

What to WATCH

SONY SIX

Australia v Pakistan
Second Test, Day Three
Live from 9:30am

STAR SPORTS SELECT 1

New Zealand v England
Second Test, Day Four

Live from 4:00am (Monday)

English Premier League
Norwich v Arsenal
Live from 8:00pm
Man United v Aston Villa
Live from 10:30pm

STAR SPORTS SELECT 2

English Premier League
Leicester v Everton
Live from 10:30pm

TEN 1

Serie A
Parma v AC Milan

Live from 8:00pm

Hellas Verona v Roma
Live from 1:45am (Monday)

TEN 2

Serie A
Juventus v Sassuolo
Live from 5:30pm

Inter Milan v SPAL

Live from 8:00pm

Napoli v Bologna

Live from 11:00pm



Australia opener David Warner scored an irresistible 335 not out on the second day of the second Test against Pakistan, surpassing the highest score at the venue -- an unbeaten 299 set by Sir Donald Bradman in 1932. He also made the most in a single innings in day-night Tests, beating Azhar Ali's 302.

PHOTO: AFP

Warner outdoes the Don

Smith becomes fastest to 7,000 Test runs

AFP, Adelaide

An irrepressible David Warner smashed an unbeaten 335 on Saturday while Steve Smith became the fastest man to 7,000 Test runs as Australia took control of the day-night second Test against Pakistan.

Skipper Tim Paine waved his players back into the pavilion at 589 for three ahead of the second day's dinner break with Warner on the 10th highest Test score ever, also a personal best.

The decision to declare deprived him of a crack at Brian Lara's all-time high 400 not out, but it proved to be the right one with the Australian bowlers quickly tearing through Pakistan's hapless top order under the Adelaide Oval lights.

They finished in deep trouble at 96 for six with Mitchell Starc grabbing four of them. Babar Azam was not out 43 and Yasir Shah was on four.

"It's just sunk in to me that it is very rare that you get these opportunities... I'll cherish this moment for the rest of my life, definitely," said Warner on making such a big score.

"More importantly, the partnerships we put on. It just showed how much pride we have as a batting unit running between the wickets. If I'm doing my job well and putting the team in the best position, we're going to win a lot of games," he added.

The visitors, who have lost 13 consecutive Tests in Australia, enjoyed little success in a long day in the field as they look to avoid a 2-0 series defeat.

But they did remove Marnus Labuschagne for 162 in the opening session and also bagged Smith, caught behind by Mohammad Rizwan off

Shaheen Afridi for 36.

In making his runs, Smith shattered a record that had stood since 1946.

He took a single off Muhammad Musa to reach 7,000 runs in his 126th innings, taking possession of a mark held for 73 years by English great Wally Hammond who reached the milestone in his 131st innings.

Smith also moved past legendary countryman Donald Bradman's 6,996 Test runs to become Australia's 11th highest scorer.- Standing ovation -

The home team resumed the day

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AUSTRALIA BATSMAN

HIGHEST SCORES				
Player	Score	Opposition	Year	Venue
Brian Lara (WI)	400*	England	2004	St John's
Matthew Hayden (AUS)	380	Zimbabwe	2003	Perth
Brian Lara (WI)	375	England	1994	St John's
Mahela Jayawardene (SRI)	374	South Africa	2006	Colombo
Gary Sobers (WI)	365*	Pakistan	1958	Kingston
Len Hutton (ENG)	364	Australia	1938	The Oval
Sanath Jayasuriya (SRI)	340	India	1997	Colombo
Hanif Mohammad (PAK)	337	West Indies	1958	Bridgetown
Wally Hammond (ENG)	336	New Zealand	1933	Auckland
David Warner (AUS)	335*	Pakistan	2019	Adelaide

at 302 for one with Warner on 166 and Labuschagne 126, with the pair putting on another 67 runs before Pakistan finally got a breakthrough.

Skipper Azhar Ali took the new ball and Afridi clean-bowled Labuschagne for 162 as he attempted a drive.

Their marathon 361-run partnership was a record second-wicket stand for Australia against Pakistan and the highest ever in a pink-ball Test.

Minutes later, Warner completed only the second Test double century of his career. Playing in his 81st Test, he reached 200 with a single from Afridi,

having clattered 23 fours along the way.

Pakistan thought they finally had him out on 226 when he was caught in the gully off debutant Musa, only for their heads to drop when it was called a no-ball.

Warner made them pay, reaching a triple century off 389 balls to join an elite club. He raced to 335, one more than former captain Mark Taylor's epic 334 against Pakistan in 1998 and Donald Bradman's 334 against England in 1930, before Paine decided to unleash his bowlers, conscious that rain is forecast for the next two days.

Reds' lead grows to 11

AFP, Liverpool

Liverpool extended their lead at the top of the Premier League to 11 points with a nervy 2-1 win over Brighton as Manchester City slipped up once more in a draw at Newcastle on Saturday.

Chelsea missed the chance to go level on points with second-placed City as Frank Lampard's men suffered a shock 1-0 home defeat by West Ham, while Tottenham's winning run under Jose Mourinho continued as Dele Alli scored twice in a 3-2 win over Bournemouth.

Virgil van Dijk is hoping to beat Lionel Messi to the Ballon d'Or on Monday and showed he can score goals as well as stop them with two towering headers from Trent Alexander-Arnold set-piece deliveries to put Liverpool 2-0 up inside 25 minutes.

However, goalkeeper Alisson Becker was sent off 14 minutes from time for handling outside his area and Brighton reduced the deficit from the resulting free-kick through captain Lewis Dunk.

But the 10 men held out for another vital three points to edge closer to a first league title in 30 years.

While Liverpool have made a habit of winning games when not at their best, not for the first time this season, City let points slip away to further dent their title chances after a 2-2 draw.

Twice Pep Guardiola's men led at St James' Park through Raheem Sterling and a brilliant Kevin De Bruyne strike eight minutes from time.

But Newcastle responded quickly on both occasions as Jetro Willems cancelled

out Sterling's strike before Jonjo Shelvey swept home a well-worked free-kick two minutes from time.

"We do the same work we have done over the last few seasons. We tried to score more goals but it did not happen," said Guardiola, whose side failed to capitalise on nearly 80 percent of possession.

City's slip-up gave Chelsea the chance to go level on points with the champions and Leicester, who host Everton on Sunday.

However, the Blues failed to replicate their fine form over the past two months as West Ham won for the first time in nine games to ease the pressure on Manuel Pellegrini.

Aaron Cresswell scored the only goal three minutes into the second half with a tidy finish as he cut inside onto his weaker right foot.

But it was the Hammers who were the more likely to add to the scoring as the second period wore on with Kepa Arrizabalaga keeping them at bay with a string of saves, while Michail Antonio had a goal ruled out after a VAR review for handball.

Tottenham are up to fifth and within six points of Chelsea in the battle for a top-four finish as the in-form Alli preserved Jose Mourinho's perfect start.

The scoreline should have been far more convincing for Mourinho's men, who led 3-0 with 17 minutes left as Alli's fine form continued with a goal either side of half-time before Moussa Sissoko scored for the first time in over two years.

But Tottenham have conceded twice in all three of Mourinho's matches in charge and were left hanging on as Harry Wilson scored a double for the visitors.

Helmot, BCB to part ways after 3 years

SPORTS REPORTER



The Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB) three-year contract with High Performance (HP) team coach Simon Helmot came to an end and while the board were pondering whether to renew the contract, it was learnt the Australian had resigned from his post.

However, BCB CEO Nizamuddin Chowdhury insisted that Helmot did not resign.

"Actually, he did not resign. We had a three-year contract with him which came to an end this year. We [the board] will have a meeting and decide whether to extend his contract or look for someone new," Nizamuddin told The Daily Star yesterday.

Helmot said he had to tend to his family needs for now but was positive about working with the BCB in the future.

"I would have loved to have stayed but time and family commitments made it difficult. I would welcome the opportunity to reconnect with Bangladesh cricket in the future as there is lots of work to be done, especially at the HP and A level. I enjoyed working with all the players and coaches. We developed many players to the national level," Helmot said yesterday.

Helmot had been appointed as head coach of the HP team in June 2016.

Nizamuddin also informed that the Bangladesh Under-23 team -- which is scheduled to leave for the T20 cricket event of the 13th South Asian Games starting from today in Nepal -- would be accompanied by local coaching staff under the guidance of Champaka Ramanayake, who has been working as the fast bowling coach for the HP team.



Real Madrid defender Sergio Ramos celebrates his opening goal against Alaves during their La Liga clash at the Mendizorroza Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Madrid go top with gutsy win

AFP, Madrid

Sergio Ramos scored a goal and conceded a penalty as Real Madrid battled past Alaves on Saturday to go top of La Liga before Sunday's game between Barcelona and Atletico Madrid.

Barca and Atletico face off at the Wanda Metropolitano and Madrid did all they could to take advantage, with Dani Carvajal the unlikely matchwinner in a gritty 2-1 victory over Alaves.

Ramos had headed Madrid in front shortly after half-time only to concede a needless penalty for throwing his arm across Joselu, which Lucas Perez converted before Carvajal poked in.

Madrid pull three points clear of Barcelona and six ahead of Atletico, who have played a game more than the top two. Sevilla, in third, host Leganes on Sunday. Alaves stay 13th.

A 1-0 defeat at Mendizorroza 13 months ago came three weeks before Julen Lopetegui was sacked as coach but this time Madrid showed the kind of steel that was so painfully lacking last season.

On a wet and windy afternoon in the Basque country, Zinedine Zidane's side never showed the verve and creativity that was so impressive in the draw against Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday.

But this was a gutsy performance that means they have now won six and drawn two of their last eight matches in all competitions, with the Clasico against Barcelona next month fast approaching.

Gareth Bale made his first Madrid start since October 5 after recovering from a calf injury and his first too since his controversial celebration with Wales earlier this month, which sparked anger among his club's supporters.

Bale hit the post in the first half but faded and was replaced by Rodrigo after Alaves' equaliser.

Madrid were lucky not to concede another penalty early on as Aleix Vidal slalomed inside Ramos and then Eder Militao, whose dangling leg caught Vidal's foot. Referee Guillermo Cuadra felt the fall was exaggerated.

At the other end, Bale hit the post with a header and Karim Benzema latched onto a quick throw but instead of shooting, hooked the ball back for Isco whose effort was saved.

Ljungberg coy about managing full-time

AFP, London

Freddie Ljungberg will take charge of Arsenal for the first time as interim manager on Sunday against Norwich but said on Saturday he is unsure whether full-time management appeals to him.

The 42-year-old Swede -- who was a member of the Arsenal 'Invincibles' side under Arsene Wenger in the 2003/04 season -- has been put in charge after Unai Emery's undistinguished 18 month reign came to an end on Friday.

However, Ljungberg -- who was an assistant to Emery -- told Sky Sports it was too early to say whether being a manager on a permanent basis would be to his liking.

"We'll see in the future," said Ljungberg.

"At the moment I'm learning the trade.

"This is a big responsibility and the moment I'm just taking it game by game."

Ljungberg's first task will be to arrest the slump that has seen the Gunners fail to win in seven matches -- their worst run since 1992 when George Graham's side failed to win in eight.



Liverpool captain Virgil van Dijk (L) bailed the league leaders out of trouble with a first-half brace that secured all three points in a 2-1 Premier League win against Brighton at Anfield yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP