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CHANNEL 9 & GTV
India v Bangladesh
Second Test, Day Two
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Crystal Palace v Liverpool
Live from 9:00pm
Man City v Chelsea
Live from 11:30pm

STAR SPORTS SELECT 2
English Premier League
Arsenal v Southampton
Live from 9:00pm
Bundesliga
Leipzig v Koln
Live from 11:30pm

SONY SIX
Australia v Pakistan
First Test, Day Three
Live from 6:00am
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Serie A
Atalanta v Juventus
Live from 8:00pm

AC Milan v Napoli
Live from 11:00pm
Torino v Inter Milan
Live from 1:45am (Sunday)

The Daily Star won the Pran-DRU Media Cricket Tournament, defeating RTV by seven runs in the final at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

TDS reign supreme again

SPORTS REPORTER

Sporting giants The Daily Star came out of their deep slumber to reclaim supremacy over the cricketing plain with a seven-run win over RTV in a pulsating Pran-DRU Media Cricket Tournament final yesterday.

The match, played on artificial turf at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium, had everything to offer as far as entertainment value was concerned. Batsmanship like professionals and inelegant bowling marked the see-saw battle, which also saw an overflow of emotion over an umpiring decision until a magnificent catch stole the show.

In chase of The Daily Star's impressive 104 in six overs, RTV's prolific opener Shariat threatened to take the game away with a blistering 63. With Shariat in a marauding mood, the equation came down to 34 runs from the final 12 deliveries.

Needing the wicket, The Daily Star brought on fiery pace bowler Wasim Bin Habib. Wasim delivered a short of a length ball which Shariat drove high at mid-on. The ever-energetic Rafiul Islam, stationed at long-on boundary, then made a perfect run before lunging full length in the air to complete a poem of a catch.

It was divine justice perhaps as Shariat, regarded as the one-man army of RTV, won a massive reprieve when he was in the 20s. Shariat had lobbed the ball into the air, leaving Fazlur Rahman to complete a simple catch at mid-pitch when the batsman apparently ran to shove the bowler with his elbow. This lead to massive protests from The Daily Star team and the match was halted for a while until the umpires decided to deduct five runs from the RTV total as a penalty.

Earlier, The Daily Star skipper Fazlur provided the platform for the impressive total with a sumptuous 63, which also won him the player-of-the-match award.

Fazlur and Rafi were consistent throughout the tournament, which was a six-as-side competition featuring 48 media houses in the capital.

Mohiuddin Alamgir Jewel scored three while another business reporter, Muhammad Zahidul Islam Sajal, scored a vital unbeaten 17. Sajal provided the perfect finish, hitting the last ball of the innings for a six over the bowler's head.

Despite an injury, Tuhin Shubhra Adhikary had displayed outstanding fielding in the match.

Earlier in the day, The Daily Star stormed into the final by defeating Channel I by five wickets in a semifinal encounter.

Railway Minister Nurul Islam Sujan attended the final and distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest. Eleash Mridha, managing director of PRAN Group, attended as special guest.

Kane dismissal gives England edge

AFP, *Mount Maunganui*

The manner of Kane Williamson's dismissal and a blow to the head of Henry Nicholls put the maiden Test wicket at Mount Maunganui under scrutiny with three days to play in the first Test between New Zealand and England on Friday.

In the first Test at the ground, the Bay Oval wicket showed signs of becoming unpredictable late on day two.

Although honours appeared even after the first two days, England believe if the wicket continues to deteriorate then they are in the box seat.

New Zealand go into day three on Saturday at 144 for four in reply to England's first innings 353, but with senior batsmen Williamson and Ross Taylor already dismissed.

Williamson had cruised to 51, reaching his half-century with a boundary off Sam Curran, but fell on the next delivery which unexpectedly reared sharply, forcing the New Zealand skipper to take evasive action and the ball was gloved to second slip.

The dismissal even took Curran by surprise, but he saw it as a good omen.

SCORES IN BRIEF
ENGLAND: First innings 353 all out (Burns 52, Denly 74, Stokes 91, Pope 29, Buttler 43; Southee 4-88, De Grandhomme 2-41, Wagner 3-90)
NEW ZEALAND: First innings 144 for 4 (Williamson 51, Taylor 25, Nicholls 26 not out; Curran 2-28)

Booters grouped with Nepal, Bhutan

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Bangladesh have been pitted in Group A alongside hosts and defending champions Nepal as well as Bhutan in men's football event of the upcoming 13th South Asian Games, which will be held in Kathmandu and Pokhara from December 1 to 10.

Group A features regional powerhouse India along with Maldives and Sri Lanka. Pakistan are not participating in football discipline of the seven-nation multi-sport meet.

Bangladesh, who have announced a 20-member team featuring 16 players from the current national squad, will face Nepal in their opening match on December 1 before facing Bhutan two days later.

The semifinals will be played on December 8 while the final will be played on December 10, the concluding day of the games, at the main venue – the Dasarath Rangasala Stadium in Kathmandu.

Bangladesh team could be in Nepal without even a day's practice and may have to take on the hosts right after landing in the country the previous day as Bashundhara Kings management have decided not to release its seven players for the national team duty before November 29.

The scheduled training camp was suspended yesterday after the game's local governing body failed to convince Bashundhara Kings to change their stance. However, Bangladesh Football Federation's general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag believes the Bangladesh Premier League champions will give some leeway and allow the team to reach Nepal at least three days before their opening match.

"We have learned about the fixtures today. We will talk with Bashundhara Kings officials tomorrow [Saturday] and we are hopeful that they would cooperate and leave the players with three days' time before their first game," Shohag told The Daily Star yesterday.

Warner punishes Pakistan

AFP, *Brisbane*

Pakistan were left to rue a basic error from 16-year-old debutant Naseem Shah as Australia opener David Warner plundered the visitors' attack with a brilliant 151 not out on the second day of the first Test at the Gabba on Friday.

Australia finished the day on 312 for the loss of just one wicket, 72 runs ahead of Pakistan's first innings total of 240 and already in the driving seat.

Marnus Labuschagne was alongside Warner on 55, with the only wicket to fall that of Joe Burns, who made 97 before sweeping a Yasir Shah (1-101) delivery onto his stumps.

Warner scored his first Test century since a year-long ban for ball-tampering, but only after a huge let-off when he was caught behind off a Naseem no-ball.

The mercurial opener was on 56 at the time, and he then survived a near run-out on 93 before ending a century drought stretching back nearly two years.

The 33-year-old, who managed just 95 runs in 10 innings during this year's Ashes series against England, reached his 22nd Test ton when he turned Yasir around the corner for a single in the second over after tea.

Before the Ashes, he spent a year in the wilderness over the ball-tampering scandal and there were questions as to whether his days as an automatic choice at the top of the order were over.

However, in home conditions and against an attack that struggled for sideways movement, Warner was in imperious form as he brought up his fourth Test century at the Gabba.

SCORES IN BRIEF
PAKISTAN: First innings 240
AUSTRALIA: First innings 312 for 1 (Warner 151 not out, Burns 97, Labuschagne 55 not out; Yasir 1-101)

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