

# What to WATCH

**CHANNEL 9 & GTV**  
India v Bangladesh  
Second Test, Day Two  
Live from 1:30pm  
**STAR SPORTS SELECT 1**  
New Zealand v England  
First Test, Day Three  
Live from 4:00am

**English Premier League**  
West Ham v Tottenham  
Live from 6:30pm  
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  
**TEN 2**  
**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

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

It was their second win of the day as they had outclassed Channel i by five wickets in the semifinal of the six-a-side, six-overs-per side tournament on the artificial turf at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium.

The see-saw final featured professional batsmanship and inelegant bowling, and also saw an overflow of emotion over an umpiring decision until a magnificent catch stole the show. The catch, which was made by an ever-energetic Rafiul Islam and would be the envy of even a professional cricketer, irrevocably sealed The Daily Star's triumphant

return to the fore after a decade.

In chase of Star's impressive 104 in six overs, RTV's prolific opener Shariat threatened to take the game away with a blistering 63, reducing the equation to 34 runs from 12 deliveries.

The Daily Star brought on fiery pacer Wasim Bin Habib, who was in premature retirement before being coaxed back by persevering manager Helemul Alam Biplob. Shariat drove Wasim high towards mid-on. Rafi, stationed at the long-on boundary, made a perfect run before lunging full length to complete a poem of a catch.

It was divine justice perhaps as Shariat, regarded as RTV's one-man army, won a massive reprieve when, in his 20s, he lobbed the ball into the air, leaving Fazlur Rahman to complete a simple catch mid-pitch when the batsman apparently shoved the bowler with his elbow. This led to massive protests from The Daily Star and the match was

momentarily halted before umpires decided to deduct five runs from RTV as penalty. The batsman should however have been ruled out because of obstruction.

While the protest may have cost Star the fair-play trophy, they had done enough to regroup and regain composure.

Earlier, The Daily Star batting meant business, which was fitting as skipper Fazlur is a key member of the business reporting team. Fazlur provided the platform with a sumptuous 63, which also won him the player-of-the-match award ahead of what could have been the people's choice, Rafi, for his magnificent catch.

Mohiuddin Alamgir Jewel, who defied the pain of a twisted ankle, scored three and accompanied another business reporter, Muhammad Zahidul Islam Sajal, who scored a vital 17 and hit the last ball of the innings for six. Despite an injury, Tuhin Shubhra Adhikary fielded outstandingly.

## 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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