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Live from 10:30pm

TEN 1 LaLiga Leganes v Barcelona Live from 12:00am (Thursday) TEN 2 Serie A **Udinese v Lazio**

Live from 11:00pm

WIJNALDUM DRIVES 174 MILES FOR FAN

Liverpool midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum opted to surprise one of his dedicated fans by turning up at his house in Newcastle. The former Newcastle United midfielder made the 174-mile drive north from Merseyside to meet the teenager who runs the biggest Wijnaldum fan page on the photo sharing site Instagram. Armed with a Reds shirt and a signed sketch drawing, Wijnaldum was all smiles as he met the owner of the account. Revealing the visit through Instagram, the fan page wrote: "Wow Wow! Reds I can't actually put into words how happy I am of what happened last night! Reds!!!! My dream has came true, I can't thank you enough Gini for travelling all this way to meet me."







(L-R) FIFA's best player Luka Modric of Croatia, best coach Didier Deschamps of France and best female player Marta of Brazil pose with their trophies during the FIFA Best Awards ceremony in London on Monday. Liverpool and Egypt forward Mohamed Salah picked up the Puskas Award for the best goal from former Ivory Coast striker Didier Drogba. PHOTO: AFP

Modric crowned FIFA's best player

caught the eye in winning the Golden Ball final.

"It was an unbelievable season, the best

"I'm still not realising how good a year I

had collectively, individually, and I'm very

proud for everything I achieved this year and

WINNERS

LUKA MODRIC (Best Player Men's)

DIDIER DESCHAMPS (Best coach)

THIBAUT COURTOIS (Best goalkeeper)

MOHAMED SALAH (Best Goal)

MARTA (Best Player Women's)

For a sixth straight season, Ronaldo was

the Champions League's top scorer with 15

goals and also scored four times at the

World Cup, including a hat-trick against

Spain in a thrilling 3-3 draw to open

Uruguay in Russia and Ronaldo's failure to

score in the semifinals or final of the

Champions League opened the door for

not among the finalists with Salah earning a

For the first time in 12 years, Messi was

Juventus have had a perfect start to the

Allegri's side also play Swiss club Young

season with five wins and 15 points -- three

Boys in the Champions League a week on

Tuesday, a game which Ronaldo will miss

after his controversial sending off against

their trip to Turin, with an eye on their

Champions League game against Liverpool

still finished second," said Napoli striker

Napoli host promoted Parma, before

"We won there (Juventus) last season and

points ahead of Napoli.

Valencia in Spain.

Lorenzo Insigne.

the weekend.

in Naples.

However, Portugal's last 16 exit to

Portugal's campaign.

Modric.

for the best player at the World Cup.

season in my life," said Modric.

it will be remembered forever."

HOW THE STARS VOTED

LIONEL MESSI (Argentina captain)

1. Luka Modric

AFP, London

For the Game. For the World.

- 2. Kylian Mbappe
- 3. Cristiano Ronaldo

LUKA MODRIC

(Croatia captain)

- 1. Raphael Varane 2. Cristiano Ronaldo
- 3. Antoine Griezmann

RONALDO

CRISTIANO

(Portugal captain)

- 1. Raphael Varane
- 2. Luka Modric 3. Antoine Griezmann

HARRY KANE (England captain)

- 1. Cristiano Ronaldo
- 2. Lionel Messi 3. Kevin De Bruyne

EDEN HAZARD (Belgium captain)

- 1. Luka Modric
- 2. Raphael Varane 3. Kylian Mbappe

Rossi tests

AFP, Rome

positive for

dorzolamide

Italy striker Giuseppe Rossi

is facing a doping ban after

dorzolamide, media reports

Rossi, who has played

30 times for the Azzurri in

following an Italian league

match between his team at

Dorzolamide is com-

monly found in eye drops.

athlete obtains a therapeutic

use exemption, although if

not applied to the eyes, it

could be used as a diuretic.

The 31-year-old Rossi,

United and Fiorentina but

has denied using eye drops,

Rossi now faces a one-

year ban by the Italian anti-

Gazzetta said Rossi's case is

scheduled to be heard on

doping agency (Nado),

according to reports.

October 1.

according to the Gazzetta

dello Sport daily.

formerly of Manchester

currently without a club,

Its use is permitted if the

a career blighted by knee

injuries, tested positive

the time, Genoa, and

Benevento on May 12.

testing positive for the

banned substance

said Tuesday.

CR7 shifts focus

Luka Modric ended

Cristiano Ronaldo

and Lionel Messi's

decade-long domina-

tion of football's

individual awards by being crowned FIFA's

starred for both club and country as Madrid

won a third straight Champions League,

and he inspired Croatia to reach the World

to the work of everyone. So many people

have come together and so many have sup-

forward Mohamed Salah and Ronaldo, who

along with Messi did not attend the glitzy

Barcelona on Wednesday, but their no-show

attracted criticism after so many years on top.

Modric. "Obviously I would have liked

tied with Messi having won FIFA's award in

culmination of a brilliant career for Modric

that had often been overshadowed by

Ronaldo's goalscoring in their time together

in the Spanish capital, before the

Portuguese left for Juventus in July.

Modric beat out Liverpool's Egyptian

Both are in action for Juventus and

"Everyone has their own reasons," said

Modric's success means Ronaldo remains

At 33, Croatia's run to the final was the

"The emotion is huge because it is thanks

The Real Madrid and Croatia midfielder

best player of the year on Monday.

Cup final for the first time.

ported me," said Modric.

awards ceremony in London.

them to be here but they aren't."

different guises five times each.



award.

Cristiano Ronaldo turns his focus back to Juventus's quest for a treble this season on Wednesday after losing out in the FIFA's best player of the year

skipped the awards ceremony in London on Monday as his former Real Madrid teammate Luka Modric beat him for the award. The 33-year-old Portuguese star also lost

Five-time Ballon d'Or winner Ronaldo

out to Liverpool's Mohamed Salah for the Puskas Award for the best goal. He had been nominated for his superb overhead bicycle kick for Real Madrid against Juventus in last season's Champions

League quarter-final, which even drew a standing ovation from Juventus supporters in Turin. Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri had backed Ronaldo -- who has scored three

goals in his last two league games -- for the award, as he led the way in the Champions League with 15 goals to help Real to a third straight title. "With no offence to Luka Modric, I'd give

the Ballon d'Or to Ronaldo for what he did last season. I think he deserves it," said Allegri.

The Italian champions face a heavy week in Turin with three games in their Allianz Stadium in the space of seven days.

After Wednesday's game against 18thplaced Bologna, who shocked Roma 2-0 at the weekend, Juventus play Carlo Ancelotti's Napoli in a top-of-the table clash

on Saturday.

"If we don't win the midweek game with Parma, then the result with Juve is irrelevant, so we have to take it one at a time." Under-pressure Roma host promoted

Frosinone looking for a boost after slipping to 14th with their weekend defeat in Bologna. Coach Eusebio Di Francesco has reportedly been given a week to save his job, starting against the newcomers from outside Rome, before the city derby against Lazio at

place on the podium for his incredible 44-Modric scored twice and also netted in penalty shootout wins over Denmark and goal debut season with Liverpool that car-Russia, but it was his playmaking ability that ried the Reds to the Champions League

> however, as he picked up the Puskas award for best goal for his strike against Everton in the Merseyside derby last December. Modric was joined by Real team-mates Sergio Ramos, Raphael Varane and Marcelo in

> the FIFPro team of the year, also featuring

David De Gea, Dani Alves, N'Golo Kante, Eden

Salah did not go away empty-handed,

Hazard, Kylian Mbappe, Messi and Ronaldo. "I am as happy as if I had won it," said Ramos of Modric's success. "He deserves it, he is an excellent player and has marked an important era in the history of Real

Madrid." France's World Cup-winning coach Didier Deschamps won the best coach of the year prize in recognition for his work in leading Les Bleus to success in Russia.

"It was an unbelievable season, the best season in my life. I'm still not realising how good a year I had collectively, individually, and I'm very proud for everything I achieved this year and it will be remembered forever."

LUKA MODRIC

End of Ronaldo-Messi reign Salah, Neymar miss out GOAL.COM Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel

RONALDO

MESSI

DE GEA

Deschamps, who became just the third

man to win the World Cup as a player and

coach, beat off competition from Dalic and

his former France teammate Zinedine

Zidane, who won a third consecutive

Champions League title with Real Madrid

Thibaut Courtois won the best goal-

keeper award for helping Belgium reach the

World Cup semifinals as well as the FA Cup

with Chelsea before a summer move to

player for a record sixth time for her role in

winning the Copa America to beat out Lyon

duo Ada Hegerberg and Dzsenifer Marozsan.

award for best women's coach, though, after

Lyon boss Reynald Pedros did win the

Brazil's Marta was crowned best women's

KANTE

HAZARD

Messi have both been named in the FIFPro World XI, but Mohamed Salah and Neymar did not make the cut.

World Cup winners Kylian Mbappe, Raphael Varane and N'Golo Kante were included with Manchester United star Paul Pogba missing out.

Kante's Chelsea team-mate Eden Hazard features in a four-man forward line, with David de Gea the only other Premier League star included.

The Manchester United man was curiously included in goal ahead of Thibaut Courtois, despite the Real Madrid and Belgium shotstopper winning the Best Goalkeeper gong earlier in the ceremony.

Salah was another to miss out, having made the threeman shortlist for Best Player which was eventually won by Luka Modric.

Modric, who won the Golden Ball at the World Cup for his performances in Croatia's run to the final, is named in midfield with Real Madrid team-mates Sergio Ramos, Raphael Varane and

Marcelo also in the side. Messi and Ronaldo were not in attendance to be recognised as they opted to skip Monday's ceremony.

winning the Champions League with the French giants. Women's hockey

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Madrid.

MARCELO

before resigning in June.

underway SPORTS REPORTER

Khulna thrashed Mymensingh 4-0 in one of the two matches on the opening day of the Walton 4th Women's Hockey Competition at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday. Sadia Begum and Kimi scored two goals apiece for Khulna, who will take on Barisal in their second match today.

In the other match of the day, Barisal played out a goalless draw against Rajshahi. Rajshahi will take on Mymensingh in their second match today.

Seven teams, split into two groups, are taking part in the competition which is making a comeback after three years.

School kabaddi starts today

Vasavi Dhaka Metropolis School Kabaddi competition starts today with 63 school teams in the boys' section and 52 school teams in the girls' section taking part. A total of 1725 school kabaddi players will be participating in the five-day competition.

Headquarters, Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation's general secretary Habibur Rahman said, "Kabaddi is not only a physical game. There are a lot of techniques involved with it. That is why a lot of boys and girls are getting interested in the game."

It may be mentioned here that Bangladesh failed to win any medal in kabaddi events of the Asian games -- both in men's and women's competitions -- recently, ending a 24year streak of medals in the discipline. The results came as a major blow and a whole restructuring of the game was suggested in its aftermath. This school competition is expected to be the first step in that direction.

43RD CHESS OLYMPIAD Good start for Bangladesh

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh chess teams made a good start in the 43rd World Chess Olympiad, which got underway in Georgia on Monday. Bangladesh men's team beat Palau by 4-0 points while the women's team beat Kosovo by the same margin.

In men's section, GM Ziaur Rahman, FM Fahad Rahman, GM Enamul Hossain and FM Khandaker Aminul Islam won their respective games against Tan Santiago Jr, Salvadora Angelo, Cabuso Rustum and Toribiong Leif of Palau. In women's section, WIM Shamima Akter Liza, WFM Tanima Parveen, WFM Sharmin Sultana Shirin and WIM Rani Hamid won their respective games against Kollari Hafife, Saraci Ndrigona, Saraci Rinesa and Vitia Elfete of Kosovo.

A total 185 of teams from 180 countries are participating in the men's section while 151 teams from 146 countries are participating in women's section. Bangladesh men's team, under the guidance of GM Igor Rausis, are hoping to finish within the top 50.

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:

'Messi has no life, he lives in a golden prison' retired from football at an early age to pursue a career in rock

music has said that while he would like to have played like Lionel Messi, but he certainly would not like to have the same life as the Barcelona superstar. Law leaving West Indies to coach Middlesex

Stuart Law is leaving his role as
West Indies head
coach to take over coach to take over will begin duties in January

at Middlesex from next season, the English county announced. The former Australia batsman has signed a four-year deal and following West Indies' tours of India and Bangladesh. "It is a great privilege to be asked to coach Middlesex and to accept one of the plum jobs in world cricket," Law said.

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During a press conference arranged yesterday at the Police