



PHOTO: AFP

Roger Federer of Switzerland reaches for the ball against Frenchman Nicolas Mahut in the Wimbledon Championships in London on Friday.

# Federer 'free' until final

**WIMBLEDON**  
AFP, London

Roger Federer was left with a clear run to a fourth successive Wimbledon final on Friday when dapper David Nalbandian and James Blake both crashed out in the third round.

Both men were in Federer's half of the draw. The triple champion and world number one took full advantage of his rivals' slip-ups by clinching his 45th consecutive grass court win with a 6-3, 7-6 (7/2), 6-4 victory over France's Nicolas Mahut.

Li, the 27th seed, will face either Nicole Pietrangola of the Czech Republic or Croatia's Karolina Sprem for a quarterfinal spot. Leyton Hewitt, the 2002 champion, reached the third round after edging a marathon five-setter against South Korea's Lee Hyung-Taik.

In the women's event, Justine Henin-Hardenne, fresh from her third French Open triumph, moved into the fourth round as she targets winning the only Grand Slam to have eluded her.



## Did U Know?

Ray Wilkins became the first English player sent off in the 1986 World Cup finals, when he threw the ball in the direction of the referee during the 1-1 draw with Morocco.



## TALK TURKEY

At 36, Agassi, will quit after the US Open with 60 career titles to his name including eight Grand Slams.



## Gilberto Silva

(Brazil defender) "I really believe that we are not playing to the best of our ability right now. We can play much, much better than this and we will need to if we want to go to the final."

# A generations game

**WIMBLEDON**  
AFP, London

When Andre Agassi made his Wimbledon debut in 1987, Rafael Nadal had just celebrated his first birthday.

Opens amongst his 17-championship haul. The veteran American knows it won't be easy in Saturday's third round assignment.

Kendrick in the second round when he had to recover from a two-set deficit to stay on track. But Agassi is aware of the danger posed by the muscle-bound Spaniard.

## Lampard, Neville

FROM PAGE 17 Manchester United defender Gary Neville, who has missed the last three games with a calf injury, is also fit and will play, handing the side a massive boost.

# ICC to settle appeal issue

**Cricket**  
REUTERS, London

The International Cricket Council (ICC) will decide whether to allow players to appeal against decisions to the third umpire at a two-day meeting of its chief executives starting at Lord's on Sunday.

approval last month and expressed reservations about the implications such a plan would have on the spirit of the game and the authority of the on-field umpires.

The chief executives will also take up a recommendation to equip umpires with earpieces connected to the stump microphones for international matches, helping them hear edges more clearly.

# What they say at Wimbledon

AFP, London  
Who's saying what at Wimbledon: "Scotland sorry, Oh God, I just shot myself in the foot. It's gonna be everywhere. Excuse me. Scotland, I knew that."

# Ullrich, Basso thrown out

**Cycling**  
BBC ONLINE, undated

anyway. Team manager Olaf Ludwig said: "We talked to the riders several times and even have their declarations of innocence in written form."

# Eng in captaincy crisis

**Cricket**  
AFP, London

England selectors will be considering during the next week that they will choose to replace Michael Vaughan as captain for the rest of the summer.

# 'We've to raise our game'

**FIFA WORLD CUP GERMANY 2006**  
AFP, Frankfurt

France played their best football for some years to beat Spain in the second round, but Lilian Thuram says they'll have to improve further if they are to have any chance of derailing Brazil's title defence on Saturday.

insisted. "We've got a very good squad who have a desire to achieve, that's what's impressed me the most. "We want to be solid together, and each player is linked to the others, the essence of a good team."

"For me there's no striker to touch him." France's presence in the last eight is proving especially enjoyable for Thuram as the veteran Juventus' star knows this is his last appearance in the competition.

# Eng to play for pride

**Cricket**  
BBC ONLINE, undated

England have a last chance to salvage a measure of pride from the one-day series against Sri Lanka when the two sides meet at Headingley on Saturday.

do." Sri Lanka lead the series 4-0 after performances up and down the country which have been far more convincing than England's.

record at Headingley, having won seven of their last one-day games at the ground, including a nine-wicket success against Australia last year when Marcus Trescothick hit an unbeaten 104.

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sonal problems. Whoever the selectors consider for this summer, they are not prepared to discuss the captain for the winter tour of the Ashes yet until more information is known about which players will be available.

Clarke wants McGrath to play Ashes  
BBC ONLINE, undated  
Australia batsman Michael Clarke is convinced veteran seam bowler Glenn McGrath will play in this winter's Ashes series against England.

**What to WATCH**  
TEN Sports  
West Indies v India  
Fourth Test, Day Two  
Live at 9:00 pm  
STAR Sports  
England v Sri Lanka  
Fifth ODI  
Live at 3:45 pm  
Wimbledon Championships  
Third Round  
Same Day Delay at 11:30 pm