

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 batsman David Warner is ecstatic after reaching his triple century against Pakistan during the second day of the second Test in Adelaide yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Warner hits triple ton

REUTERS, Melbourne



David Warner etched his name into cricket folklore with a majestic triple-century before Australian pace blasted through Pakistan's batsmen to put the hosts in complete control of the second test at the end of day two on Saturday.

Seamer Mitchell Starc grabbed four wickets as Pakistan staggered to 96 for six at stumps in reply to Australia's 589 for three declared in the day-night test at Adelaide Oval.

Having lost the opener in Brisbane by an innings and five runs, Pakistan will hope rain forecast in coming days might help stave off an ignominious series whitewash.

Babar Azam was on 43, with tailender Yasir Shah on four, the pair facing an improbable rescue mission.

Tim Paine's declaration robbed Warner of the chance to push for Brian Lara's world record of 400 but the left-handed opener joined exalted company after striding off unbeaten on 335, the 10th highest score in tests.

"At the moment I'm getting a little bit of luck, which is good," said Warner.

"But it's just being disciplined. As I said yesterday, the last two weeks that I've played I've been very disciplined and I'm very happy with that."

Among Australians, only opener Matthew Hayden's 380 against Zimbabwe in Perth in 2003 sits higher in the records.

Facing 418 balls in more than nine hours at the crease, Warner became the seventh Australian to reach triple figures and only the third to score more than 250 twice, joining former captains Don Bradman and Michael Clarke.

The stocky 33-year-old pulled seamer Mohammad Abbas for four

to reach the milestone, eclipsing Don Bradman's unbeaten 299 against South Africa in 1932, the previous highest score at the ground.

All this, eight months after completing a year-long suspension for ball-tampering that scandalised a nation and saw the former vice captain banned from leadership roles for life.

Having brought the crowd to their feet with his 200th run earlier in the day, Warner bowed before another standing ovation, after bounding

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.

DAVID WARNER
AUSTRALIA BATSMAN

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

down the pitch roaring and leaping twice in the air.

Warner hammered 154 in the innings and five run win in Brisbane and now has 489 runs for the series.

Playing leg spinner Yasir Shah for a run-a-ball, the man nicknamed "Bull" plundered 39 fours and a six from a dispirited Pakistan attack.

City stumble again

AFP, Newcastle



Manchester City's Premier League title hopes faltered once more as the champions twice blew a lead to draw 2-2 at Newcastle on Saturday.

Pep Guardiola's men were frustrated for long spells after Jetro Willems quickly cancelled out Raheem Sterling's first half opener, but seemed to have found the moment of magic they needed thanks to Kevin De Bruyne's sensational strike eight minutes from time.

However, City's defensive flaws were soon exposed once more as Jonjo Shelvey swept home a well-worked free-kick six minutes later.

City have now dropped points in five of their 14 league games this season and could end the day 11 points behind leaders Liverpool.

Guardiola was without Sergio Aguero who has been ruled out for a couple of weeks by a thigh muscle injury and City missed his predatory instincts as they failed to make nearly 80 percent possession count.

Sterling has usurped Aguero so far this season as City's major source of goals and was clinical 22 minutes in after a lovely backheel from David Silva set the England international up for his 15th goal of the season.

However, the lead lasted just three minutes as the normally goal-shy Magpies produced their own moment of quality when Miguel Almiron teed up Willems to slot past Ederson into the far corner.

When City lost on their last visit to St James' Park back in January the title seemed

lost, only for a 14-game winning streak to end the campaign to pip Liverpool to the post.

The Reds' relentless form at the top of the table meant City started the day nine points behind and with precious little margin for error even before November is out.

But the sharpness and accuracy of passing that has characterised City's two title triumphs under Guardiola was lacking as the visitors' struggled to unlock the mass ranks of the Newcastle defence.

City finally began to work Martin Dubravka in the Newcastle goal in the final quarter as De Bruyne's shot from a narrow angle was turned away before Gabriel Jesus had a huge chance to make his mark in Aguerro's absence.

The Brazilian was played clean through on goal by Silva but shot straight at Dubravka before De Bruyne's follow-up effort was blocked.

Bernardo Silva and Phil Foden were called upon from the bench to make and impact in the final 20 minutes and with his first touch Bernardo dragged wide another glorious chance on his normally trusty left foot.

De Bruyne was the one constant threat for City and looked to have won the game when he chested down a looping clearance before smashing the ball in off the underside of the bar.

Newcastle had barely mustered a single attack in the second half, but after Ferdinandinho conceded a needless foul and was lucky to avoid seeing a second yellow card, Christian Atsu picked out Shelvey unmarked on the edge of the box to find the bottom corner.

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 Rodrygo 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.



Newcastle United midfielder Jonjo Shelvey jumps for joy after scoring the second goal against Manchester City during their Premier League encounter at St James' Park yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP