

**CHANNEL 9 & STAR SPORTS SELECT 1**  
New Zealand v Bangladesh  
First Test, Day Five  
Live from 4:00am (Monday)  
**SONY SIX**  
South Africa v Sri Lanka  
First ODI  
Live from 2:00pm

**STAR SPORTS SELECT 1**  
English Premier League  
Watford v Leicester  
Live from 6:00pm  
Fulham v Chelsea  
Live from 8:05pm  
Everton v Liverpool  
Live from 10:15pm

**STAR SPORTS SELECT 2**  
Bundesliga  
Stuttgart v Hannover  
Live from 8:30pm  
Wolfsburg v Werder Bremen  
Live from 11:00pm

**TEN 1**  
Serie A  
Atalanta v Fiorentina  
Live from 11:00pm  
**TEN 2**  
Serie A  
Torino v Chievo Verona  
Live from 5:30pm

**SPAL v Sampdoria**  
Live from 8:00pm  
**La Liga**  
Real Sociedad v Atletico Madrid  
Live from 11:30pm  
**Serie A**  
Napoli v Juventus  
Live from 1:30pm

**DAY'S EVENT**

**Women's National Cricket League**  
Time: 9:00am  
Mymensingh v Chattogram  
Venue: SKICS-2  
Barishal v Rangpur  
Venue: SKICS-1

## Charged up girls take on China

SPORTS REPORTER



Having clinched a spot in the final round of the AFC U-16 Women's Championship following their 1-0 win against Myanmar on Friday, Bangladesh's players were in a relaxed mood ahead of today's last Group B match of the second round of qualifiers against China.

The match will kick off at 2:30pm in Mandalay Stadium, with hosts Myanmar and Philippines squaring off in a dead rubber three hours later.

Both Bangladesh and China have confirmed their final round berth, thanks to consecutive victories and today's match will be all about who goes through as champions and who finishes second.

A win for either side will see them emerge group champions while a draw will mean China will finish ahead of Bangladesh, courtesy of a better goal difference. The Chinese have scored 12 goals to Bangladesh's 11; neither team have conceded a goal thus far.

The Bangladesh players, who spent the

day doing their usual drills including swimming and gym session before a light practice session, were looking at the game against China as a great opportunity to rub shoulders against one of the strongest sides in women's football.

Captain Maria Manda said in a video message, "China are one of the strongest teams in women's football. We will try to fight against them according to our ability. Playing against this kind of quality opposition allows us to learn and improve."

The team's coach, Golam Rabbani Choton, spoke in a similar vein: "The reality is that they [China] are a quality team, and they are far superior to us in every regard. So our target would be to judge how much improvement the players have really made through training and match experience over the last couple of years."

No matter what the result is tomorrow, the qualification for the final round is certain to give Bangladesh women's team a boost ahead of this month's SAFF Women's Championship, where a number of these players will feature alongside senior players.



Having already sealed a spot in the final round of the AFC U-16 Championship, Bangladesh players were in a joyous mood yesterday ahead of today's group match against China in Mandalay, Myanmar.

PHOTO: BFF



MOHAMMAD MOHSIN (1948 - 2019)

## Hockey icon Mohsin passes away

SPORTS REPORTER

Former national hockey players and national sports awardee Mohammad Mohsin passed away at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University in the early hours of Saturday. He was 71.

Born in Mahut Tuli in Old Dhaka, Mohammad Mohsin played for the East Pakistan hockey team in 1967-68. A Blue of the University of Dhaka, Mohammad Mohsin later represented the Bangladesh national hockey team during the '70s before coaching the side in the '80s. A multitasking sportsman, he played both hockey and football for top clubs like Abahani.

He was also a personal security officer of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, according to a press release from Abahani.

He was bestowed with the national sports award in 2009 for his contribution to sports.

The late hockey icon left behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of well-wishers.

## City back to top spot

Lloris saves Spurs in derby draw

AFP, London



Riyad Mahrez fired Manchester City back to the top of the Premier League as the champions won 1-0 against Bournemouth, while Hugo Lloris saved Tottenham in their draw with north London rivals Arsenal on Saturday.

Pep Guardiola's side sit two points above Liverpool thanks to Mahrez's second-half winner at Dean Court.

Liverpool can regain pole position if they win the Merseyside derby at Everton on Sunday.

At Wembley, Lloris saved a 90th-minute penalty as Tottenham salvaged a 1-1 draw in a pulsating derby.

Mauricio Pochettino's side fell behind in the 16th minute when Aaron Ramsey slotted home from Alexandre Lacazette's pass.

But Harry Kane won a controversial 74th-minute penalty to equalise for Tottenham. Kane was offside when Christian Eriksen sent over a free-kick, but the flag stayed down and the England striker was bundled over by Shkodran Mustafi.

Arsenal had a golden opportunity to

take the points when Davinson Sanchez was penalised for a soft challenge on Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

Referee Anthony Taylor felt the minimal contact was enough to justify a penalty, but Lloris came to Tottenham's rescue as the France star dived to his right to keep out Aubameyang's low penalty.

Arsenal dropped to fifth place after Manchester United moved one point above them into fourth with a dramatic 3-2 win against struggling Southampton at Old Trafford.

Yan Valery smashed a fierce drive past United goalkeeper David De Gea for a memorable first goal of the young Southampton defender's career in the 26th minute.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's team equalised in the 53rd minute as Brazilian midfielder Andreas Pereira bagged his first Premier League goal with a long-range curler.

Romelu Lukaku put United in front six minutes later with a composed finish.

James Ward-Prowse drew fourth-bottom Southampton level with a superb 75th-minute free-kick.

However, in the 89th minute, Belgian forward Lukaku made it four goals in two games with the last-gasp winner.



Tottenham Hotspur striker Harry Kane scores the equalising goal from a penalty during their Premier League encounter against Arsenal at the Wembley Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

### SHORT CORNER

#### Neymar reveals double injury derailed World Cup hopes

Brazilian superstar Neymar revealed Friday that he suffered major two injuries last season with a previously undisclosed ankle ligament strain accompanying the broken foot which badly affected his role at the World Cup.

The fragile Paris Saint German star picked up another foot injury in January this year which will sideline him until April.

Last year, the first injury kept him out of action

for three months and he returned just in time for the World Cup in Russia, where Brazil was eliminated in the quarterfinals by Belgium.

"My injury before the World Cup was different, I also broke an ankle ligament and had a hard time getting better because of it," Neymar told TV Globo in an excerpt from an interview to be broadcast in full on Sunday.

#### Inter get Champions League jitters with Cagliari loss

Inter Milan's hopes of enjoying an untroubled run

into the Champions League next season suffered a setback with a shock 2-1 defeat at Cagliari on Friday.

Inter remain in third place but can slip to fourth if city rivals AC Milan see off Sassuolo at the San Siro on Saturday.

Inter, still without unsettled striker and skipper Mauro Icardi, slipped a goal down in Sardinia on Friday after 31 minutes when Luca Cappelletti headed home.

Lautaro Martinez levelled with another header seven minutes later from a cross by former Cagliari player Radja Nainggolan.

But with half-time approaching, Leonardo Pavoletti restored his team's lead with a smart volley.

#### Mane happy to stay central in derby

Liverpool forward Sadio Mane is happy to continue in his central role if the team need him to after scoring twice in Wednesday's 5-0 Premier League victory over Watford.

Filling in for injured striker Roberto Firmino, Senegalese Mane headed in from close range in the first half before adding to his tally with a cheeky back-heel effort.

Firmino has shaken off an ankle injury and could return for the Merseyside derby at Everton on Sunday.

"I was lucky to score two but honestly I don't mind," Mane told Sky Sports. "I'm happy to play left or right side but if the team or the coach needs me as a striker, I'll try again."

--Reuters



Yasin Haque Risa of BKSP performs on the balance beam on her way to winning a gold medal in the girls' category on the third day of the National Gymnastics Championship at the National Sports Council Gymnasium yesterday.

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## Jadhav, Dhoni make it 1-0

AFP, Hyderabad



Kedar Jadhav Saturday said battling with Mahendra Singh Dhoni is a learning experience after the duo led India to a six-wicket win over Australia in the first one-day international.

Jadhav, top-scoring with 81, and Dhoni, batting on 59, put on an unbeaten 141-run stand as the hosts achieved their target of 237 with 10 balls to spare in Hyderabad and take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

The pair registered their second successive century stand against Australia in ODIs after India were in trouble at 99 for four with paceman Nathan Coulter Nile and leg-spinner Adam Zampa taking two wickets each.

"Recently in Australia, we put up a similar kind of chase. When you have Mahibhai (Dhoni) at the other end, you don't have to worry about a lot," Jadhav, who also took a wicket with his spin bowling, said after receiving the man of the match award.

"Nobody better than him in the middle to learn the game from. We are

looking forward to every game, and we learn from our captain (Virat Kohli) that we need to keep our intensity up."

India's pace spearhead Mohammed Shami also made it count with figures of 2-44 to restrict Australia to 236 for seven after they elected to bat first.

#### SCORES IN BRIEF

AUSTRALIA: 236 for 7 in 50 overs

(Khawaja 50, Stoinis 37, Maxwell 40, Carey 36 not out, Coulter-Nile 28; Shami 2-44, Bumrah 2-60, Yadav 2-46)

INDIA: 240 for 4 in 48.2 overs (Rohit 37, Kohli 44, Dhoni 59 not out, Kedar 81 not out; Coulter-Nile 2-46, Zampa 2-49)

Result: India won by 6 wickets.

Player of the match: Kedar Jadhav.



Kedar Jadhav top-scored with an unbeaten 81 as India beat Australia by six wickets in the first ODI at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Windies thrash Eng

REUTERS, Gros Islet



England's batting line-up imploded in familiar fashion before Chris Gayle inspired the West Indies to a seven-wicket triumph in the fifth and final ODI international in St Lucia on Saturday to ensure the series ended drawn at 2-2.

The 39-year-old Gayle, playing in what may be his final home ODI, smashed 77 off just 27 balls after England had been skittled out for 113 in 28.1 overs, with Oshane Thomas doing most damage with five wickets.

Just three days after the visitors had posted 418 against the same attack, the West Indies, who won the Test series between the two sides 2-1, this time needed just 12.1 overs to race to their target at 115-3.

"I thought about it walking round after the game, 'will this be my last innings in the Caribbean?' We'll have to wait and see for now," Gayle told Sky Sports after being named player of the series for his 424-run haul from the four completed matches.

"This will give us a big boost. It's been a great series and I'm happy we tied the series. Being in such terrific form is fantastic for me; I think it's my best ODI

series stats-wise."

Joe Root's side had started favourites to equal Australia's record of winning a 10th successive ODI series but subsided limply amid a series of ill-judged shots on a pitch that offered help to the pacemen.

Eight of England's batsmen fell to short-pitched deliveries, with Thomas cashing in to take 5-21 from 5.1 overs.

When West Indies batted it looked a completely different game, with Gayle giving another explosive display of hitting to add to his 162 from the previous game and his 135 from the opening match.

His nine sixes took his total to 39 across the four games, a record in a bilateral series.

Root had been keen to secure the win ahead of this summer's World Cup and will be particularly disappointed in his batsmen, who never came to terms with conditions which were radically different from Grenada.

#### SCORES IN BRIEF

ENGLAND: 113 all out in 28.1 overs (Hales 23, Buttler 23; Thomas 5-21, Brathwaite 2-17, Holder 2-28)

WEST INDIES: 115 for 3 in 12.1 overs (Gayle 77, Hetmyer 11 not out; Wood 2-55)

Result: West Indies won by 7 wickets.

Player of the match: Oshane Thomas

## Federer wins 'special' 100th title

AFP, Dubai

Roger Federer won another "special" page of history as he defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 6-4 on Saturday at the Dubai Championships to win the 100th title of his career.

The 20-time Grand Slam winner claimed a record eighth trophy at the Aviation Club.

"I'm so happy I'm still playing. It's been a long wonderful journey," Federer said. "I've loved every minute. Winning 100 is an absolute dream come true."

The Swiss second seed was untouchable throughout much of the 69-minute final as he gained revenge for his fourth-round Australian Open defeat by the 11th-ranked Greek youngster.

"It's so special to win my eighth here combined with 100," Federer said. "I had tough opponents all the way through - right up to Stefanos today."

"He's already having a great career, the game is in good hands."

Federer joins Jimmy Connors (109) as the only other man to have won 100 titles. His 99th trophy came last October at his home event in Basel.

He missed out on his century at the Paris Masters, the ATP Finals and the Australian Open.



Lieutenant General Md Shamsul Haque, Quartermaster General, Bangladesh Army and Azam J Chowdhury, Chairman of Prime Bank, inaugurated the Prime Bank Challenge Cup Golf Tournament 2019 at the Kurmitola Golf Club on Friday.

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