

What to WATCH

SONY SIX
Sri Lanka v England
Fourth ODI
Live from 10:30am
STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
English Premier League

Chelsea v Man United
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Man City v Burnley
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Huddersfield v Liverpool
Live from 10:30pm

STAR SPORTS SELECT 2
Bundesliga
Wolfsburg v Bayern Munich
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TEN 1
La Liga

Villarreal v Atletico Madrid
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Serie A
Udinese v Napoli
Live from 12:30am (Sunday)

TEN 2
Serie A
Roma v SPAL
Live from 7:00pm
Juventus v Genoa
Live from 10:00pm

La Liga
Barcelona v Sevilla
Live from 12:45am (Sunday)



Pakistan pacer Mohammad Abbas (L) whipped up a desert storm against Australia by taking five wickets on the fourth day of the second and final Test at Abu Dhabi. He finished with a 10-for that delivered the hosts' biggest ever win.

PHOTO: AFP

ASTOUNDING ABBAS

Mohammad Abbas became the first fast bowler to take a 10-wicket haul in a UAE Test.

44 of Abbas' 59 Test wickets have either been bowled, lbw or caught behind.

Abbas' average of 10.58 was the best by any fast bowler in a series versus Australia in the last 100 years.

Abbas' career average of 15.64 was the best for any bowler with 50-plus wickets in the last 100 years and fourth-best overall.

Abbas delivers biggest win

AFP, Abu Dhabi



Medium pacer Mohammad Abbas took his maiden ten-wicket haul in a match to fire Pakistan to a 373-run win over Australia in the second

Test in Abu Dhabi on Friday.

Abbas followed his 5-33 in the first innings with figures of 5 for 62 to wreck Australia for 164.

The victory, after Australia were set a 538-run target, allowed Pakistan to wrap up the two-match series 1-0 after Australia fought back to draw the first Test in Dubai last week.

It was Australia's heaviest defeat against Pakistan, beating the 356-run hammering at this same venue four years ago.

It was Abbas, 28, who destroyed Australia with a haul of 17 wickets in the series -- becoming the first Pakistani fast bowler to take ten wickets in a Test since Mohammad Asif did so against Sri Lanka at Kandy in 2006.

Abbas had jolted Australia with four wickets off just 23 balls while Yasir Shah finished with 3-45 to give Pakistan their tenth series win on the neutral venues of United Arab Emirates.

They have only lost one series -- 2-0 to Sri Lanka last year -- since being forced to play their

home matches in UAE since 2009.

Australia's batsmen had no answers to his accurate seam bowling under cloudy conditions at Sheikh Zayed Stadium as only Marnus Labuschagne (43), Travis Head (36) and Aaron Finch (31) offered some resistance.

Yasir dismissed number ten Jon Holland soon after lunch to hand Pakistan victory.

The first Test ended in a draw in Dubai last week. Australian opener Usman Khawaja could not bat after suffering a recurrence of a knee injury during practice on Thursday.

Abbas jolted the Australians in the seventh over of the day when he removed a solid-looking Head, getting an edge to substitute wicketkeeper Mohammad Rizwan, deputising for Sarfraz Ahmed.

Sarfraz, who was hit on the helmet by a rising Mitchell Starc delivery on Thursday, had gone for a precautionary scan which came back clear.

Sarfraz was full of praise for Abbas, the man of the match.

"The way Abbas has bowled all series is one of the biggest positives for us," said Sarfraz. "All the youngsters who have come through in recent times have done well. We have to groom them all to become a good Test team."

Australian skipper Tim Paine said his side had thrown away a chance to win the match.

"Obviously really disappointing to have them five for 57 on day one and we let that opportunity slip," said Paine. "Abbas challenged our defence time and time again. There's certainly no sugar coating that we've got some real issues with our batting."

Head and Finch put on 61 runs for the second wicket while Starc and Labuschagne added 67 for the sixth wicket, but it only delayed the inevitable.

Abbas had Mitchell Marsh (five) and Finch (31) leg-before wicket and dismissed Tim Paine for nought -- before Yasir Shah removed Starc and Peter Siddle for three.

Australia had reached 155-7 at lunch with the writing very much on the wall.

Pakistan made 282 in their first innings and then bowled out Australia for a paltry 145, gaining a match winning 137-run lead.

SCORES IN BRIEF

PAKISTAN: First innings 282

AUSTRALIA: First innings 145

PAKISTAN: Second innings 400 for 9 decl

AUSTRALIA: Second innings 164 (Finch 31, Head 36, Labuschagne 43, Starc 28; Abbas 5-62, Yasir 3-45)

Result: Pakistan won by 373 runs and clinched two-match series 1-0.

Player-of-the-match: Mohammad Abbas.

WHAT THEY SAID

I see a new number 1 Test bowler coming...
Mohammad Abbas

- Dale Steyn

Having watched Mohammad Abbas now for over a year... I have decided he would get me out every time within about 6 balls... The type of bowler I would poop my pants about... Thought I would let you all know

- Michael Vaughan

Faced him last month with storm Ali up his backside...lasted 1 ball first innings and somehow survived the huge LBW shout 1st ball in the 2nd innings!! Had me on toast #unplayable

- Paul Collingwood

Pakistan have as always unearthed a special fast bowler. Mohammad Abbas looks an unbelievably talented bowler.

- Mohammad Kaif

Jose promises best behaviour

Man Utd face Chelsea today

AFP, Manchester



Jose Mourinho insists he will be on his best behaviour on his return to Stamford Bridge, but hopes his Manchester United side inflict Chelsea's first defeat of the season on Saturday.

The Portuguese won three Premier League titles in two successful spells in charge of Chelsea, but has lost all three of his previous visits to Stamford Bridge as United manager without even scoring a goal.

"For me, it is another game," said Mourinho. "Would I celebrate like crazy my team's goal at Stamford Bridge or my team's victory at Stamford Bridge? I don't think so."

"I think I would try to control myself and to respect the stadium and the supporters that were my supporters and stadium for many years."

The visitors are desperately in need of a win this weekend as they already trail Premier League leaders Manchester City, Chelsea and Liverpool by seven points after just eight games.

"I want to do well for my team, players, support. I am 100 percent Manchester United tomorrow -- no more space for anything other than respect for the stadium and the fans," added Mourinho.

Mourinho's promise to control his emotions comes at the end of a week in which he has been charged by the FA following comments he made towards a TV camera after his team's dramatic 3-2 win over Newcastle before the international break.

Mourinho also paid tribute to defender Luke Shaw, who this week signed a contract extension that will keep him at the club until 2023, with an option for an additional year, on a reported £160,000 a week.

"Players are different and they react in different ways to the development process and Luke reacted in the best possible way," said Mourinho.



Jose Mourinho will oversee a pivotal 21 days starting against Chelsea today. His Manchester United will also face off against Manchester City in the Premier League and take on Juventus twice, games that could make or break the season.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

SHORT CORNER

Barca won't re-sign Neymar

Barcelona have no plans to re-sign Neymar from Paris St. Germain, the club's vice-president Jordi Cardoner said on Friday, knocking down media reports the La Liga champions were ready to tempt the Brazilian forward back to the Nou Camp.

Neymar won two La Liga titles and the 2015 Champions League in four years with Barca and formed a lethal partnership with Luis Suarez and Lionel Messi, departing in July 2017 after the Paris giants exercised his release clause.

"No-one on the Barca board has talked about the possibility of bringing back Neymar, right now we can't give an answer because no-one has even mentioned it," Cardoner told radio station SER Catalunya on Friday.

Benzema hits out at attempted kidnapping claims

Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema has brushed off reports he was involved in the attempted kidnapping of an acquaintance who owes him 50,000 euros.

"This must stop," Benzema said on his Twitter page Friday following a report by the Mediapart website implicating the exiled France international in the attempted kidnapping.

Mediapart's report, published late on Thursday, claimed Benzema was personally involved in the alleged attempt because he was owed the money by a supposed victim identified only as Leo D.

The report cites the testimony of Leo D., a

former acquaintance of Benzema's who filed a complaint with police on October 8 following the alleged kidnap. The 33-year-old said close acquaintances of Benzema, including the player's driver, attempted to load him into a van in Paris on October 7 following the PSG v Lyon league clash.

Hazard 'happy' to finish career at Chelsea

Eden Hazard insists he will be happy to end his career at Chelsea should his dream move to Real Madrid not materialise.

Hazard has been instrumental in Chelsea's unbeaten start under Maurizio Sarri, scoring eight goals in all competitions, as the Blues sit joint top of the Premier League alongside Manchester City and Liverpool.

"When I was in Lille I always said I want to go one day in England because it is my dream league, because the English league is very hard, and then one day try to move (to) Spain," Hazard told Sky on Saturday.

"Now I'm almost 28, seven years with Chelsea, we won almost everything."

"So I can finish (my career) with Chelsea. No problem at all. I am very happy with this club, with the team, my family is happy here."

Daffodil Golf Tournament underway

The Daffodil Captain Cup Golf Tournament 2018 teed-off at the Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka yesterday morning. A total of 150 golfers, both male and female, are participating in different categories of the three-day tournament.

Chief Guest Lieutenant General Md. Shafiqur Rahman inaugurated the event on the first day.

Sarfraz taken to hospital

Pakistan captain Sarfraz Ahmed has been taken to hospital and did not take the field on day four of the second Test against Australia after taking a blow to the helmet.

Sarfraz was on 33 in Pakistan's second innings when a Peter Siddle bouncer struck his helmet. He brushed off the knock as he went on to make 81, helping the hosts set a mammoth target of 538.

Asad Shafiq will lead Pakistan in his absence, while Mohammad Rizwan took the gloves.

Australia were also dealt a blow when it was confirmed that opener Usman Khawaja suffered a meniscal tear to his left knee that is likely to require surgery.



A collection of caps and ties on display at the Shyam Bhatia Cricket Museum in Jumeirah.

PHOTO: BCSA

UAE tycoon vows kit bags for BD schools

ZUNAID PAIKER

Cricket fan body Bangladesh Cricket Supporters Association (BCSA) travelled to the UAE for last month's Asia Cup and has come away with a promise from the Shyam Bhatia Cricket for Care Foundation to donate 50 cricket kit bags to Bangladeshi schools.

Bhatia, a Dubai-based Indian industrialist, has accumulated one of the finest collections of cricketer memorabilia in the world and built the Shyam Bhatia Cricket Museum in Jumeirah.

The mandate of the foundation is to provide cricket equipment, facilities and coaching to underprivileged children all over the world. The foundation has made donations in over 20 countries around the world including non-cricket playing countries like Thailand, Indonesia and Japan.

Bhatia expressed his eagerness to support school cricket in Bangladesh and requested the BCSA to facilitate an initiative through which he will donate 50 bags of cricket equipment from the Shyam Bhatia Cricket for Care Foundation to some schools. Each bag contains three arm guards, six cricket balls, three cricket bats, two helmets, a pair of wicket-keeping gloves, three pairs of batting pads, three pairs of batting gloves, three thigh pads, and abdominal guards.

The museum has on display one of the largest collections of memorabilia -- like autographed bats, balls, rare books, photos, ties, caps, jackets and other equipment -- from some of the biggest names in cricket such as Sir Donald Bradman, Sir Vivian Richards and Sachin Tendulkar.

The writer is the president of the BCSA.

The slasher who made Warne a Blue

STAR SPORT DESK

Most fans pick their club team owing either to family loyalties or, in the case of foreigners, based on which team's style of play they prefer.

However, cricket legend Shane Warne had a much stronger reason than either of those when he made a spur-of-the-moment decision to align with Chelsea.

The Australian recalled the incident on the London metro that led to his decision, which was made much simpler by a knife-wielding Chelsea fan.

Speaking about the incident, he told the BBC: "I had caught the train from Bristol to London and was on the tube when some guy with a Chelsea scarf and

Chelsea stuff all over him came up to me and said 'who do you support?'.

"I looked at him and in his hand he had a big knife -- a bit like the one Paul Hogan had in Crocodile Dundee when he says 'that's a knife'."

"So I said I'll support Chelsea. And ever since then, I have been too scared to support anyone else."

The 49-year-old has also revealed that his favourite Blues player used to be close friend Andriy Shevchenko but now the Ukrainian star has

hung up his boots, he has a new favourite.

He said: "Like most Chelsea fans now, I would say Hazard is my favourite. He is an absolute gun and he is the star."



Organisers and sponsors pose for a photograph during the official opening of the Priyo Prangon Golf Tournament at the Army Golf Club in Dhaka yesterday. Although the four-day event got underway on Wednesday, the official inauguration was held yesterday where Hamid Group's managing director Entekhabul Hamid was present as the chief guest. Close to 600 golfers are taking part in the event.

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Karim Benzema and Marcelo engaged in some shenanigans in practice yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP