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Sportscenter Hindi
Sports News
Live at 8:30 pm
Celtic v Porto
UEFA Cup Final
Live at 12:30 am (Thursday)

STAR Sports


Sociedad v Recreativo
Primera Liga
Repeat at 10:30 am
Sportline Tonight
Sports News
Live at 7:00 pm
Australia v West Indies
Third ODI
Live from 7:30 pm



TALK TURKEY



Wasim Akram
(Legendary Pakistani cricketer)
"My future is somewhere else after September."
While announcing his retirement from international stage on Sunday.



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3. Who will lead Sri Lanka's one-day side?	Tillekeratne	Vass	
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Flintoff out of first Test
AFP, London
England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff has pulled out of Thursday's first Test against Zimbabwe at Lord's.
Lancashire star Flintoff has a right shoulder injury which restricts his right bowling arm and hand.

Whatmore a selector

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER
The inclusion of new national coach Dav Whatmore in the selection panel was one of the highlights of a crucial meeting of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday.
"Whatmore will be a part of the selection committee," said Cricket Committee chairman Mahabubul Anam after the marathon meeting at the BCB Gulshan office last night.
Whatmore, the seventh foreign coach of Bangladesh, will take over the nation team from June 1. The Sri Lankan-born Australian had expressed his desire to be a part of the selection process when he came to Dhaka on a brief visit early this month.
Mahabub also informed that the Board has agreed to include more cricketers into its pay roll without mentioning any specific number. At present there are only

six salaried cricketers.
"But we are not going make it too big a group which we can not sustain as it will involve a lot of money. We believe that the players' accountability and loyalty would increase this way," said Mahabub adding that he would bring out a revised list of players under the payroll within a week.
In another significant development the Board appointed Sarwar Imran as the bowling coach. Imran's appointment is a recognition for his years of work, firstly with the young trainees of Bangladesh Institute of Sports (BKSP) and then with the national teams. He also did a reasonably good work as make-shift coach of the national squad during South Africa's recent tour of Bangladesh.
"Imran will also work with the Bangladesh Under-23 team," said Mahabub.
The Board has also decided to appoint seven development officer-cum-coaches for six divisions and Dhaka Metropolis

Bangladesh go to Pakistan in August

AFP, Dhaka
Bangladesh will play their first ever Test series in Pakistan in August on their return from a path-breaking tour of Australia, officials said on Tuesday.
The minnows will tour Pakistan for three Tests and five one-day internationals between August 17 and September 23, Bangladesh Cricket Board official Mahboob Anam said.
"We have discussed the schedule and are awaiting confirmation from the Pakistan board," Anam told this news agency.
The tour follows Bangladesh's first visit to Australia in July when they play two Tests against the world champions at the new venues of Darwin and Cairns, besides three one-dayers at the same grounds.
Bangladesh played a lone Test in Pakistan in 2001, but that match in Multan was part of the Asian Test championship and ended in a massive innings victory for the hosts.
Bangladesh have lost 18 of their 19 Tests since being admitted to the international fold in 2000, the only draw coming in a rain-hit tie against Zimbabwe.
They have also not won a one-day international in four years and were knocked out in the first round of the recent World Cup in South Africa.
Bangladesh earlier this month hired Sri Lanka's former World Cup-winning coach Dav Whatmore to change the national team's fortunes.

Malik makes Pak day

Cricket
AFP, Dambulla
Shoaib Malik hit an impressive 74 as Pakistan whipped New Zealand by 22 runs in a crucial match here Tuesday to join their opponents in the final of a triangular one-day series.
Needing 204 to win, New Zealand were comfortably placed at 160-4 before crashing to 181 all out in a dramatic collapse triggered by fast bowlers Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad Sami.
Akhtar and Sami each grabbed three wickets after leg-spinner Danish Kaneria (3-31) had done the damage in the middle overs in only his fifth international.
Pakistan will now clash with New Zealand in the final on Friday.
New Zealand finished the round robin matches with 13 points from four games, followed by Pakistan (12) and Sri Lanka (11).
Each team posted two wins, but New Zealand and Pakistan qualified by virtue of earning more bonus points than the hosts.
Pakistan raised the level of their performance thanks to Malik in the must-win clash as they posted the highest total in the six matches of the tournament, which have been played on bowler-friendly tracks.
"The plan was to stay at the wicket as long as possible," said man of the match Malik.
"I relied on singles and twos in the beginning before going for shots. The pitch was better than the ones used earlier in the tournament," he said.
Akhtar, Kaneria and Sami then built on Malik's effort to fashion their team's win with 11 balls to spare.
Kaneria removed Scott Styris (46), Chris Nevin (28) and Chris Cairns (28) to set Pakistan on a course towards victory before Akhtar and Sami finished the job.
Sami trapped Chris Harris (24) leg-before just when the batsman had threatened to take the match

away from Pakistan with a 47-run stand for the fifth wicket with Styris.
"Credit should go to the boys as they played positive cricket in a big match," said Pakistani captain Rashid Latif.
"Akhtar and Sami bowled really fast today as we expected fireworks from them in this game. Kaneria took wickets at right time. Malik batted impressively and was involved in a good stand with (Abdul) Razzaq," he said.
Malik, 21, was in the limelight in the morning session as he emerged the highest scorer of the tournament with his second half-century in 39 matches.
Put in to bat, Pakistan were struggling at 61-4 before Malik played a vital innings.
Debutant Yasir Hameed (25), Younis Khan (26) and Razzaq (23) also chipped in.
Malik, who put on 71 for the seventh wicket with Razzaq, set the stage for the closing-overs onslaught with his sensible 72-ball knock which contained one six and eight fours.
Pakistan plundered 76 in the last 10 overs, with Akhtar hoisting Styris over long-on for a six during his unbeaten 22-ball 18.
Pakistan were off to a poor start against New Zealand fast bowlers



MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: Pakistan's Shoaib Malik in full swing during his match-winning knock of 74 against New Zealand in Dambulla yesterday.

Aussies' fielding worry

Cricket
AFP, St. Lucia
Australia may be leading the West Indies 2-0 and are zooming in on their 20th consecutive one-day international victory but the perfectionist World Cup champions are fretting over their deteriorating fielding.
Ricky Ponting's Australians beat the West Indies in the weekend double-header in Jamaica and will take a throttle-hold on the seven-game series should they come away with another victory in the third match here on Wednesday.
The Australians hammered Brian Lara's team by eight wickets in Sunday's second match at Kingston's Sabina Park, but such are their lofty standards that they were dismayed at putting down three catches in skittling the Windies for 163.
"It was certainly a lot better performance than Saturday's two-run win, although we put down some catches which is becoming a bit of worry," Ponting said after Sunday's triumph.
Australian team coach John Buchanan said: "Obviously, we're dropping a lot of catches at the moment, principally because there's no time to put into our fielding work."
"That was sliding as we were in the Test matches as well. Just because there were not the facilities, and if you put time into your fielding, physically that takes away from the rest of your game, so we've sacrificed that at the moment."
"At some stage, that'll hurt us. Whether it hurts us enough to lose a game, we're yet to see."
Batsman Darren Lehmann (calf) and all-rounder Ian Harvey

(stomach) were unlikely to play on Wednesday, and wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist was expected to rest from the St Lucia game.
If that's the case then Jimmy Maher will take over the gloves while boom young batsman Michael Clarke may play his second one-day international.
Gilchrist had been expected to rest last Sunday but the injury to Lehmann prompted selectors to play the vice-captain.
The Australians remain
Jermaine Lawson joining batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul (broken finger) on the sidelines for the series.
Lawson, who has been reported to the International Cricket Council for a suspected illegal action, has a back strain.
Windies skipper Brian Lara will be looking to re-assert himself against the strong Australian bowling attack after two failures in the Kingston matches.
Lara went cheaply with just five
off 12 balls on Sunday, following up his 23 on Saturday.
TEAMS
WEST INDIES (from): Chris Gayle, Devon Smith, Marlon Samuels, Ramnareesh Sarwan, Brian Lara (captain), Ricardo Powell, Carlton Baugh, Omari Banks, Vasbert Drakes, Mervyn Dillon, Corey Koolmore, David Bernard.
AUSTRALIA (from): Matthew Hayden, Adam Gilchrist, Ricky Ponting (captain), Jimmy Maher, Michael Clarke, Andrew Symonds, Michael Bevan, Brad Hogg, Andrew Bichel, Brett Lee, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath, Nathan Hauritz.



RICKY PONTING



BRIAN LARA

SA taking no chances

Cricket
AFP, Cape Town
Concern about the South African fast bowling attack was the main reason why an unusually large group of 23 players were picked for an upcoming tour of England, the team's head selector said Tuesday.
"We have identified fast bowling as one of the areas we need to address," Omar Henry told AFP.
Seventeen players will assemble in England on June 16 for a triangular one-day international series which also includes the host nation and Zimbabwe.
Then a squad of 16, including six additional players, will compete in a five-match Test series against England which follows the one-day final at Lord's on July 12.
Henry said 10 fast or medium-pace bowlers had been included across the two squads.
South Africa's failure to advance beyond the first round of the World Cup in their own country has largely been blamed on its poor bowling attack, with only former captain Shaun Pollock and Mahaya Ntini producing consistent performances.
Pollock was replaced by 22-year-old Graeme Smith after the World Cup, but remains a key member of the team.
Pollock and Ntini will be backed up in the one-day games by Deward Pretorius, Andre Nel, Alan Dawson, Charl Langeveldt and all-rounders Jacques Kallis and Andrew Hall.
Pretorius and Kallis will stay on for the Test series and will be joined by fast bowler Monde Zondeki and

left-arm swing bowler Charl Willoughby.
Pretorius, 25, is currently playing English county cricket for Durham, while Nel, 25, and Hall, 27, are playing for Northamptonshire and Worcestershire respectively.
Henry said spin bowling was
during the Test part of the tour.
Henry said the selection policy was part of a process to identify the country's leading 18 to 20 players.
"We are not sure who they are at this stage, so it is a wonderful chance for young players to make their mark in England," he said.
Not included in either squad was all-rounder Lance Klusener, 31, the 1999 World Cup player of the tournament, who was one of three men who played in the 2003 World Cup who will not be touring England.
The other two are Allan Donald and Jonty Rhodes, who are both retired.
This was part of a "phasing out" operation, said Henry, while he acknowledges that racial transformation was a factor in the inclusion of six players of colour in the squads.
"One of our objectives is to balance transformation and winning," he said.
Left-handed batsman Gary Kirsten, 35, who retired from one-day cricket after the World Cup but remains available for Tests, is the only player aged over 30 in the Test squad. Only Boje, 30, and Dawson, 33, are out of their twenties in the one-day party.
Kirsten is the only player who was on both the 1994 and 1998 tours of England.
ONE-DAYS SQUAD
Graeme Smith (captain), Mark Boucher (vice-captain), Paul Adams, Nicky Boje, Alan Dawson, Herschelle Gibbs, Andrew Hall, Jacques Kallis, Charl Langeveldt, Neil McKenzie, Andre Nel, M a k h a y a
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LANCE KLUSENER...excluded

Ball tamperer?

Cricket
AFP, Dambulla
Star Pakistani paceman Shoaib Akhtar could face a ban if found guilty of ball-tampering during the last triangular one-day series clash against New Zealand here on Tuesday.
Match-referee Gundappa Viswanath of India held a hearing into the ball-tampering incident involving the fast bowler, but said he would announce the decision on Wednesday.
"He has been charged with changing the condition of the ball, but the decision will be taken tomorrow," said Viswanath, a former Test batsman.
He said he had watched the video clips of the incident, which was brought to his notice by TV umpire Gamin Silva of Sri Lanka.
Pakistani manager Haroon Rashid, captain Rashid Latif and Akhtar also attended the hearing along with the match referee and umpires Daryl Harper of Australia and Peter Manuel of Sri Lanka.
Akhtar had already faced a one-match suspension during his team's tour of Zimbabwe before the World Cup for throwing a plastic bottle at spectators during a match.

The fast bowler, 27, has been dogged by bowling controversies, injuries and disciplinary problems during his career.
Akhtar, who twice broke the 100mph-barrier, has so far bagged 140 wickets in 85 one-day internationals since making his debut
Sachin Tendulkar's recovery is right on track after the Indian batsman underwent surgery on his left hand last month.
The Indian star injured a finger while reaching to catch a ball in November and flew to America for a minor operation to repair the damage.
Doctor Dror Paley, who carried out the operation, revealed Tendulkar was now feeling no pain.
"I can press on that area and it's gone," said Paley. "We're real optimistic."
Paley also reported that Tendulkar no longer needs to wear a splint to support the finger and because of that he can now move it freely.
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SHOAIB AKHTAR

against Zimbabwe in 1997-98.

Alec to keep keeping

Cricket
AFP, London
England wicketkeeper Alec Stewart was in no mood Tuesday to give up his Test place despite renewed calls that he should make way for a younger man.
Surrey stalwart Stewart, 40, will play his 127th Test, against Zimbabwe at Lord's here Thursday, thereby extending his England appearance record.
But, in a rare concession to his age, Stewart confirmed he would not be playing one-day international cricket again.
Stewart said it was up to the selectors to decide if younger rivals such as Nottinghamshire's Chris Read (24) or Essex' James Foster (23) were playing better than him.
The selectors decision to stand by Stewart has provoked plenty of media comment. But the former England captain, never one to worry unduly about what anyone else thinks of him, was adamant he was still the right man for the job.
"I'm the best in the country and I've played well in my three games for Surrey this season," Stewart,

who is in a testimonial season with the Oval-based county, said.
Asked by reporters here at Lord's what still motivated him to keep going at international level, Stewart replied: "The honour of playing for England and pride in my performance."
"All I've done throughout my career is make myself available and let the selectors decide."
Stewart, who is twice the age of Zimbabwe keeper Tatenda Taibu, said he understood why there had been calls for him to be replaced.
"Throughout my career there always has been, and I hope always will be competition for places."
"I'm very big on winning," added Stewart, who nevertheless has been on the losing side (52 matches) in more Tests than any other player.
"You pick a team to win a match or the series and then you have one eye on the future."
And Stewart said he was ready for any renewed criticism that came his way. "If you make a mistake when you are 39 or 40 it's because you are too old. When you make a mistake at 28 you've just made a mistake."
He insisted he would not be under any extra pressure come Thursday's match. "The way I look at it is that I haven't played this many Tests by luck. I must have reached a good standard during a 13-year period."
However, Stewart confirmed that he would not be adding to his England record of 170 one-day international appearances.
Upon his return from the World Cup, Stewart suggested it was time the selectors looked at someone else for limited overs games.
And on Tuesday he confirmed: "You won't see me in a one-day international again. The people over there," said Stewart pointing to the England and Wales Cricket Board offices, "didn't want me to say I'd retired."
Stewart, who is on a 12-month England central contract, added: "You don't have to be a rocket scientist to see why."
He maintained that he had no worries about how he would eventually bow out of Test cricket. "Mark Waugh said it well. In an ideal world you'd go out in a fairytale fashion but that rarely happens."
"I might wake up and say I'm finished. The selectors might say that even though I think I could go on."

Tendulkar doing fine

INTERNET, Baltimore
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