

What to WATCH

STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
English Premier League
Bournemouth v Man United
Live from 6:30pm
Aston Villa v Liverpool
Live from 9:00pm

Watford v Chelsea
Live from 11:30pm
STAR SPORTS SELECT 2
English Premier League
Arsenal v Wolves
Live from 9:00pm

TEN 2
Serie A
Roma v Napoli
Live from 8:00pm
Bologna v Inter Milan
Live from 11:00pm

Torino v Juventus
Live from 1:45am (Sunday)

DAY'S EVENT

National Cricket League
Four-day-match, Day One
Time: 9:00am

Rajshahi v Dhaka Division
Venue: SKICS-2, Cox's Bazar
Rangpur v Khulna

Venue: SBNS, Dhaka
Barishal v Sylhet
Venue: SKICS-1, Cox's Bazar

Messi returns for Argentina after ban

AFP, Buenos Aires

 Lionel Messi was called up by Argentina on Thursday for friendly games against Brazil and Uruguay next month, the country's football association announced on Twitter.

Messi has not played for Argentina since he was sent off against Chile in their previous third-place play-off match in the Copa America on July 7.

The striker was then handed a three-month suspension for comments he made after the game, in which he accused CONMEBOL, the governing body of South American football, of corruption.

In-form Manchester City forward Sergio Aguero has been recalled after missing out on the last four friendlies, while Manchester United defender Marcos Rojo remains in the squad following his surprise recall after the Copa America.

In Messi's absence, Argentina have played four friendlies, drawing against Chile (0-0) and Germany (2-2) while thrashing Mexico 4-0 and Ecuador 6-1.

They face Brazil in Saudi Arabia on November 15 and then Uruguay in Israel on November 18. Messi's ban ends on November 3.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner has endured an injury-hit start to the season after hurting his foot in August and then

his thigh in September.

But his recovery has coincided with a return to form for Barcelona, who have won their last seven consecutive games in all competitions. Messi scored twice in a 5-1 win over Real Valladolid on Tuesday.

SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS
Agustin Marchesin (Porto/POR), Juan Musso (Udinese/ITA), Emiliano Martinez (Arsenal/ENG), Esteban Andrade (Boca Juniors)

DEFENDERS
Juan Foyth (Tottenham/ENG), Renzo Saravia (Porto/POR), Nicolas Otamendi (Man City/ENG), German Pezzella (Fiorentina/ITA), Marcos Rojo (Man Utd/ENG), Walter Kannemann (Gremio/BRA), Nicolas Tagliafico (Ajax/NED), Nehuen Perez (Famalicao/POR), Guido Rodriguez (America/MEX)

MIDFIELDERS
Giovanni Lo Celso (Tottenham/ENG), Leandro Paredes (PSG/FRA), Nicolas Dominguez (Velez), Rodrigo de Paul (Udinese/ITA), Marcos Acuna (Sporting Lisbon/POR), Roberto Pereyra (Watford/ENG), Lucas Ocampos (Sevilla/ESP)

FORWARDS
Lionel Messi (Barcelona/ESP), Sergio Aguero (Man City/ENG), Nicolas Gonzalez (Stuttgart/GER), Lucas Alario (Bayer Leverkusen/GER), Lautaro Martinez (Inter Milan/ITA), Paulo Dybala (Juventus/ITA)



Paraguayan referee Mario Diaz de Vivar shows the red card to Argentina superstar Lionel Messi and Chile's Gary Medel during the Copa America third-place decider at the Corinthians Arena in Sao Paulo on July 6.

PHOTO: AFP FILE

Murshed denies anomalies

SPORTS REPORTER

 Although the Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) can barely even hold domestic tournaments on a regular basis, the game's local governing body manages to stage International Tennis Federation (ITF) and Asian Tennis Federation (ATF) sanctioned tournaments routinely with the Bangladesh ITF Junior (U-18) Tennis Championships' play-off phase set to get underway at the National Tennis Complex in Ramma today.

However, the alleged financial anomalies found on BHF general secretary Golam Murshed are being discussed more than the tournament itself, where more than 100 tennis players are set to participate.

The treasurer of the BHF ad-hoc committee, Sheikh Mohammad Aslam, brought up the financial irregularities he found against Murshed, who allegedly pocketed Tk 72,000 from the federation's rooms' and rent budget and also tried to withdraw more money to pay unauthorized employees.

"The federation has a monthly expenditure of Tk 1.52 lakh for its employees but Mr Murshed suddenly asked me to sign a check of Tk 1.97 but I opposed it because he did not take any approval from the executive committee to appoint anyone," alleged Aslam.

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