

Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka

SAFF-19 Women's Championship Nepal vs India, Kamalapur Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka, Kamalapur

SAFF-19 Women's

Live from 3:00 pm

Championship

Nepal vs India

Live from 7:00 pm La Liga: Real Madrid vs Cadiz Live from 2:00 am (Monday) Australia vs England Second Test (Day 4)

North Zone vs South Zone, Chattogram

Central Zone vs East Zone, Dhaka

Live from 10:00 am STAR SPORTS SELECT HD1 **Newcastle vs Manchester City** Live from 8:00 pm Tottenham vs Liverpool

**Asian Champions Trophy** 

Bangladesh vs Pakistan, Dhaka

India vs Japan, Dhaka

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Live from 6:00 pm Wolves vs Chelsea Live from 8:00 pm

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Bayern Munich's Thomas Mueller celebrated his 400th Bundesliga appearance with a goal and an assist as the champions crushed VfL Wolfsburg 4-0 on Friday to go into the

winter break with a nine-point lead at the top of the standings. Goal-scorers Robert Lewandowski,

Thomas Mueller and Dayot Upamecano all celebrated milestones.

Mueller marked Bundesliga 400th appearance by opening the scoring with his 222nd league goal before defender Upamecano, signed from Leipzig for this season, headed in his first goal in the famous red Bayern shirt.

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Lewandowski was desperate to end the year on a high after missing out on the world player of the year award to Lionel Messi but first fired over the bar in the 66th and was then denied at point-blank range by Casteels with a superb piece of

But he did not miss from close range in the 87th minute to hand toothless Wolfsburg their fourth consecutive league loss and their seventh straight defeat in all

Lewandowski has now scored 19 league goals, two more than the entire Wolfsburg team this season.

Bayern, chasing a record-extending 10th straight league crown, are on 43

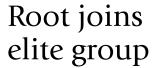
points, with Borussia Dortmund, in second place on 34, travelling to Hertha Berlin on Saturday.

With 56 league goals at the halfway mark Bayern are also on track to break the record for most league goals in a Bundesliga season (101) set by Bayern in the 1971-72 campaign.

The Bundesliga will break for three weeks and then resume on January 7.

"I am very satisfied with the way we played," said Bayern coach Julian Nagelsmann. "It was a bit tougher in the first half when Wolfsburg were a bit more disciplined. We started well but then lost some

"But we defended well and our second half was impressive with the way we were pressing extremely high. The result was deserved," he added.



Joe Root became just the fourth player in history to chalk up 1,600 Test runs in a calendar year Saturday

-- and the first since 2008 -- but a maiden century in Australia again eluded him.

The England captain has been in brilliant form in 2021, arriving for the Ashes with 1,455 runs from 12 Tests, including six centuries, at an average of 66.13.

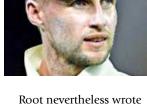
But the 30-year-old has never fared well on Australian soil.

He came close to a maiden century in the country in the first Test at Brisbane, making 89, and looked in good nick

> day-night second Test in Adelaide before he edged Cameron Green to Steve Smith at slip to







another chapter to his incredible season, joining an elite few to make 1,600 Test runs in a calendar year.

Only Pakistan's Mohammad Yousuf (1,788 runs in 2006), West Indian legend Viv Richards (1,710 runs in 1976) and former Graeme Smith (1,656 in 2008) have made more.

Root is currently on 1,606 with a second innings in Adelaide and then the third Test at Melbourne still to come this year.

He admitted before leaving for Australia that he had been "desperate" to succeed in Australia.

## Australia maintain dominance in Adelaide



If England are to avoid slipping to 0-2 in the Ashes Series, they will need to defy more than

a hundred years of history and an even greater weight of expectation such is the frailty of their top-order batting.

Another dominant display by Australia's bowlers during the third day of the second Ashes Test - albeit in the absence of their two bestperformed quicks from the series opener in Brisbane (Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood) - followed by vindication of the decision not to make England follow-on sees them resume today 282 runs ahead with nine wickets in hand.

The highest successful fourth innings run chase in a Test at Adelaide Oval was Australia's 6-315 at the turn of the previous century when matches could stretch over as many days as

were needed to gain a result, but never into the night.

The benchmark for winning totals posted in the fourth innings of day-night Tests at the ground is the 7-187 the home team scrambled to in claiming the format's first fixture

against New Zealand in 2015. Joe Root and Dawid Malan had survived the opening session of day three unscathed, building a 128run stand as they chased Australia's imposing first-innings 473 for nine have gone on and got a big hundred."

But it all came crashing down after through the first session," Starc said, the dinner break with both players removed in quick succession, Root for 62 and Malan for 80, sparking a collapse that saw England slump from

150 for two to 236 all out. Stand-in Australian skipper Steve Smith could have enforced the followon, but chose to rest his bowlers and send in the openers to turn the screw with two days left.

Hostile pace from Mitchell Starc and

Nathan Lyon's dangerous spin did the damage to England, complemented by Cameron Green, who bagged Root for the second consecutive time.

Starc claimed 4-37 and Lyon 3-58. "It's pretty frustrating and disappointing -- to lose two wickets like we did on Friday night, then get ourselves back into a position where

of them," said Malan. "Ultimately Rooty or myself should let it meander

we could get within touching distance

while heaping praise on all-rounder "He's a serious talent for a young kid, he's a great addition to our bowling attack, he was extremely

good in that session after the break. Starc added: "We hold all the cards in terms of when we want to bowl and how big a lead we want to have, we've certainly got a few options on the table."



## Inter tighten grip on Serie A lead

AFP, Rome

Leaders Inter Milan thrashed last-place Salernitana 5-0 on Friday to close in on the honorary title of Serie A 'winter champion'.

Ivan Perisic headed the champions ahead after 11 minutes in Salerno and Denzel Dumfries crashed a powerful shot in off the underside of the bar in the 33rd minute to give them a handy cushion at the break.

In the second half, Alexis Sanchez finished off an impressive Inter move after 52 minutes, Lautaro Martinez scored an opportunist goal in the 77th minute and Roberto Gagliardini rounded out the scoring three minutes from time. It was Inter's sixth straight victory in the league and fifth straight clean sheet.

Inter, who have one match to play before the halfway point of the season, moved four points ahead of second-placed AC Milan, who on Sunday host fourth-place Napoli, and six ahead of third-placed Atalanta, who host Roma.

Salernitana, with Franck Ribery in fine form, had chances. They could have equalised had it not been for a good save from Samir Handanovic from Joel Obi after 30 minutes.

## **MURRAY DOWNS** rusty Nadal

AFP, Abu Dhabi



his unofficial return to competition in Abu Dhabi as a "positive start" after he fell to Andy Murray in a high-quality exhibition

Rafael Nadal deemed

match on Friday. In a battle of two former world number ones, the Scot won 6-3, 7-5 in the semi-final of the Mubadala World Tennis Championship.

Nadal, who had played just two matches in six months after a foot injury that ruled him out of Wimbledon and the US Open, was back in action for the first time since August. "I think I did a lot of things well

and other things, of course after a long period of time, I need to recover again, some things that when you're under competition come automatically," Nadal said after facing Murray for the first time since 2016.

The 20-time Grand Slam champion says he only started playing practice sets two days ago. "In Mallorca for the last five months, I played zero of these matches. I just did exercises and something more under control to try and make the normal evolution for the foot," explained Nadal.

Murray was pleased with his two wins in the Abu Dhabi exhibition so far, having beaten fellow Briton Daniel Evans on Thursday before disposing of



