

What to WATCH

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T20I Tri-series
 Bangladesh v Afghanistan
 Live from 6:30pm
SONY SIX
The Ashes
 England v Australia
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 Genoa v Atalanta
 Live from 4:30pm
 SPAL v Lazio

Live from 7:00pm
 Roma v Sassuolo
 Live from 10:00pm
 Verona v AC Milan
 Live from 12:45am (Monday)

DAY'S EVENT

T20I Tri-series
 Bangladesh v Afghanistan
 Time: 6:30pm

Venue: SBNS, Dhaka
Walton U-18 Football Tournament
 Nofel SC v Sheikh Russel

Time: 4:00pm
 Bangladesh Muktiyoddha v Brothers Union

Time: 6:30pm
 Venue: BNS, Dhaka



DOUBLE REWARDS

200 BONUS POINTS
 FOR NEW REGISTRATION
2X LOYALTY POINTS



Neymar scores on PSG return

AFP, Paris
 Neymar shrugged off a hostile reception from unhappy fans as he marked his return to action with Paris Saint-Germain for the first time in four months with a stunning injury-time winner from an overhead kick to hand his side a 1-0 victory against Strasbourg on Saturday.
 The Brazilian's first appearance since the transfer window closed without him getting his desired move back to Barcelona looked set to be best remembered for the hostile reception handed to him by PSG supporters.
 But with the game in the second minute of added time and the French champions unable to break the deadlock, Abdou Diallo crossed from the left and Neymar, with his back to goal, sent the ball arcing over his own head and into the net off the post.
 It was a remarkable goal and a reminder of why PSG paid a world record 222 million euros (\$264 million at the time) to sign Neymar two years ago. It also moved them three points clear at the top of the Ligue 1 table.
 He had not played for his club since May and had been left on the sidelines in their first four league games of the campaign because of the uncertainty surrounding his future.
 However, having been resigned to a third season in the French capital, he was

handed a start by coach Thomas Tuchel here, and loud jeers greeted his name as the teams were read out before kick-off.
 He was regularly whistled by fans when he touched the ball, while a banner briefly unfurled at one end of the ground in Portuguese, aimed at Neymar's father who is also his agent, read: "Neymar Senior, sell your son in the Vila Mimosa".
 Vila Mimosa is a district of Rio de Janeiro known for prostitution.
 Another banner mockingly called Neymar "Calimero", a reference to the always unlucky Italian cartoon character.
 Certainly not much was going right on the field for the 27-year-old or for his team, who had been held by Strasbourg twice in the league last season.
 Neymar hit the post direct from a corner late on but ended up getting his revenge -- it was against Strasbourg that he suffered a broken foot in a French Cup tie back in January. As brilliant as the goal was, it was not met with unanimous approval from the supporters, but Neymar will clearly be missed when he sits out Wednesday's Champions League opener against Real Madrid due to suspension.
 PSG were still without the injured Kylian Mbappe and Edinson Cavani here, but Mauro Icardi appeared as a second-half substitute after arriving on loan from Inter Milan just before the transfer deadline.



Paris Saint-Germain superstar Neymar (L), who played for the first time this season, celebrates his injury time winning goal against Strasbourg in their Ligue 1 match at the Parc des Princes Stadium yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

Norwich stun Man City

Liverpool stretch lead; MU, Chelsea, Spurs win

AFP, London
 Manchester City succumbed to a first Premier League defeat since January in stunning fashion to newly-promoted Norwich 3-2 on Saturday, as Liverpool opened up a five-point lead at the top of the table by beating Newcastle 3-1.
 Tottenham and Chelsea bounced back to form with comprehensive wins over Crystal Palace and Wolves respectively, while Manchester United held out for a much-needed three points with a 1-0 victory over Leicester.
 However, Liverpool were the big winners as the gaps left in City's defence by the injured Aymeric Laporte were exposed at Carrow Road.
 Kenny McLean showed up the champions problems with defending set-pieces with a towering header to open the scoring and Teemu Pukki then squared for Todd Cantwell to make it 2-0 inside 28 minutes.

City regained their composure and got a foothold in the game before half-time when Sergio Aguero headed home Bernardo Silva's cross.
 However, with Laporte out till January at least with a serious knee injury, Pep Guardiola has problems to solve at the heart of his defence as John Stones and Nicolas Otamendi gifted Norwich a third at the start of the second-half.
 Emiliano Buendia robbed Otamendi and set up Pukki to prod home.
 City rallied late on, but Rodri's first goal for the club two minutes from time was too little, too late.
 Liverpool also fell behind early on to Newcastle as Jetro Willems brilliant finish saw the Reds trailing at Anfield for the first time since March.
 Sadio Mane fired into the top corner to start the revival, but it was the introduction of Roberto Firmino off the bench for the injured Divock Origi that truly turned the tide in Liverpool's favour.
 The Brazilian's through ball was

spilled by Martin Dubravka to allow Mane a simple task for his second just before half-time, and another brilliant Firmino flick teed up Salah to seal the points 18 minutes from time.
 Frank Lampard has endured a difficult start on his return to Stamford Bridge as manager, but he enjoyed his finest day so far in charge Chelsea with his faith in youth again fully vindicated in a 5-2 win at Wolves.
 Fikayo Tomori, 21, fired the visitors in front at Molineux with his first goal for the club before Tammy Abraham took over to take his tally to seven in his last three games with a hat-trick.
 Abraham's busy afternoon was not over as he then turned into his own net and Patrick Cutrone cut Wolves' deficit to two before Mason Mount rounded off the scoring for Chelsea late on.
 Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino said David Beckham asked to play for his side so impressed was the former England captain with Spurs first-half demolition of Palace in a 4-0 win.



Liverpool striker Sadio Mane (C) scores the opening goal from a curler against Newcastle during their Premier League encounter at Anfield yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

Eng build big lead

REUTERS, London
 Joe Denly's fluent 94 put England in control of the final Ashes test and the hosts moved on to 313 for eight to lead Australia by 382 runs at the close on the third day on Saturday.
 Denly fell six runs short of his maiden test century and Ben Stokes made a sparkling 67 in bright sunshine at The Oval to put England in a strong position to level the series at 2-2.
 Australia ensured they will retain the Ashes by winning the fourth test in Manchester and are bidding to secure their first test series victory in England since 2001.
 Denly and Stokes came together after England lost Rory Burns for 20 and Joe Root (21) in the morning.
 Burns had driven Peter Siddle through mid-off to bring up the first half-century opening stand of the series but he departed after a wild slash at a wide ball from spinner Nathan Lyon which he edged to wicketkeeper Tim Paine.
 Captain Root, bidding to register his first test century in the series, pushed forward tentatively at Lyon and nicked a simple

catch to Steve Smith at slip and the home side took lunch on 88 for two.
 Denly clipped Josh Hazlewood through mid-wicket for his seventh four to reach fifty for the third time in the series and the 33-year-old right-hander struck a few sweetly-timed strokes in his highest test score.
 Stokes, who made a brilliant century to lead England to a dramatic victory in the third test at Headingley, moved past fifty with a six off Marnus Labuschagne before he was bowled by Lyon to end a fine third-wicket partnership of 127.
 Denly's five-hour vigil was halted when he edged Siddle to Smith at slip and Jonny Bairstow fell for 14, nicking another catch to Smith off the bowling of Mitchell Marsh.
 Sam Curran was caught down the leg side by Paine off Pat Cummins for a breezy 17, Chris Woakes was brilliantly caught one-handed by Smith off Marsh and Jos Buttler plundered 47 before skying Siddle to a diving Labuschagne at square leg.
SCORES IN BRIEF
 ENGLAND: First innings 294
 AUSTRALIA: First innings 225
 ENGLAND: Second innings 313 for 8 (Denly 94, Stokes 67, Buttler 47; Lyon 3-65, Marsh 2-40)

U-18 FOOTBALL

Abahani, Kings play out goalless draw

SPORTS REPORTER
 Title contenders Abahani and Bashundhara Kings played out a goalless draw in their first match of the Walton Under-18 Football Tournament at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.
 The result leaves defending champions Abahani and new powerhouse Bashundhara Kings in a precarious position in Group C with both teams having a game against former champions Mohammedan SC remaining.
 Meanwhile, Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club made a flying start, thrashing Rahmatganj MFS 5-0 in their opening Group B fixture.
 Bashoni scored twice while Rabbi, Milon and Jahan scored one piece for Sheikh Jamal.

Juve escape with a point

REUTERS, Florence
 Fiorentina were left to rue missed chances after holding Juventus to a 0-0 Serie A draw in Florence on Saturday to end the champions' perfect start to the season.
 Juve arrived at the Stadio Artemio Franchi having won their opening two games and were heavy favourites against a Fiorentina side on zero points and a 16-match winless league run.
 Franck Ribery impressed on his first start for the hosts as they created the better chances, but a lack of clinical finishing from Vincenzo Montella's men helped Juve escape with a point.

WOMEN'S JUNIOR HOCKEY

Bangladesh suffer heavy defeat

SPORTS REPORTER
 Bangladesh suffered their biggest defeat in women's hockey when they were handed a 6-0 thrashing by Uzbekistan in their fourth match of the AirAsia Women's Junior AHF Cup in Singapore yesterday.
 The women in red and green, who had earlier lost two matches while having bagged their maiden victory against Sri Lanka, were under the cosh right from the word go against Uzbekistan.
 Bangladesh conceded two goals in the first quarter, two in the second quarter and one each in the last two quarters against the Central Asian nation, who just moved up to second position on the six-team table.
 Bangladesh, who are fifth on the table, will wrap up their maiden international assignment with a game against Chinese Taipei today.

Benzema fires Real

AFP, Madrid
 Karim Benzema scored twice on Saturday in an outstanding performance for Real Madrid against Levante, although his side were left hanging on for a 3-2 win on the day Eden Hazard made his La Liga debut.
 The French striker's goals came just six minutes apart in the first half on a wet afternoon at the Santiago Bernabeu, before Casemiro put Real 3-0 up.
 However Levante, who had won their previous two outings, made a fight of it in the second half as they pulled goals back through Borja Mayoral and Gonzalo Melero.

'Sterling not on Messi, CR7 level'

AFP, Manchester
 Pep Guardiola would love Raheem Sterling to reach the same level as Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, but the Manchester City manager is not sure if any player will be able to equal the feats of that legendary pair.
 Others have recently been comparing Sterling to the two dominant players of the last decade.
 England manager Gareth Southgate suggested Sterling could eventually be mentioned in the same breath as Messi and Ronaldo when asked how far the City winger could go if he maintains his superb form.
 Former Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher has also said that he sees

Sterling as a potential future winner of the Ballon d'Or -- an award Barcelona star Messi and Juventus forward Ronaldo have each won five times.
 City manager Guardiola is thrilled at Sterling's progress during their three years working together, but he knows also coached Messi at Barca, he knows the exceptional standards required at that exalted level.
 "Right now, Raheem is not in that level, but maybe in the future I wish. It would be a dream for him and for all of us," Guardiola told reporters.
 "The consistency of these two guys, they are legends, something unique in world football.
 "If Raheem can target that level -- wow. We will be there to help him and of course he can do it.

"But right now, nobody, not in the club, or in all the clubs in the world can compare with these two guys and what they have done every single week for ten years. Nobody."
 Sterling enjoyed his best goal-scoring season last year as he netted 25 times to help City win the domestic treble of Premier League, FA Cup and League Cup.
 He has started the new season in electric form with eight goals in seven games for club and country. He scored in both Euro 2020 qualifiers for England during the international break.
 To understand what Sterling is up against, Ronaldo's mark of 29 club goals last season for Juventus is the lowest figure either he or Messi have recorded in the last decade.



The draw for the third edition of the Faraz Inter-University Gold Cup was held yesterday. The tournament will feature 22 teams this time around. It is being held in order to encourage youngsters to make selfless and courageous acts, following the footsteps of Faraz, who gave away his life trying to save others in the Holy Artisan Bakery attack in 2016. PHOTO: COLLECTIVE