pre-season training, so they need to be managed with care."

"Cristiano is always striving for more. He's highly competitive in everything he does. He has built his own success over the years through hard work and sacrifice. He's a role model for many of the other guys and he raises our overall

quality.

"There will be better link-up play between our forwards, which will undoubtedly help Cristiano."



After torturing the crowd last year, Cristiano Ronaldo will return to the Allianz Stadium, this time on their side, as he makes his home debut for Juventus today. PHOTO: COLLECTED

"I believe that Cristiano's goal at Allianz Stadium in last season's Champions League has helped to build a strong rapport and significant mutual respect between himself and the fans. I think it had an influence in his choice to join Juventus."

While Ronaldo's presence in the XI to face Lazio is assured, Allegri is less sure whether World Cup winner Blaise Matuidi is ready for action.

"Blaise is an important player for us, as he demonstrated last year," Allegri added. "He's in excellent condition, but I still need to decide if he plays. I have plenty of top-class midfielders to choose from."

"Lazio are a physical and very well-organised team, who love to hit their opponents on the counter-attack. Therefore, we need to stay very focused throughout the match."

"There's excitement in the air. Lazio will make it a great encounter. They defeated us last time at Allianz Stadium to end a 41-game unbeaten run. So, [Saturday] is very important, even if it's only our second match of the season."

Ronaldo scored a direct free-kick at the 45th attempt in a major tournament at the World Cup and Allegri expects the Portugal captain to compete with a number of team-mates for set-piece duties.

"Cristiano and Paulo Dybala are our two designated penalty-takers this season," said the Juve boss. "The problem is more about who takes free-kicks, where we now have around six or seven players who'll be standing around the ball!"

## Spurs test for Jose's men

AFP, London



A difficult start to the season for Manchester United promises to get even worse unless Jose Mourinho can turn a tide of negative publicity and inspire a reaction from his side against Tottenham Hotspur on Monday.

United already trail title favourites Manchester City, Liverpool and Chelsea by three points after a dreadful display in losing 3-2 to Brighton last weekend and that gap could have doubled by kick-off at Old Trafford with all three expected to win again this weekend.

City travel to Wolves and Liverpool host Brighton on Saturday, while Chelsea travel to Newcastle on Sunday.

Spurs are also yet to drop points after defying off the field distractions to see off Newcastle and Fulham.

Mauricio Pochettino's response to not signing a single player in the transfer window and delays over the club's move to a new stadium have been a lesson in diplomacy for Mourinho.

Rather than voice his frustration, Pochettino has consistently called for unity between the board, squad and fans and has been rewarded in the

early weeks of the campaign.

United, by contrast, look anything but living up to their name with divisions emerging between executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward, key players like Paul Pogba and Mourinho.

Woodward's failure to answer Mourinho's pleas for a new central defender was punished as Eric Bailly and Victor Lindelof were exposed in defeat at Brighton.

But both players were brought in at a combined cost of £60 million since Mourinho was appointed and the Portuguese coach has equally failed to harness their potential or get the best

out of an expensively assembled squad.

Woodward may now be regretting hiring Mourinho rather than going after Pochettino, who has led Spurs into the top four for each of the past three seasons on a fraction of the resources.

The Londoners have lost 1-0 on each of their last three league visits to Old Trafford, though, and are also seeking revenge for defeat in last season's FA Cup semifinals.

Reversing that run would be a strong statement of intent that they and not United will rival City, Liverpool and Chelsea for the title.

A summer of change at Arsenal and West Ham has so far yielded no points for either, making Saturday's London derby vital for Unai Emery and Manuel Pellegrini to kickstart their new regimes.

One of West Ham's nine new recruits at a cost of nearly £100 million will be in familiar surroundings as Jack Wilshere returns to the Emirates after a 17-year spell with Arsenal ended in July.

Emery was handed an unforgiving start with the visit of Manchester City and a trip to Chelsea to begin his reign as Arsene Wenger's successor. But the Spaniard is fully aware of the importance of getting a win to keep the fans onside.

### FIXTURES

(1400GMT unless stated)

**Saturday**

Wolves v Manchester City (1130), Southampton v Leicester, Arsenal v West Ham, Bournemouth v Everton, Huddersfield v Cardiff, Liverpool v Brighton (1630)

**Sunday**

Watford v Crystal Palace (1230), Newcastle v Chelsea, Fulham v Burnley (1500)

**Monday**

Manchester United v Tottenham (1900)

### 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:

**Guerrero's doping ban reimposed**

Peru captain Paolo Guerrero's doping ban, which was temporarily lifted for the World Cup, has been reimposed by a Swiss court, world soccer's ruling body FIFA said. Guerrero was banned for 14 months by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in May.

**Federer, Djokovic on collision course**

Five-time winner Roger Federer is in the same quarter of the draw of the US Open as twice champion and sixth-seeded Novak Djokovic.



Former Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger was awarded with Liberia's highest honour — the Humane Order of African Redemption with the rank of Knight Grand Commander — by the country's president and his former player George Weah for his contributions to the development of the Ballon d'Or winner's career at a ceremony at the Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Complex in the capital Monrovia yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS