

Arsene Wenger charged

London

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger was charged with misconduct by England's governing Football Association after an alleged altercation with the fourth official during Sunday's 2-1 Premier League win over Burnley. The veteran French boss was dismissed from his technical area by referee Jon Moss after being angered by the award of a stoppage-time penalty to Burnley.



Deulofeu joins AC Milan

Liverpool

Spanish winger Gerard Deulofeu's on-loan move to Serie A giants AC Milan from Everton finally went through yesterday, the Premier League side announced.

The 22-year-old former Barcelona player -- capped once by Spain -- has played just 13 times for Everton this season. The loan deal is until the end of the present campaign.



Nicola Adams turns pro

London

Britain's double Olympic champion Nicola Adams will make her professional boxing debut on April 8, becoming just the latest high-profile women's fighter to quit the amateur ranks. The 34-year-old was one of the faces of the London 2012 Games, when she made history as the first woman to win Games boxing gold.



Kiwis tame Tigers



New Zealand's Colin De Grandhomme and teammate

Christchurch

Bangladesh captain Tamim Iqbal branded his side "lazy" after a batting implosion saw New Zealand cruise to a nine-wicket win in the second Test at Hagley Oval in Christchurch on Monday.

While Kane Williamson rated it New Zealand's "best day" of the series, Tamim was bitterly disappointed with the way the Test was effectively over in three days after one day was washed out.

"We all took the lazy option," he said, demanding improvement from the top down before they go to India for a one-off Test early next month.

New Zealand were left with a 109-run target which they knocked

off in 18.4 overs after Bangladesh were all out for 173 in their second innings.

Tamim went cheaply for eight in the sixth over and after a brief period of consolidation Bangladesh lost five for 23 in the middle of the innings.

"The way I got out was rubbish," a blunt Tamim said.

"A few of the shots we played could have been much better. I take full responsibility. I take full blame for that because I started it."

The result meant New Zealand swept the Bangladesh tour -- winning the three Twenty20s, three one-day internationals and two Tests -- and moved them ahead of Pakistan to fifth on the world rankings. (AFP)

Result

Bangladesh first innings	289
New Zealand first innings (overnight 260-7)	
Bangladesh second innings (all out, 173)	
New Zealand second innings	
J. Raval b Kamrul Islam	33
T. Latham not out	41
C. de Grandhomme not out	33
Extras (b1, wd1, nb2)	4
Total (one wicket, 18.4 overs)	111
Fall of wicket: 1-56 (Raval)	
New Zealand won by nine wickets	
Series: New Zealand 2-0	

Patriots meet Falcons in Super Bowl LI



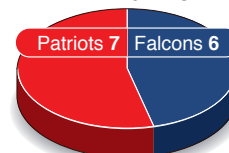
New England Patriots
AFC Champions

Feb 5, NRG Stadium, Houston, TX

Atlanta Falcons
NFC Champions

2016 season
W14-L2-T0
Divisional Championship
v Houston 34-16
Conference Ch'ship
v Pittsburgh 36-17

HEAD-TO-HEAD:
All-time wins



2016 season
W11-L5-T0
Divisional Championship
v Seattle 36-20
Conference Ch'ship
v Green Bay 44-21

Record ninth Super Bowl, aiming to win fifth title since 2001

Patriots have won last four meetings, including 30-23 victory in 2013

Seeking first title after defeat to Denver in 1999

Offence (gained)		GAME AVERAGES (2016)		Defence (conceded)	
Patriots	Falcons	Patriots	Falcons	Patriots	Falcons
27.6	33.8	Points	15.6	25.4	
386.2	415.8	Total yds	326.4	371.2	
117.0	120.5	Rush yds	88.6	104.5	
269.2	295.3	Pass yds	237.9	266.7	

QUARTERBACK PASSING STATS (2016)			
Tom Brady		Matt Ryan	
432	Attempts	534	
291	Completed	373	
67.4	Completion %	69.9	
3,554	Yards	4,944	
28	TD passes	38	
2	Interceptions	7	

Source: NFL

Picture: Getty Images

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Warner wins Border medal

Sydney

Australia's prolific opening batsman David Warner fought off a strong challenge from his captain Steve Smith to become just the fourth player to win back-to-back Allan Border Medals on Monday.

Only Ricky Ponting, Shane Watson and Michael Clarke have previously won consecutive medals in Australian cricket's prestigious annual awards.

Thirty-year-old Warner recorded 269 votes over 248 for Smith and 197 for fast bowler Mitchell Starc.



Next Zlatan' signs for Dortmund

Stockholm

Swedish teenage prodigy Alexander Isak -- dubbed the next Zlatan Ibrahimovic -- signed Monday for Borussia Dortmund for a reported 10 million euros (\$10.7m, £8.6m) after they beat off a host of other top European clubs. Isak, who earlier this month became Sweden's youngest international goalscorer at 17 years and 113 days, had been linked to Real Madrid but joined the Bundesliga club from Sweden's AIK after an apparent change

of heart. The gifted striker scored 10 goals in 24 games in his debut season at AIK in 2016.

"Alexander Isak is a hugely talented striker who many top clubs in Europe wanted to sign," Borussia Dortmund sporting director Michael Zorc said told the club website. Borussia are currently fourth in the Bundesliga.

"We are delighted that he has chosen Borussia Dortmund. Both BVB and the player himself are convinced that this transfer has great potential."

India rest two for England T20s

New Delhi

India's premier spinners Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja have been rested for the three-match Twenty20 series against England starting this week.

India squad: Virat Kohli (capt), Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Lokesh Rahul, Suresh Raina, Rishabh Pant, Manish Pandey, Yuvraj Singh, Hardik Pandya, Amit Mishra, Parvez Rasool, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Ashish Nehra, Yuzvendra Chahal, Mandeep Singh.

